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## Fibre Channel RAID device support for Windows XP Professional

### INTRODUCTION

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This article describes our support policy for a Fibre Channel RAID device that is used with one of the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional x64 Edition

### MORE INFORMATION

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#### Overview

You can use a Fibre Channel RAID device to help provide high availability for data on a computer. Fibre Channel RAID devices are provided by third-party storage hardware vendors.

The Microsoft Windows Server Catalog Web site does not contain a category for Windows XP Professional that allows for Fibre Channel RAID devices to be listed. Additionally, the Microsoft Windows Server Catalog Web site does not contain a category for Windows XP Professional that allows for these Fibre Channel RAID devices to carry the "Designed for Windows XP" logo.

#### Supported configurations

For a Fibre Channel RAID device to be supported for use with Windows XP Professional, the following conditions must all be true:

- The Fibre Channel RAID device must be listed on the Windows Server Catalog Web site.
- The Fibre Channel RAID device must support one or more versions of Microsoft Windows Server 2003.
- The Fibre Channel RAID device must carry the "Designed for Windows Server 2003" logo or the "Certified for Windows Server 2003" logo.
- The Windows XP Professional-based client computer must use the same Fibre Channel driver stack that the Fibre Channel RAID device supports for use with Windows Server 2003.

#### Unsupported configurations

We do not support Windows XP Professional-based computers that are running in either of the following configurations:

- A multipath I/O (MPIO) device-specific module (MPIO DSM) is running on the Windows XP Professional-based computer.
- The Windows XP Professional-based computer is configured in a clustered environment.

Therefore, we do not support a Fibre Channel RAID device that is connected to a Windows XP Professional-based computer that has one of these configurations.

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#### APPLIES TO

- Microsoft Windows XP Professional
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional x64 Edition

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