

IBM XIV Storage System Management Tools
Version 4.5

Release Notes



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Overview

These release notes are for the IBM® XIV® Storage System Management Tools version 4.5.

XIV GUI version 4.5 should be used to deploy and monitor IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems.

Release date

March 2015

On IBM Hyper-Scale Manager

IBM Hyper-Scale Manager was previously named IBM XIV Multi-System Manager.

Working with the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager

IBM XIV recommends using the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager and an XIV GUI in Manager mode if you have more than 10 systems.

Compatibility

XIV GUI 4.5 is compatible with IBM Hyper-Scale Manager 1.6.

Supported microcode releases

This version supports IBM XIV releases 11.5.1, and all previous IBM XIV releases.

Management Tools documentation set

The documentation for this release contains instructions for each installation type and an operations guide that is common to both.

IBM Hyper-Scale Manager installation

Virtual Appliance installation

- Installation Guide for Virtual Appliance
- Quick Start Guide for Virtual Appliance

Application installation

- Installation Guide Application
- Quick Start Guide for Application

Management Tools

These documents are common to both installation types.

- Operations Guide
- Management Tools Release Notes

Specifications

XIV GUI specifications

The XIV GUI runs in either *Direct* mode, or *Manager* mode. Additionally, the XIV GUI installed on a 64-bit OS has different specifications than a 32-bit OS.

Direct mode

CPU Dual core

Memory

Up to 25 systems

32-bit and 64-bit: 700MB

More than 25 systems

32-bit: 1.1GB

64-bit: 1.5GB

Max number of XIV systems monitored by a single XIV GUI in direct mode is:
144

Best practice: IBM XIV recommends to use the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager and an XIV GUI in Manager mode if you have more than 10 systems.

Server mode

CPU Dual core

Memory

500MB

Allowed latency between a single XIV GUI and the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager:
Max of 50ms

Supported OS for XIVGUI, XCLI, XIVTOP

Windows

- Windows Server 2003 (32 bit)
- Windows Server 2003 (64 bit)
- Windows Server 2008 (32 bit)
- Windows Server 2008 (64 bit)
- Windows Server 2012 R1 (64 bit)
- Windows Server 2012 R2 (64 bit)
- Windows 7 (32 bit)
- Windows 7 (64 bit)
- Windows Vista (32 bit)
- Windows Vista (64 bit)
- Windows 8 (32 bit)
- Windows 8 (64 bit)
- Windows 8.1 (32 bit)
- Windows 8.1 (64 bit)

Make sure you install the relevant package (64-bit or 32-bit) according to your OS type.

Linux

- Linux Red Hat Enterprise 5
- Linux Red Hat 6.4 (32 bit)
- Linux Red Hat 6.4 (64 bit)

Mac OSx 10.9

OSx 10.10

Additional supported OS for XCLI only

AIX AIX 6

AIX 7

Oracle Solaris 11 (SPARC)

Solaris 11 (INTEL)

HPUX HPUX 11i v3 (IA64)

IBM Hyper-Scale Manager specifications

The two IBM Hyper-Scale Manager installation types require two sets of specifications. Following these sets there is a third set, for specifications that are common to both installation types.

Note: The installation instructions are available in the Installation Guides and Quick-Start Guides.

Standalone application

1. The installation is done on a 64-bit RHEL 6 (and up) OS.

Note: For best performance, install the IBM Hyper-Scale on an independent server.

2. Disk space:

- At least 1 GB of free space in the /tmp directory
- 76 GB free space under the installation path (the path is configurable, and does not have the home directory)

3. CPU and Memory allocation:

Table 1. Standalone application CPU and Memory allocation per machines/objects

Specifications	Dual-core/4Gb	4 cores/6Gb	6 cores/6Gb	6 cores/8Gb
# of machines	up to 40	up to 80	up to 120	up to 144
# of objects	up to 80K	up to 120K	up to 180K	up to 220K

Virtual Appliance memory and CPU

The Virtual Appliance deployment runs as a virtual application above an ESX server (VMWare Hypervisor only).

- An ESX (VMware) Server that hosts the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager, versions: 4, i4, 4.1, i4.1, i5
- VM disk size - 76 GB

This deployment comes with 4 GB memory and dual core vCPU, by default. Immediately after the deployment, revise the specifications according to the number of XIV systems you will manage by the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager:

Table 2. Virtual Appliance CPU and Memory allocation per machines/objects

Specifications	Dual-core/4Gb	4 cores/6Gb	6 cores/6Gb	6 cores/8Gb
# of machines	up to 40	up to 80	up to 120	up to 144
# of objects	up to 80K	up to 120K	up to 180K	up to 220K

Other specifications

Ports

- Outbound/Inbound: RMI - 1199-1209
- Inbound only: SSH/SCP - 22
- Outbound only: SMTP - 25
 - Communication with XIV systems - 7778
 - RESTful API port - 8443

Latency

Allowed latency between the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager and the XIV systems it monitors: maximum of 200 ms.

Concurrently connected GUI clients to an XIV system

Maximum number of GUI clients connected to an XIV system that can concurrently send requests to the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager is 15.

Administered XIV systems

Maximum XIV Systems that are administered by one server is 144 (up to 12 groups with 12 systems each).

What's new in Management Tools version 4.5

XIV Management Tools version 4.5 introduces the following new features:

IBM Spectrum Accelerate - a software-defined storage (SDS) solution

Starting from Management Tools version 4.5, IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems can be managed alongside and together with XIV storage systems. The new management options for IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems from the GUI include:

- Deployment of a new IBM Spectrum Accelerate system
- License management
- A new "Operations Administrator" role
- Proactive Support configuration

Deployment of IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems

Deployment of a new IBM Spectrum Accelerate system can be done from the XIV GUI in Direct or Manager mode:

In Direct mode, select **Systems > Deploy Spectrum Accelerate System**.

From Manager mode, select **Systems > Manager Configuration**, and click the **Deploy Spectrum Accelerate System** icon.

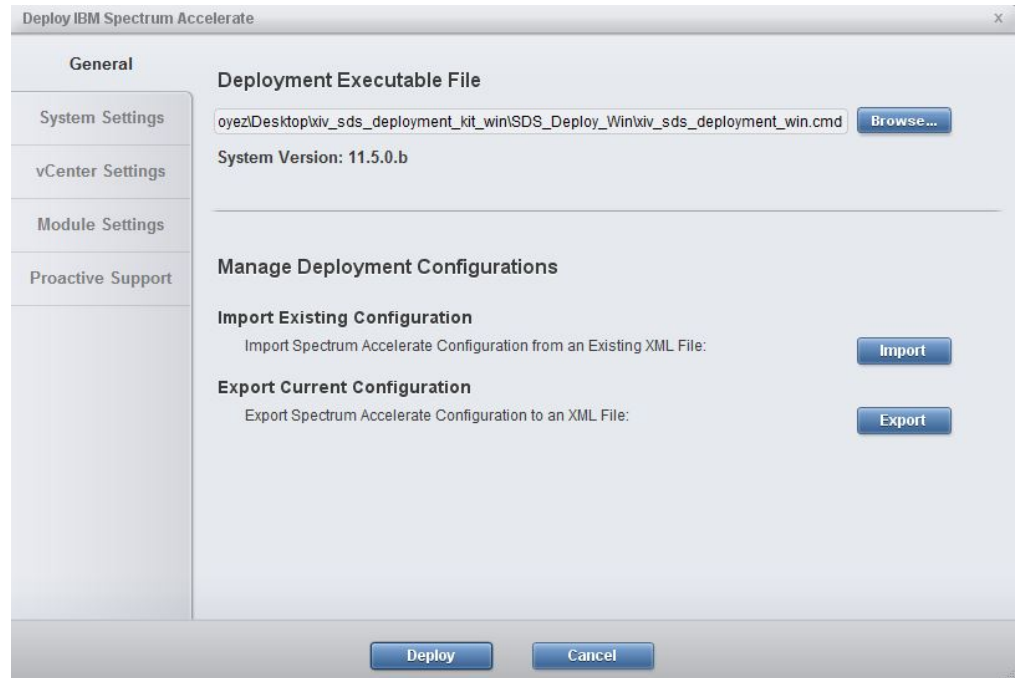


Figure 1. Deploying a Spectrum Accelerate system

Browse for the deployment executable file and click **Deploy** to install Spectrum Accelerate. If this is a first-time deployment, you can export the configuration information to an XML file for future use.

Licensing management

IBM Spectrum Accelerate licenses can be downloaded quickly and easily, and flexible terms offer all-inclusive features.

Using IBM Hyper-Scale Manager, you can easily manage and view your Spectrum Accelerate system licenses by generating a PDF report:

Spectrum Accelerate Licenses Status

36.2 TiB	Total Usable Hardware Capacity
48.83 TiB	Total Available Licensed Capacity
■ 39.06 TiB	Total Fixed Lease Capacity
■ 9.77 TiB	Total Perpetual Capacity
12.63 TiB	Total Unutilized Licensed Capacity

Type	Description	Start	Expiration	Capacity
Perpetual	Azrieli Site	19-Mar-2014	Never	9.77 TiB
Fixed Lease	Expansion Project	19-Jan-2015	19-Jul-2015	19.53 TiB
Fixed Lease	For mtgenp-03	19-Apr-2014	19-Jun-2015	19.53 TiB

License History - Last 12 Months

Total unlicensed capacity in the last 12 months: 84 GiB
 Total unutilized licensed capacity in the last 12 months: 322.27 TiB

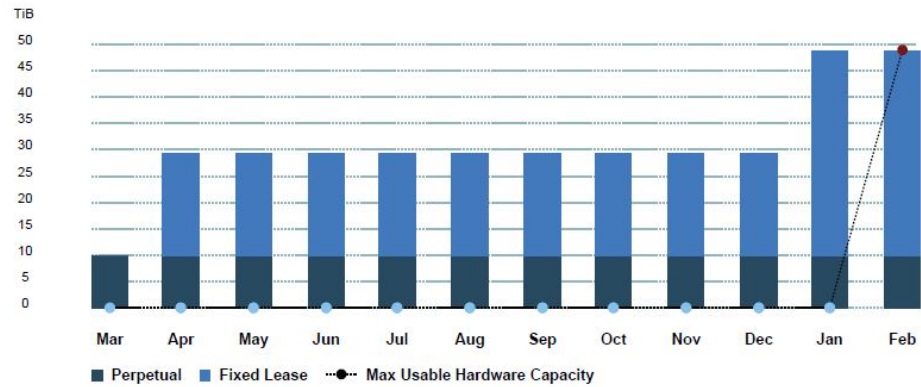


Figure 2. Generated License Report

New "Operations Administrator" role

To manage administrator operations on IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems, create a user with the new *Operations Administrator* role:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add User" with the following fields and values:

- System:** XIV MT99001
- Domain:** no-domain
- Name:** ops admin
- New Password (6-12):** [Masked]
- Retype New Password:** [Masked]
- Category:** Storage Administrator
- User Group:** Operations Administrator (selected from a list including Storage Administrator, Security Administrator, Application Administrator, Read Only, and Operations Administrator)
- Email Address:** [Empty]
- Phone Number:** [Empty]

Buttons at the bottom: Add, Cancel

Figure 3. Defining a User with an Operations Administrator role

Proactive Support

Configuring **Proactive Support** allows the system to report events back to the IBM Service Center. In IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems, Proactive Support is also used to report usage data for applicable license types.

Proactive Support is email based. To configure Proactive Support, select the **Proactive Support** tab in the **Support** window. Select **Proactive Support Enabled** and define the **Proactive Support SMTP Gateway**.

Complete the mandatory **Name**, **Email** and **Office Phone** fields to be used as the **Proactive Support** contact. In IBM Spectrum Accelerate systems, the email address is also used for the Service Center to send an email for confirmation that Proactive Support is properly configured.

Figure 4. Proactive Support window

Limitations

UI-263912

After upgrading the Hyper-Scale Manager, the time of the Schedule Daily Backup is not saved and reverts to the default value. The default value is 11:30 p.m.

UI-263821

The XIV GUI does not launch when Single Sign-On (SSO) software is running on the client.

UI-262890

Unable to create or edit domain with size 0 through the GUI.

UI-261561

An untrusted XIV system (a system that is not authenticated via a certificate) is displayed as trusted. Removing an XIV system's certificate with the `xcli -C remove XCLI` command and then trying to connect to this system succeeds. This case happens as long as the XCLI server is up.

Workaround:

Log out of the XCLI server and log in again.

UI-253185

The GUI must be installed on a dedicated directory, as the uninstallation erases it completely.

UI-247041

Changing the PC local time when the GUI is open may also change the system time.

Workaround:

Restart the GUI.

Fixed issues

UI-264456

Adding a serial number column to a table of **Volumes by Pool** (or to Volumes and Snapshots) may result in slow GUI response time.

UI-264756

An Application Administrator can not clear events.

UI-264924

After upgrading the GUI to version 4.4.0.2, creating a Volume list causes the server to timeout.

UI-265042

The **Update Management IP Interface** functionality does not work properly in Japanese.

Known issues

General

MSM-261090

The IBM Hyper-Scale Manager can't monitor a pre-11.2.0 XIV system that is configured with LDAP, with an *xiv_msms* user that is configured both internally and in the LDAP.

Workaround

1. Disable LDAP on the specific XIV system.

```
ldap_mode_set mode=inactive
```

2. Delete the *xiv_msms* user which is defined internally.

```
user_delete user=xiv_msms
```

3. Re-enable LDAP.

```
ldap_mode_set mode=active
```

Severity

Moderate

Affected versions:

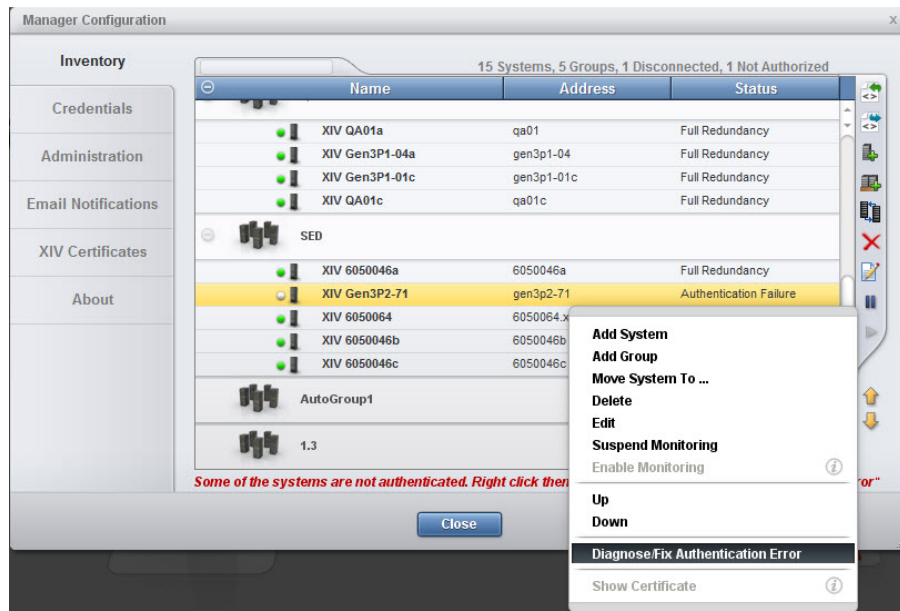
Version 1.1 and up

MSM-261538

Disabling LDAP on an XIV system may cause an authentication failure on all of the systems that are configured to this LDAP.

Workaround

1. Select **Systems > Manager Configuration** from the XIV GUI menu.
2. Type the **Manager Access Code**.
3. Select the **Inventory** tab.
4. Select and right-click the systems whose status is **Authentication Failure** and click **Diagnose/Fix Authentication Error** on the menu.



Severity

Moderate

Affected versions:

Version 1.5

Virtual Appliance installation

MSM-256723

After upgrading the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager, a logged-in vSphere client (using 'root' user) does not see the updated menu and version.

Workaround

Select option 17) Exit on the root menu to logoff. When you log in again, the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager main menu and version are updated correctly.

Severity

Moderate

Affected versions:

Version 1.1 onward

XIV GUI

UI-264966

On XIV systems 11.5.0 and up, Hyper-Scale Manager supports LDAP UPN mode only when there are no domains configured on the system. If domains are configured on the system, LDAP UPN mode is not supported.

UI-264605

When there is a role conflict in a mirroring relation, two rows are displayed in the GUI. The rows display the XIV systems with their source and destination volumes in different roles. That is, the system's role in the mirroring relation is reversed in each row.

Workaround:

Select only the row on which you would like to fix the role conflict and run the Change Role option on the mirror's source and destination. Refrain from selecting both rows at once, as this will only lead to further problems.

UI-264145

The XIV GUI truncates (rounding down) the Latency values in the Statistics view.

Workaround:

No workaround is available.

UI-264141

When there are two identical rows for the same mirror, the cursor might jump to the first mirror when you try to select the bottom mirror.

UI-263084

When an XIVTop session is open and the session idle timeout is changed, it will only take affect the next time the XIVTop is opened.

Workaround:

Close and reopen a new XIVTop session.

UI-261999

The option to determine where an imported certificate will be stored does not work. The certificate will be stored on: "C:\Users\{UserName}\AppData\Roaming\XIV\GUI12\properties" regardless of the address that is stated by the -h parameter.

Workaround:

Import the certificate using the IBM Hyper-Scale Manager.

UI-243418

The XIV GUI does not launch if the following **env** variables are defined:

- IBM_JAVA_OPTIONS
- JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS

Workaround:

Delete the definition.

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