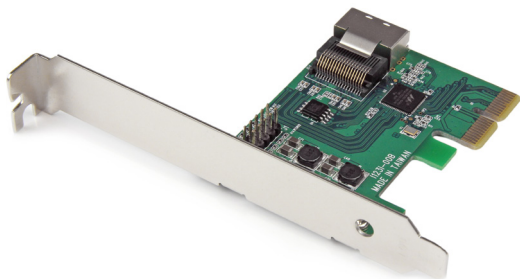


4 Port PCIe 2.0 SATA III 6Gbps RAID Controller

PEXSAT34SFF



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Introduction

The PEXSAT34SFF PCI Express 2.0 SATA Controller Card enables 4 AHCI SATA III connections to be added to a computer through a single internal Mini-SAS (SFF-8087) port.

The Mini-SAS connector with Port Multiplier support allows for multiple SATA drives (up to 7) to be connected using a single cable. When used with our Mini-SAS to 4x SATA breakout cable or Mini-SAS SFF-8087 backplane (accessories not included, SAS drives not supported), you have a complete internal 6Gbps connectivity solution, all from a single card.

Featuring HyperDuo technology, the SATA card offers SSD auto-tiering which lets you balance the performance advantages of SSD storage with the cost-effectiveness and large capacity of standard hard drives. By combining SSD and HDD drives into a single volume (up to 3 SSD + 1 HDD), HyperDuo discreetly works in the background to identify and move frequently accessed files to the faster SSD drive(s) for improved data throughput – up to 80% of SSD performance! (Note: The HyperDuo automatic storage tiering feature is compatible with Windows® XP, Vista, 7 and 8 only)

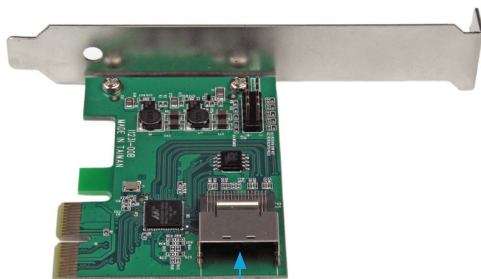
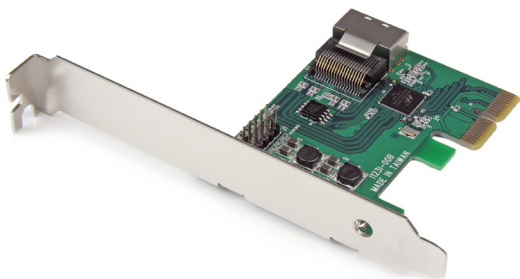
Compliant with SATA revision 3.0, this PCI Express SATA RAID card delivers up to 6Gbps of data bandwidth; ideal for high performance hard drives and solid state drives (SSD). Plus, the controller card offers an effective hardware RAID solution, with native RAID (0, 1, 1+0) support.

Packaging Contents

- 1x PCIe SATA Controller Card
- 1x Low Profile Bracket
- 1x Driver CD
- 1x Instruction Manual

System Requirements

- PCI Express enabled computer with an available PCI Express x2 slot
- Windows® XP (32/64-bit)/ Server 2003(32/64-bit)/ Vista (32/64-bit)/ 7 (32/64-bit)/ Server 2008 R2/ 8 (32/64-bit), or Apple® Mac OS® 10.6/ 10.7/ 10.8, or Linux®



Mini-SAS
SFF-8087
port

Installation

Hardware Installation

WARNING! PCI Express cards, like all computer equipment, can be severely damaged by static electricity. Be sure that you are properly grounded before opening your computer case or touching your PCI Express card. StarTech.com recommends that you wear an anti-static strap when installing any computer component. If an anti-static strap is unavailable, discharge yourself of any static electricity build-up by touching a large grounded metal surface (such as the computer case) for several seconds. Also be careful to handle the PCI Express card by its edges and not the gold connectors.

1. Turn your computer off and any peripherals connected to the computer (i.e. Printers, external hard drives, etc.). Unplug the power cable from the rear of the power supply on the back of the computer and disconnect all peripheral devices.
2. Remove the cover from the computer case. See documentation for your computer system for details.
3. Locate an open PCI Express x2 slot and remove the metal cover plate on the rear of the computer case (Refer to documentation for your computer system for details.).

NOTE: This card will work in PCI Express slots of additional lanes (i.e.x4, x8, or x16 slots).

4. Gently insert the card into the open PCI Express slot and fasten the bracket to the rear of the case.

NOTE: If installing the card into a small form factor/low profile system, replacing the pre-installed full profile bracket with the included low profile installation bracket may be necessary.

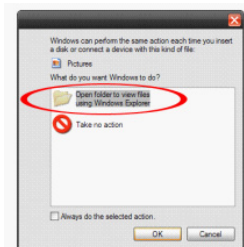
5. Connect a SFF-8087 cable (not included) from the card to your SATA device(s).
6. Place the cover back onto the computer case.
7. Insert the power cable into the socket on the power supply and reconnect all other connectors removed in Step 1.

Driver Installation

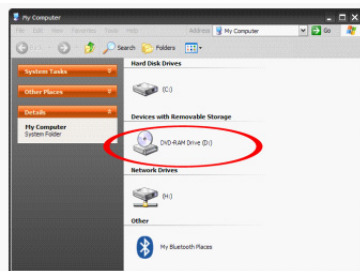
Windows XP

NOTE: The latest driver is available from www.startech.com.

1. Once the computer has started and the operating system is fully loaded, insert the provided Driver CD into the computer's CD/DVD drive.
2. AutoPlay should give you the option to browse the files on the CD or automatically open the CD.



If AutoPlay does not start, go into "My Computer" and access the CD/DVD drive that the CD is in.



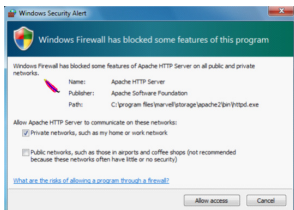
3. Open the folder "SATA6G_M9128". Run the file 'drvSetup.exe'. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the driver installation.

Management Utility Installation (Optional - Windows only)

RAID and/or HyperDuo configuration can be accomplished either through the integrated card-BIOS utility, or through the Marvell Storage Utility (MSU). Details for installing the MSU are below.

To install the Marvell Storage Utility (MSU) in Windows:

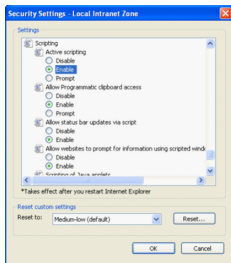
1. Run the MSUSetup.exe, selecting Next and accepting the license agreement when prompted – the default installation options are recommended.
2. After installing the Apache2 HTTP Server (which is a built-in component of the installation package), the installation may trigger a Windows Security Alert on some versions of Windows, please allow access.



3. Before opening the MSU, verify that Active Scripting or JavaScript is enabled in the browser.

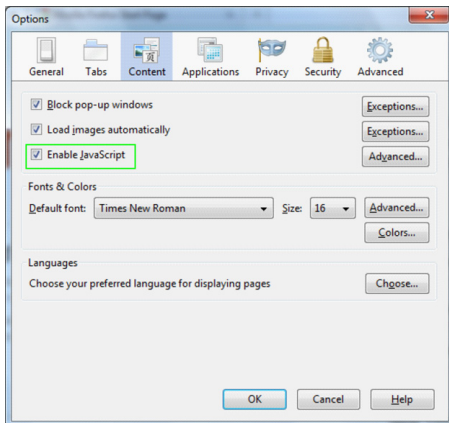
a. Internet Explorer

- i. From the menu bar, select Tools > Internet Options.
- ii. Select the “Security” tab, then “Local Intranet”, then “Custom level”.
- iii. In the list of settings, scroll down to Scripting > Active scripting.
- iv. Select “Enable”, then click “OK” to confirm the selection.



b. Firefox

- i. From the menu bar, select Tools > Options
- ii. Select the “Content” tab and ensure that the “Enable Javascript” option is checked (should be by default) – if it is not, select it and click “OK”



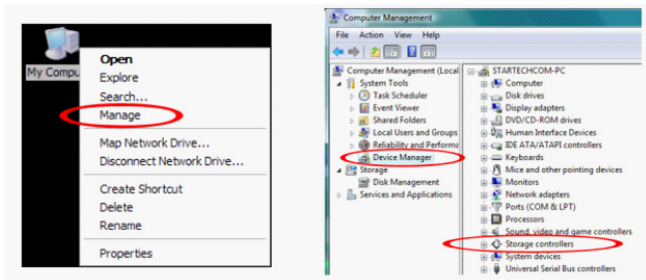
Windows Vista/ 7 / 8

The driver is natively supported by newer Operating Systems. The driver should automatically install through Windows Update.

Verifying Installation

Windows

From the main desktop, right-click on “My Computer” (“Computer” in Vista/7/8), then select Manage. In the new Computer Management window, select Device Manager from the left window panel.



Under the “SCSI and RAID Controllers” category (“Storage Controllers” in Vista or later), should be a “Marvell 92xx” device. Right-click on the device and select “Properties” to make sure it is installed and working correctly.

For Windows 7 and 8, if using the native drivers, the card will instead be listed under the “IDE ATA/ATAPI Controller” category as a “Standard AHCI” device.

Operation

RAID Configuration

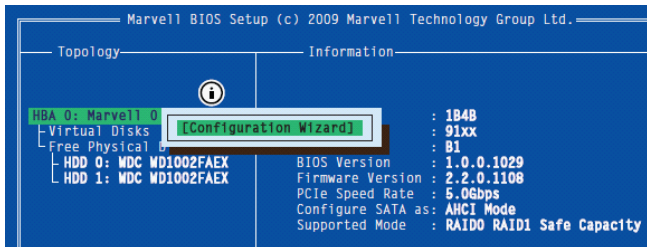
Card BIOS Method

WARNING! Creating a RAID virtual disk destroys all data on the physical disks included in the virtual disk set. Make sure to back up all data before continuing.

1. When prompted on startup, press **Ctrl+M** to enter the card BIOS utility

Press <Ctrl>+<M> to enter BIOS Setup or <Space> to continue_

2. Using the arrow keys to navigate, move to "HBA0: Marvell 0" and press **Enter** to select
3. Press **Enter** again to open the Configuration Wizard

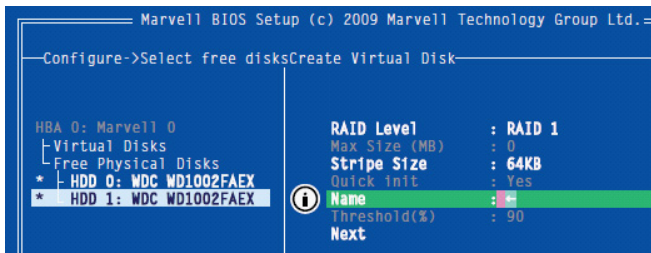


4. Use the arrow keys to scroll through the list of free physical disks to select the drives that will be part of the RAID set. Press Space to select/de-select a disk.

NOTE: When a disk is selected, an asterisk (*) appears to the left of the disk label.

5. After selecting the required disks, press Enter to continue.

6. The “Create Virtual Disk” configuration options appear in the “Information” pane (right-side), here you are able to select the RAID level and other configuration options:
- Select 2 HDDs for RAID 0 or RAID 1
 - Select 3 HDDs for RAID 0
 - Select 4 HDDs for RAID 0 or RAID 10

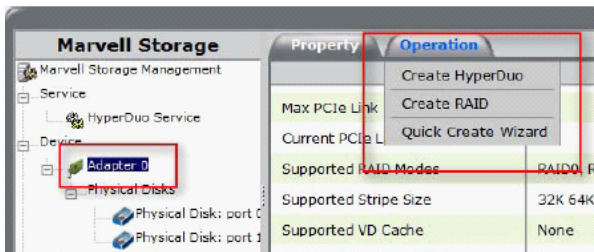


7. After configuring the virtual disk, highlight “Next” and press Enter. Press Y to confirm the creation of the virtual disk. It will now be listed in the Topology Pane (left).

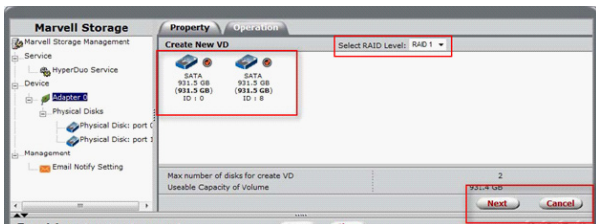
Administration Console Method

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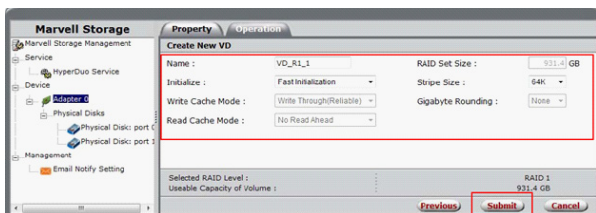
- From the left pane of main screen of the Marvell Storage Utility (MSU), select the adapter and hover the mouse over the “Operation” tab.
- Select “Create RAID”



3. From the "Create new VD" screen that appears, click the "Select RAID Level" drop-down to choose the appropriate RAID type
4. This will enable you to place a checkbox beside the disks that you would like to use as part of the RAID set. Once you have selected, click "Next" to confirm your selection.



5. You will now be presented with configuration options for your RAID set. Choose the appropriate options and select "Submit" to confirm your changes. Your virtual disk will then be visible in the left pane – the same properties can be accessed later by selecting your virtual disk from the left pane.



HyperDuo Configuration

HyperDuo offers the following two modes that you can configure using either of the procedures outlined in the following sections:

- Safe mode creates a virtual disk that is optimized for best fault tolerance – the frequently accessed files copied to the SSD for performance are also stored on the HDD. It is safe to use with hard drives that contain existing data. Virtual disks created in safe mode can also be partially rebuilt if the SSD fails, but not if the HDD fails.
- Capacity mode creates a virtual disk that is optimized for maximum utilization of the SSD – the frequently accessed files are moved to the SSD (not copied). Virtual disks created in capacity mode have better read and write performance than those created in safe mode. However, they cannot be rebuilt.

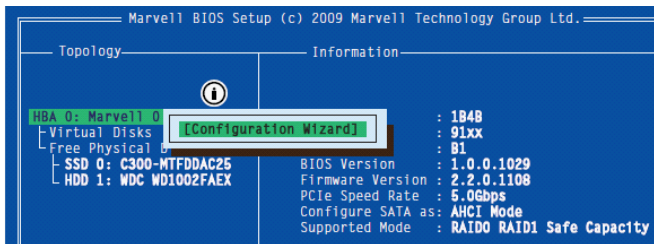
WARNING! Capacity mode is a data-destructive process. Please back up all data before using capacity mode.

Card BIOS Method

1. When prompted on startup, press Ctrl+M to enter the card BIOS utility

Press <Ctrl>+<M> to enter BIOS Setup or <Space> to continue_

2. Using the arrow keys to navigate, move to "HBA0: Marvell 0" and press **Enter** to select
3. Press **Enter** again to open the Configuration Wizard



4. Use the arrow keys to scroll through the list of free physical disks to select the drives that will be part of the HyperDuo set. Press Space to select/de-select a disk.

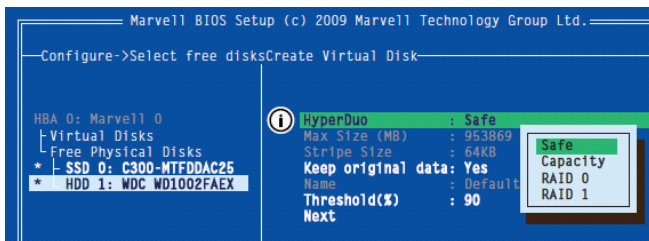
NOTE: When a disk is selected, an asterisk (*) appears to the left of the disk label.

5. After selecting the required disks, press Enter to continue.
6. The "Create Virtual Disk" configuration options appear in the "Information" pane (right-side), here you are able to select HyperDuo or RAID options

NOTE: The default HyperDuo mode is Safe mode.

7. Highlight “Keep original data” and press Enter to select. Select Yes or No and press Enter.

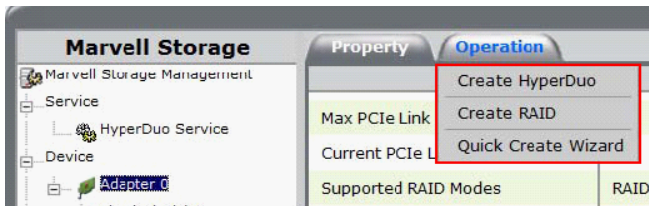
WARNING! Selecting “No” will destroy all data on the disks included in the virtual disk set. Make sure to back up all data before continuing. The “Keep original data” option is disabled when you choose Capacity mode, as it is inherently data-destructive.



8. After configuring the virtual disk, highlight “Next” and press Enter. Press Y to confirm the creation of the virtual disk. It will now be listed in the Topology Pane (left).

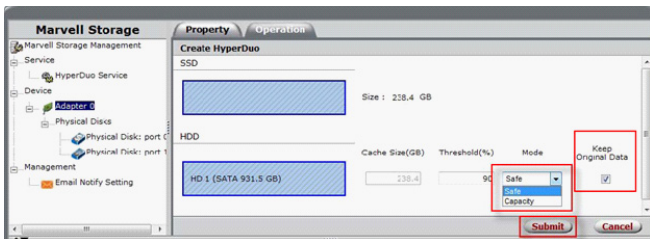
Administration Console Method

1. From the left pane of main screen of the Marvell Storage Utility (MSU), select the adapter and hover the mouse over the “Operation” tab.
2. Select “Create HyperDuo”

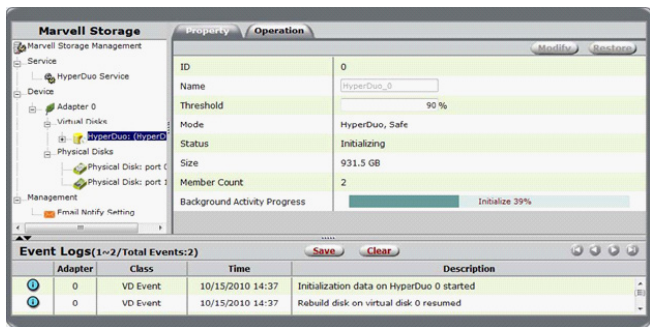


3. Select either Safe mode or Capacity mode from the drop-down in the right pane. Click the “Submit” button once you have selected the appropriate options for your operation.

NOTE: If Safe mode is selected, you will have the option to select the checkbox marked “Keep Original Data” – this option is NOT available in Capacity mode, as it is inherently data-destructive.

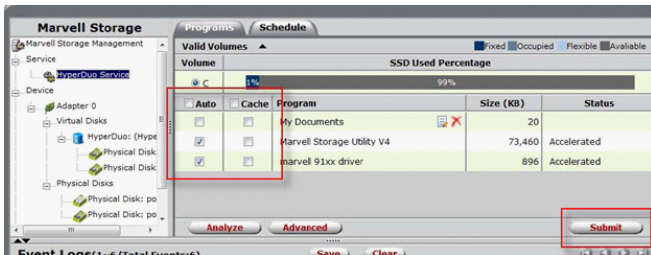


The newly created HyperDuo drive will then appear in the left pane and begin initializing. This can take up to 30 minutes to complete, and system performance may be slow during this period.

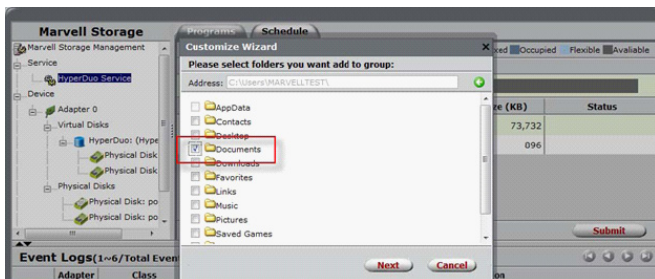


HyperDuo Management (Windows only)

1. From the left pane of the MSU, select "HyperDuo Service"
2. The right pane will then display available programs and folder that you can customize to one of the following optimization modes:
 - a. Check Auto to have the MSU manage the optimization of a folder or program automatically.
 - b. Check Cache to manually select a folder or program for optimization.
 - c. Check neither to specify that a folder or program should never be optimized.



3. Select Submit to apply your changes, then select "OK" on the pop-up that follows.
4. If the folder you would like to optimize is not available, select "Advanced" from the "HyperDuo Service" pane.
5. The "Customize Wizard" will pop-up and allow you to select the desired folders.



Specifications

Host Interface	PCI Express 2.0 SATA Revision 3.0
Form Factor	Full/Low Profile
Chipset ID	Marvell 9230
Internal Connectors	1x Mini-SAS (SFF-8087) receptacle*
Maximum Transfer Rate	SATA: 6Gbps
RAID Support	RAID 0, 1, 1+0
Port Multiplier	Yes**
Operating Temperature	5°C ~ 50°C (41°F ~ 122°F)
Storage Temperature	-25°C ~ 70°C (-13°F ~ 158°F)
Humidity	20% ~ 80% RH
Dimensions (LxWxH)	80mm x 120mm x 20mm
Weight	40g
Compatible Operating Systems	Windows XP(32/64-bit)/ Server 2003(32/64-bit)/ Vista(32/64-bit)/ 7(32/64-bit)/ Server 2008 R2/ 8(32/64- bit), Mac OS 10.6/ 10.7/ 10.8, Linux

*Not compatible with SAS drives, only SATA drives are supported.

**Port Multiplier is not supported in Mac OS

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