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About This Document

This book describes procedures, concepts, and principles for using the management processor (GSP or MP) on HP servers that support nPartitions.

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Intended Audience

This document is for customers using the management processor (MP) on the HP servers that support nPartitions, including the following servers: rp7400, rp7420, rx7620, rp8400, rp8420, rx8620, and HP Superdome server.

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Notational Conventions

The following notational conventions are used in this publication.

WARNING

A warning lists requirements that you must meet to avoid personal injury.

CAUTION

A caution provides information required to avoid losing data or avoid losing system functionality.

NOTE

A note highlights useful information such as restrictions, recommendations, or important details about HP product features.

- Commands and options are represented using this font.
- Text that you type exactly as shown is represented using this font.
- Text to be replaced with text that you supply is represented using this font.

Example:

"Enter the ls -l filename command" means you must replace filename with your own text.

• Keyboard keys and graphical interface items (such as buttons, tabs, and menu items) are represented using this font.

Examples:

The Control key, the OK button, the General tab, the Options menu.

Menu —> Submenu represents a menu selection you can perform.

Example:

"Select the Partition —> Create Partition action" means you must select the Create Partition menu item from the Partition menu.

• Example screen output is represented using this font.

Notational Conventions

1 Overview of the Service Processor

This chapter provides an introduction to the service processor on HP cell-based servers.

Introduction to Service Processor Interfaces

The service processor (MP or GSP) utility hardware is an independent support system for nPartition servers. It provides a way for you to connect to a server complex and perform administration or monitoring tasks for the server hardware and its nPartitions.

The main features of the service processor include:

- Command Menu
- nPartition Consoles
- Console Logs
- Chassis Code Viewer (on HP 9000 servers with HP PA-8700 processors) or Event Log Viewer (on servers based on the HP sx1000 chipset)
- Virtual Front Panels (live displays of nPartition and cell states)

These features are described in more detail in *Service Processor (MP or GSP) Features* on page 18.

The service processor is available when its cabinet has standby power, even if the main (48-volt) cabinet power switch is turned off.

Access to the service processor is restricted by user accounts. Each user account is password protected and provides a specific level of access to the server complex and service processor commands.

Multiple users can independently interact with the service processor because each service processor login session is private. However, some output is mirrored: the Command menu and each nPartition console permit one interactive user at a time and mirror output to all users accessing those features. Likewise, the service processor mirrors live chassis codes to all users accessing the Live Chassis Logs feature (or the Live Events feature).

Up to 32 users can simultaneously login to the service processor through its network (customer LAN) interface and they can independently manage nPartitions or view the server complex hardware states.

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Introduction to Service Processor Interfaces

Two additional service processor login sessions can be supported by the local and remote serial ports. These allow for serial port terminal access (through the local RS-232 port) and external modem access (through the remote RS-232 port).

In general, the service processor (MP or GSP) on nPartition servers is similar to the service processor on other HP servers, while providing enhanced features necessary for managing a multiple-nPartition server.

For example, the service processor manages the complex profile, which defines nPartition configurations as well as complex-wide settings for the server.

The service processor also controls power, reset, and TOC capabilities, displays and records system events (or chassis codes), and can display detailed information about the various internal subsystems.

Service Processor (MP or GSP) Features

The following list describes the primary features available through the service processor on nPartition-capable HP servers.

Command Menu

The Command menu provides commands for system service, status, and access configuration tasks.

To enter the Command menu, enter CM at the service processor Main menu. To exit the service processor Command menu, enter MA or type ^b (Control-b) to return to the service processor Main menu.

See *MP Commands* on page 43 for details.

Service processor commands are restricted based on the three levels of access: Administrator, Operator, and Single Partition User. See *Service Processor Accounts and Access Levels* on page 21 for details.

Consoles

Each nPartition in a server complex has its own console.

Enter **CO** at the service processor Main menu to access the nPartition consoles. To exit the console, type **b** (**Control-b**).

See *nPartition Console Features* on page 31 for details.

Console output for each nPartition is reflected to all users currently accessing the nPartition console.

One console user can have interactive access to each nPartition console, and all other users of the console have read-only access. To gain write access for a console, type **^e cf** (**Control-e c f**).

Each nPartition console provides access to:

- The nPartition system boot environment: either BCH or EFI.
 - The BCH or EFI system boot environment is available when the nPartition is active but has not yet loaded or booted an operating system.
 - The Boot Console Handler (BCH) environment is provided on HP 9000 servers only (PA-RISC servers).

- The Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) is provided on HP Integrity servers only (Intel® Itanium®-based servers).
- HP-UX console for the nPartition.

The nPartition console provides console login access to HP-UX and serves as /dev/console for the nPartition.

Console Logs

Enter **CL** from the service processor Main menu to access the console logs menu. To exit the console log, type **b** (**Control-b**).

Each nPartition has its own console log, which stores a history of console output for the nPartition, including boot output, system boot environment (BCH or EFI) activity, and any HP-UX console login activity.

See Viewing Console Logs on page 37 for details.

The console log provides a limited history; it is a circular log file that overwrites the oldest information with the most recent.

All console activity is recorded in the console log, regardless of whether any service processor users are connected to the console.

Chassis Logs and Event Logs

On both HP 9000 systems and HP Integrity systems, you can view real-time (live) system events and can view prior events that have been stored in a log history. Use the SL ("show logs") option from the service processor Main Menu to view events/chassis codes.

- On nPartition-capable HP 9000 servers with HP PA-8700 processors, SL provides the Chassis Log Viewer. The chassis log viewer includes options for viewing: activity (level 1 and greater) logs, error (level 2 and greater) logs, and live logs (which optionally may be filtered by cell, nPartition, or alert level).
- On nPartition-capable servers based on the HP sx1000 chipset, SL provides the Event Log Viewer. The event log viewer includes options for viewing: forward progress (level 1 and greater) logs, system event (level 2 and greater) logs, and live logs (which optionally may be filtered by cell, nPartition, or alert level).

See Viewing Chassis Codes or Event Logs on page 38 for details.

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Service Processor (MP or GSP) Features

Virtual Front Panel (VFP) for an nPartition

The Virtual Front Panel (VFP) for each nPartition displays real-time boot activity and details about all cells assigned to the nPartition. The VFP display automatically updates as cell and nPartition status changes. A system-wide VFP also is provided.

Enter **VFP** at the Main menu to access the View Front Panel menu. To exit a Virtual Front Panel, type **b** (**Control-b**).

See Virtual Front Panel (VFP) nPartition Views on page 41 for details.

Service Processor Accounts and Access Levels

To access the service processor interface for a server complex, you must have a user account that enables you to login to the service processor.

Each server complex has its own set of service processor user accounts, which are defined for the server complex and may differ from accounts on other complexes.

Service processor user accounts have a specific login name, password, and access level.

The three user account access levels are:

Administrator Account

Provides access to all commands, and access to all nPartition consoles and Virtual Front Panels.

Can manage user accounts (using the Command menu SO command) and can reconfigure various service processor settings.

Operator Account

Provides access to a subset of commands, and access to all nPartition consoles and Virtual Front Panels.

Single Partition User Account

Provides access to a restricted subset of commands and provides access to the nPartition console for a single nPartition. However, allows the user to view the Virtual Front Panel for any nPartition.

Can only execute commands that affect the assigned nPartition.

Cannot execute commands that could potentially affect multiple nPartitions or affect the service processor configuration.

Each user account can either permit repeated login sessions (if it is a "multiple use" account), or restrict the account to only login once (for "single use" accounts).

Chapter 1 Overview of the Service Processor Service Processor Accounts and Access Levels

2 Using the Service Processor

Accessing and Using the Service Processor

This section describes how to login to the service processor (MP or GSP) for an nPartition server complex.

You can connect to the service processor for a server complex by using the following methods:

- Connecting through the customer LAN port by using telnet, if login access through the customer LAN is enabled for the service processor.
 - On HP Superdome servers, the customer LAN hardware is labeled "Customer LAN". On HP rp8400 servers it is "GSP LAN". On HP rp7405/rp7410 servers it is the only LAN port on the core I/O.
 - Use telnet to open a connection with the service processor, then login by entering the account name and corresponding password.
- Connecting through the local RS-232 port using a direct serial cable connection.
 - On HP Superdome server hardware, the local RS-232 port is labeled "Local RS-232". On HP rp8400 servers it is the "Local Console" port. On HP rp7405/rp7410 servers it is the 9-pin D-shaped connector (DB9) labeled "Console".
- Connecting through the remote RS-232 port using external model (dial-up) access, if remote modem access is configured.
 - On HP Superdome server hardware, the remote RS-232 port is labeled "Remote RS-232". On HP rp8400 servers it is the "Remote Console" port. On HP rp7405/rp7410 servers it is the DB9 connector labeled "Remote".

Example 2-1 Overview of a Service Processor Login Session

The following output shows a sample login session for a server whose service processor hostname is "hpsys-s".

Management Processor

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MP MAIN MENU:

CO: Consoles

VFP: Virtual Front Panel

CM: Command Menu CL: Console Logs

SL: Show chassis Logs

HE: Help

X: Exit Connection

MP>

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Accessing and Using the Service Processor

Logging in to a Service Processor

This procedure connects to and logs in to the service processor (MP or GSP) for a server complex by using telnet to access the customer LAN.

If connecting through the local RS-232 port, skip Step 1 (instead establish a direct-cable connection) and begin with Step 2.

Step 1. Use the telnet command on a remote system to connect to the service processor for the server complex.

You can connect directly from the command line, for example:

telnet sdome-g

or run telnet first, and then issue the open command (for example, open sdome-g) at the telnet> prompt.

All telnet commands and escape options are supported while you are connected to the service processor.

Step 2. Login using your service processor user account name and password.

GSP login: *Username*GSP password: *Password*

Step 3. Use the service processor menus and commands as needed and log out when done.

To log out, select the Exit Connection menu item from the Main menu (enter **x** at the GSP> prompt or MP> prompt).

You also can terminate a login session by issuing the telnet escape key sequence ^] (type: Control-right bracket) and entering close at the telnet> prompt.

NOTE

If possible, you should log out of any consoles and menus before terminating your telnet session.

If accessing an OS on an nPartition, log out of the OS before exiting the console and service processor sessions. (Otherwise an open OS login session will remain available to any other service processor users.)

Using Service Processor Menus

The service processor (MP or GSP) has a set of menus that give you access to various commands, consoles, log files, and other features.

See *Navigating through Service Processor Menus* on page 29 for details on using these menus.

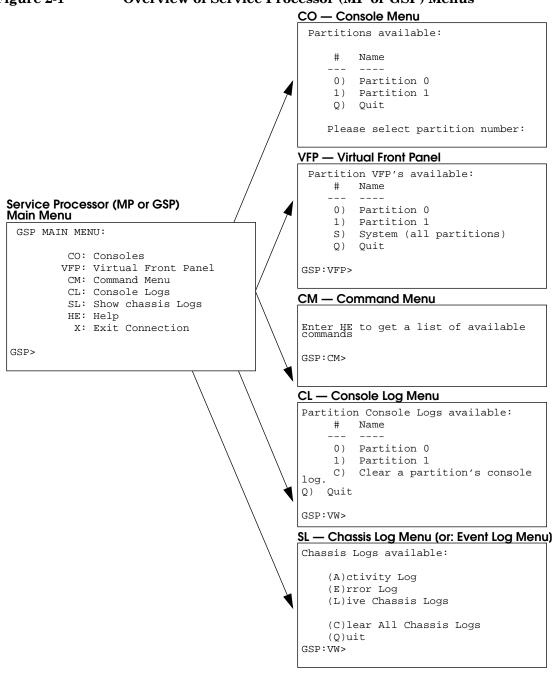
The following menus are available from the service processor Main menu (which is the menu you first access when logging in):

- Console Menu—Provides access to nPartition consoles for the server.
- Virtual Front Panel Menu—Provides a Virtual Front Panel for each nPartition (or for the entire server complex).
- Command Menu—Includes service, status, system access, and other commands.
- Console Log Viewer Menu—Allows access to the console logs for nPartitions.
- Chassis Log Viewer Menu or Event Log Viewer Menu—Allows access
 to the server chassis code logs (on HP 9000 servers with HP PA-8700
 processors) or event logs (on servers based on the HP sx1000
 chipset). Chassis logs and event logs are functionally equivalent:
 they record system activities. However, event logs are more
 descriptive.
- Help Menu—Provides online help on a variety of service processor topics and on all service processor Command menu commands.

These menus provide a central point for managing an nPartition server complex outside of an operating system.

The service processor menus provide many tools and details not available elsewhere. More administration features also are available from the nPartition system boot environments (BCH or EFI), the nPartition tools, and various operating system commands.

Figure 2-1 Overview of Service Processor (MP or GSP) Menus



Navigating through Service Processor Menus

Figure 2-2 on page 30 shows the commands and options for returning to the service processor Main menu and for ending a service processor login session.

The following list also includes tips for navigating through service processor menus and using various menu features:

• Control-b

Exit current console, console log, chassis log, or Virtual Front Panel.

When accessing the Command menu, an nPartition console, any log files, or any Virtual Front Panel (VFP), you can exit and return to the Main menu by typing **^b** (Control-b).

• Q (or lower-case q)

Exit or cancel current menu prompt.

Enter Q (or lower-case q) as response to any menu prompt to exit the prompt and return to the previous sub-menu.

You can do this throughout the service processor menus, including the console menus, various command menu prompts, and the log and VFP menus.

Note that, from the Command menu prompt (GSP:CM> or MP:CM>) you must enter \mathbf{MA} (not \mathbf{Q}) to return to the Main menu. However, you can enter \mathbf{Q} or \mathbf{q} to cancel any command.

Control-]

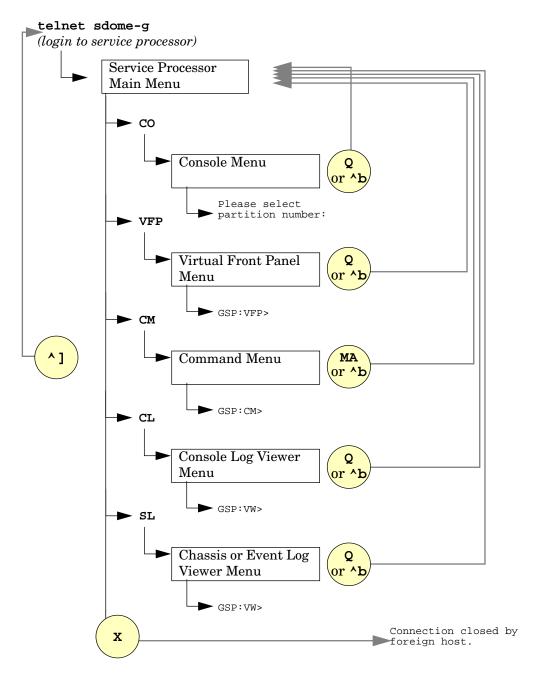
Escape the service processor connection and return to the telnet prompt.

At any time during your telnet connection to a service processor, you can type the ^] (Control-right bracket) escape sequence.

This key sequence escapes back to the telnet prompt. When at the telnet> prompt you can use the following commands, among others: ? (print telnet command help information), close (close the current connection), and quit (exit telnet).

To return to the service processor connection, type enter (or return) one or more times.

Figure 2-2 Navigating through Service Processor (MP or GSP) Menus



nPartition Console Features

The service processor Console menu provides access to all nPartition consoles within the server complex.

Enter **CO** from the service processor Main menu to access an nPartition console. To exit the nPartition console, type **b** (**Control-b**) to return to the Main menu.

Each nPartition in a complex has a single console. However, multiple connections to the console are supported, allowing multiple users to simultaneously view the console output. Only one connection per console permits write-access.

To force (gain) console write access for an nPartition console, type ^ecf (Control-e c f).

Each nPartition console can display a variety of information about the nPartition, including:

- Partition startup, shutdown, and reset output.
- The system boot environment: either Boot Console Handler (BCH, on HP 9000 servers) or Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI, on HP Integrity servers).

The system boot environment is available when the nPartition has not yet booted an operating system and has completed Power-On Self Tests (POST) and completed nPartition rendezvous to become active.

• The HP-UX login prompt and "console shell access".

CAUTION

When you use an nPartition console connection to login to an operating system running on the nPartition, logout from the operating system when you have finished using it before you type **^B** (**Control-b**) to disconnect from the nPartition console.

If you fail to logout from the operating system console session, then any other service processor user who has permission to access the nPartition could connect to the nPartition console and use the open login session.

Disconnecting from an nPartition console does not close any open operating system login sessions.

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nPartition Console Access versus Direct OS Login

nPartition Console Access versus Direct OS Login

You may need to consider the following factors when deciding whether to interact with an nPartition through the service processor console interface or a direct operating system (OS) login session.

- Whether you want to log your activity to the console log for the nPartition (all console activity is stored at least temporarily).
- Whether the OS is installed, booted, and properly configured on the nPartition.

If the OS is not installed on an nPartition, you should access the nPartition console (through the service processor) in order to install and configure the OS.

You should use the network to login to the OS running on an nPartition when you do not need to use service processor features and do not want to record a log of your activity.

Before an OS has booted, the service processor nPartition consoles are the primary method of interacting with an nPartition.

After an nPartition has booted the OS, you should be able to connect to and login to the nPartition by using telnet or rlogin or ssh to remotely login to HP-UX or Linux, or by using remote desktop for a remote Windows session.

Network Configuration for a Service Processor

This section describes how to list and configure the network settings for service processor (MP or GSP) hardware. These settings are used for connections to the service processor and are not used for HP-UX networking.

Details on configuring service processor networking are given in the procedure *Configuring Service Processor Network Settings* on page 35.

The service processor utility hardware on HP Superdome servers has two network connections: the customer LAN and private LAN.

The service processor on other (non-Superdome) nPartition-capable servers does not have a private LAN; only a customer LAN connection is provided.

Features of service processor LANs are given in the following list.

Customer LAN for Service Processor

The customer LAN is the connection for login access to the service processor menus, consoles, commands, and other features.

All HP nPartition servers have a customer LAN.

On HP Superdome servers, the customer LAN port is labeled "Customer LAN". On HP rp8400 servers it is "GSP LAN". On HP rp7405/rp7410 servers it is the only LAN connection on each core I/O board.

Private LAN for Service Processor (Superdome Only)

The private LAN is the connection to the Superdome service support processor (SSP) workstation, also called the service management station (SMS).

Only Superdome servers have a private LAN. It typically is not used on the Superdome server models based on the HP sx1000 chipset.

To configure service processor network settings, you can use the LC command from the Command menu.

To list the current service processor network configuration use the LS command.

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Network Configuration for a Service Processor

The following examples show service processor LAN status for various HP nPartition servers.

Service Processor LAN Status: HP rp7405/rp7410, HP rp8400, HP rx7620, HP rx8620

```
MP:CM> LS

Current configuration of MP customer LAN interface

MAC address : 00:30:6e:05:19:ac

IP address : 15.99.84.140 (0x0f63548c)

Hostname : redxii-c

Subnet mask : 255.255.255.0 (0xffffff00)

Gateway : 15.99.84.254 (0x0f6354fe)

Status : UP and RUNNING

AutoNegotiate : Enabled

Data Rate : 100 Mb/s

Duplex : Half

Error Count : 0

Last Error : none

MP:CM>
```

HP Superdome Service Processor LAN Status

```
Current configuration of GSP customer LAN interface

MAC address: 00:10:83:27:04:5a

IP address: 15.99.49.129  0x0f633181

Name : feshd5-u

Subnet mask: 255.255.248.0  0xfffff800

Gateway : 15.99.49.254  0x0f6331fe

Status : UP and RUNNING

Current configuration of GSP private LAN interface

MAC address: 00:a0:f0:00:83:b1

IP address: 192.168.2.15  0xc0a8020f

Name : priv-05

Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0  0xffffff00

Gateway : 192.168.2.100  0xc0a80264

Status : UP and RUNNING

GSP:CM>
```

Default Service Processor Network Settings

Table 2-1 and Table 2-2 list the default customer LAN and private LAN network settings for nPartition servers. Only Superdome servers have a private LAN.

Table 2-1 Default Configuration for Service Processor
Customer LAN
(All nPartition Servers)

Customer LAN IP Address	192.168.1.1
Customer LAN Host Name	gsp0

Table 2-1 Default Configuration for Service Processor
Customer LAN
(All nPartition Servers) (Continued)

Customer LAN Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Customer LAN Gateway	192.168.1.1

Table 2-2 Default Configuration for Service Processor Private LAN (HP Superdome Servers Only)

Private LAN IP Address	192.168.2.10
Private LAN Host Name	priv-00
Private LAN Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Private LAN Gateway	192.168.2.10

Configuring Service Processor Network Settings

This procedure (Command menu, LC command) configures the service processor customer LAN and private LAN network settings from the service processor Command menu.

Step 1. Connect to the service processor for the complex, login as an administrator, and enter **CM** to access the Command menu.

If a service processor is at its default configuration (including default network settings), you can connect to it using either of these methods:

- Establish a direct serial cable connection through the service processor local RS-232 port, a 9-pin D-shaped connector (DB9).
 - On HP Superdome servers this port is labeled "Local RS-232". On HP rp8400 servers it is the "Local Console" port. On HP rp7405/rp7410 servers use the DB9 connector that is labeled "Console".
- Access a PC or workstation on the same subnet as the service processor, modify its network routing tables to include the default customer LAN IP address, then telnet to the service processor. The procedure to modify networking and connect is:

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Network Configuration for a Service Processor

- 1. Access a PC or workstation on the same subnet as the service processor.
- Modify the network routing tables for the PC or workstation by using the route add 192.168.1.1 ClientName command, where ClientName is the network name of the PC or workstation.

From a PC command prompt: route add 192.168.1.1 *ClientName* On an HP-UX workstation login as root and use this command:

/usr/sbin/route add 192.168.1.1 ClientName

After you reconfigure the service processor network settings, you can remove these network routing table changes with the route delete... command.

- 3. Enter this command to confirm the new network connection to the service processor: ping 198.168.1.1 -n 2
- 4. Use the **telnet 192.168.1.1** command from the PC or workstation to connect to the service processor.
- **Step 2.** From the service processor Command menu, enter LS to list the current network settings, and if needed use the LC command to reconfigure the network settings for the service processor.

You must be logged in as an administrator to use the LC command.

The LC command enables you to modify the customer LAN and/or the private LAN configuration.

You can cancel all changes to the service processor LAN configuration at any time by replying Q to any of the LC command prompts.

Viewing Console Logs

Each nPartition in a server complex has its own console log that stores a record of the most recent nPartition console activity.

To access the console log for an nPartition, enter **CL** from the service processor Main menu and select which nPartition console log you want to view. To exit the console log viewer, type **^b** (**Control-b**) to return to the Main menu.

When viewing an nPartition console log, type P to view the previous page of the console log, or type N (or **Enter**) to view the next page.

When you enter a console log viewer it displays the oldest data in the log first and allows you to page through the log to view the more recently recorded activity.

Each console log is a circular log file that records approximately 30 to 40 pages of data. All nPartition console activity is written to this log file, regardless of whether a user is connected to the nPartition console.

As a console log is written the oldest data in the log is overwritten by current data, as needed, so that the last 30 to 40 pages of console output always is available from the console log viewer.

Viewing Chassis Codes or Event Logs

The event log and chassis code viewers enables you to view chassis codes or event logs that are emitted throughout the entire server complex.

NOTE

On HP 9000 servers with HP PA-8700 processors, the equivalent of event logs is chassis codes.

To enter the event log viewer enter **SL** at the service processor Main menu. To exit the viewer type **b** (**Control-b**) to return to the Main menu.

Event logs are data that communicate information about system events from the source of the event to other parts of the server complex. Event log data indicates what event has occurred, when and where it happened, and its severity (the alert level).

All event logs pass from the event source through the service processor. The service processor takes any appropriate action and then reflects the event logs to all running nPartitions. If an nPartition is running event monitoring software, it may also take action based on the event logs (for example, sending notification e-mail).

System administrators, of course, may have interest in viewing various event logs—especially event logs that indicate failures or errors.

Hardware, software, and firmware events may emit event logs as a result of a failure or error, a major change in system state, or basic forward progress. For example: a fan failure, an HPMC, the start of a boot process, hardware power on or off, and test completion all result in event logs being emitted.

NOTE

The front panel attention LED for each nPartition server cabinet is automatically turned on when one or more event logs of alert level 2 or higher have not yet been viewed by the administrator. When this attention LED is on, entering the chassis log viewer turns the LED off.

You can remotely check the on/off status of this attention LED by using the PS command, G option, from the service processor Command menu.

On nPartition servers, event logs are recorded in the server complex activity log (for events of alert level 0 or alert level 1) or the error log (for events alert level 2 or higher).

GSP> SL

Chassis Logs available:

- (A)ctivity Log
- (E)rror Log
- (L)ive Chassis Logs
- (C)lear All Chassis Logs
- (Q)uit

GSP:VW> L

Entering Live Log display

A)lert filter C)ell filter P)artition filter U)nfiltered V)iew format selection ^B to Ouit

Current filter: ALERTS only

Log Viewing Options: Activity, Error, and Live Chassis Logs

When you enter the chassis log viewer by entering **SL** at the service processor (MP or GSP) Main menu, you can select from these viewers:

Activity Log Viewer

Allows you to browse recorded event logs of alert level 0 or 1.

Error Log Viewer

Allows you to browse recorded event logs of alert level 2 or higher.

Live Chassis Logs Viewer

Displays event logs in real time as they are emitted.

By default, the live event log viewer has the Alert filter enabled, which causes it to display only the events of alert level 3 or higher.

To view all event logs in real-time, type **u** for the Unfiltered option.

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You also can filter the live codes by cell (C) or nPartition (P). Cell filter: only display event logs emitted by a specific cell in the server complex. Partition filter: only display event logs emitted by hardware assigned to a specific nPartition.

When viewing event log logs, type V to change the display format. The viewers can show event logs in text format (T), keyword format (R), or raw hex format (R).

Virtual Front Panel (VFP) nPartition Views

The Virtual Front Panel (VFP) provides ways to monitor the boot or run status of each cell in an nPartition and of the nPartition itself. The VFP provides the sort of information typically displayed on the LCD of a non-partitionable server.

The VFP presents a real-time display of activity on the selected nPartition(s) and it automatically updates when cell and nPartition status change.

To access the VFP feature, enter **VFP** from the service processor Main menu. To exit the VFP, type **b** (**Control-b**) to return to the Main menu.

When you access a Virtual Front Panel, you can either select the nPartition whose VFP you want to view or select the system VFP to view summary information for all nPartitions in the server complex.

```
E indicates error since last boot
     Partition 0 state
                                  Activity
     Cell(s) Booting: 710 Logs
   Cell state
                                  Activity
    -----
 0 Early CPU selftest
1 Early CPU selftest
  0 Early CPU selftest
                                   Cell firmware test
                                                                      232 Logs
                                  Processor test
                                                                      230 Logs
  2 Memory discovery
                                  Physical memory test
                                                                      242 Logs
```

GSP:VFP (^B to Quit) >

Chapter 2 Using the Service Processor Virtual Front Panel (VFP) nPartition Views

A MP Commands

Command Reference: Service Processor (MP or GSP) Commands

Table A-1 lists the commands available from the service processor command menu (the MP:CM> or GSP:CM> prompt).

The following categories of commands are available:

- Service Commands Service Processor (MP or GSP) on page 44.
- Status Commands Service Processor (MP or GSP) on page 45.
- System and Access Configuration Commands Service Processor (MP or GSP) on page 45.

Some commands are restricted to users with Operator or Administrator authority. Also note that the available set of commands may differ depending on the utility revision level and server hardware model.

For details on these commands, use the help (HE: Help) feature at the service processor Main Menu. Enter the command name at the MP:HELP or GSP:HELP prompt for syntax, restrictions, and other information.

Table A-1 Service Processor (MP or GSP) Command Reference

Command	Description			
Service Commands — Service Processor (MP or GSP)				
Commands for general server complex administration and nPartition management.				
во	Boot an nPartition past Boot is Blocked (BIB).			
DF	Display FRU information of an entity.			
MA	Return to the Main menu.			
MR	Modem reset.			
PCIOLAD	Activate/deactivate a PCI card.			
PE	Power entities on or off.			
RE	Reset entity.			

Table A-1 Service Processor (MP or GSP) Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description			
RR	Reset an nPartition for reconfiguration; the nPartition remain inactive, in the shutdown for reconfig state.			
RS	Reset an nPartition.			
TC	Send a TOC signal to an nPartition.			
TE	Broadcast a message to all users of the MP Command Handler.			
VM	Margin the voltage in a cabinet.			
WHO	Display a list of MP connected users.			
Status Commands	— Service Processor (MP or GSP)			
Commands for displ	aying hardware and nPartition information.			
CP	Display nPartition cell assignments.			
HE	Display the list of available commands.			
IO	Display IO chassis/cell connectivity.			
LS	Display LAN connected console status.			
MS	Display the status of the modem.			
PS	Display detailed power and hardware configuration status.			
SYSREV	Display revisions of all firmware entities in the complex.			
-	S Configuration Commands — Service Processor (MP or GSP)			
Commands for man	aging server complex accounts, security, and nPartition configuration.			
PARPERM	Restrict/unrestrict nPartition Reconfiguration Privilege.			
PD	Modify default nPartition for this login session.			
RL	Rekey Complex Profile locks.			
SA	Display and set (enable/disable) MP remote access methods.			
SO	Configure security options and access control (user accounts and passwords).			

Appendix A MP Commands

Command Reference: Service Processor (MP or GSP) Commands

Table A-1 Service Processor (MP or GSP) Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description
XD	MP diagnostics and reset.

B Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI)

EFI System Boot Environment

On HP Integrity servers the system boot environment is provided by the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI).

EFI is available through an nPartition console interface before an operating system has booted and after the cells have booted and performed nPartition rendezvous (to make the nPartition active).

The EFI environment enables you to manage and configure the operating system boot process for an nPartition. You also can configure some settings for the local nPartition, get information about the nPartition and its server complex, and perform other tasks such as reboot.

The EFI boot environment has two main components:

- EFI Boot Manager A menu-driven interface that enables to you configure and select boot options. From the EFI Boot Manager you can load an operating system, reset the nPartition, and configure various system boot and console options.
- EFI Shell A command-line system boot interface that you can enter by selecting the EFI Shell option from the EFI Boot Manager Menu.

Type exit to leave the EFI Shell interface and return to the EFI Boot Manager Menu.

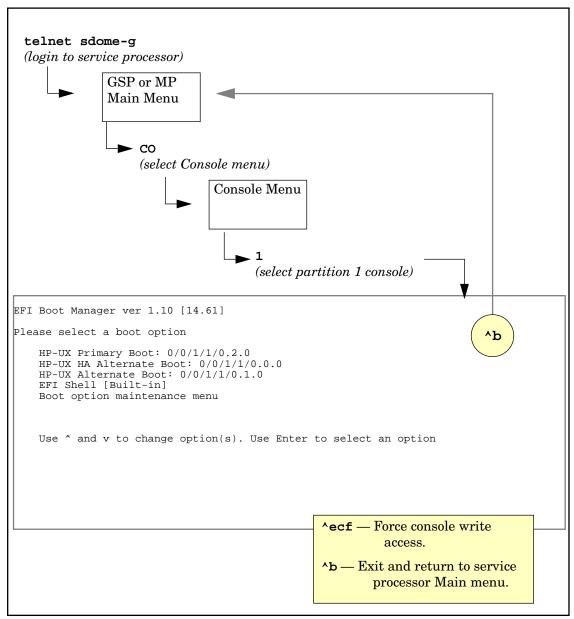
The EFI Shell provides much of the same functionality as the Boot Console Handler (BCH) interface on HP 9000 systems (PA-RISC systems).

For details on using the EFI Shell use the help command.

Figure B-1 on page 49 shows details on accessing and using the EFI system boot environment for the nPartition, including the following points:

- To access an nPartition console type CO from the service processor (MP or GSP) Main menu.
- To force console write access, type ^ecf (Control-e c f).
- To exit the console, type ^b (Control-b) to return to the Main Menu.

Figure B-1 Accessing the EFI Environment for an nPartition



Command Reference: EFI Shell Commands

Table B-1 lists the commands supported by the EFI Shell interface on HP Integrity Superdome servers.

The EFI Shell is accessible from an nPartition console when the nPartition is in an active state but has not booted an operating system.

The following categories of commands are available:

- Boot Commands EFI Shell on page 50.
- Configuration Commands EFI Shell on page 51.
- Device, Driver, and Handle Commands EFI Shell on page 52.
- Filesystem Commands EFI Shell on page 52.
- *Memory Commands EFI Shell* on page 53.
- Shell Navigation and Other Commands EFI Shell on page 54.
- Shell Script Commands / Programming Constructs EFI Shell on page 54.

For details on these commands, enter help command at the EFI shell prompt.

Table B-1 EFI Shell Command Reference

Command	Description		
Boot Commands —	Boot Commands — EFI Shell		
Commands related to nPartition booting.			
autoboot	Set/view autoboot timeout variable.		
bcfg	Display/modify the driver/boot configuration.		
boottest	Set/view BootTest bits.		
lanboot	Boot over the LAN.		
reconfigreset	Reset the system (nPartition) for reconfiguration; the nPartition remains inactive, in the shutdown for reconfig state.		

Table B-1 EFI Shell Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description		
reset	Reset the system (nPartition).		
search	Connect drivers for bootables devices.		
Configuration Commands — EFI Shell			
Commands for cha	nging and retrieving system (nPartition) information.		
acpiconfig	Set/view ACPI configuration mode.		
cellconfig	Deconfigure/reconfigure cells. (Set cell use-on-next-boot values.)		
cpuconfig	Deconfigure/reconfigure CPUs.		
date	Display the current date or set the date of the system (nPartition).		
dimmconfig	Deconfigure/reconfigure memory (DIMMs).		
err	Display/change the error level.		
errdump	View/clear logs.		
fru	View FRU data.		
info	Display hardware information.		
monarch	Set/view a monarch processor.		
palproc	Make a PAL call.		
romdrivers	Enable/disable PCI expansion ROM drivers.		
rootcell	Set/view preferred root cells. (Set nPartition core cell choices.)		
salproc	Make a SAL call.		
tftp	Performs TFTP operation to a bootp/DHCP enabled Unix boot server.		
time	Display the current time or set the time of the system (nPartition). EFI time is set and presented in GMT (Greenwich mean time).		
variable	Save/restore specific EFI variables.		
ver	Display the version information.		

Appendix B Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI)

Command Reference: EFI Shell Commands

Table B-1 EFI Shell Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description		
Device, Driver, and Handle Commands — EFI Shell			
Commands for managing devices, drivers, and handles.			
baud	View serial port com settings.		
connect	Bind a driver to a device.		
dblk	Hex dump of BlkIo devices.		
devices	Display devices managed by EFI drivers.		
devtree	Display tree of devices.		
dh	Dump handle info.		
disconnect	Disconnect driver(s) from device(s).		
drivers	Display list of drivers.		
drvcfg	Invoke the Driver Config Protocol.		
drvdiag	Invoke the Driver Diagnostics Protocol.		
guid	Dump known GUID IDs.		
lanaddress	Display core I/O MAC address.		
load	Load EFI drivers.		
map	Map shortname to device path.		
openinfo	Display the open protocols for given handle.		
pci	Display PCI devices or PCI function configuration space.		
reconnect	Reconnect driver(s) from a device.		
unload	Unload a protocol image.		
Filesystem Comma	Filesystem Commands — EFI Shell		
Commands for man	aging files, directories, and attributes.		
attrib	Display/change the attributes of files/directories.		

Table B-1 EFI Shell Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description		
cd	Update/view the current directory.		
comp	Compare the contents of two files.		
ср	Copy one or more files/directories to another location.		
edit	Edit an ASCII or UNICODE file in full screen.		
eficompress	Compress infile and write to outfile.		
efidecompress	Decompress infile and write to outfile.		
hexedit	Edit a file, block device, or memory region using hex.		
ls	Display a list of files and subdirectories in a directory.		
mkdir	Create one or more directories.		
mount	Mount a filesystem on a block device.		
rm	Delete one or more files/directories.		
setsize	Set the size of a file.		
touch	Update time of file/directory with current time.		
type	Display the contents of a file.		
vol	Display volume information of the file system.		
Memory Commands	Memory Commands — EFI Shell		
Commands for listing	ng and managing memory, EFI variables, and NVRAM details.		
default	Set the default NVRAM values.		
dmem	Dump memory or memory mapped IO.		
dmpstore	Display all EFI variables.		
memmap	Display the memory map.		
mm	Display/modify MEM/IO/PCI.		
pdt	View/clear partition or cell PDT.		

Appendix B Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI)

Command Reference: EFI Shell Commands

Table B-1 EFI Shell Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description		
Shell Navigation and Other Commands — EFI Shell			
Commands for basic EFI Shell navigation and customization.			
alias	Set/get alias settings.		
cls	Clear the standard output with an optional background color.		
exit	Exit EFI Shell environment.		
getmtc	Display current monotonic counter value.		
help or ?	Display help.		
mode	Display the mode of the console output device.		
set	Set/Get environment variable.		
xchar	Turn on/off extended character features.		
Shell Script Comma	ands / Programming Constructs — EFI Shell		
EFI shell-script com	mands.		
echo	Echo message to stdout or toggle script echo.		
else	Script-only: Use with IF THEN.		
endfor	Script-only: Delimiter for FOR loop construct.		
endif	Script-only: Delimiter for IF THEN construct.		
for	Script-only: Loop construct.		
goto	Script-only: Jump to label location in script.		
if	Script-only: IF THEN construct.		
input	Take user input and place in efi variable.		
pause	Script-only: Prompt to quit or continue.		
stall	Stall the processor for some microseconds.		

C Boot Console Handler (BCH)

Boot Console Handler (BCH) System Boot Environment

Each nPartition in a server complex has its own Boot Console Handler (BCH) interface.

The BCH interface is available through an nPartition console interface before an operating system has booted and after the cells have booted and performed nPartition rendezvous (to make the nPartition active).

The nPartition BCH interface enables you to manage and configure the HP-UX boot process for an nPartition. You also can configure some settings for the local nPartition, get some information about the nPartition and its server complex, and perform other tasks such as reboot.

Figure C-1 on page 58 shows details on accessing and using the BCH interface for an nPartition, including the following points:

- To access an nPartition console type CO from the service processor (MP or GSP) Main menu.
- To force console write access, type **^ecf** (Control-e c f).
- To exit the console, type **^b** (**Control-b**) to return to the Main Menu.

The BCH interface is available after one or more core-capable cells assigned to the nPartition has been powered on; its hardware has completed all Power-On Self Tests (POST); and the cells have booted past boot-is-blocked, rendezvoused, and BCH has started executing.

Once you begin the HP-UX boot process and load ISL, the BCH interface is no longer available.

The BCH menus and commands for nPartitions differ slightly from the commands menus for BCH on other HP 9000 server systems.

To display the current BCH menu and commands, type DI.

The BCH interface HELP command lists BCH command or menu details.

Appendix C Boot Console Handler (BCH)

Boot Console Handler (BCH) System Boot Environment

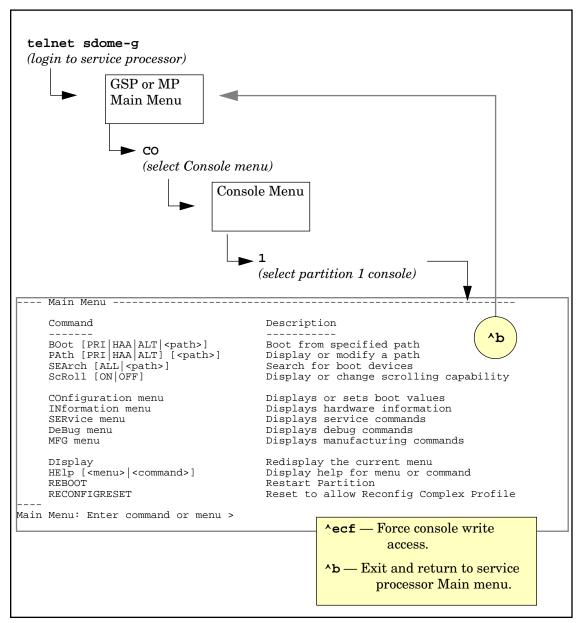
Main Menu: Enter command			
The following subme	nus are availa	ble from the ma	in menu:
COnfiguration			-BootID
INformation		-ALL	BootTimer
SERvice	-BAttery	BootINfo	CEllConfig
	CLEARPIM	CAche	COreCell
	MemRead	ChipRevisions	CPUConfig
	PDT	ComplexID	DataPrefetch
	PIM	FabricInfo	DEfault
	SCSI	FRU	FastBoot
		FwrVersion	KGMemory
		IO	PathFlag
		LanAddress	PD
		MEmory	ResTart

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Figure C-1 Accessing the BCH Interface for an nPartition



Command Reference: BCH Menu Commands

Table C-1 lists the commands available from the Boot Console Handler (BCH) menus for an nPartition.

The BCH Menu is accessible from an nPartition console when the nPartition is in an active state but has not booted an operating system.

The following categories of commands are available:

- General Commands Boot Console Handler (BCH) on page 59.
- Main Menu Commands Boot Console Handler (BCH) on page 60.
- Configuration Menu Commands Boot Console Handler (BCH) on page 60.
- Information Menu Commands Boot Console Handler (BCH) on page 61.
- Service Menu Commands Boot Console Handler (BCH) on page 62.

For details on these commands, use the help (HE) command. At any BCH menu enter **HE** command for details about the specified command, or enter **HE** for general help.

Table C-1 Boot Console Handler (BCH) Command Reference

Command	Description		
General Commands	General Commands — Boot Console Handler (BCH)		
These BCH comman	nds are available from all BCH menus.		
BOot [PRI HAA ALT path]	Boot from the specified path.		
REBOOT	Restart nPartition.		
RECONFIGRESET	Reset the nPartition to allow Complex Profile reconfiguration; the nPartition remains inactive, in the shutdown for reconfig state.		
DIsplay	Redisplay the current menu.		

Appendix C Boot Console Handler (BCH)

Command Reference: BCH Menu Commands

Table C-1 Boot Console Handler (BCH) Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description		
HElp [menu command]	Display help for the current menu or the specified menu or command.		
Main Menu Comma	nds — Boot Console Handler (BCH)		
Commands to find d	levices, set boot paths (PRI,HAA, ALT), and access other BCH menus.		
BOot [PRI HAA ALT path]	Boot from the specified path.		
PAth [PRI HAA ALT] [path]	Display or modify a device boot path.		
SEArch [ALL cell path]	Search for boot devices.		
ScRoll [ON OFF]	Display or change scrolling capability.		
COnfiguration	Access the Configuration Menu, which displays or sets boot values.		
INformation	Access the information menu, which displays hardware information.		
SERvice	Access the Service Menu, which displays service commands.		
Configuration Menu	Commands — Boot Console Handler (BCH)		
Commands to displa	ay or set boot values.		
MAin	Return to the BCH Main Menu.		
BootID [cell [proc [bootid]]]	Display or set Boot Identifier.		
BootTimer [0-200]	Seconds allowed for boot attempt.		
CEllConfig [cell] [ON OFF]	Configure or deconfigure the specified cell.		
COreCell [choice cell]	Display or set core cell choices for the nPartition.		

Table C-1 Boot Console Handler (BCH) Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description	
CPUconfig [cell [cpu [ON OFF]]]	Configure or deconfigure the processor (cpu) on the specified cell.	
DataPrefetch [ENABLE DISABLE]	Display or set data prefetch behavior.	
DEfault	Set the nPartition to predefined (default) values.	
FastBoot [test][RUN SKIP]	Display or set boot tests execution (self tests).	
KGMemory [value]	Display or set KGMemory requirement.	
PathFlags [PRI HAA ALT] [value]	Display or set boot path flags (boot actions).	
PD [name]	Display or set the nPartition name.	
ResTart [ON OFF]	Set nPartition restart policy.	
Time [cn:yr:mo:dy:hr :mn:[ss]]	Read or set the real time clock, the local nPartition date/time setting. The BCH time is set and presented in GMT (Greenwich mean time).	
Information Menu Commands — Boot Console Handler (BCH)		
Commands to displa	ay hardware information.	
MAin	Return to the BCH Main Menu.	
ALL [cell]	Display all of the information available for the nPartition.	
BootINfo	Display boot-related information.	
CAche [cell]	Display cache information.	
ChipRevisions [cell]	Display revisions of major VLSI.	

Appendix C Boot Console Handler (BCH)

Command Reference: BCH Menu Commands

Table C-1 Boot Console Handler (BCH) Command Reference (Continued)

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Command	Description		
ComplexID	Display Complex information.		
FabricInfo	Display Fabric information.		
FRU [cell] [CPU MEM]	Display FRU information		
FwrVersion [cell]	Display versions for PDC, ICM, and complex.		
IO [cell]	Display I/O interface information.		
MEmory [cell]	Display memory information.		
PRocessor [cell]	Display processor information		
Service Menu Com	Service Menu Commands — Boot Console Handler (BCH)		
Commands related to nPartition system service tasks.			
MAin	Return to the BCH Main Menu.		
BAttery [cell]	Display cell battery status.		
CLEARPIM [cell]	Clear the nPartition NVM PIM data.		
DimmDealloc [cell] [dimm] [ON OFF]	Display, deallocate, or re-allocate the DIMM identified by dimm in cell number specified by cell.		
ErrorLog [cell][MEMORY IO FABRIC CELL]	Display error log information.		
LanAddress	Display Core I/O LAN station address.		
MemRead address [len]	Read memory locations scope of nPartition.		
PDT [cell] [CLEAR]	Display or clear the PDT.		

Command Reference: BCH Menu Commands

Table C-1 Boot Console Handler (BCH) Command Reference (Continued)

Command	Description
PIM [cell [proc]] [HPMC LPMC TOC]	Display PIM information.
SCSI [path [INIT RATE TERM WIDTH DEFAULT [id]]]	Display or set SCSI device parameters.

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