USER'S MANUAL

AXIS M7014

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About this document

This manual is intended for administrators and users of the AXIS M7014 Video Encoder, and is applicable to firmware 5.40 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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- download user documentation and software updates
- find answers to resolved problems in the FAQ database. Search by product, category, or phrase
- report problems to Axis support staff by logging in to your private support area
- chat with Axis support staff (selected countries only)
- visit Axis Support at www.axis.com/techsup/

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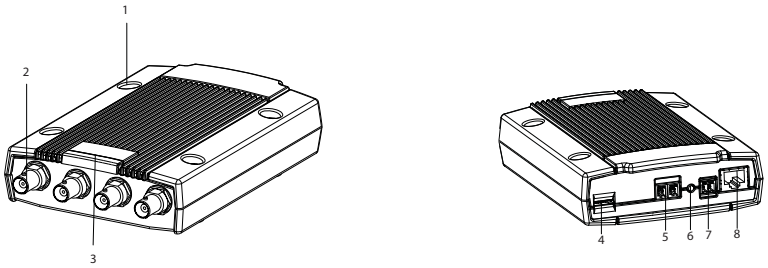

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Connectors

Network connector – RJ-45 Ethernet connector. Supports Power over Ethernet (PoE). A shielded network cable (STP) must be used to protect the product against power surges.

SD card slot – A standard or high-capacity SD card (not included) can be used for local recording with removable storage. For instructions on how to insert and remove an SD card, please refer to the Installation Guide.

Note

Before removal, the SD card should be unmounted to prevent corruption of recordings. To unmount the SD card, go to **Setup > System Options > Storage > SD Card** and click **Unmount**.

Control button – The control button is used for:

- Connecting to an AXIS Video Hosting System service. See *page 30*. To connect, press and hold the button for about 1 second until the Status LED flashes green.
- Connecting to AXIS Internet Dynamic DNS Service. See *page 31*. To connect, press and hold the button for about 3 seconds.
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Power connector – 2-pin terminal block for power input.

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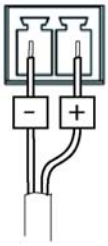
DC power input



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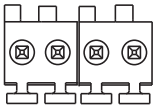

Note

For technical specifications, see *page 43*.

RS-485/RS-422 connector – Two 2-pin terminal blocks for RS-485/RS-422 serial interface used to control auxiliary equipment, e.g. PTZ devices.

The RS-485/RS-422 serial port can be configured to support: 

- Two-wire RS-485 half duplex
- Four-wire RS-485 full duplex
- Two-wire RS-422 simplex
- Four-wire RS-422 full duplex point to point communication

Function	Pin	Notes
RS-485/RS-422 RX/TX A	1	(RX) For full duplex RS-485/RS-422 (RX/TX) For half duplex RS-485
RS-485/RS-422 RX/TX B	2	
RS-485/RS-422 TX A	3	(TX) For full duplex RS-485/RS-422
RS-485/RS-422 TX B	4	

LED indicators

LED	Color	Indication
Network	Green	Steady for connection to a 100 MBit/s network. Flashes for network activity.
	Amber	Steady for connection to a 10 MBit/s network. Flashes for network activity.
	Unlit	No network connection.
Status	Green	Steady green for normal operation.
	Amber	Steady during startup and when restoring settings.
	Red	Slow flash for failed upgrade.
Power	Green	Normal operation.
	Amber	Flashes green/amber during firmware upgrade.

Hardware overview

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.

Accessing the product

Accessing the product

To install the Axis product, refer to the Installation Guide supplied with the product.

The product can be used with most operating systems and browsers. The recommended browsers are Internet Explorer with Windows, Safari with Macintosh and Firefox with other operating systems. See *Technical Specifications, on page 43*.

Note

- To view streaming video in Internet Explorer, allow installation of AXIS Media Control (AMC) when prompted.
- QuickTime™ is also supported for viewing H.264 streams.
- If your computer restricts the use of additional software components, the product can be configured to use a Java applet for viewing Motion JPEG.
- 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.

Access from a browser

1. Start a browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari).
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 Macintosh computer (Mac OS X), click on the Bonjour tab 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 more information on how to discover and assign an IP address, refer to the Installation Guide.
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 8* .
4. The product's Live View page appears in your browser.

Note

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

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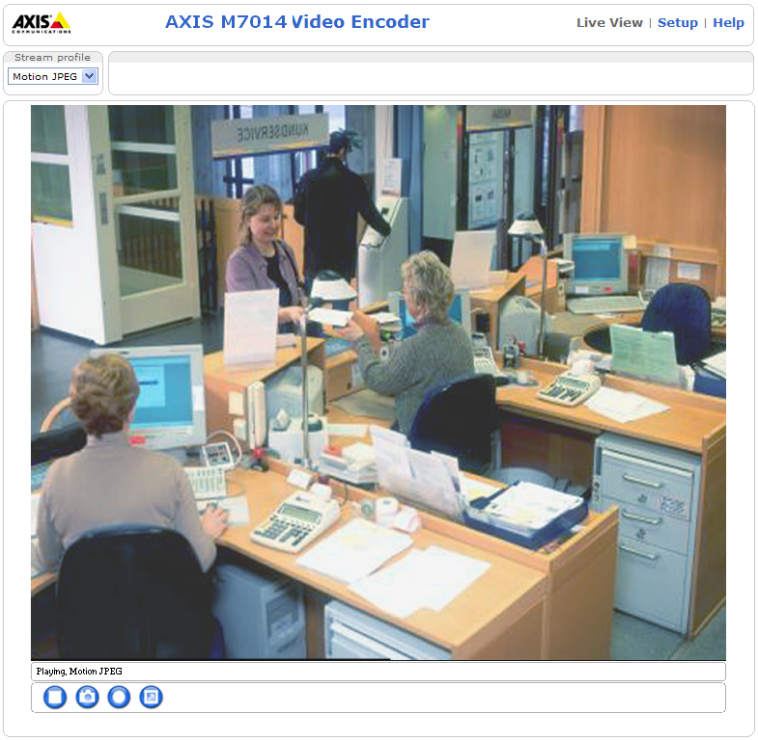

Access from the Internet

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, please see *NAT traversal (port mapping) for IPv4, on page 32*. 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

Set the root password

To gain access to the Axis product, you must set the password for the default administrator user **root**. This is done in the **Configure Root Password** dialog, which appears 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.

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

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

1. Click **Create self-signed certificate**.
2. Provide the requested information and click **OK**. The certificate is created and the password can now be set securely. All traffic to and from the product is encrypted from this point on.
3. Enter a password and then re-enter to confirm the spelling. Click **OK**. The password has now been configured.

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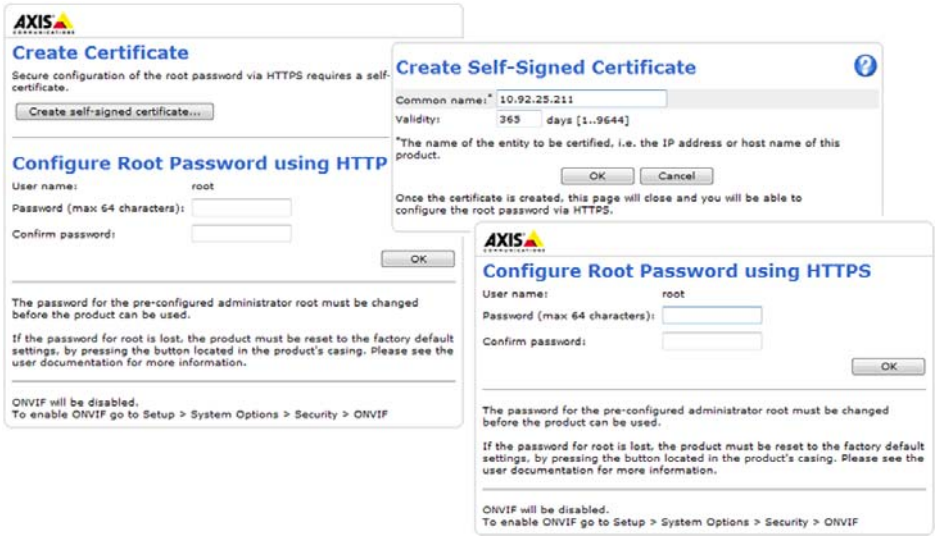
Note

- 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 38*.



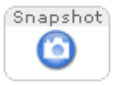
The Live View page

If the Axis product has been customized to meet specific requirements, not all the items described below will appear in the Live View page. The following provides an overview of each available button.

Controls on the Live View page

The **Stream Profile** drop-down list allows you to select a customized or pre-programmed stream profile. Stream profiles are configured under **Video > Stream Profiles**. See *Stream Profiles, on page 16*.

The **Manual Trigger** button can trigger an event directly from the Live View page. The button is configured under **Live View Config > Action Buttons**.



Click **Snapshot** to save a snapshot of the video image. Right-click the video image to save it in JPEG format on your computer. 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.**

AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar

The AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar is available in Internet Explorer only. See *AXIS Media Control (AMC), on page 11* 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.

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The **Snapshot** button takes a snapshot of the video image. The location where the image is saved can be specified in the AMC Control Panel.

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. The location where the recording is saved can be specified in the AMC Control Panel.

PTZ Controls

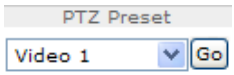
The Live View page also displays Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) controls. The administrator can enable/disable controls for specified users under **System Options > Security > Users**.

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**.

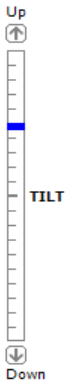
Click the **Emulate joystick mode** button and click in the image to move the camera view in the direction of the mouse pointer.

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

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 20*.



Select the video channel or a PTZ preset position to steer the camera view to the saved position. See *Preset Positions, on page 20*.

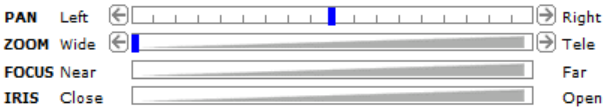


Pan and Tilt bars – Use the arrows to pan and tilt the camera view, or click on a position on the bar to steer the camera view to that position.

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).

Iris bar – Click on a position on the iris bar to change the degree to which the iris is opened. This will disable the product's auto iris. To re-enable, use the PTZ control panel which is opened by clicking the **Ctrl panel** button (see above).



The PTZ controls can be disabled under **PTZ > Advanced > Controls**, see *Controls, on page 20*.

Media streams

Media streams

The Axis product provides several audio and 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

The video compression standard H.264 makes good use of bandwidth, and can provide high quality video streams at less than 1 Mbit/s.

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:

<table>
<tr><td>Unicast RTP</td><td>This unicast method (RTP over UDP) is used for live unicast video, especially when it is important to always have an up-to-date video stream, even if some images are dropped.</td><td rowspan="3">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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>RTP over RTSP</td><td>This unicast method (RTP tunneled over RTSP) is useful as it is relatively simple to configure firewalls to allow RTSP traffic.</td></tr>
<tr><td>RTP over RTSP over HTTP</td><td>This unicast method can be used to traverse firewalls. Firewalls are commonly configured to allow the HTTP protocol, thus allowing RTP to be tunneled.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Multicast RTP</td><td colspan="2">This method (RTP over UDP) should be used for live multicast video. The video stream is always up-to-date, even if some images 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.</td></tr>
</table>

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)

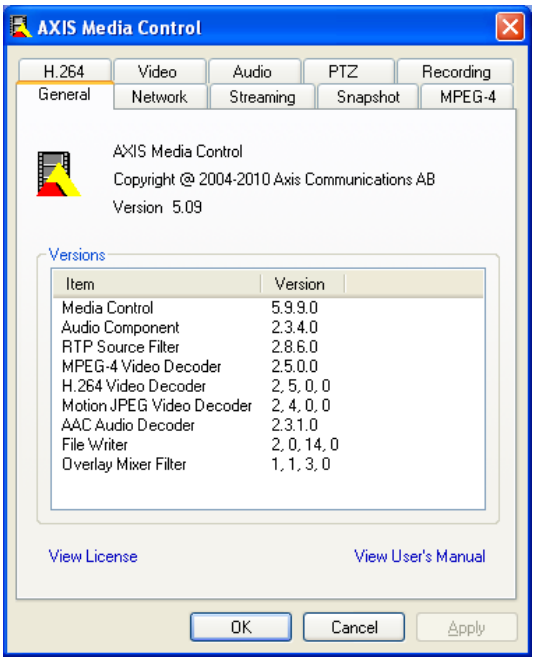
AXIS Media Control (AMC) in Internet Explorer in Windows is the recommended method of accessing live video from the Axis product.

Media streams

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 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, 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`
- **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`
- Unicast via RTSP: `axrtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp`
- Unicast via RTSP, tunneled via HTTP: `axrtsphttp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp`
- Multicast: `axrtpm://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp`

- **QuickTime™**. The following paths can be used:

- `rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp`
- `rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.3gp`

Media streams

Note

- <ip>= IP addess
- The Axis product supports QuickTime 6.5.1 and later.
- QuickTime adds 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.

Setting up the product

Setting up the product

The Axis product can be configured by users with administrator or operator rights. Click **Setup** in the top right-hand corner of the Live View page.

- **Administrators** have unrestricted access to all settings.
- **Operators** have access to all settings except System Options

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 28*.
2. TCP/IP. See *page 30*.
3. Date & Time. See *page 29*.
4. Video Stream. See *page 15*.

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

Video

Video

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

- Video stream. See *page 15*.
- Stream profiles. See *page 16*.
- Camera settings. See *page 16*.
- Overlay image. See *page 17*.

Video Stream

You can define the following video stream settings from **Video** > **Video Stream**:

- Image. See *page 15*.
- H.264. See *page 15*.
- MJPEG. See *page 16*.

Note

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

Image

You can modify the image resolution and compression, and rotate the image from the **Image** tab (**Video** > **Video Stream**). Setting the compression level affects the image quality and bandwidth; the lower the compression, the higher the image quality with higher bandwidth requirements.

To avoid bandwidth problems on the network, you can limit the frame rate allowed to each viewer. The maximum frame rate can be set to **Unlimited**, or you can limit the frame rate to a value.

An image or text can be superimposed over the image as overlay. See *Overlay, on page 17*.

Save your settings before they can take effect.

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, P-frames and B-frames. An I-frame is a complete image whereas P-frames and B-frames only contain the differences from previous/future frames.

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

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. CBR allows you to set a fixed **Target bit rate** that consumes a predictable amount of bandwidth. As the bit rate would usually need to increase for increased image activity, but in this case cannot, frame rate and image quality are affected negatively. To partly compensate for this, it is possible to prioritize either frame rate or image quality. Not setting a priority means that frame rate and image quality are equally affected. You must save your settings before they can take effect.

The current bit rate can be set to appear as text overlay. To do this, select the **Include text** check box option under **Overlay Settings** and enter the code #b in the field.

Video

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

There are four pre-programmed stream profiles available for quick set up. The settings for these can be adjusted. New customized profiles can also be created. Each profile has a descriptive name, indicating its purpose.

- The stream profiles can be accessed from the **Stream profile** drop-down list in the Live View page.
- To add, copy, modify, and remove stream profiles go to **Video** > **Stream Profiles**.
- To select the default stream profile go to **Live View Config** > **Stream Profile** and choose the profile from the drop-down list.

For more information see the online help on this page.

Camera Settings

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

Image Appearance

The image **Brightness** can be adjusted in the range 0–100, where a higher value produces a brighter image.

The **Contrast** can be adjusted using the slidebar.

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.
- If your Axis product is to be connected in parallel with other equipment, disable **video termination** by selecting this option. Failure to do so can impair the image quality.

Image settings

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

Video

Privacy Mask

A privacy mask is an area of solid color that prohibits users from viewing parts of the monitored area. Privacy masks cannot be bypassed via 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

Note

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

Overlay

Overlays can be used to provide extra information and are superimposed over the video image. With overlay text it is possible to include date and time or view the current bit rate as overlay text.

To include the current bit rate as overlay text go to **Video** > **Video Stream** > **Overlay Settings**, select the **Include text** check box option, and enter the code #b in the field. See the online help for supported formats.

Note

Overlay is not possible for quad stream.

Overlay image

An overlay image can be used to provide extra information, or to mask a part of the video image.

To use your own image, such as a logo, first upload the image to the Axis product. Go to **Video** > **Overlay Image**, browse for and upload the image file on the computer. The file can then be selected from the **Use overlay image** drop-down list.

To place an overlay image at specific coordinates, go to **Video** > **Video Stream** and select the **Include overlay image at coordinates** check box option and enter the X and Y coordinates.

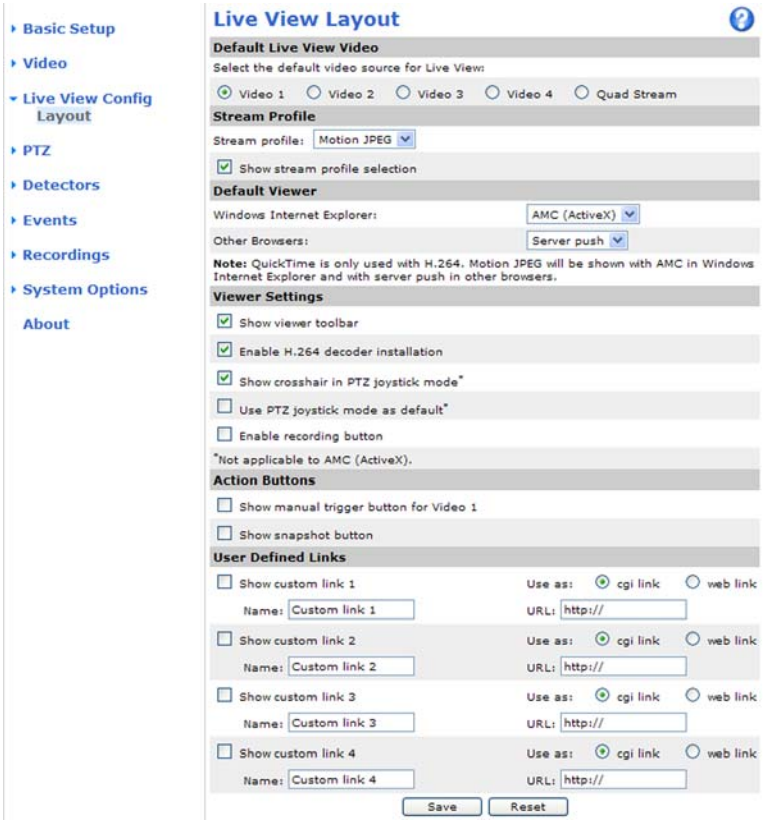
For more information see the online help

Live View Config

Live View Config

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.

- Stream Profile. See *page 16*.
- Default Viewer for Browser. See *page 18*.
- Viewer Settings. See *page 19*.
- Action Buttons. These are the buttons described in *Controls on the Live View page, on page 9* .
- User Defined Links. See *page 19*.



Default live view video

Select the default video source to be displayed in the Live View page from **Setup** > **Live View Config** This could be one of the 4 video streams or Quad stream. See *Quad stream, on page 16*.

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.

Live View Config

Browser	Viewer	Description
Windows Internet Explorer	AMC	Recommended viewer in Internet Explorer (H.264/Motion JPEG)
	QuickTime	H.264
	Java applet	A slower imaging alternative to AMC. Requires one of the following installed on the client: • JVM (J2SE) 1.4.2 or higher • JRE (J2SE) 5.0 or higher
	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
	Java applet	A slower imaging alternative to Server Push (Motion JPEG only).
	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

Options for the viewer are configured under **Live View Config** > **Viewer Settings**.

- The **Show viewer toolbar** option will 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.
- You can enable recording from the Live View page. The recordings are saved to the location specified in the AMC Control Panel. See *AXIS Media Control (AMC), on page 11*.

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.

PTZ (Pan Tilt Zoom)

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Preset Positions

A preset position is a predefined view that can be used to quickly steer the camera to a specific location. Preset positions can be accessed in several ways:

- By selecting the preset from the Preset positions drop-down list in the Live View Page.
- When setting up action rules. See *page 24*.
- When setting up Guard Tour. See .

To add a preset position:

1. Go to **PTZ > Preset Positions**.
2. Use the pan, tilt and zoom controls to steer the camera view to the desired position.
3. Enter a descriptive name in the **Current position** field.
4. If required, select **Use current position as Home**.
5. Click **Add**. The camera's position, iris and focus settings are saved as a preset position.

The **Home** position is readily accessible by clicking the **Home** button on the Live View page and in the Preset Positions setup window.

To set a customized home position, select **Use current position as Home** when adding a preset position. The user-defined home position will have (H) added, for example, Entrance (H). The default Home position, called "Home", will still be available.

The product can be configured to return to the Home position when the PTZ functionality has been inactive for a specified length of time. Enter the length of time in the **Return to home when inactive** field and click **Save**. Set the time to zero to prevent the product from automatically returning to the Home position.

To include the preset position name in the overlay text, go to **Video**, select **Include overlay text** and enter the modifier `#P` in the field. For more information about modifiers, see *File Naming & Date/Time Formats* in the online help .

Advanced

Limits

Define the pan, tilt, zoom and focus limits for the Axis product. Movements to the left and right, up and down, can be restricted to narrow the area under surveillance.

Move speed sets the speed of the camera's pan and tilt movements. The default setting is maximum speed.

When using a joystick (or emulating one with the mouse) the **Enable proportional speed** setting can be used to reduce the maximum pan/tilt movement speed, i.e. the speed the camera view moves at when the joystick is pushed all the way out in any direction. This is useful then the view is zoomed in on an object.

See the online help for more information.

Controls

Panel Shortcut Command Buttons can be configured to provide direct access to commands issued via the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface. The buttons will be displayed in the PTZ control panel, which is available in the Live View page through the **Ctrl panel** button, see *page 10*.

Deselect the options under **Enable/Disable controls** to disable the pan, tilt, zoom, focus and iris controls.

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Control Queue

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 28*) 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:

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). 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) 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.

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.

Detectors

Detectors

Camera Tampering

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

To configure tampering:

1. Go to **Detectors > Camera Tampering**.
2. Set the **Minimum duration**, that is, the time that must elapse before an alarm is generated. This can help 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 24*.

Motion Detection

Motion detection is used to generate an alarm whenever movement occurs (or stops) in the view. Up to 10 Include and Exclude windows can be configured:

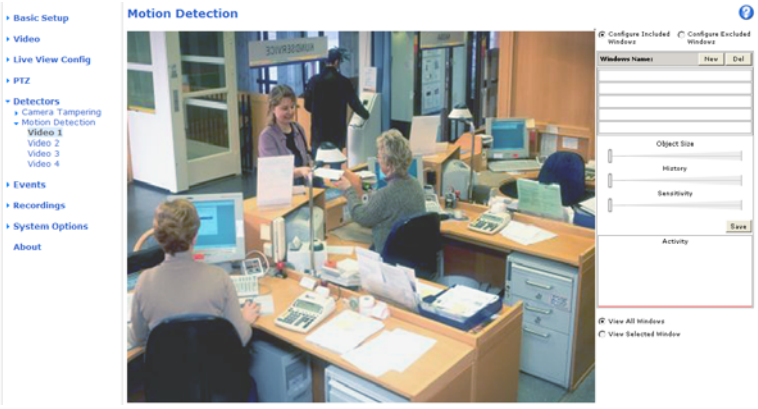
- **Include windows** – target specific areas within the whole video image
- **Exclude windows** – define areas within an Include window that should be ignored (areas outside Include windows are automatically ignored)

Once configured, motion detection windows appear in the list of Detectors in Action rule setup. See *Setting up an Action Rule, on page 24*.

Note

Using the motion detection feature may decrease the product's overall performance.

Detectors


Basic Setup
Video
Live View Config
PTZ
Detectors
Camera Tampering
Motion Detection
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Video 2
Video 3
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Motion Detection
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View All Windows
View Selected Window

Events

Events

The Axis product can be configured to perform actions when different events occur, for example, start a recording when motion is detected. The set of conditions that defines how and when the action is triggered is called an **Action Rule**. The action rule will apply at specific periods called **Schedules**. It is possible to specify how often the action rule will recur. This is called **Recurrences**.

Available Action Rule **triggers** include:

- Detectors, for example motion detection, see *Detectors, on page 22*
- PTZ — when the product's pan/tilt/zoom controls are activated or when the view stops at a preset position
- Storage — when a storage device is available, locked or full
- System — when the product is started
- Time, see *Recurrences, on page 25*

Possible **actions** include:

- PTZ Control
- Record Video — record video and save to a selected storage
- Send Images and Notifications — once recipients have been set up, a notification can be sent that an event has occurred
- Status LED

Setting up an Action Rule

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

The following example describes how to set up an action rule to send an email if there is movement in the product's field of view:

1. Go to **Events** > **Action Rules** and click **Add**.
2. Select the **Enable rule** option 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.
5. Set one of the available pre-programmed time intervals from the **Schedule** drop-down list.
6. Select **Send Notification** from the **Type** drop-down list.
7. Select where to send the notification from the **Recipient** drop-down list.

To add additional criteria, select the **Additional conditions** option. Add and select the desired options as described above. 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.

To copy, modify or remove an action rule, select the action rule in the **Action Rule List** and click **Copy**, **Modify** or **Remove**.

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.

For more information, see the online help  .

Events

Recipients

Recipients receive image files and notification messages. A recipient can be an FTP, HTTP or TCP server, a network share or an email address. TCP servers are used for notification messages only.

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**.

Schedules

An action can be set up to occur on a schedule. Included in the list are predefined schedules for after and during office hours, weekdays or weekends.

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.

Recurrences

An action can be set up to recur a specific number of times in a period, for example every 2 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**.

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 26*.
- To set up action rules, see *page 24*.
- To access recordings, see *Recording List, on page 26*.
- To configure camera controlled storage, see *Storage, on page 34*.

Recording List

Recordings made to the SD card and network share 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 (that is, not 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 an SD card or network share. To prevent the disk from becoming full, it is recommended to configure the disk to automatically remove old recordings see *Storage, on page 34*.

To start a continuous recording, follow these steps:

1. Go to **Recordings > Continuous**.
2. Select **Enabled**.
3. Select from the SD card or network share from the **Disk** list.
4. Select a **Stream profile** to use for continuous recordings.
5. Click **Save** to save and start the recording.

Recordings

Note

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.

System Options

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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):

Viewer – Access to the Live View page

Operator – Access to the Live View page and to all settings except System Options

Administrator – Unrestricted access to all settings; can add, modify and remove other users.

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 interoperablity 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 the Developer pages at www.axis.com

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). The users from these IP addresses need to be specified in the user list with the appropriate access rights. See **System Options > Security > Users**.

HTTPS

The Axis product supports encrypted browsing using HTTPS. This is configured on the **System Options > Security > HTTPS** page.

A **self-signed certificate** can be used until a Certificate Authority-issued certificate has been obtained. Click **Create self-signed certificate** to install a self-signed certificate. Although self-signed certificates are free and offer some protection, true security is only implemented after the installation of a signed certificate issued by a Certificate Authority.

To obtain a signed certificate from an issuing Certificate Authority, click **Create Certificate Request**. When the signed certificate is returned, click **Install signed certificate** to import the certificate. The properties of any certificate request currently resident in the product or installed can be viewed by clicking **Properties**.

To enable HTTPS in the Axis product, the **HTTPS Connection Policy** must be set for each user group.

System Options

For more information, see the online help.

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 authenticate themselves. The authentication is performed by a third-party entity called an authentication server, typically a **RADIUS server**, examples of which are FreeRADIUS and Microsoft Internet Authentication Service.

In Axis' implementation, the network device and the authentication server authenticate themselves with the help of digital certificates using EAP-TLS (Extensible Authentication Protocol - Transport Layer Security). The certificates are provided by an **Certification Authority** (CA). You need:

- a CA certificate to validate the identity of the authentication server
- a CA-signed client certificate and a private key to authenticate the network device.

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

1. Obtain a CA certificate, a client certificate and a client private key (contact your network administrator).
2. Go to **Setup > System Options > Security > IEEE 802.1X** and upload the CA certificate, the client certificate and the client private key.
3. Under **Settings**, select the EAPOL version, provide your EAP identity and private key password.
4. Check the box to enable IEEE 802.1X and click **Save**.

Certificates	
CA Certificate	The CA certificate is used to validate the identity of the authentication server. Enter the path to the certificate directly, or locate the file using the **Browse** button. Then click **Upload**. To remove a certificate, click **Remove**.
Client certificate **Client private key**	The client certificate and private key are used to authenticate the network device. They can be uploaded as separate files or in one combined file (e.g. a PFX file or a PEM file). Use the **Client private key** field if uploading one combined file. For each file, enter the path to the file, or locate the file using the **Browse** button. Then click **Upload**. To remove a file, click **Remove**.
Settings	
EAPOL version	Select the EAPOL version (1 or 2) as used in your network switch.
EAP identity	Enter the user identity (maximum 16 characters) associated with your certificate.
Private key password	Enter the password (maximum 16 characters) for the private key.
Enable IEEE 802.1X	Check the box to enable the IEEE 802.1X protocol.

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 31*.

  If using a host name for the NTP server, a DNS server must be configured. See *DNS Configuration, on page 31*.

- **Set manually** allows you to manually set date and time.

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 DCHP can update a DNS server, which when allows you 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 38*) 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 IP address can be set using ARP and Ping. For instructions, see the product's Installation Guide.

ARP/Ping is enabled by default. To disable, uncheck the box under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic**.

The ARP/Ping service is automatically disabled two minutes after the product is started, or as soon as an IP address is set. To reset the IP address, the product must be restarted to activate ARP/Ping for an additional two minutes.

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

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

AVHS is enabled by default. The settings are configured under **System Options > Network > TCP IP > Basic**.

One-click enabled – Press the product's control button (see *Hardware overview, on page 4*) 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.

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 1024–65536 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 *page 28*.

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™.
- The router has many different names: "NAT router", "Network router", "Internet Gateway", "Broadband router", "Broadband sharing device" or "Home firewall" but the essential purpose of the device is the same.

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 the port number in the field. If no port is entered here, a port number is automatically selected when NAT traversal is enabled.

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 send 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 .

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 the following types of traffic: live video, event/alarm traffic and management 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.

The Axis product can be configured to support SNMP on the **System Options > Network > SNMP** page.

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

SNMP v1/v2 provides the lowest level of security. The community name can be specified as a password for read or read/write access to all supported SNMP devices. The default password for the **Read community** is public and the default password for the **Write community** is write.

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 28*. 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 38*.

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™**.

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** and/or **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

The SD/SDHC memory card (not included) is managed on the **System Options > Storage** page. Click **SD card** to open **Storage Management**.

Mounting is done automatically when the card is inserted or when the product boots. SD cards are normally preformatted when purchased, but if needed, click **Format** to format the card.

Format an SD card so that it can be written to one of two available options – VFAT and ext4. During the formatting any previous data stored on the disk will be lost. The recommended format is ext4, due to its resilience against data loss if the card is ejected or if there is abrupt power loss. A third-party ext4 driver or application is also needed to access the file system from Windows. Note that most SD cards are pre-formatted with vFAT when purchased. The **Check Disk** option is used to check for errors on the SD card and only works for the file system ext4. The **Repair** option repairs the SD card of errors in the file system ext4. For vFAT file system use a card reader or PC to perform card maintenance.

Note

To prevent corruption of recordings, the SD card should always be unmounted before removal.

If the card's status shows as failed, click **Check disk** to see if the problem can be found and then try **Repair**.

To avoid filling the card, 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**.

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For more information, see the online help .

Network Share

Network share allows you to add network storage such as a NAS (Network Attached Storage) or any server that uses CIFS (Common Internet File System) and use them for storage of recordings.

To add a network share:

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

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.

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 38*.

For information about firmware upgrade, see *Upgrading the firmware, on page 39*.

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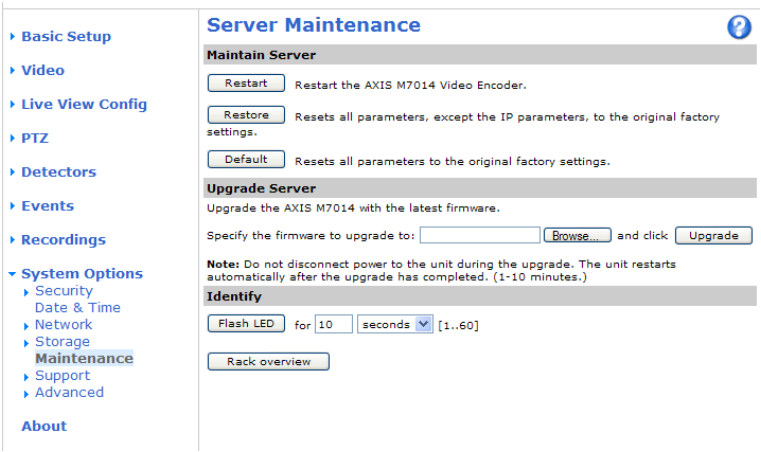

Support

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 39*.

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 that also shows the settings specified under **Video Stream>Image>Image Appearance**. 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.

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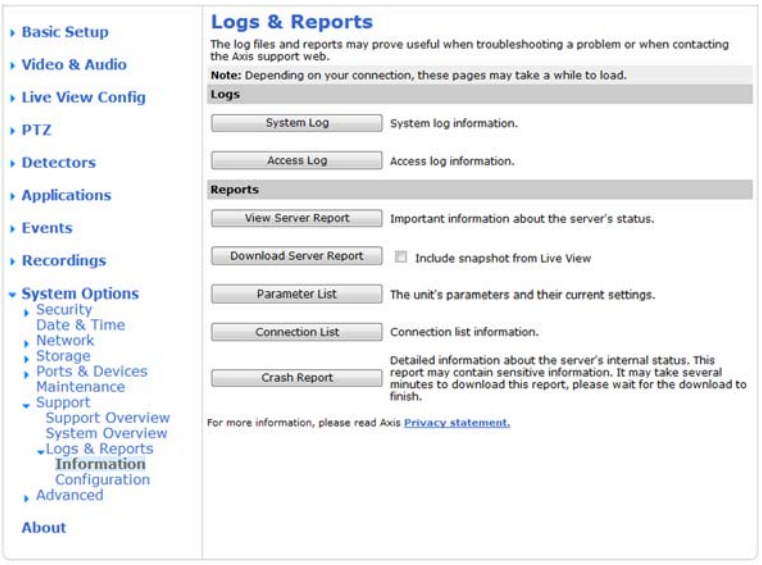
The log levels for the System Log and the Access Log are set under **System Options > Support > Logs & Reports > Configuration**. The Access Log can be configured to list all connections to the product (select Critical, Warnings & Info). If required, a different log level can be used when sending emails.



Advanced

Scripting

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

Caution

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**. It is recommended to create a backup file before customizing the scripts. If a script causes problems, reset the product to its factory default settings, see *page 38*.

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

File Upload

Files, for example web pages 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. Help is available from the standard help pages.

To open Plain Config, go to **System Options > Advanced > Plain Config**.

System Options

Reset to factory default settings

This will reset all parameters, including the IP address, 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 4*).
3. Keep the Control button pressed for about 15 seconds until the Status indicator flashes amber.
4. Release the Control button. The process is complete after about 1 minute (when the Status indicator turns green). The product has been reset to the factory default settings. The default IP address is `192.168.0.90`
5. Re-assign the IP address.

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

Troubleshooting

Troubleshooting

Checking 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**.

Upgrading the firmware

When you upgrade the 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, follow these instructions:

1. Save the firmware file to your computer. The latest version of the firmware is available free of charge from Axis website at www.axis.com/techsup
2. Go to **Setup > System Options > Maintenance** in the products web pages.
3. Under **Upgrade Server**, click **Browse** and locate the file on your computer. Click **Upgrade**.

After starting the upgrade process, always wait at least 5–10 minutes before restarting the product, even if you suspect the upgrade has failed.

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

Note

- 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.

Emergency recovery procedure

If power or network connection is lost during the upgrade, the process fails and the product becomes 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 -s 408 <IP address>
   ```

   In **Windows**, type the following from a command/DOS prompt:

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

2. If the product does not reply within a few 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 appears, use the **Browse** button to select the upgrade file to use. Then click **Load** to restart the upgrade process.
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/

Troubleshooting

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. See the Installation Guide for detailed instructions.
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 `ping` and the IP address of the product: • If you receive: `Reply from <IP address>: bytes=32; time=10...` 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: `Request timed out`, 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 `http` or `https` in the browser's address field.
The IP address has been changed by DHCP	If the product and the client are on the same network, run AXIS IP Utility to locate the product. Identify the product using its model or serial number. Move the Axis product to an isolated network, or to one with no DHCP or BOOTP server. Set the IP address again, using AXIS IP Utility or ARP/Ping (see the Installation Guide). Open the Setup pages and disabled DHCP in the TCP/IP settings. Return the product to the main network. The product now has a fixed IP address that will not change.
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 *Date & Time, on page 29*.

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 *NAT traversal (port mapping) for IPv4, on page 32*. 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.

Problems with the H.264 format

No H.264 displayed in the client	Check that the relevant H.264 connection methods and correct interface are enabled in the AMC Control Panel (streaming tab). See *AXIS Media Control (AMC), on page 11*. In the AMC Control Panel, select the H.264 tab and click **Set to default H.264 decoder**. Check that RTSP is enabled under **System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Advanced**.
No multicast H.264 displayed in the client	Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the Axis product are valid for your network. Check with your network administrator to see if there is a firewall preventing viewing.

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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.
Poor rendering of H.264 images	Color depth set incorrectly on clients. Set to 16-bit or 32-bit color.
	If text overlays are blurred, or if there are other rendering problems, you may need to enable Advanced Video Rendering fromv the Video tab in the AMC Control Panel.
	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	Reduce the number of applications running on the client computer.
	Limit the number of simultaneous viewers.
	Check with the network administrator that there is enough bandwidth available.
	Check in the AMC Control Panel (H.264 tag) that video processing is NOT set to **Decode only key frames**.
	Lower the image resolution.
Why do I not get maximum frames per second?	See *Performance considerations, on page 44*.
	The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis product. See *Technical Specifications, on page 43*.
Image degeneration	Decrease the GOV length. Go to **Video > Video Stream** and select the **H.264 tab** to modify the GOV length.

Status and Network indicator LEDs are flashing red rapidly

Hardware failure	Contact your Axis reseller.

Status indicator LED is flashing red and the product is inaccessible

A firmware upgrade has been interrupted or the firmware has otherwise been damaged	See *Emergency recovery procedure, on page 39*.

No images displayed on web page

Problems with AXIS Media Control (*Internet Explorer only*)	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.
Installation of additional ActiveX component restricted or prohibited	Configure the Axis product to use a Java applet for updating video images in Internet Explorer. Go to **Setup > Live View Config** and select Java applet under **Default viewer**.

Video and image problems, general

Image too dark or too light	Check the video stream and camera settings under **Setup > Video > Video Stream** and **Setup > Video > Camera Settings**.
Missing images in uploads	This can occur when trying to use a larger image buffer than is actually available. Try lowering the frame rate or the upload period.

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Slow image update	Configuring pre-buffers, motion detection, high-resolution images or high frame rates will affect the performance of the Axis product.
Poor performance	Poor performance may be caused by heavy network traffic, multiple users accessing the product, low performance clients, use of features such as motion detection, event handling or uploaded applications.

Poor quality snapshot images

Screen incorrectly configured on your computer	Configure your screen to show at least 65000 colors, that is, at least 16 bits. Using only 16 or 256 colors will produce dithering artifacts in the image.

Overlay image is not displayed

Incorrect size or location of overlay image	The overlay image may have been positioned incorrectly or may be too large. See *Overlay Image Settings* in the online help for more information.

Browser freezes

Firefox can sometimes freeze on a slow computer	Lower the image resolution

Problems uploading files

Limited space	There is only limited space available for the upload of your own files. Delete existing files to free up space.

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.

Storage and disk management problems

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.

Technical Specifications

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Video Encoder	Item	Specifications
	Model	AXIS M7014 (4 channels)
	Pan/Tilt/Zoom	Wide range of analog PTZ cameras supported (drivers available for download at www.axis.com) 100 presets/camera, guard tour, PTZ control queue Supports Windows compatible joysticks
Video	Video compression	H.264 (MPEG-4 Part 10/AVC) Baseline Profile (BP) and Main Profile (MP) Motion JPEG
	Resolutions	176x120 to 720x576 176x120 to 1536x1152 for quad view
	Frame rate H.264	15 fps in all resolutionss
	Frame rate Motion JPEG	15 fps in all resolutions
	Video streaming	Multi-stream H.264 and Motion JPEG: One H.264 and one JPEG stream on each channel (8 streams in total) in full framerate individually configured streams in max. resolution at 15 fps; more streams if identical or limited in frame rate/resolution Controllable frame rate and bandwidth VBR/CBR H.264
	Image settings	Compression, color, brightness, contrast Rotation: 90°, 180°, 270° Aspect ratio correction Mirroring of images Text and image overlay Privacy mask Enhanced deinterlace filter Video termination Anti-aliasing Temporal noise filtering
Network	Security	Password protection, IP address filtering, HTTPS* encryption, IEEE 802.1X network access control, digest authentication, user access log
	Supported protocols	IPv4/v6, HTTP, HTTPS*, QoS layer 3 DiffServ, FTP, SMTP, Bonjour, UPnP, SNMPv1/v2c/v3(MIB-II), DNS, DynDNS, NTP, RTSP, RTP, TCP, UDP, IGMP, RTCP, ICMP, DHCP, ARP, SOCKS
System Integration	Application Programming Interface	Open API for software integration, including VAPIX® from Axis Communications available at www.axis.com Includes the ONVIF specification available at www.onvif.org Support for AXIS Video Hosting System (AVHS) with One-Click Camera connection
	Intelligent video	Video motion detection, active tampering alarm
	Alarm events	File upload via FTP, HTTP and email Notification via email, HTTP and TCP PTZ preset External output activation Pre- and post-alarm video buffering
	Casing	Standalone

Technical Specifications

General	**Processor, memory**	ARTPEC-4, 512 MB RAM, 128 MB Flash
	Power	8-20 V DC, max 7W; Power over Ethernet IEEE 802.3af Class 3, PS-K
	Connectors	4x analog composite video inputs (BNC) 1x 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX Ethernet 1x RS-485/422 full duplex (terminal block) 1x DC input terminal block
	Local storage	1x microSD/SDHC
	Operating conditions	0 – 50 °C (32 – 122 °F) Humidity 20 – 80% RH (non-condensing)
	Approvals	EN 55022 Class B, EN 61000-3-2, EN 61000-3-3, EN 55024, EN61000-6-1, EN61000-6-2, FCC Part 15 Subpart B Class B, ICES-003 Class B, VCCI Class B, C-tick AS/NZS CISPR 22, KCC Class B, UL/IEC/EN 60950-1
	Weight	570 g
	Included accessories	Power supply, mounting and connector kits, Installation Guide, CD with installation and management tools, software and User's Manual, Windows decoder user licenses
	Dimensions (HxWxD)	38 x 109 x 172 mm

Performance considerations

When settings 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 larger images. Bandwidth affected.
- Access by large numbers of Motion JPEG and/or unicast H.264 clients. Bandwidth affected.
- 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.
- Heavy network utilization due to poor infrastructure. Bandwidth affected.
- Viewing on poorly performing client computers lowers perceived performance. Frame rate affected.

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