USER MANUAL

AXIS P7214 Video Encoder



About this document

This manual is intended for administrators and users of the AXIS P7214 Video Encoder, and is applicable to firmware 5.50 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 version 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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- Replace only with an identical battery or a battery which is
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Should you require any technical assistance, please contact your Axis reseller. If your questions cannot be answered immediately, your reseller will forward your queries through the appropriate channels to ensure a rapid response. If you are connected to the Internet, you can:

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- find answers to resolved problems in the FAQ database. Search
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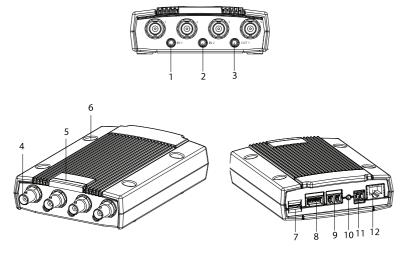
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Hardware Overview

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- 1. Audio input 1
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- 4. Video input connectors
- 5. LED indicators for power, status, network
- 6. Mounting holes
- 7. SD card slot (microSD)
- 8. I/O connector
- 9. RS-485/RS-422 connector
- 10. Control button
- 11. Power connector
- 12. Network connector (PoE)

Connectors and Buttons

For technical specifications, see page 56.

BNC Connector

Each video input is terminated using a coax/BNC connector. Connect a 75 Ohm coaxial video cable; the recommended maximum length is 250 m (800 ft).

Note

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

Network Connector

RJ45 Ethernet connector. Supports Power over Ethernet (PoE).

NOTICE

The product shall be connected using a shielded network cable (STP). All cables connecting the product to the network switch shall be shielded (STP) and intended for their specific use. Make sure that the network switch is properly grounded. For information about regulatory requirements, see *Regulatory Information*, on page 2.

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I/O Connector

Use in applications for e.g. motion detection, event triggering, time lapse recording and alarm notifications. In addition to an auxiliary power and a GND pin, the I/O terminal connector provides the interface to:

- Digital output For connecting external devices such as relays and LEDs. Connected devices can be activated by the VAPIX® Application Programming Interface, output buttons on the Live View page or by an Action Rule. The output will show as active (shown under System Options > Ports & Devices) if the alarm device is activated.
- **Digital input** An alarm input for connecting devices that can toggle between an open and closed circuit, for example: PIRs, door/window contacts, glass break detectors, etc. When a signal is received the state changes and the input becomes active (shown under **System Options** > **Ports & Devices**).

Power Connector

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

Audio Connector

The Axis product has the following audio connectors:

- Audio in (pink) 3.5 mm input for a mono microphone, or a line-in mono signal (left channel is used from a stereo signal).
- Audio out (green) 3.5 mm output for audio (line level) that can be connected to a public address (PA) system or an active speaker with a built-in amplifier. A stereo connector must be used for audio out.

RS485/RS422 Connector

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

SD Card Slot

An SD card (not included) can be used for local recording with removable storage. For more information, see Technical Specifications.

NOTICE

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

Control Button

The control button is used for:

- Resetting the product to factory default settings. See page 49.
- Connecting to an AXIS Video Hosting System service. See *page 42*. 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 42. To connect, press and hold the button for about 3 seconds.

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.

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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.	

Note

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

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 56.

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

Note

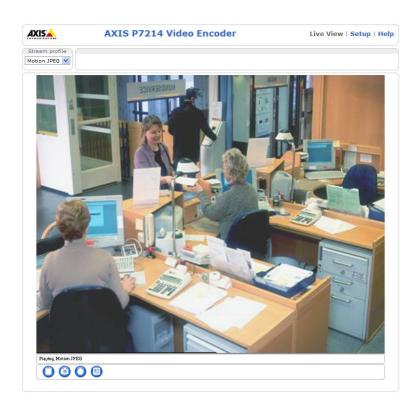
- QuickTimeTM is also supported for viewing H.264 streams and for audio.
- If your computer restricts the use of additional software components, the product can be configured to use a Java applet for viewing Motion JPEG.

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 information about how to discover and assign an IP address, see the Installation and Management Software CD or the document Assign an IP Address and Access the Video Stream on Axis Support web at www.axis.com/techsup
- 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 9*.
- 4. The product's Live View page appears in your browser.

Note

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



Access from the Internet

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

For more information, see *NAT traversal (port mapping) for IPv4, on page 44.* 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 access the Axis product, you must set the password for the default administrator user root. This is done in the Configure Root Password dialog, which 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. See HTTPS, on page 39.

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 49*.

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

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

1. Click Use HTTPS.

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

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

The Live View Page

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

Controls on the Live View Page



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



Click **Pulse** to activate the product's output port for a defined period of time. For information about how to enable and configure output buttons, see *page 25*.



Click the Active/Inactive buttons to manually activate and inactive the product's output port. For information about how to enable and configure output buttons, see *page 25*.



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



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**.



The Audio clip drop-down list allows you to play an audio clip from the Live View page. Select the audio clip and click the Play button.

AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar

The AXIS Media Control viewer toolbar is available in Internet Explorer only. See AXIS Media Control (AMC), on page 13 for more information. The toolbar displays the following buttons:



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



The Stop button stops the media stream.



The **Snapshot** button takes a snapshot of the video image. 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. Enable this button from Live View Config > Viewer Settings.

AMC Audio Controls

AMC audio buttons control the speakers and microphone connected to the client computer. The buttons are only visible when audio is enabled.



Speaker button — Click to turn the speakers on or off.



Microphone button – Click to mute or unmute the microphone. In Simplex – speaker only mode, the Microphone and Talk buttons must both be active to send audio to the Axis product. Click either button to stop audio transmission.



Use the slider to control the volume of the speakers and the microphone.





Half-duplex mode

The Talk/Listen button is used to switch between sending and receiving audio. The button can be configured from the Audio tab in the AMC Control panel:

- Push-To-Talk mode: Click and hold the button to talk/send. Release the button to listen.
- Toggle mode: Click once to switch between talking and listening.

Simplex - speaker only mode

To send audio, the **Talk** and **Microphone** buttons must both be active. Click either button to stop audio transmission.

PTZ Controls

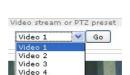
The Live View page also displays Pan/Tilt/Zoom (PTZ) controls. The administrator can enable/disable controls for specified users under System Options > Security > Users.



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



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



Ctrl panel

Quad Stream

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 28*.

Select the video channel or a PTZ preset position to steer the camera view to the saved position. See *Preset Positions, on page 27.*

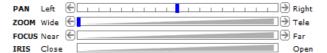


Pan and Tilt bars – Use the arrows to pan and tilt the camera view, or click on a position on the bar to steer the camera view to that position.

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 – Use the arrows to focus the camera, or click on a position on the bar to set the focus position. Using the focus bar 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).



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The PTZ controls can be disabled under PTZ > Advanced > Controls, see Controls, on page 28.

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, audio streams and to the list of available stream profiles. Other applications and clients can access video and audio 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:

Unicast RTP	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.	Unicasting is used for video-on-demand transmission so that there is no video traffic on the network until a client connects and requests the stream. Note that there are a maximum of 20 simultaneous unicast connections.	
RTP over RTSP	This unicast method (RTP tunneled over RTSP) is useful as it is relatively simple to configure firewalls to allow RTSP traffic.		
RTP over RTSP over HTTP	This unicast method can be used to traverse firewalls. Firewalls are commonly configured to allow the HTTP protocol, thus allowing RTP to be tunneled.		
Multicast RTP	This method (RTP over UDP) should be used for live multicast video. The video stream is always up-to-date, even if some 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.		

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.



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)

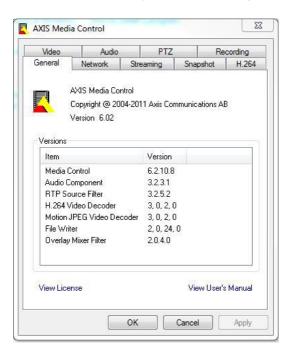
AXIS Media Control (AMC) in Internet Explorer in Windows is the recommended method of accessing live video from the Axis product.

Media Streams

The AMC Control Panel can be used to configure various video and audio 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
- QuickTimeTM. The following paths can be used:
 - rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp
 - rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.3gp

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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

Accessing Audio Streams

The Live View page provides access to audio through AXIS Media Control; in addition audio can be accessed in the following ways:

- VAPIX® Application Programming Interface (API) For more information, visit www.axis.com/developer
- Windows Media Player supports simplex audio. 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
- QuickTimeTM supports G.711 and AAC audio encoding. The following paths can be used:
 - rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.amp
 - rtsp://<ip>/axis-media/media.3gp
- The Java applet supports simplex audio with G.711 encoding.

Setting Up the Product

Setting Up the Product

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

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

See also the online help Q.



Basic Setup

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

- 1. Users. See page 39.
- 2. TCP/IP. See page 42.
- 3. Date & Time. See page 41.
- 4. Video Stream. See page 17.
- 5. Audio Settings. See page 22.

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

Video and Audio

The video and audio settings can be used to optimize video and audio quality. You can configure the following:

- Video stream settings. See page 17.
- Stream profiles. See page 19.
- Camera settings. See page 19.
- Overlay image. See page 20.
- Privacy mask. See page 21.
- Audio settings. See page 22.
- Audio clips. See page 23.

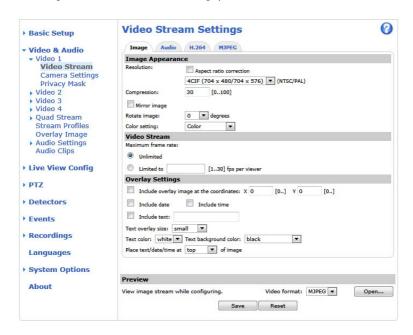
Video Stream

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

- Image. See page 18.
- Audio. See page 22.
- H.264. See page 18.
- MJPEG. See page 18.

Note

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



Pixel Counter

The pixel counter shows the number of pixels in an area of the image. The pixel counter is useful in situations where there is a requirement that the image is a certain size, for example in face recognition.

The pixel counter can be accessed from:

- Video & Audio > Video Stream. Under Preview, click Open and select the Show pixel counter option to enable the
 rectangle in the image. Use the mouse to move and resize the rectangle, or enter the number of pixels in the Width
 and Height fields and click Apply.
- The Live View page in Internet Explorer in Windows. Right-click in the image and select **Pixel counter**. Use the mouse to move and resize the rectangle.

Image

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

The following settings are available:

- Resolution. Select the default resolution.
- **Compression**. The compression level affects the image quality, bandwidth and file size of saved images; the lower the compression, the higher the image quality with higher bandwidth requirements and larger file sizes.
- Rotate image. If required, the image can be rotated.
- Maximum frame rate. To avoid bandwidth problems, the frame rate allowed to each viewer can be Limited to a fixed
 amount. Alternatively, the frame rate can be set as Unlimited, which means the Axis product always delivers the highest
 frame rate possible under the current conditions.
- Overlay settings. See Overlay, on page 20.

Click Save to apply the new settings.

H.264

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

The 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 Axis product supports two **H.264 profiles**. The Main profile provides higher compression than the Baseline profile with the same video quality, but requires more processing power to decode.

The bit rate can be set as **Variable Bit Rate** (VBR) or **Constant Bit Rate** (CBR). VBR adjusts the bit rate according to the image complexity, using up more bandwidth for increased activity in the image, and less for lower image activity. 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 modifier #b in the field.

MJPEG

Sometimes the image size is large due to low light or complex scenery. Adjusting the maximum frame size helps to control the bandwidth and storage used by the Motion JPEG video stream in these situations. Setting the frame size to the **Default** setting provides consistently good image quality at the expense of increased bandwidth and storage usage in low light. Limiting the frame

size optimizes bandwidth and storage usage, but may give poor image quality. To prevent increased bandwidth and storage usage, the maximum frame size should be set to an optimal value.

Quad stream

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

Stream Profiles

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

- When setting up recording using action rules. See Events, on page 33.
- When setting up continuous recording. See *Continuous Recording*, on page 37.
- In the Live View page select the stream profile from the Stream profile drop-down list.

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

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

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

Camera Settings

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

Image Appearance

Increasing the **Color level** increases the color saturation. The value 100 gives maximum color saturation. The value 0 gives a black and white image.

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

The Contrast changes the relative difference between light and dark. It 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.
- For each video input 75 0hm video termination can be enabled/disabled via the product's web page at Video & Audio > Video Input > Video termination. These terminations are enabled on factory default. In cases where the product is

to be connected in parallel with other equipment, for optimum video quality, it is recommended that termination be enabled for only the last device in the video signal chain.

Image Settings

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

Overlay

Overlays are used to provide extra information, for example for forensic video analysis or during product installation and configuration. Overlays are superimposed over the video stream.

An overlay text can display the current date and time, or a text string. When using a text string, modifiers can be used to display information such as the current bit rate or the current frame rate. For information about available modifiers, see *File Naming & Date/Time Formats* in the online help .

It is also possible to display text when an action rule is triggered, see Using Overlay Text in an Action Rule.

To enable overlays:

- 1. Go to Video & Audio > Video Stream and select the Image tab.
- 2. To include an overlay image, select **Include overlay image at the coordinates**. The overlay image must first be uploaded to the Axis product, see *Overlay Image*.
- 3. To include date and time, select Include date and Include time.
- 4. To include a text string, select **Include text** and enter the text in the field. Modifiers can be used, see *File Naming & Date/Time Formats* in the online help .
- 5. Define text overlay characteristics in the relevant fields.
- 6. Click Save.

To modify the date and time format, go to **System Options** > **Date** & Time. See *Date* & Time, on page 41.



Overlay is not possible for quad stream.

Overlay Image

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

Since it is static, the position and size of an overlay image will remain the same regardless of resolution and Pan/Tilt/Zoom movements. To set up a dynamic mask, which will always mask the specified part of monitored area, see *Privacy Mask, on page 21*

To use an overlay image, the image must first be uploaded to the Axis product:

- 1. Go to Video & Audio > Overlay Image.
- 2. Click Browse and browse to the file.
- 3. Click Upload.
- 4. Select the image to use from the Use overlay image list.
- 5. Click Save.

To display the overlay image:

1. Go to Video & Audio > Video Stream and select the Image tab.

- 2. Under Overlay Settings, select Include overlay image at the coordinates and enter the X and Y coordinates.
- 3. Click Save.

For information about supported image formats, see the online help $oldsymbol{arphi}$.



Using Overlay Text in an Action Rule

Action rules, see page 33, can display an overlay text when the rule is triggered. The text can be used to provide information for forensic video analysis, notify surveillance operators or validate triggers and actions during product installation and configuration.

To display overlay text when an action rule is triggered, the modifier #D should be used as described below. When the rule is triggered, #D will be replaced by the text specified in the action rule.

Start by enabling overlay text in the video stream:

- 1. Go to Video & Audio > Video Stream and select the Image tab.
- 2. Under Overlay Settings, select Include text.
- 3. Enter the modifier #D and, optionally, additional text which will be displayed also when the action rule is not active.

Create the action rule:

- 1. Go to Events > Action Rules
- 2. Click Add to create a new rule.
- 3. Select a Trigger and, optionally, a Schedule and Additional conditions. See the online help for details.
- 4. From the Actions list, select Overlay Text
- 5. Enter the text to display in the Text field. This is the text that #D will be replaced by.
- 6. Specify the **Duration**. The text can be displayed while the rule is active or for a fixed number of seconds.

Example

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

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 & Audio > 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



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

Note

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

Audio Settings

The audio functionality for each video stream is enabled under Video & Audio > Video Stream > Audio.

Select the desired audio channel from the drop-down list.

Audio Modes

The Axis product supports the following audio modes:

Full duplex – Simultaneous two-way audio allowing the Axis product to transmit and receive audio at the same time. There is no echo cancellation; if feedback loops appear, try moving the microphone or the speaker.

Half-duplex – Audio can be transmitted to and from the Axis product but only in one direction at a time. To transmit audio using the Live View page, use the Talk and Listen buttons, see AMC Audio Controls, on page 11.

Simplex — speaker only – Audio is transmitted from a client to the Axis product and can be played by a speaker connected to the product. To transmit audio using the Live View page, the Talk and Microphone buttons must both be active, see AMC Audio Controls, on page 11.

Simplex — microphone only – Audio captured by the product microphone is transmitted from the Axis product to one or more clients.

To set the audio mode, go to Video & Audio > Audio Settings and select the desired mode from the Audio mode drop-down list.

Audio Input

An external microphone or a line source can be connected to the Audio-in connector. Configure the audio input settings under Video & Audio > Audio Settings.

Select Microphone to use an external microphone or Line to use a Line in device, e.g. an audio mixer for multiple microphones or a microphone with a built-in amplifier, as audio source.

The Microphone power option provides DC power for an external microphone. Microphone power should only be used with microphones that have no battery. This setting should not be enabled when using a dynamic or battery powered microphone. Microphone power will not harm the microphone; if you are uncertain, try switching it off and on. To use a professional microphone requiring 48 V phantom power, you need an external power supply and a balanced-unbalanced converter (audio transformer) in between.

Use the Input gain to control the volume (dB Full Scale) of the audio input. If the sound is too low, choose a higher dB, to amplify the sound. If the sound is too high, choose a lower dB. The Level bar gives a visual representation of the audio signal level in dB relative to the full-scale input level.

- Green the signal is at a good level.
- Yellow the signal is becoming distorted.
- Red the signal is distorted.

Use the **Encoding** option to select digital audio encoding format.

- AAC requires a license for both encoding and decoding. AAC is the least complicated and most widely used codec. If achieving the best possible audio quality is a priority, AAC is the recommended codec to use. An AAC license is included in the Axis product.
- G711 is an unlicensed standard codec that is useful when integrating audio into a VoIP system
- G726 is an unlicensed speech codec that is most commonly used within the security industry.

The Sample rate defines the number of times per second the sound is sampled. A higher sample rate will provide better audio quality, but also requires a greater bandwidth.

Set the required **Bit rate** depending on the selected encoding. A higher bit rate will give better audio quality. A lower bit rate may have latency or delay, but will require less bandwidth.

For more information about these settings, please see the online help $oldsymbol{0}$.



Audio Output

An external speaker can be connected to the Audio-out connector (a built-in amplifier is required for this). The output can be connected to another amplifier with speakers. A stereo connector must be used for the audio out.

Configure the audio output settings under Video & Audio > Audio Settings.

Output gain - Control the volume (dB Full Scale) of the line audio output. If the sound is too low, choose a higher dB. If the sound is too high, choose a lower dB.

Audio Clips

An audio clip is a sound file that can be played when events occur or directly from the Live View page. The audio clip must first be uploaded to the Axis product or recorded by a microphone connected to the product.

To add, download, modify or remove audio clips, go to Video & Audio > Audio Clips. For more information see the online help ②.



To configure the Axis product to play audio clips when an event occurs, an action rule must be set up. For more information, see Events, on page 33.

Note

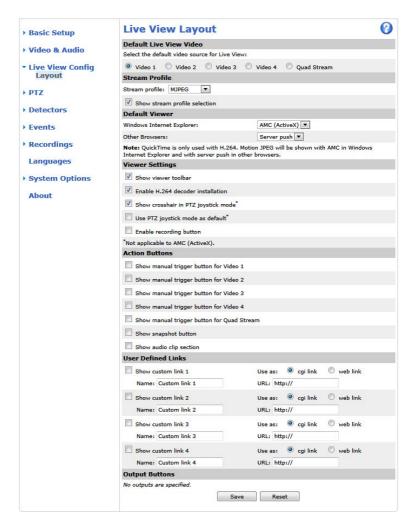
Audio clips cannot be used if the product's audio functionality is enabled. The audio functionality is enabled on the Audio tab under Video & Audio > Video Stream.

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 19.
- Default Viewer for Browser. See page 25.
- Viewer Settings. See page 25.
- Action Buttons. These are the buttons described in Controls on the Live View Page, on page 10.
- User Defined Links. See page 25.
- Output Buttons. See page 25.



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 19.

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Default Viewer for Browsers

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

Browser	Viewer	Description	
Windows Internet Explorer	AMC	Recommended viewer in Internet Explorer (H.264/Motion JPEG).	
	QuickTime	H.264.	
	Java applet	A slower imaging alternative to AMC (Motion JPEG). 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 Q.



Viewer Settings

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

- Select Show viewer toolbar to display the AXIS Media Control (AMC) or the QuickTime viewer toolbar under the video image in your browser.
- H.264 decoder installation. The administrator can disable installation of the H.264 decoder included with AXIS Media Control. This is used to prevent installation of unlicensed copies. Further decoder licenses can be purchased from your Axis reseller.
- Select Show crosshair in PTZ joystick mode to enable a cross that will indicate the center of the image in PTZ joystick
- Select Use PTZ joystick mode as default to enable joystick mode. The mode can be changed temporarily from the PTZ control panel.
- Select Enable recording button to enable recording from the Live View page. This button is available when using the AMC viewer. The recordings are saved to the location specified in the AMC Control Panel. See AXIS Media Control (AMC), on page 13.

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.

Output Buttons

External I/O devices connected to the Axis product's output ports can be controlled directly from the Live View page.

To display output buttons in the Live View page:

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- 1. Go to Setup > Live View Config.
- 2. Under Output Buttons, select the type of control to use:
 - Pulse activates the output for a defined period of time. The pulse time can be set from 1/100 second to 60 seconds.
 - Active/Inactive displays two buttons, one or each action.

To configure the active and inactive states, go to System Options > Ports & Devices > I/O Ports and set the port's Normal state.

For more information about I/O ports, see I/O Ports, on page 47.

PTZ (Pan Tilt Zoom)

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The PTZ menu is available if a PTZ driver has been uploaded. See Installing a PTZ driver, on page 29.

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 33.
- When setting up Guard Tour. See page 28.

To add a preset position:

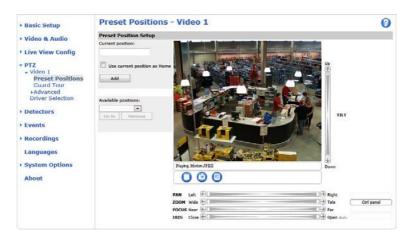
- 1. Go to PTZ > Preset Positions.
- 2. Use the pan, tilt and zoom controls to steer the camera view to the desired position.
- 3. Enter a descriptive name in the Current position field.
- 4. If required, select Use current position as Home.
- 5. Click Add. The camera's position, iris and focus settings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



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Guard Tour

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

To add a guard tour:

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

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

For more information see the online help \bigcirc .



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 of for more information.

Device Settings

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

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

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

Controls

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 11.

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



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

Installing a PTZ driver

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

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

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

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

OSD Menu

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

Detectors

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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 33.

Motion Detection

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

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

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

For instructions, see Set Up Motion Detection Windows, on page 31.

To control the number of motion detection alarms, the parameters **Object Size**, **History** and **Sensitivity** can be adjusted. See *Motion Detection Parameters*, *on page 31*.

Once motion detection windows are configured, the Axis product can be configured to perform actions when motion is detected. Possible actions include uploading images and start recording. For more information, see *Setting Up an Action Rule, on page 34*.

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Note

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



Set Up Motion Detection Windows

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

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

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

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

Motion Detection Parameters

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

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

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

Note

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

Audio Detection

The Axis product can be configured to generate an alarm when audio rises above or falls below the threshold value. The threshold value can be set in the range 0–100 where 0 is the most sensitive and 100 the least sensitive.

- 1. Go to Detectors > Audio Detection.
- 2. Set the audio alarm level and click Save.
- 3. Go to Events > Action Rules and set up an action rule, see Setting Up an Action Rule, on page 34.

Detected audio is indicated by colored peaks in the **Activity** indicator. An event is triggered when detected audio rises above or falls below the threshold value, which is represented by the bar.

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**.

Available Action Rule triggers and conditions include:

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- Audio Detection trigger the rule when audio is detected, see Audio Detection, on page 32.
- Live Stream Accessed trigger the rule when any stream is accessed and during edge storage playback.
 This can for example be used to send notifications.
- Motion Detection trigger the rule when motion is detected, see *Motion Detection*, on page 30.
- Tampering trigger the rule when tampering is detected, see Camera Tampering, on page 30.

Hardware

- Video Signal trigger the rule if video signal is lost.
- Network trigger the rule if network connection is lost or restored. This can for example be used to start recording to the SD card.

Input Signal

- **Digital Input Port** trigger the rule when an I/O port receives a signal from a connected device, see I/O Ports, on page 47.
- Manual Trigger trigger the rule using the Manual Trigger button in the Live View page, see Controls on the Live View Page, on page 10. This can for example be used to validate actions during product installation and configuration.
- Virtual Inputs can be used by a VMS (Video Management System) to trigger actions. Virtual inputs can, for example, be connected to buttons in the VMS user interface.

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- **Error** trigger the rule if the PTZ functionality is not working correctly. This can for example be used to send maintenance notifications.
- Moving trigger the rule when the camera view moves due to a PTZ operation. This can for example be used
 as an additional condition to prevent an action rule triggered by motion detection to record video while the
 camera view moves due to a PTZ operation.
- **Preset Reached** trigger the rule when the camera stops at a preset position. This can be for example be used with the Send Images action to upload images from the preset position.
- Ready trigger the rule when the PTZ functionality is ready to be used. This can for example be used to steer
 the camera to a specific preset position when the product is started.

Storage

 Disruption — trigger the rule if storage problems are detected, for example if the storage device is unavailable, removed, full, locked or if other read or write problems occur. This can for example be used to send maintenance notifications.

System

- **System Ready** — trigger the rule when the product has been started and all services are running. This can for example be used to send a notification when the product restarts.

- Time
- **Recurrence** trigger the rule periodically, see *Recurrences*, on page 36. This can for example be used to upload an image every 5 minutes.
- Use Schedule trigger the rule according to the selected schedule, see Schedules, on page 36.

Available actions include:

- Output Port activate an I/O port to control an external device.
- Overlay Text display an overlay text, see *Using Overlay Text in an Action Rule, on page 21*.
- Play Audio Clip see Audio Clips, on page 23.
- PTZ Control
 - Preset Position go to a preset position.
 - Guard Tour start a guard tour, see Guard Tour, on page 28.
- Record Video record video to a selected storage.
- Send Images send images to a recipient.
- Send Notifications send a notification message to a recipient.
- Send Video Clip send a video clip to a recipient.
- Status LED flash the LED indicator. This can for example be used to validate triggers such as motion detection during product installation and configuration.

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 an email notification. If multiple conditions are defined, all of them must be met to trigger the action.

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

Set up motion detection and add a network share:

- 1. Go to Detectors > Motion Detection and configure a motion detection window, see page 31
- 2. Go to System Options > Storage and set up the network share, see page 47.

Set up the action rule:

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

To add additional criteria, select the Additional conditions option and add additional triggers. To prevent an action from being triggered repeatedly, a Wait at least time can be set. Enter the time in hours, minutes and seconds, during which the trigger should be ignored before the action rule can be activated again.

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

For more information, see the online help .



Recipients

Recipients receive media files and notification messages. The following recipients are available:

Recipient	Use with action
Email ¹	Send Images
	Send Notification
	Send Video Clip
FTP	Send Images
	Send Video Clip
НТТР	Send Images
	Send Notification
	Send Video Clip
HTTPS	Send Images
	Send Notification
	Send Video Clip
Network Share ²	Send Images
	Send Video Clip
TCP	Send Notification

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

A network share can also be used as a storage device for recorded video. Go System Options > Storage to configure a network share before setting up a continuous recording or an action rule to record video. See Storage, on page 46 for more information about storage devices.

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.

Setting Up an Email Recipient

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

Note

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

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

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

To set up an email recipient using for example a corporate email server, follow the instructions above but select **User defined** as **Provider**. Enter the email address to appear as sender in the **From** field. Select **Advanced settings** and specify the SMTP server address, port and authentication method. Optionally, select **Use encryption** to send emails over an encrypted connection. The server certificate can be validated using the certificates available in the Axis product. For information on how to upload certificates, see *Certificates*, on page 40.

Schedules

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

To create a new schedule:

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

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

Recurrences

Recurrences are used to trigger Action Rules repeatedly, for example every 5 minutes or every hour.

To set up a recurrence:

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

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

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

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 37.
- To set up action rules, see page 34.
- To access recordings, see Recording List, on page 37.
- To configure camera controlled storage, see Storage, on page 46.

Recording List

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

To play or download a recording, follow these steps:

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

Multiple recordings can be downloaded at the same time. Select the recordings and click **Download**. The downloaded file is a zip file containing a minimum of three files, of which the Matroska (mkv) files are the actual recordings. The recordings are time-stamped with the date and time they were downloaded (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 a storage device. See *Storage*, *on page 46* for more information about storage devices. To prevent the disk from becoming full, it is recommended to configure the disk to automatically remove old recordings. If a new stream profile is selected while a recording is ongoing, the recording will be stopped and saved in the recording list and a new recording with the new stream profile will start. All previous continuous recordings will remain in the recording list until they are removed manually or through automatic removal of old recordings.

To start a continuous recording, follow these steps:

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

Languages

Languages

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

Note

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

System Options

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 www.onvif.org

IP Address Filter

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

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

HTTPS

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

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

To use HTTPS, an HTTPS certificate must first be installed. Go to **System Options** > **Security** > **Certificates** to install and manage certificates. See *Certificates*, *on page 40*.

To enable HTTPS on the Axis product:

1. Go to System Options > Security > HTTPS

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

To access the Axis product via the desired protocol, enter https:// or http:// in the address field in a browser.

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

IEEE 802.1X

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

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

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

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

To create and install certificates, go to **System Options** > **Security** > **Certificates**. See *Certificates*, *on page 40*. Many CA certificates are preinstalled.

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

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

Note

For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis product should be synchronized with an NTP server. See *Date & Time, on page 41*.

Certificates

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

Server/Client certificates - to authenticate the Axis product

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

Note

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

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

To install a self-signed certificate:

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

To create and install a CA-signed certificate:

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

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

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

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

Audio Support

Select **Enable audio support** to allow clients to retrieve audio streams from the Axis product. For information on how to configure audio settings, see *Audio Settings*, on page 22.

Note

Deselecting this option will disable audio globally in the Axis product, for configured events and profiles with audio as well.

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 43.

If using a host name for the NTP server, a DNS server must be configured. See DNS Configuration, on page 43.

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 of for information on how to create custom date and time formats. To include date and time in the overlay text, go to Video & Audio and select Include date and Include time.

Network

Basic TCP/IP Settings

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

IPv4 Address Configuration

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

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

If DHCP is enabled and the product cannot be accessed, run AXIS IP Utility to search the network for connected Axis products, or reset the product to the factory default settings (see *page 49*) and then perform the installation again.

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

IPv6 Address Configuration

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

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

ARP/Ping

The product's IP address can be assigned using ARP and Ping. For instructions, see .

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

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

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

AXIS Video Hosting System (AVHS)

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

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

One-click enabled – Press the product's control button (see *Hardware Overview, on page 5*) 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 1024–65535 can be used.

HTTPS

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

To enable HTTPS, go to System Options > Security > HTTPS. For more information, see HTTPS, on page 39.

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 UPnPTM.
- 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 UPnPTM. Note that UPnPTM 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.

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.

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

SOCKS

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



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, live audio, event/alarm traffic and management traffic.

Note

Live audio DSCP will be equal to live video DSCP if H.264 over RTSP is used.

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 39. 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 49.

UPnPTM

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

UPnPTM can be disabled under System Options > Network > UPnPTM.

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/audio 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 Audio 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 Axis product supports SD cards with up to 64 GB of storage. For best recording performance, use an SDHC or SDXC card with speed class 10.

NOTICE

To prevent corruption of recordings, the SD card should always be unmounted before it is ejected.

The Axis product supports SD cards with the following file systems:

- ext4 recommended due to its resilience against data loss if the card is ejected or if there is abrupt power loss. To access data stored on the card from the Windows operating system, a third-party ext4 driver or application is required.
- vFAT most SD cards are pre-formatted with vFAT when purchased.

If required, the SD card can be manually formatted to the desired file system. To format the SD card:

- 1. Insert the SD card in the SD card slot.
- 2. Go to System Options > Storage and click SD Card.
- 3. Click Format and select the desired file system.

Note

During formatting any previous data stored on the disk will be lost.

Mounting is done automatically when the card is inserted or when the product is started. A manual mount is only required if the card has been unmounted and not ejected and re-inserted.

To unmount the SD card:

- 1. Go to System Options > Storage and click SD Card.
- 2. Click Unmount.
- 3. The card can now be removed.

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

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

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

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

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. Sub folders cannot be used.
- 5. If required, select The share requires login and enter the user name and password.
- 6. Click Connect.

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

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

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

Ports & Devices

I/O Ports

The Axis product provides four configurable input and output ports for connection of external devices. For information about how to connect external devices, see *Connectors*, on page 58.

The I/O ports are configured under System Options > Ports & Devices > I/O Ports. Select the port direction (Input or Output). The ports can be given descriptive names and their Normal states can be configured as Open circuit or Grounded circuit.

COM Port

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

- Generic HTTP allows the Axis product to receive data and send commands via HTTP.
- Pan Tilt Zoom is used to control a PTZ device. The PTZ device requires a driver. See *Installing a PTZ driver* for more information. Drivers can be downloaded from www.axis.com
- Generic TCP/IPallows the Axis product to receive data and send commands via TCP/IP. Daisy chain server Allows Daisy chain clients to communicate with the Axis product.

Select the desired Port Type from the drop-down list. For more information on Serial Port Settings and Daisy Chain Port Settings see the online help .

Port Status

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

Maintenance

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

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

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 49.

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

For information about firmware upgrade, see *Upgrading the Firmware*, on page 51.

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 51.

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.

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).

Advanced

Scripting

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

NOTICE

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

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

To open the Script Editor, go to **System Options > Advanced > Scripting**. If a script causes problems, reset the product to its factory default settings, see *page 49*.

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. Axis Support does not provide assistance.

Reset to Factory Default Settings

Important

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

Note

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

To reset the product to the factory default settings:

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

System Options

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

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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 > 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:

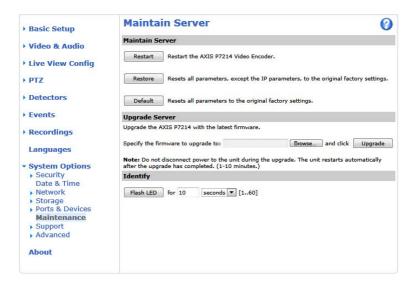
- 1. Save the firmware file to your computer. The latest version of the firmware is available free of charge from Axis website at www.axis.com/techsup
- 2. Go to Setup > System Options > Maintenance in the product's web pages.
- 3. Under Upgrade Server, click Browse and locate the file on your computer.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

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arp -s <IP address> <serial number> temp
ping -1 408 <IP address>
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In Windows, type the following from a command/DOS prompt (this may require that you run the command prompt as an administrator):

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arp -s <IP address> <serial number>
ping -l 408 -t <IP address>
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- 2. If the product does not reply in 30 seconds, restart it and wait for a reply. Press CTRL+C to stop Ping.
- 3. Open a browser and type in the product's IP address. In the page that appears, use the **Brows**e 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/

Symptoms, Possible Causes and Remedial Actions

Problems setting the IP address

Troblems setting the ir address		
When using ARP/Ping	Try the installation again. The IP address must be set within two minutes after power has been applied to the product. Ensure the Ping length is set to 408. For instructions, see .	
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.</ip> 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.

If the password for the user root is lost, the product must be reset to the factory default settings. See *Reset to Factory Default Settings, on page 49.*

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The IP address has been changed by DHCP

IP addresses obtained from a DHCP server are dynamic and may change. If the IP address has been changed, use AXIS IP Utility or AXIS Camera Management to locate the product on the network. Identify the product using its model or serial number, or by the DNS name (if the name has been configured).

If required, a static IP address can be assigned manually. For instructions, see the Installation and Management Software CD or the document *Assign an IP Address and Access the Video Stream* on Axis Support web at www.axis.com/techsup.

Certificate error when using IEEE 802.1X

For authentication to work properly, the date and time settings in the Axis product should be synchronized with an NTP server. See *Date & Time, on page 41*.

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 44. The router must support UPnPTM.

Firewall protection

Check the Internet firewall with your network administrator.

Check if you need to configure the router settings from System Options > Network > TCP/IP >

Check if you need to configure the router settings from System Options > Network > TCP/IP > Basic.

Basic

information.

Problems with streaming H.264

in H.264 and Motion JPEG

Problems with AXIS Media To enable the updating of video images in Internet Explorer, set the browser to allow ActiveX Control (Internet Explorer controls. Also, make sure that AXIS Media Control is installed on your computer. only) No H.264 displayed in the 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 13. client 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. Check if your router supports multicasting, or if the router settings between the client and the Multicast H.264 only accessible by local clients product need to be configured. The TTL (Time To Live) value may need to be increased. No multicast H.264 Check with your network administrator that the multicast addresses used by the Axis product displayed in the client are valid for your network. Check with your network administrator to see if there is a firewall preventing viewing. Installation of additional Configure the Axis product to use a Java applet for updating video images in your browser. Go to ActiveX component Setup > Live View Config and select Java applet under Default viewer. restricted or prohibited Poor rendering of H.264 Ensure that your graphics card is using the latest driver. The latest drivers can usually be images downloaded from the manufacturer's website. Color saturation is different Modify the settings for your graphics adapter. Refer to the adapter's documentation for more

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Lower frame rate than expected	See Performance Considerations, on page 59.	
	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.	
	The maximum frames per second is dependent on the utility frequency (60/50 Hz) of the Axis product. See <i>Technical Specifications</i> , on page 56.	
Status and Network indic	cator LEDs are flashing red rapidly	
Hardware failure	Contact your Axis reseller.	
Video and image problem	ns, general	
Image unsatisfactory	Check the video stream and camera settings under Setup > Video & Audio > Video Stream and Setup > Video & Audio > Camera Settings.	
Motion Detection trigger	's 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.	
No audio		
Incorrect setup	Check the sound card in the computer. Ensure that mute is not selected and that the volume settings are correct.	
	Check that Enable audio support is selected under Setup > System Options > Security > Audio Support.	
	Check that the correct Audio Input source is selected under Setup > Video & Audio > Audio Settings.	

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roor addit quality	
Stuttering	Reduce the number of listeners and viewers. Decrease image resolution and compression.
Unsynchronized audio and video using H.264	Synchronize the product's date and time settings with an NTP server. Go to Setup > System Options > Date & Time.
Distorted audio	Check that the correct Audio Input source is selected under Setup > Video & Audio > Audio Settings.
Feedback loops	Feedback loops might appear in full-duplex mode. Try moving the microphone or the speaker, or use half-duplex mode instead.

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Storage and disk management problems

Storage disruption	A storage disruption alarm is sent if a storage device is unavailable, removed, full, locked or if other read or write problems occur. To identify the source of the problem, check the System Log under System Options > Support > Logs & Reports . Depending on the problem, it might be necessary to re-mount the storage device.	
	For information on how to set up a storage disruption alarm, see Events, on page 33.	
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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Function/group	Item	Specifications	
Video Encoder	Model	AXIS P7214 (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 quad view 30/25 (NTSC/PAL) fps in all other resolutions	
	Frame rate Motion JPEG	30/25 (NTSC/PAL) 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 30/25 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	
Audio	Audio streaming	Two-way, full duplex and half duplex (mic/line input 1/line output) Two-way, full duplex and half duplex (mic/line input 2/line output)	
	Audio compression	In: AAC-LC 8 or 16 kHz 8-64 kbit/s G.711 μ -law PCM 8 kHz 64 kbit/s G.726 ADPCM 8 kHz 32 kbit/s or 24 kbit/s Out: G.711 μ -law PCM 8 kHz 64 kbit/s μ -law PCM 16 kHz 128 kbit/s G.726 ADPCM 8 kHz 32 kbit/s or 24 kbit/s	
	Audio input/output	Two external microphone or line inputs and one line output.	
Network	Security	Password protection, IP address filtering, IEEE 802.1X** network access control, HTTPS** encryption, digest authentication, user access log. **This product includes software developed by the OpenSSL Project for use in the OpenSSL Toolkit.	
	Supported protocols	IPv4/v6, HTTP, HTTPS**, SSL/TLS**, QoS Layer 3 DiffServ, FTP, SMB, SMTP, Bonjour, UPnP, SNMPv1/v2c/v3(MIB-II), DNS, DynDNS, NTP, RTSP, RTP, TCP, UDP, IGMP, RTCP, ICMP, DHCP, ARP, SOCKS **This product includes software developed by the OpenSSL Project for use in the OpenSSL Toolkit (http://www.openssl.org/), and cryptographic software written by Eric Young (eay@cryptsoft.com).	

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Function/group	Item	Specifications	
System Integration	Application Programming Interface	Open API for software integration, including VAPIX® from Axis Communications available at www.axis.com Includes the ONVIF Profile S; specification at www.onvif.org Support for AXIS Video Hosting System (AVHS) with One-Click Camera connection	
	Intelligent video	Video motion detection, active tampering alarm	
	Event triggers	Intelligent video, Audio detection, external inputs, edge storage events	
	Events actions	File upload via FTP, HTTPP, network share and email Notification via email, HTTP and TCP PTZ preset External output activation Play audio clip Pre- and post-alarm video buffering	
General	Casing	Standalone	
	Processor, memory	ARTPEC-4, 512 MB RAM, 128 MB Flash	
	Power	8-20 V DC, max 8W; Power over Ethernet IEEE 802.3af Class 3, AXIS PS-K power supply	
	Connectors	4x analog composite video inputs (BNC) 2x mono microphone or line inputs, 6Vpp max (3.5 mm jacks) 1x mono audio output, 2Vpp max at 1kohm (3.5 mm jack) 1x 10BASE-T/100BASE-TX Ethernet 4x Configurable external inputs/outputs (terminal block) 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 EN 61000-6-1 EN 61000-6-2 FCC Part 15 Subpart B Class B ICES-003 Class B VCCI Class B C-tick AS/NZS CISPR 22 Class B KCC KN22 Class B, KN24 IEC/EN/UL 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	

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Connectors

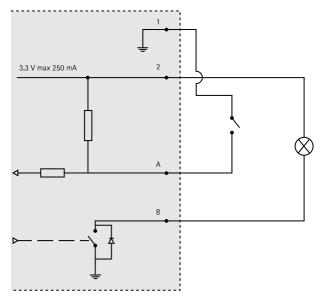
I/O Connector

6-pin configurable terminal block for:

- Auxiliary power (DC output)
 Digital Input
 Digital Output
 0 V DC (-)



Function	Pin	Notes	Specifications
0 V DC (-)	1		
DC output	2	Can be used to power auxiliary equipment. Note: This pin can only be used as power out. 3.3 V DC Max load = 250 mA	
Configurable (Input or Output)	3–6	Digital input – Connect to pin 1 to activate, or leave floating (unconnected) to deactivate.	0 to max 40 V DC
		Digital output – Connected to pin 1 when activated, floating (unconnected) when deactivated. If used with an inductive load, e.g. a relay, a diode must be connected in parallel with the load, for protection against voltage transients.	Max load =100 mA Max voltage = +40 V DC



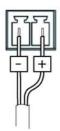
- I/O configured as input I/O configured as output

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Power Connector

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





Audio Connector

3.5 mm audio connectors (stereo)



	Audio Input	Audio Output
1 Tip	Microphone/Line in	Line out (mono)
2 Ring		
3 Sleeve	Ground	Ground

RS-485/422 Connector

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



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

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

SD Card Slot

Supports SD cards with up to 64 GB of storage. For best recording performance, use an SDHC or SDXC card with speed class 10.

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.

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The following factors are among the most important to consider:

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