AlphaServer 1200 Firmware Release Notes For Compaq Tru64 UNIX, DIGITAL UNIX and OpenVMS Customers

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These release notes are for the V6.0-4 SRM console, and include documented restrictions in V6.0-4. Firmware update instructions and other useful information is also provided.

Firmware release notes for Windows NT AlphaServer 1200 customers are available separately. Information about where to obtain AlphaBIOS console release notes is provided in Section 1.6 of this document.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Beginning with SRM V5.3 console firmware, the AlphaBIOS console was relocated to a different sector in the flash rom to accomodate Windows NT serviceability. Please read the update procedures information, found in Chapter 2, carefully for the details on this change and what new steps are required for updating firmware. These changes apply to all systems and are independent of what operating system is in use.

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Preface

Purpose of These Release Notes

These release notes are intended for users of the AlphaServer 1200 systems. These release notes also support the DIGITAL Server 5000 Models 5300 and 5305, and the DIGITAL Ultimate Workstation. This document provides release note information for the following items:

- SRM Console - system FEPROM0, sectors 3 - 15
- Loadable Firmware Update (LFU) Utility - built into SRM console
- OpenVMS Alpha PALcode - system FEPROM0, sector 1
- DIGITAL UNIX PALcode - system FEPROM0, sector 1
- Extended SROM (XSROM) - system FEPROM0 sectors 0, 1, and 2
- Fail-safe Loader (FSL) - system FEPROM0 sectors 0 and 2
- EISA Configuration Utility (ECU) - floppy diskette
- RAID Configuration Utility (RCU) - floppy and Alpha FW CD
- KZPSA Configuration/Diagnostic Utilities - Alpha FW CD
- PCI I/O Adapter Firmware for Qlogic ISP10X0 - shipped with SRM console image
- PCI I/O Adapter Firmware for KZPSA, DEFPA, and CIPCA - Alpha FW CD

AlphaBIOS, which resides in system FEPROM1 and is used to boot and support Windows NT on the AlphaServer 1200, ships release notes separately. See Section 1.6 for information about where to find AlphaBIOS release notes.

AlphaBIOS is also used to run ECU, RCU, and various other ARC-based utilities which ship on floppy and/or the Alpha Firmware CD. See Chapter 4 of these release notes and the *AlphaServer 1200 System Drawer User's Guide* for instructions on how to use AlphaBIOS and run ARC-based utilities.

System flash parts (FEPROM0 and FEPROM1) reside on the system motherboard and logically hang off the EISA/XBUS.

1 Firmware Update Information

This chapter provides firmware and utility revision information, as well as information on where to find firmware update images and documentation for your AlphaServer 1200 system.

Firmware updates are performed using the SRM console's built-in LFU utility. Bootable LFU images are also supported, e.g. when booting the firmware update CD. LFU supports multiple update devices: local SCSI CD-ROM (CDA0), local floppy (DVA0), and local network (EWA0). Other devices are supported for the advanced user. Refer to Chapter 2 and the *AlphaServer 1200 System Drawer User's Guide* for more information about LFU and other console commands, environment variables to set when performing updates off a network device, and firmware update procedures and examples.

The SRM and AlphaBIOS consoles, and associated firmware files such as I/O option firmware, are available via customer update kits (CD-ROM). For order information of the customer update kit please reference the Release Notes Overview booklet included in the firmware CD kit. A pointer to the World Wide Web (WWW) pages, which can be used to obtain interim firmware releases of AlphaServer 1200 firmware, is available later in this chapter.

1.1 Console Firmware Components and Revision Information

The AlphaServer 1200 is shipped with two console images - the SRM console for OpenVMS Alpha and DIGITAL UNIX customers and the AlphaBIOS console for Windows NT customers and for running ARC-based utilities. The SRM console update image (TCSRMROM.SYS) is a compressed file which contains the following individual firmware images:

Table 1–1 V6.0-4 SRM Console Firmware Components and Revisions

Component	Revision Information
SRM Console	V6.0-4
OpenVMS Alpha PALcode	V1.21-2
DIGITAL UNIX PALcode	V1.23-2
Extended SROM (XSROM)	V6.0
Qlogic ISP10X0 Firmware	V5.57

A World Wide Web (WWW) site is provided for firmware updates. Once the Alpha Systems Firmware Update V6.0 CD-ROM becomes available, update firmware for the AlphaServer 1200 will be available via this update CD. At that time, a /V6.0 directory will be created on the World Wide Web (see Section 1.5 for details).

Serial ROM (SROM) ships in a socketed part on each AlphaServer 1200 CPU. It is reponsible for initializing and testing enough of the machine to load Extended SROM (XSROM) from system flash ROM. The current SROM revision for all AlphaServer 1200 CPU types/revisions is V3.0.

XSROM is reponsible for loading the SRM console and associated PAL code. If SROM determines that the firmware image it is supposed to load is corrupt (checksum fails), it attempts to load the system Fail-Safe Loader (FSL) from flash ROM. The FSL is a simple floppy loader that can be used to load an SRM console from a floppy diskette. This loaded console can then be used to run the AlphaServer 1200 update utility (LFU). A kit with the FSL diskette and release notes should have been shipped with your system. The kit contents are listed in Table 1–2.

Table 1–2 Fail-safe Loader Kit content

Part Number	Description
QZ-00WAA-HC.5.0	AlphaServer FSL V5.0 RX23 KIT
AK-R1FYB-CA	AlphaServer FSL V5.0 RX23
AV-R1FZB-TE	AlphaServer Fail Safe REL NTE

The AlphaBIOS console is loaded and started by the SRM console if the SRM console's OS_TYPE environment variable is set to "NT" or if the user enters the SRM console ALPHABIOS command at the SRM console prompt. AlphaBIOS is a separate, compressed image and is separately updatable using LFU.

In general, both the SRM and AlphaBIOS consoles should be updated at the same time since the two images which ship on the update CD-ROM are typically qualified against one another.

1.2 PCI I/O Option Firmware Components - Revision Information

You can also flash update firmware on certain PCI I/O options supported by the AlphaServer 1200 using LFU. Version V6.0-4 of the SRM console provides support for updating the following devices' firmware:

Table 1–3 I/O Module Firmware Revision Matrix

Name	Firmware Rev	Update File Used By LFU
CIPCA	A420	CIPCA420.SYS
DEFPA	V3.20	DFXAA320.SYS
KZPSA	A12	KZPSAA12.SYS
KZPDA	V5.57	TCSRMROM.SYS, ships with SRM Console [1]
KZPBA	V5.57	TCSRMROM.SYS, ships with SRM Console [1]

[1]On a power-up/reset, the SRM console loads adapter firmware from console's system flash ROM into NVRAM on the I/O module for all Qlogic ISP10X0-based PCI options such as the KZPDA and KZPBA. One updates SRM console firmware to update ISP10X0-based PCI option firmware. V6.0-4 console ships with V5.57 firmware for ISP10X0-based adapters. Note that this only applies for SRM console booting, i.e. for customers running DIGITAL UNIX and/or OpenVMS Alpha.

Other options, such as the KZPSC RAID controller also provide firmware update capability. However, LFU does not support KZPSC or KZPAC firmware updates. Refer to the Controller Installation and Standalone Utility User's Guide for your particular StorageWorks RAID Array subsystem should you need to update your RAID subsystem's firmware.

1.3 Configuration Utility Kit and Version Information

The EISA Configuration Utility (ECU) is available on separate media (floppy disks) for use on AlphaServer 1200 systems. The RAID Configuration Utility (RCU) ships on both floppy and the Alpha Firmware CD. The KZPSA Configuration Utility ships on the Alpha Firmware CD. For compatibility with this firmware release, the minimum revisions of the configuration utilities given in Table 1–4 must be used if required.

Table 1–4 Configuration Utility Revisions

Utility	Kit No.	Part No.	Minimum Rev.
ECU (VMS/UNIX)	QA-01YAA-HC	AK-Q2CRH-CA	V1.9
RCU	QB-2XHAH-SB	–	V3.2
KZPSA Utilities			
- FWUPDATE.EXE			V1.4 [1]
- CNFGDIAG.EXE			V1.5 [1]

[1]Using earlier versions of the KZPSA utilities on your AlphaServer 1200 will corrupt your KZPSA adapter's NVRAM and render your system unusable!

1.4 Alpha Systems Firmware Quarterly Update Kit

The Alpha Systems Firmware Update Kit ships on a CD-ROM. For ordering information please reference the Release Notes Overview booklet included in the firmware CD kit.

All the binary update images and release notes for the AlphaServer 1200 platform will be released in the [AS1200], [OPTIONS], and [DOC] directories of the Alpha Systems Firmware Update V6.0 CD-ROM.

1.5 Accessing Firmware Over the Internet

Many customers rely upon the Customer Firmware Kit quarterly update service (includes Alpha Firmware Update CD-ROM) for their firmware updates. Firmware updates can also be obtained via the Internet, at the following address:

ftp://ftp.digital.com/pub/Digital/Alpha/firmware/readme.html

Using a World Wide Web browser, use the following URLs:

http://ftp.digital.com/pub/Digital/Alpha/firmware/v6.0/as1200
http://ftp.digital.com/pub/Digital/Alpha/firmware/v6.0/options
http://ftp.digital.com/pub/Digital/Alpha/firmware/v6.0/doc

The Web pages are organized for the CD release for each platform. There are directories for each AlphaServer platform as well as a common options area for I/O option firmware. In addition, a /interim page is maintained for products such as the AlphaServer 1200 which ship between Alpha Firmware CD releases. Watch for firmware updates in the /interim/as1200 directory as well as future CD-ROM releases.

Console firmware update images and associated files are located in the /as1200 directory. I/O option firmware files are accessible via the /options directory. Release notes are accessible via the /doc directory.

The above-mentioned readme.html file describes the overall firmware directory structure and how the files can be downloaded and used.

Note: Make sure you copy all of the necessary files when downloading firmware images. If updating via network (MOP), you will need to modify the copied files' attributes before they can be used in a MOP server environment. See Chapter 2 for details on downloading firmware and performing firmware updates.

1.5.1 Proper Transfer Types For Use With FAT-Format Floppy Updates

When copying files,via ftp, to be used for update via FAT-formatted floppy diskette you must use the ASCII transfer type for the .TXT files and the binary transfer type for the .SYS files. For example:

```
ftp> ascii                # ASCII file type
ftp> bin                  # binary file type
```

1.6 Firmware Release Notes for Windows NT Customers

Release notes for the AlphaBIOS console are shipped separately on the Alpha Firmware CD in the DOC directory. The AlphaBIOS release notes can also be found on the at the follwing URL:

http://www.compaq.com/support/files/alphant/index.html

1.7 AlphaServer 1200 Documentation

These release notes do not describe how to use the console or other firmware. For further information about using and updating the firmware on your machine, please refer to the orderable documentation listed in Table 1–5.

Table 1–5 Orderable Documentation for the AlphaServer 1200

Document Title	Initial Part Number
AlphaServer 1200 User's Guide	EK-AS120-UG
AlphaServer 1200 Basic Installation	EK-AS120-IG
AlphaServer 1200 Service Guide	EK-AS120-SV

2 Firmware Update Instructions

The following sections provide instructions for updating your system firmware.

2.1 Updating Your System Firmware

The SRM console's built-in loadable firmware update utility (LFU) is used to update your console firmware (SRM and AlphaBIOS consoles). LFU can also be booted as a monolithic image off an update CD (e.g. using the Alpha Firmware Systems Update CD-ROM).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Beginning with SRM V5.3 console firmware the AlphaBIOS image was relocated to a different sector in flash ROM. Use of the built-in LFU required that the update procedure be repeated a second time to ensure the AlphaBIOS was properly relocated in flash ROM. Executing the update twice applies to SRM V5.4 or later console firmware if updating from a version of console earlier than V5.3. If updating from SRM V5.3 console firmware then the update does not need to be executed twice. Please read on for more details on the update changes listed in this chapter.

Note: The LFU update method to update SRM firmware to V5.4 or later requires the system being updated to be at or above SRM firmware version V5.2. LFU updates from a system with SRM firmware version V5.1 or earlier will fail to update properly and should not be attempted. There is no problem with the Boot command methods of update (eg. booting the CD).

The SRM firmware V5.3 files are posted to the /interim webpage for users that do not have access to the Alpha Systems Update Firmware CD and are updating a system, running SRM V5.1 or earlier, via the LFU update method.

The LFU utility can also be used to update KZPSA, DEFPA, and CIPCA firmware. Mylex DAC960 RAID options such as KZPSC and KZPAC are not supported by LFU. Refer to the Controller Installation and Standalone Utility User's Guide for your particular StorageWorks RAID Array subsystem should you need to update your RAID subsystem's firmware.

LFU supports multiple update devices: local SCSI CD-ROM (CDA0), local floppy (DVA0), and local network - Ethernet (EWA0) and FDDI (FWA0). Other load devices are supported for the advanced user. Refer to the *AlphaServer 1200 System Drawer User's Guide* for more information about LFU and other console commands, environment variables to set when performing updates off a network device, and update procedures.

Over time, you may wish to update to newer firmware versions as features are added, new I/O option support is added, and bug fixes are made. Updates are typically issued about once per quarter.

2.2 Preparing For The Update

If you don't have access to the Alpha Systems Firmware Update CD, you'll need to copy the appropriate firmware files to a local computer system. You will first need to locate the appropriate firmware update files. Look in *http://ftp.digital.com/pub/Digital/Alpha/firmware/V6.0* for the */as1200*, */options*, and */doc* subdirectories for the files you'll need. The list of files required is provided below.

The SRM console's SHOW VERSION command can be used to determine your SRM console version. The AlphaBIOS console's version can be determined either by starting the AlphaBIOS console via the ALPHABIOS command or by starting LFU via the SRM console's LFU command. You can then bypass the update file load sequence by pressing RETURN when LFU asks you to specify a load device. A LIST command at the LFU UPD> prompt will display the current revision of AlphaBIOS (and SRM) console firmware.

If you'll be updating via floppy, you'll need either a PC with a 1.44MB compatible floppy drive or an OpenVMS machine with access to a 1.44MB floppy drive. If you'll be updating via network (local MOP server), you'll need to copy the appropriate files to your local MOP server's MOM$LOAD area with appropriate file protection to allow your AlphaServer 1200 system to be served by the local MOP server. You will also need to modify the file attributes of the downloaded files. See Section 2.2.5 for more details.

Refer to Section 1.5 for pointers to the DIGITAL Web pages for firmware release and update information.

2.2.1 LFU command changes

Beginning with V5.3 SRM console AlphaBIOS was relocated to a new sector in flash ROM. This relocation change affects updates via the LFU command. Use of the "LFU" command for updates from either CD-ROM, floppy or the network will require the process to be executed twice if updating a system running any SRM firmware version prior to V5.3. If 5.3 or later then the LFU need only be executed once.

Note: The LFU update method will fail to properly update to V5.4 or later on systems running firmare versions V5.1 or earlier and must be updated to V5.3 first. Please read the information under Section 2.1 for more details.

For console firmware updates on systems running firmware prior to V5.3 the basic steps required are as follows:

1. Run LFU
2. Update SRM
3. Exit LFU
4. Run LFU

5 Update AlphaBIOS

6 Exit LFU

If you update via the "BOOT" command from either the CD-ROM, (eg. "P00>>>boot dka500") or from your local MOP server's MOM$LOAD directory (e.g. "P00>>>boot ewa0 -fi as1200_V6_0 -fl 0,0"), then it will not be necessary to run the update twice.

NOTE:: A downgrade to any previous version of firmware will require performing the update procedure twice for all methods of update.

2.2.2 Updating Using the Alpha Systems Firmware Update V6.0 CD

If you have a copy of the V6.0 (or greater) CD-ROM, simply insert it into your AlphaServer 1200's local CD-ROM drive. To run the update utility, boot the CD directly by typing "BOOT DKA500" (or equivalent CD-ROM device name).

Alternatively, you can type "LFU" at the SRM console prompt and answer "CDA0" and "AS1200FW"; then perform the desired update(s).

NOTE:: The update procedure must be done twice if using the LFU command method of update and updating a system running firmware prior to V5.3. Please view the information under Section 2.2.1.

A readme file is provided for your convenience. If booting the CD-ROM directly, the readme is automatically displayed. If using console's LFU command, the readme is only displayed upon typing "README" at the LFU update prompt (UPD>).

2.2.3 Updating Using a FAT-Formatted Floppy Diskette

For version V5.4 or above, the console images no longer fit on one 1.44 MB floppy diskette. Depending upon what you wish to update, you'll need either one, two or three 1.44MB floppy diskettes. If you wish to update I/O option firmware only, you'll need only a single diskette. If you wish to update console firmware only, you'll need two diskettes. If you wish to update both console and I/O firmware, you'll need three separate diskettes.

Proper transfer type must be used when files are copied via ftp. Reference Section 1.5.1 for copying files, via ftp, that are to be used for FAT-format floppy updates.

If you'll be using a FAT-formatted diskette or diskettes, perform the following steps on your PC:

- Insert a 1.44MB FAT-formatted diskette in your floppy drive.
- Copy the following files to diskette #1:

  as1200cp.sys
  as1200fw.sys
  tcreadme.sys
  tcarcrom.sys

- Copy the following files to diskette #2:

  tcsrmrom.sys

- Copy the following files to diskette #3 if you'll be updating I/O option firmware:

  as1200io.sys
  tcreadme.sys
  cipca420.sys
  dfxaa320.sys
  kzpsaa12.sys

Be sure to copy all of the aforementioned files for the diskette(s) you need. Once created your diskettes can then be used to update firmware by invoking the update utility via the LFU command.

2.2.4 Updating Using an ODS2-Formatted Floppy Diskette

For version V5.4 or above, console images no longer fit on one 1.44 MB floppy diskette. Depending upon what you wish to update, you'll need either one, two or three 1.44MB floppy diskettes. If you wish to update I/O option firmware only, you'll need only a single diskette. If you wish to update console firmware only, you'll need two diskettes. If you wish to update both console and I/O firmware, you'll need three separate diskettes.

If you will be using an ODS2-formatted diskette or diskettes, use the following OpenVMS command procedure(s) to create your floppy diskette(s):

```
If creating a diskette for updating your console only:

$!
$! make_tcods2cp_1and2.com
$!
$ inquire ignore "Insert first blank HD floppy in DVA0, then continue"
$ set verify
$ set proc/priv=all
$ init /density=hd/index=begin dva0: tcods2cp1
$ mount dva0: tcods2cp1
$ create /directory dva0:[as1200]
$ copy as1200fw.sys dva0:[as1200]as1200fw.sys
$ copy as1200cp.sys dva0:[as1200]as1200cp.sys
$ copy tcreadme.sys dva0:[as1200]tcreadme.sys
$ copy tcarcrom.sys dva0:[as1200]tcarcrom.sys
$ dismount dva0:
$ set noverify
$ inquire ignore "Insert second blank HD floppy in DVA0, then continue"
$ set verify
$ set proc/priv=all
$ init /density=hd/index=begin dva0: tcods2cp2
$ mount dva0: tcods2cp2
$ copy tcsrmrom.sys dva0:[as1200]tcsrmrom.sys
$ dismount dva0:
$ set noverify
$ exit
```

If creating a diskette for updating your I/O option firmware only:

```
$!
$! make_tcods2io.com
$!
$ inquire ignore "Insert blank HD floppy in DVA0, then continue"
$ set verify
$ set proc/priv=all
$ init /density=hd/index=begin dva0: tcods2io
$ mount dva0: tcods2io
$ create /directory dva0:[as1200]
$ create /directory dva0:[options]
$ copy as1200fw.sys dva0:[as1200]as1200fw.sys
$ copy as1200io.sys dva0:[as1200]as1200io.sys
$ copy tcreadme.sys dva0:[as1200]tcreadme.sys
$ copy cipca420.sys dva0:[options]cipca420.sys
$ copy dfxaa320.sys dva0:[options]dfxaa320.sys
$ copy kzpsaA12.sys dva0:[options]kzpsaA12.sys
$ dismount dva0:
$ set noverify
$ exit
```

Once created your diskettes can then be used to update firmware by invoking the update utility via the LFU command. Please read Section 2.1 for details on the LFU update method for systems being update from version V5.1 or earlier.

2.2.5 Updating Off Network Via Your Local MOP Server

Use one of the following methods for Network updates.

2.2.5.1 Updating Off Network via BOOT command

Copy the following file to your local MOP server's MOM$LOAD directory, if using the BOOT command, e.g. "P00>>>boot ewa0 -fi as1200_V6_0 -fl 0,0":

as1200_V6_0.sys

2.2.5.2 Updating Off Network via LFU command

Copy all of the following files to your local MOP server's MOM$LOAD directory, if using the LFU command, e.g. "P00>>>lfu". Answer the update utility questions for your load device with your network controller, eg. "ewa0" and for the firmware files list with the default filename, eg. "as1200fw". Please read Section 2.1 for details on the LFU update method for systems being update from version V5.1 or earlier.

as1200cp.sys
as1200fw.sys
as1200io.sys
cipca420.sys
dfxaa320.sys
kzpsaa12.sys
tcreadme.sys
tcsrmrom.sys
tcarcrom.sys
tcreadme.sys

Make sure the files will be accessible via your target AlphaServer 1200 system. Also, be sure not to change the names of any files if using the SRM console LFU command update method. Downloaded files require an additional step for MOP loads; the file attributes must be modified to a proper VMS fixed-record format. Use the following OpenVMS command on each downloaded file before using the files for MOP booting.

$ set file/attr=(rfm:fix,lrl:512,mrs:512,rat:none) *.sys

2.3 Performing The Update

If your machine is currently running an operating system, issue the appropriate shutdown command to gracefully shut down your operating system. You may need to use the front-panel Halt button and a subsequent system reset to halt your machine at the SRM console.

If running Compaq Tru64 UNIX, DIGITAL UNIX or OpenVMS Alpha, once halted at the SRM console, reset the machine and wait for console to come back up. Firmware updates may not work following an operating system shutdown without a subsequent system reset. Always reset the machine following a UNIX/VMS shutdown if you plan on performing a firmware update. At the SRM console prompt, issue the appropriate BOOT or LFU command to start the update process.

If running Windows NT, either select the "Update AlphaBIOS" menu item in the Setup menu to run LFU automatically or select the SRM console (DIGITAL UNIX or OpenVMS operating system) and then reset your machine to manually start LFU via the SRM BOOT or LFU command.

The LFU command will ask you to specify a load device - the device from which LFU will load the console and/or I/O option firmware update files.

- If local CD-ROM, answer "CDA0".
- If floppy, answer "DVA0".
- If network, answer "EWA0" if DIGITAL PCI Ethernet or "FWA0" if DIGITAL PCI FDDI (DEFPA).

LFU will then prompt for a firmware files list file name. Use the following guide to ensure that you have provided the appropriate response:

- If local CD-ROM, answer "AS1200FW".
- If floppy, answer "AS1200CP" or "AS1200IO" depending upon whether you wish to update only console or only I/O option firmware. You must have the diskette with the corresponding files list in your drive.

  Note: if using three diskettes, after updating off one floppy, you can perform remaining updates off diskette #3 by re-invoking LFU via the LFU command at the utility's UPD> prompt and providing the alternate firmware files list file name when requested for input.
- If network, answer "AS1200FW", "AS1200CP", or "AS1200IO" depending upon whether you want to update all firmware (console + I/O option), only console, or only I/O option, respectively.

NOTE:: For firmware updates, via the LFU command update method, on a system running any version of firmware prior to V5.3, you must perform the update procedure twice. The first update for the SRM console firmware and the second update for the AlphaBIOS firmware.

A sample session is provided below of an update of SRM console from V5.3-1 to V5.4-1 and AlphaBIOS V5.67-0 to AlphaBIOS V5.68-0. The update method, in this example, is using images copied to floppy diskettes.

Reminder: On systems with firmware prior to V5.3 the updates via this LFU command method must be performed twice. The first time is to update the SRM firmware. The second time to update the AlphaBIOS firmware. I/O option firmware can be updated at either time. Failure to update the SRM and then the AlphaBIOS will leave the AlphaBIOS image as invalid. Users will not be able to invoke AlphaBIOS or run ARC-based utilities until the AlphaBIOS is updated from the SRM V5.3 console. If updating from V5.3 or later the update need only be executed once.

```
P00>>>lfu

          ***** Loadable Firmware Update Utility *****

Select firmware load device (cda0, dva0, ewa0), or
Press <return> to bypass loading and proceed to LFU: dva0

Please enter the name of the firmware files list, or
Press <return> to use the default filename [AS1200IO,(AS1200CP)]:

Copying AS1200CP from DVA0 .
Copying TCREADME from DVA0 .
Copying TCREADME from DVA0 .
Copying TCARCROM from DVA0 ..................
Copying TCSRMROM from DVA0
Please insert next floppy containing the firmware,
Press <return> when ready. Or type DONE to abort.
Copying TCSRMROM from DVA0 ..............................

-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 Function    Description
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 Display     Displays the system's configuration table.
 Exit        Done exit LFU (reset).
 List        Lists the device, revision, firmware name, and update revision.
 Lfu         Restarts LFU.
 Readme      Lists important release information.
 Update      Replaces current firmware with loadable data image.
 Verify      Compares loadable and hardware images.
 ? or Help   Scrolls this function table.
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

UPD> list

Device          Current Revision    Filename            Update Revision
AlphaBIOS          V5.67-0          arcrom                 V5.68-0
mc0                22               ccmab_fw            Missing file
srmflash           V5.3-1           srmrom                 V5.4-1

UPD> up al*
WARNING: updates may take several minutes to complete for each device.

Confirm update on: AlphaBIOS       [Y/(N)] y

                           DO NOT ABORT!
AlphaBIOS       Updating to V5.68-0... ........ Verifying V5.68-0...  PASSED.
```

```
UPD> up srm*
WARNING: updates may take several minutes to complete for each device.

Confirm update on: srmflash        [Y/(N)] y

                            DO NOT ABORT!
srmflash        Updating to V5.4-1... ......... Verifying V5.4-1...  PASSED.
UPD> exit
Initializing...
```

A sample session is provided below of an update of SRM console from V5.3-1 to V5.4-1 and AlphaBIOS V5.67-0 to AlphaBIOS V5.68-0. The update method, in this example, is a BOOT command of a MOP file located in the local MOM$LOAD directory.

```
P00>>>b ewa0 -fi as1200_v5_4  -fl 0,0
(boot ewa0.0.0.3.1 -file as1200_v5_4 -flags 0,0)

Trying MOP boot.
.........................................

Network load complete.
Host name: XXXXXX
Host address: xx-xx-xx-xx-xx-xx

bootstrap code read in
Building FRU table
base = 200000, image_start = 0, image_bytes = 2b6c00
initializing HWRPB at 2000
initializing page table at 1f2000
initializing machine state
setting affinity to the primary CPU
jumping to bootstrap code
012345
677789 9876543210
starting console on CPU 0
sizing memory
  0    256 MB DIMM
   probing IOD1 hose 1
  bus 0 slot 1 - NCR 53C810
  bus 0 slot 2 - QLogic ISP1020
  bus 0 slot 3 - DECchip 21040-AA
  bus 0 slot 4 - DEC PCI MC
probing IOD0 hose 0
  bus 0 slot 1 - PCEB
    probing EISA Bridge, bus 1
  bus 0 slot 2 - S3 Trio64/Trio32
  bus 0 slot 4 - DE500-BA
configuring I/O adapters...
  ncr0, hose 1, bus 0, slot 1
  isp0, hose 1, bus 0, slot 2
  tulip0, hose 1, bus 0, slot 3
  floppy0, hose 0, bus 1, slot 0
  tulip1, hose 0, bus 0, slot 4
  mc0, hose 1, bus 0, slot 4
System temperature is 25 degrees C

Starting Firmware Update Utility
Copying source: to 1241c00 from 3110200 size 1a6a00(1731072)
```

```
Unpacking firmware files
    as1200_readme adr = 1000020 len = 1200(4608)
    readme        adr = 1001440 len = 1200(4608)
    srmrom        adr = 1002860 len = 10f800(1112064)
    arcrom        adr = 1112280 len = 80000(524288)
    ccmab_fw      adr = 11924a0 len = 80200(524800)
    cipca_fw      adr = 12128c0 len = cf40(53056)
    dfxaa_fw      adr = 13e8620 len = 38a00(231936)
    kzpsa_fw      adr = 1421240 len = 74000(475136)

          ***** Loadable Firmware Update Utility *****
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 Function    Description
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 Display     Displays the system's configuration table.
 Exit        Done exit LFU (reset).
 List        Lists the device, revision, firmware name, and update revision.
 Lfu         Restarts LFU.
 Readme      Lists important release information.
 Update      Replaces current firmware with loadable data image.
 Verify      Compares loadable and hardware images.
 ? or Help   Scrolls this function table.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------

UPD> up al
WARNING: updates may take several minutes to complete for each device.

Confirm update on: AlphaBIOS       [Y/(N)] y

                           DO NOT ABORT!
AlphaBIOS       Updating to V5.68-0... ........ Verifying V5.68-0...  PASSED.

UPD> up srmf
WARNING: updates may take several minutes to complete for each device.

Confirm update on: srmflash        [Y/(N)] y

                           DO NOT ABORT!
srmflash        Updating to V5.4-1... .......... Verifying V5.4-1...  PASSED.

UPD> exit
Initializing...
```

Refer to AlphaServer 1200 documentation for more details about running LFU, including environment variables which must be set if you choose to perform updates off a network device (e.g. ewa0_mode and ewa0_ protocols).

For Windows NT fatal error logging you must initialize the eeprom logging area, after the version 5.4 or above updates have been completed. Please refer to the notes found in Section 3.6.

3 Things You Should Know the First Time You Power On Your Machine

It is recommended that you read this section in its entirety prior to using your AlphaServer 1200 machine.

3.1 Memory Tests Can Take a Very Long Time!

Memory is tested by each CPU each time you power on or reset your machine. These tests can take upwards of several minutes on very large memory, single-CPU machines. The XSROM firmware responsible for testing memory prints a rotating asterisk as part of the operator control panel (OCP) display during the memory march test (Test 24). The rotating asterisk stops once testing has completed.

Note: If running OpenVMS or DIGITAL UNIX, the MEMORY_TEST environment variable must be set to FULL (default). PARTIAL and NONE are not currently supported by these operating systems.

3.2 Selecting Which Console Is Loaded and Your Display Device

Your system likely came pre-configured to run a particular operating system. There are two SRM console environment variables that play a key role in determining which console will be the final console loaded on a power-on/reset (SRM console or AlphaBIOS console) and to which display device (VT-type terminal or graphics device) the console will default. These two environment variables (EVs) are the OS_TYPE and CONSOLE EVs, respectively.

If OS_TYPE is set to "NT", the SRM console will automatically load and start the AlphaBIOS console from system flash ROM during power-on/reset. If OS_TYPE is set to "OpenVMS" or "UNIX", the SRM console will not load AlphaBIOS. If OS_TYPE is set to "NT", you can depress the front panel Halt button (LED on) and then reset the machine to force the SRM console to not load AlphaBIOS. In this situation, the SRM console will stop at the SRM console prompt. Not only will it not load AlphaBIOS if OS_TYPE=NT, but it will also not allow booting until the Halt asserted condition has been cleared and the console has used/consumed the "halt in" state.

If CONSOLE is set to "SERIAL", the SRM console will power-on in serial mode and will print power-up display information to COM1 (assuming a VT-like device is connected at the other end). If CONSOLE is set to "GRAPHICS", the SRM console expects to find a VGA card in PCI0 and will attempt to print to the VGA monitor after PCI sizing and configuration has completed.

Note: you will not see any console display output on your VT or VGA display if CONSOLE is set to "GRAPHICS" until power-up testing and sizing has completed *and* VGA initialization has completed. This can take upwards of several minutes depending upon your system configuration. With CONSOLE set to "GRAPHICS", you will only see display output on your operator control panel (OCP) display until the PCIs have been (and more specifically, the VGA has been) initialized, at which point you should see output to the console terminal display device (in this case, VGA).

Once console has fully initialized the system, if OS_TYPE is not set to "NT", the SRM console will allow logins at either the VT or graphics device, irrespective of the CONSOLE EV setting. This assumes the SRM console's TT_ALLOW_LOGIN environment variable is set to "1". For example, on a machine configured with CONSOLE set to "GRAPHICS", pressing Return or Enter at the keyboard of a connected VT device should return a console prompt at the VT device (i.e. over COM1). Console will only honor this login attempt if OS_TYPE is not set to "NT" (or it is set to NT, but a halt assertion has forced the disabling of AlphaBIOS autoload and an associated SRM halt) and only after console has fully initialized the system and attempted to return the SRM console prompt on the graphics display device.

The same holds true in the reverse situation where CONSOLE is set to "SERIAL", but the user wishes to log in at a connected and properly cabled and configured graphics display device.

3.3 Configuring Your Machine Prior to Booting

There are several SRM console environment variables and built-in utilities that you may need to use to set up your system prior to booting the OpenVMS Alpha or DIGITAL UNIX operating system. Examples include:

- Setting EWn0_MODE and EWn0_PROTOCOLS environment variables (EVs) for your Ethernet network device.
- Setting pkn0_host_id, pkn0_fast, pkn0_soft_term, and pkn0_disconnect EVs to configure your PCI SCSI controllers. With the V5.1 release a new driver was implemented for KZPSA devices which eliminated the KZPSAn_XXXX EVs for setting up KZPSA parameters. Use the pkn0_host_id, pkn0_fast and pkn0_termpwr EVs for setting up KZPSA parameters. [The ARC-based KZPSA utilities can also be used for these purposes. The SRM console KZPSA_EDIT command has been removed with the use of a new driver for the KZPSA controller. See Section 3.7 for related information.]
- Configuring your KFPSA and DSSI subsystem using the SET HOST -DUP command and/or CDP command.

You may also need to run one or more of the following ARC-based utilities before booting your operating system:

- EISA Configuration Utility (ECU)
- RAID Configuration Utility (RCU)

- KZPSA Configuration Utility (or use the SRM console's pk*_XXXX environment variables to configure host id and fast mode)

Refer to the *AlphaServer 1200 System Drawer User's Guide* for more details about configuring your machine prior to booting. Chapter 4 also provides a brief overview on running ARC-based utilities.

3.4 New Features, Changes and Bugs Fixed in the V6.0 SRM Console

The following changes, since the V5.9 SRM console release, are part of the V6.0 SRM console.

1. Release notes have been revised since the V6.0 release. The KZPCC option is not to be supported on the AlphaServer 1200 systems so references to this option and associated pages have been removed.
2. The driver code was modified to fix a problem where the system would hang when multiple nodes respond to a MOP request when MOP booting via an FDDI controller.
3. Code changes have been implemented to fix a probe timeout failure on KGPSA devices. A message containing "probe timeout" indicates that a fibre channel node (HSG80, KGPSA) is in an unresponsive state and may, prior to V6.0 firmware, prevent access to the disks for WWIDMGR commands, show device commands, booting a disk or writing a crash dump to the disk. With V6.0 firmware, the console skips attempting to access unresponsive nodes but will report a "probe timeout retry" message. There should be no loss of access to online disks.
4. Code changes have been implemented to correct a problem where crash dumps written to disks connected via a CIPCA adapter would fail to complete. Prior to V6.0 firmware, on clusters with heavy I/O loads a crash dump to a CIPCA connected disk may fail with the following messages being reported: MSCP: Attempting to reestablish connection MCSP: Continuing device * no longer valid
5. Update firmware (CCMAB) for the Memory Channel adapter is no longer supplied nor supported with firmware releases. The LFU utility cannot properly update new revisions of the hardware.

3.5 SRM Console Firmware Bugs and Restrictions

The following are known bugs and restrictions with AlphaServer 1200 SRM console firmware version V6.0.

1. Configuring an HSD30 at a higher DSSI node ID than that of the KFPSA will result in the SRM console not seeing devices when a console SHOW DEVICE command is issued.
2. VGAs configured as console display devices must be in PCI0.

3. If running OpenVMS or DIGITAL UNIX, the MEMORY_TEST environment variable must be set to FULL (default). PARTIAL and NONE are not yet supported.
4. The system must be reset prior to running LFU from console. Booting the LFU off CD-ROM does not require a system reset.
5. Updating to SRM console V5.4 requires running the update procedure twice if not using the BOOT command update method for updates or if updating from any version of console prior to V5.3.
6. Downgrading from SRM console to a version prior to V5.3 requires the update procedure be run twice.

3.6 Windows NT serviceability information

3.6.1 Software requirements

Software revision information, for Windows NT serviceability support and files can be found at the following URLs.
http://www.compaq.com/support/files/alphant/index.html

- N.T. 4.0 HAL OEM Revision E (includes PAL V2.2)

DECevent NT Version 3.2 or greater.

- *http://www.service.digital.com/decevent/*

3.6.2 Effects of Window NT Serviceability support on update process

One of the most important changes, resulting from the implementation of Windows NT serviceability support, is the relocation of the AlphaBIOS to a different sector in flash ROM. This relocation was required to accomodate the space requirements for fatal error logging. All update methods, from a system running firmware prior to V5.3, with the exception of a BOOT command update of the 5.3 or later image, will require the update process to be executed twice. The first time to update the SRM firmware and the second time to update the AlphaBIOS firmware. Failure to execute the process twice will leave the AlphaBIOS as an invalid image and prevent access to AlphaBIOS. View the information in Chapter 2 for update changes.

3.6.3 EEPROM commands for Windows NT error logging

The SRM V5.3 or later firmware uses a sector of flash (designated as an eeprom error logging area) for the support of Windows NT fatal error logging. Space for two halt error logs per CPU has been allocated. SRM eeprom commands have been included to initialize the logging area and to allow viewing of halt error log information. The error log viewing feature is a supplement to the Windows NT support.

3.6.3.1 Build eeprom

A new SRM command, build -eeprom, has been implemented to initialize and setup the eeprom error logging area. Initialization and setup of the eeprom logging area will be required after an update of firmware has been performed.

The following example shows the build -eeprom command.

```
P00>>>bu -e
Build EEPROM ? [Y/N]> y
.
        EEPROM built
P00>>>
```

3.6.3.2 Show eeprom

```
This example shows the eeprom halt area information displayed
       via the show eeprom halt command.
       No errors have been logged.

P00>>>show eeprom halt

Halt Data Logging is enabled
Logging Control Field value = 0000
Actions logged = 0
P00>>>
```

3.6.3.3 Clear eeprom

The clear eeprom halt command is used to clear the eeprom halt logging area.

```
P00>>>clear eeprom halt
P00>>>
```

3.7 Additional notes for KZPSA changes implemented with the V5.1 release

The driver code used for KZPSA adapters was changed with the V5.1 release resulting in the controller being represented as "pks" and no longer represented as "kzpsa".

Several changes to command usage change with use of this PKS driver.

- LFU updates under the V5.1 SRM console or later will no longer use the UPD>UPDATE KZPSA* command but will use UPD>UPDATE PKS* command.
- For showing devices attached to the KZPSA adapters use the command P00>>SHOW DEVICE PKS*

Below is an example of the new naming and previous naming output that would be displayed for the KZPSA adapter and attached devices.

Examples

```
SRM console output line for KZPSA  obtained from P00>>>show config command.
------------------------------------------------------------------------------

 For version V5.1 SRM console or later:
  Slot   Option Name              Type     Rev    Name
   5      DEC KZPSA                81011    0000   pks0

 For SRM console verison V5.0-2:
  Slot   Option Name              Type     Rev    Name
   5      DEC KZPSA                81011    0000   kzpsa0


SRM console output line for KZPSA  obtained from P00>>>show device
------------------------------------------------------------------

For version V5.1 SRM console or later use P00>>>SHOW DEVICE PKS*
polling pks0 (DEC KZPSA) slot 5, bus 0 PCI, hose 1
PKc.7.0.5.1        dkc     TPwr 1 Fast 1 Bus ID 7   P01  A11
dkc100.1.0.5.1     DKc100                   RZ28D  0010
dkc200.2.0.5.1     DKc200                   RZ28D  0010

For SRM console version V5.0-2 use SHOW DEVICE KZPSA*
polling kzpsa0 (DEC KZPSA) slot 5, bus 0 PCI, hose 1   TPwr 1 Fast 1 Bus ID 7
kzpsa0.7.0.5.1     dkc     TPwr 1 Fast 1 Bus ID 7   P01  A11
dkc100.1.0.5.1     DKc100                   RZ28D  0010
dkc200.2.0.5.1     DKc200                   RZ28D  0010
```

3.8 Note on UNIX installations

When installing DIGITAL UNIX from the graphics console, the screen may scroll past the following instructions to set console environmental variables and to boot the operating system. If you experiance this symptom do the following to continue with the installation:

```
P00>>> set boot_osflags a
P00>>> set bootdef_dev <your boot disk>
P00>>> boot
```

4 Running EISA, RAID, and Other Configuration Utilities

*NOTE:*Relocation of AlphaBIOS to a different sector in flash ROM was implemented in the 5.3 release. Please ensure you have read Chapter 2. Of particular importance is the change for updating the SRM and AlphaBIOS firmware. Failure to have followed the procedure properly will invalid the AlphaBIOS image. This invalid image problem is corrected by excuting the LFU a second time and updating the AlphaBIOS.

To help configure an AlphaServer 1200 system, various utilities may need to be run before booting your operating system. The ECU, RCU, and KZPSA Configuration utilities are examples - these utilities run on top of the AlphaBIOS console since they use ARC-based callbacks based on the Advanced RISC Computing (ARC) Specification developed by Microsoft.

4.1 Setting Up Your System to Run ARC-based Utilities

To invoke one or more of these utilities, you must first bring up the AlphaBIOS console. Do so by entering the ALPHABIOS command at the SRM console prompt or by setting the SRM console's OS_TYPE environment variable (EV) to "NT" and then resetting your machine. If you have a graphics display device installed in your machine, you may wish to set the CONSOLE EV to "GRAPHICS" before invoking AlphaBIOS since it and the associated utilities are graphically oriented. [They do support serial line mode, however. See Section 4.2 for more details.]

4.2 Using a Serial line Interface to Run ARC-based Utilities

These utilities can be run either in graphics or serial mode. The SRM console's CONSOLE environment variable controls which mode AlphaBIOS runs in at the time it is loaded by the SRM console.

To run AlphaBIOS and ARC-based utilities in serial mode, CONSOLE must be set SERIAL and the terminal must be a VT320 or greater with the following settings:

- 8-bit character mode.
- '~' key set to send ESC.

Refer to your user documentation (e.g., *AlphaServer 1200 System Drawer User's Guide*) for details about running utilities such as ECU, RCU, and other ARC-based utilities.

A SAVE_NVRAM and RESTORE_NVRAM

A.1 Save NVRAM data in EEROM/TOY to a floppy file.

Save the system NVRAM data from 8KB EEROM and last 50 TOY RAM bytes onto a write-UN-locked FAT formatted floppy to a file. By default, if no script argument is specified, all NVRAM is saved to file ALLNVRAM.SAV. If the file already exists, then a copy of the original file is made to *.BAK. If that file exists, it is overwritten. Note, attempts to write to a write-locked floppy fail silently.

Syntax

save_nvram {all,arc,srm,toy}

Arguments

group
Specifies the group of NVRAM data to be saved. One of the following:

- all : All of the 8KB EEROM and 50 bytes of TOY RAM are saved in file allnvram.sav. This is the default, if no argument is specified.
- arc : ARC (AlphaBIOS) data in first 6KB of the 8KB EEROM is saved in file arcnvram.sav.
- srm : SRM console data in last 2KB of the 8KB EEROM is saved in file srmnvram.sav.
- toy : TOY console data in the 50 bytes of TOY RAM is saved in file toynvram.sav.

Examples

```
To save all the system NVRAM to an image on floppy:
        >>> save_nvram
        Save all NVRAM data to file fat:allnvram.sav/dva0.0.0.1000.0.
        If file already exists, first copy original to a .bak file.
        Please insert a write-UN-locked, FAT formatted floppy...
        ...and enter "y" and press Return to continue.
        y
        Checking for a FAT formatted floppy...
        ...Found it.
        Checking for existing fat:allnvram.sav/dva0.0.0.1000.0...
        ...Found one.
        Copying fat:allnvram.sav/dva0.0.0.1000.0 to .bak file...
        ...Succeeded.
        Copying all NVRAM to fat:allnvram.sav/dva0.0.0.1000.0...
        ...Succeeded.
        >>>
```

A.2 Restore NVRAM data to EEROM/TOY from a floppy file.

Restore the system NVRAM data to 8KB EEROM and/or last 50 TOY RAM bytes from a floppy containing the NVRAM save file(s). By default, if no script argument is specified, all NVRAM is restored from file ALLNVRAM.SAV.

Syntax

restore_nvram {all,arc,srm,toy}

Arguments

group
Specifies the group of NVRAM data to be restored. One of the following:

- all : All of the 8KB EEROM and 50 bytes of TOY RAM are restored from file allnvram.sav. This is the default, if no argument is specified.
- arc : ARC (AlphaBIOS) data in first 6KB of the 8KB EEROM is restored from file arcnvram.sav.
- srm : SRM console data in last 2KB of the 8KB EEROM is restored from file srmnvram.sav.
- toy : TOY data in last 50 bytes of 64 bytes in TOY RAM is restored from file toynvram.sav.

Examples

```
To restore a previously saved ARC NVRAM image:
          >>>restore_nvram arc
          Restore arc NVRAM data from the file fat:arcnvram.sav/dva0.0.0.1000.0.
          Please insert the floppy containing this file...
          ...and enter "y" and press Return to continue.
          y
          Looking for file fat:arcnvram.sav/dva0.0.0.1000.0...
          ...Found it.
          Restoring system NVRAM data...
          ...Succeeded.
          >>>
```