

AXIS Camera Station Pro

About AXIS Camera Station Integrator Suite

The AXIS Camera Station Integrator Suite is a toolbox that simplifies the delivery of the surveillance system and will help you avoid errors and save both time and money at all stages of the system lifetime. The toolbox consists of the following:

- **AXIS Site Designer**
A browser based tool that simplifies system design and product selection. The tool provides instant access to the complete Axis portfolio. Bandwidth and storage is automatically calculated and suitable recording solutions are recommended. The system design documentation is automatically created and you can easily shared the design.
- **Auto configuration**
To shorten installation time and eliminate installation mistakes, you can import the settings done in AXIS Site Designer to AXIS Camera Station Pro.
- **AXIS Installation Verifier**
An application integrated into AXIS Camera Station Pro. It will perform an on-site live system verification to ensure everything is working properly. This will verify system performance and provide documentation which you can give to the customer at the initial installation and at future service visits.
- **AXIS System Health Monitoring**
Use AXIS System Health Monitoring to verify the status of AXIS Camera Station Pro installations. The portal allows you to monitor all your installations and automatically get notification if there's an issue with any of the connected devices.

Helpful links for an integrator

Here are some links we think can help you get started. Enjoy the reading!

- *Design your system, on page 5*
- *What's new in AXIS Camera Station Pro?*
- *AXIS Camera Station Pro user manual*
- *AXIS Camera Station Pro installation guide*

Workflow

The workflow to design an Axis end-to-end solution is:

1. *Design your system, on page 5*
2. *Configure your system, on page 6*
3. *Test your system, on page 11*

Design your system

About AXIS Site Designer

AXIS Site Designer is a web-based tool where you can design system and select products. The tool includes instant access to the complete Axis portfolio. Bandwidth and storage is automatically calculated and suitable recording solutions are recommended. The system design documentation is automatically created and you can easily share the complete design.

How to create a project in AXIS Site Designer



This example describes how you design and configure a solution in AXIS Site Designer. You can then import this configuration to AXIS Camera Station Pro.

Note

Prerequisites:

- An active My Axis account

1. Sign in to AXIS Site Designer.
2. Create a new project.
3. Add cameras to your project.
Use the camera 2D visualization tool and filters to find a suitable camera, then click **Add**.
4. Configure the cameras.
You can, for example, create schedules for your recordings: continuous recording during office hours and motion triggered recording during out of office hours. You can also configure for how many days the system will keep the recording.
5. Add devices to your project.
You can, for example, add speaker systems, recording solutions, accessories and network components to the project.

Next step: *How to import an AXIS Site Designer project, on page 6*

Configure your system

How to import an AXIS Site Designer project

This example describes how you import an AXIS Site Designer project to AXIS Camera Station Pro.

Note

Prerequisites:

- An active My Axis account
- An AXIS Site Designer project

1. Log in to AXIS Site Designer.
2. Open your project.
3. Go to **Share with AXIS Camera Station Pro** and click one of the following options:
 - **Generate access code** - Use this option when your AXIS Camera Station Pro server has internet access.
 - **Download camera settings** - Use this option when your AXIS Camera Station Pro server doesn't have internet access.
4. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, go to **Configuration > Devices > Add device**.
5. Click **Add**, select **Site Designer configuration** and click **Next**.
6. Select one of the following options, then click **Import**:
 - If you generated an access code, select **Access code**.
 - If you downloaded a file, select **Choose file**.
7. Click **Install**.
 The import automatically matches the configuration for a specific model based on the AXIS Site Designer configuration and the models in AXIS Camera Station Pro. If you've multiple configurations for one camera model, you must manually select which configuration to use.

Next step: *Test your system, on page 11*

Connect to an AXIS Camera Station Pro server

This section explains how to connect to AXIS Camera Station Pro server from a computer or from a mobile app. You can connect to the server in different ways:

- Connect to the server from a local network
- Connect to the server from the internet:
 - via Axis Secure Remote Access
 - via port mapping (not recommended)

Note

Prerequisites:

- An active My Axis account

Prepare your system

Before you can connect to the AXIS Camera Station Pro server from a client device, you must prepare your system. Following instructions will help you manage the general settings.

1. Install AXIS Camera Station Pro Windows® app.
2. Create Windows users, see *Create Windows user*.
3. Add Windows users to AXIS Camera Station Pro Windows app.
4. Configure the server's firewall.
5. Install AXIS Camera Station Pro mobile app.

These steps depend on your system's configuration, the client's configuration and the network infrastructure.

About user and user groups

Note

For the advanced users:

To make sure you have a Windows- and AXIS Camera Station Pro userID/password, open port xx and yy to configure the mobile app.

To connect to AXIS Camera Station Pro server from a client device you need a Windows user with the correct permissions. This user can either be the default administrator account on the Windows device the server is installed on, or a user that has been created.

The AXIS Camera Station Pro allows both local Windows users and user groups, as well as domain users and user groups. If you use a domain setup, you must join the server to the domain. This may have to be done by your IT department.

Log in as current user:

- If the current Windows user is added to the permission list on the server, select **Current user** and click **Log in**.

Log in as other user:

1. If the current Windows user is not added to the permission list on the server, clear **Log in as current user** and click **Log in**.
2. On the next page, select **Other user**.
3. Enter your credentials and click **Log in**.

A user or a user group can have one of the following roles:

- **Administrator:**
 - Full access to all functionality and all devices
- **Operator:**
 - Full access to all functionality except Configuration menu, Configuration workspace, Device management page, and Audit log.
 - Full access to selected devices and I/O ports.
 - Selected access to playback and recording export.
- **Viewer:**
 - Access to live video from selected cameras.
 - Access to selected I/O ports.

Note

Click **Advanced** under each tab for more options to customize the Operator and Viewer accounts.

Install AXIS Camera Station Pro Windows app (client)

1. Download the Windows app from axis.com/products/axis-camera-station-pro
2. Install the Windows app that has the same version as the server.

Create Windows user

To use local Windows users and user groups, you must add them to the Windows server that AXIS Camera Station Pro is installed on. We recommend that all users have their own account.

1. Go to **Computer Management > System tools > Local Users and Groups > Users**.
2. Right-click the **Users** folder and select **New user**
3. Fill in the required information.
4. Clear **User must change password at next logon**.

5. Click **Create**.

Add Windows users to AXIS Camera Station Pro

When Windows users has been created, they must be added to AXIS Camera Station Pro.

1. Open AXIS Camera Station Pro client and log in to the server with the current user.
2. Go to **Configuration > Security > User permissions**.
3. Click **add**.
4. Select the scope for which you want to add the account from.
 - **Server:** fetches the local users and groups.
 - **Domain:** fetches the domain users and groups.
5. Select the user and click **Add**.
6. Select the role and permission level of the user and click **OK**.

Note

If you use a local account, we recommend you to login with that user as a test after adding it.

Configure the firewall on the server

During the installation, AXIS Camera Station Pro will automatically configure the Windows firewall exceptions for incoming traffic. If you see a third-party firewall, you might have to request for a similar set of exceptions to be added to the configuration. In most cases only the **Inbound** port range of 22900 and 29245 (included) requires an exception.

This table shows the different ports in a typical AXIS Camera Station Pro setup:

Port Number	Protocol	Inbound/Outbound	Used by	Comments
80 & 443	HTTP & HTTPS	Outbound	Server & client to internet	Activate license, download firmware, connected services, and more.
80	HTTP	Outbound	Server & device	Video stream & device data
5353	UDP	Multicast (Inbound + Outbound)	Server & device	mDNS Discovery (Bonjour) search for cameras Multicast 224.0.0.251
1900	UDP	Multicast (Inbound + Outbound)	Server & device	SSDP Discovery upnp search for devices Multicast 239.255.255.250
3702	UDP	Multicast (Inbound + Outbound)	Server & device	WS-Discovery webservices discovery Onvif Multicast 239.255.255.250
29200	TCP	Inbound	Server & client	Turned off by default.
29202	TCP	Inbound	Server & client	Encrypted application data (TLS 1.2 encryption)

29204	TCP	Inbound	Server & mobile app	Encrypted application data HTTPS Video stream MP4 over HTTPS
29205	TCP	Inbound	Server & mobile app	Video stream RTSP over HTTP

Connect to a server via AXIS Secure Remote Access v2

Secure remote access allows a client or mobile app to connect a server without a port forward. When a secure peer-to-peer connection is established between the client or mobile app and the server, there are no limits of data transfer.

When no direct communication can be established, the communication is relayed through the mediator servers. The relayed data transfer is 300 GB per month per My Axis user.

For more information about AXIS Secure Remote Access, see axis.com/technologies/axis-secure-remote-access.

To manage AXIS Secure Remote Access v2, it requires:

- Internet access (If using a proxy server, see *Advanced settings, on page 10*)
- A My Axis account

Configure the server

1. Log in to AXIS Camera Station Pro server with an administrator user. Use the same network as the server when you log in.
2. Go to **Configuration > Connected services > Management > Register/Sign in**.
3. Log in to your My Axis account and select your organization for your server.

Connect from the Windows app (client)

1. Open the AXIS Camera Station Pro app.
2. Click **AXIS Secure Remote Access v2**.
3. Log in to your My Axis account and select your organization for your server.
4. Enter the same user credentials that you used when you configured the server.
5. Select **Remote server** and a server from the list. The server displays as **ServerName (Secure Remote Access)**.
6. Click **Log in**.

Connect from the mobile app (client)

1. Open the AXIS Camera Station Pro mobile app.
2. Click **Sign in**.
3. Enter the user credentials for your My Axis account.
4. Select a server.
5. Log in with the Windows account user credentials that you've configured. You only have to enter your credentials the first time you access a server, the mobile app will save your user credentials.

Note

Depending on your system configuration, you might have to use the format **domain/user** or **servername/user**.

Connect your server via port mapping

⚠ WARNING

For cybersecurity reasons we don't recommend to use port mapping.

Axis Communications recommend using Axis Secure Remote Access instead. Read more about cybersecurity and Axis Secure Remote Access on axis.com.

Port mapping enables you to connect to your server from a remote location on your router. Depending on your network's infrastructure, you may have to involve your network administrator to perform this configuration.

Configure the server

- On the router where the AXIS Camera Station Pro server is connected to the internet, open the following ports:
 - To allow Windows client connection: 29200 and 29202
 - To allow mobile connection: 29204 and 29205

Connect from the windows app (client)

1. Open the AXIS Camera Station Pro Windows app.
2. Select **Remote server**.
3. Type the public IP or fully qualified name of the network where AXIS Camera Station Pro server is installed.
4. If your port is forwarding rules, don't use the default port. If you want to connect to port 60009, add 60009 in the address.

Example:

myserver.axis.com:60009

Connect from the mobile app

- Open AXIS Camera Station Pro mobile app.
- Click **Add system** and enter the public IP or public fully qualified name.
- If you don't use the default values, adjust the port number accordingly.
- Log in with the Windows account user credentials that you've configured. You only have to enter your credentials the first time you access a server, the mobile app will save your user credentials.

Advanced settings

Client proxy settings

If a proxy server is between the client and the server, you must configure the proxy settings in Windows on the client computer. Contact Axis support for more information.

Server proxy settings

If the proxy server is between the network device and the server, you must configure the proxy settings in Windows on the server. Contact Axis support for more information.

Port mapping more than one server

If you run more than one server on the same network requiring port mapping, you must change the AXIS Camera Station Pro default port (29200). Each server must have a unique port.

For each server do the following:

1. Open AXIS Camera Station Pro service control.
2. Click on **Stop** in the server status.
3. Select **Modify settings**.
4. Edit the HTTP port, all other ports adjust to their expected number.
5. Save and restart the service.
6. User the new port range for the port forward.

Test your system

About AXIS Installation Verifier

AXIS Installation Verifier is a tool, embedded in AXIS Camera Station Pro. It verifies that your system is working as it should by running a series of tests once you've completed the system installation and configuration.

The AXIS Installation Verifier mimics the recording part of the AXIS Camera Station Pro server. The tool performs one test with the current settings, one test with emulated low light test and then also a stress test in order to find the system's bottlenecks.

AXIS Installation Verifier generates a verification report in PDF format and you can hand the report over to the customer.

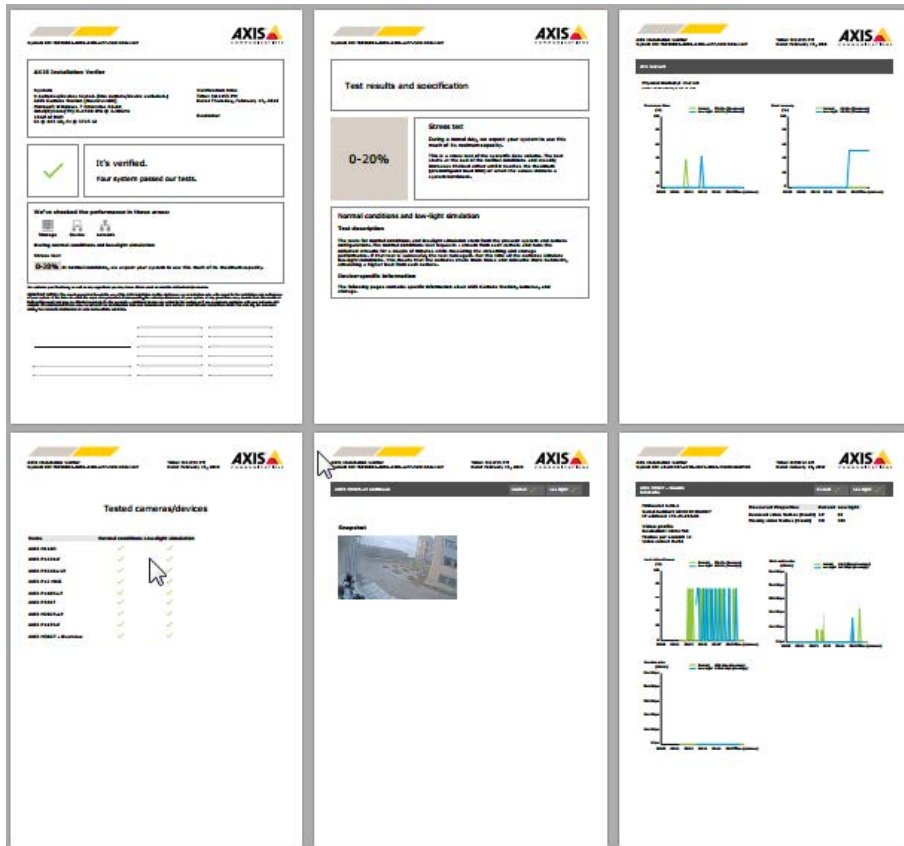
How to run AXIS Installation Verifier

1. Complete the installation and configuration of AXIS Camera Station Pro.
2. In AXIS Camera Station Pro client, go to the main menu and click **Help > Installation Verifier**. The tests will take approximately 20 minutes.
During the tests, the devices will be set to maintenance mode and won't provide a video stream for live view or recording. The status of the different tests can be:
 - Running: The test is ongoing, please wait.
 - Passed: All testable devices passed the test. See report for details.
 - Not passed: Not all testable devices passed the test. See report for details.
 - Failed: The test couldn't be finalized and therefore no report will be generated. It is recommended to take a snapshot of the test window, generate an AXIS Camera Station Pro system report and contact Axis support.
3. Once all tests are completed, click **View Report** to open the report or **Save Report** to download the file to the client PC.

How to analyze and understand the report

Test results: general information

The report is a PDF file which can be handed-over from the system integrator to the end customer once the installation is complete and the system validated.



The first section of the first page contains information about the system, such as hardware, operating system, date and time the tests were executed. There is also an area where you can write the customer's name.

AXIS Installation Verifier

System

31 cameras/devices tested. (12 cameras/devices excluded.)
 AXIS Camera Station [master-1408]
 Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise 64-bit
 Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-4590 CPU @ 3.30GHz
 16GB of RAM
 C: @ 465 GB, E: @ 3725 GB

Verification time

Time: 8:16:51 AM
 Date: Friday, February 16, 2018

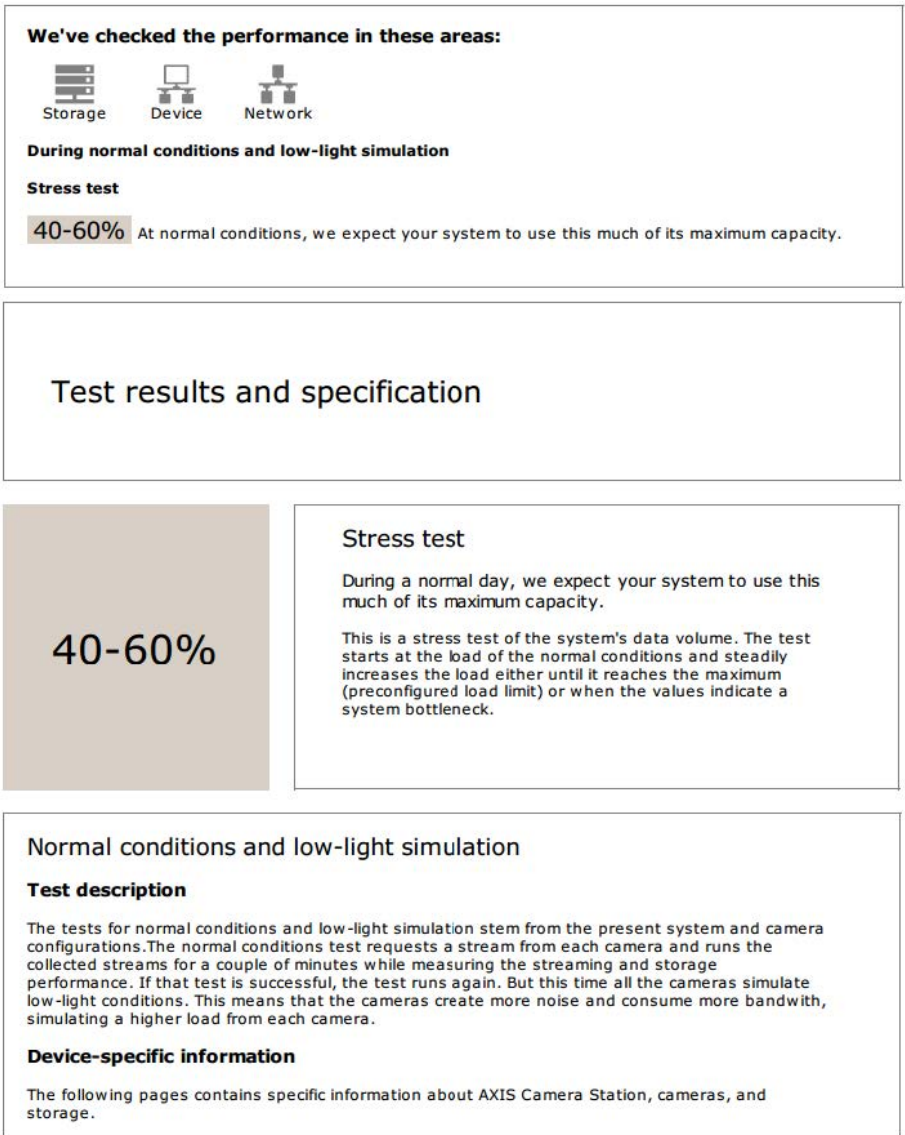
Customer

The second section indicates the results of the tests. Each test (normal conditions, low-light and stress test) has a duration of 5 minutes. Storage, devices and network are the three areas tested by the tool. There are two possible outcomes to the verification:

- The system has passed the tests and is verified. The system should be able to cope with the load and the current configuration. You can also see the expected load during the low-light simulation, which is usually the most resource consuming scenario. In the example above, the stress test has determined the limits of the system and concluded that normal and low-light conditions are expected to use 40-60% of the resources.

It's verified.

Your system passed our tests.

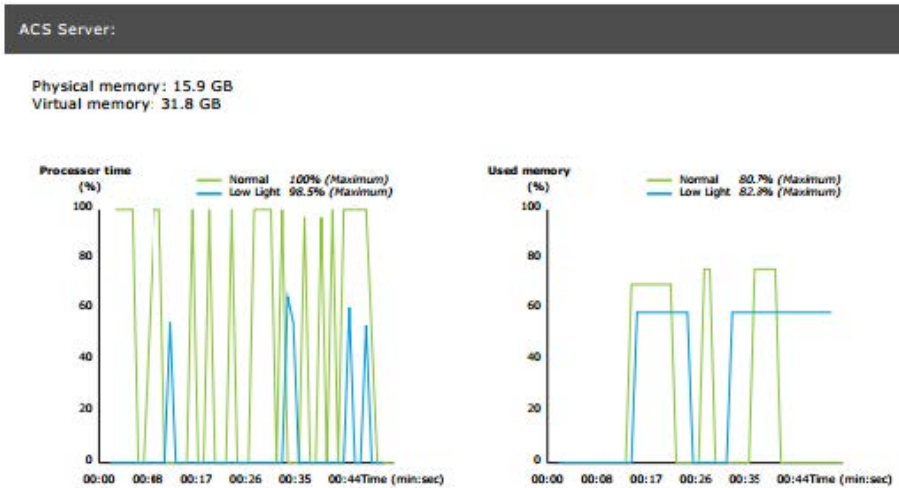


- Issues have been found and some things need to be changed to improve the stability of the system. The result of each test and the issues found are listed together with the error messages. More details can be found in the next pages of the report.
In the example above, one of the devices was not accessible during the test. The most probable reason for that is a network problem, or overloaded device, not being able to respond.



At the bottom of the first page, there is an area where you can enter customer information, comments on the test or any other necessary information.

Test results: AXIS Camera Station Pro server



The physical and virtual memory is indicated at the top of the page.

- Random access memory (RAM) is physical memory that holds the applications, documents and procedures on the server.
- Virtual memory is a storage area that holds the files on your hard drive for retrieval when the server runs out of RAM. The virtual memory is much slower than the physical one and should never be used.

AXIS Camera Station Pro server is tested against two metrics:

- **Processor time:** This measures the percentage of elapsed time the processor spends executing a non-idle thread. If the percentage is greater than 85 percent, the processor is overwhelmed and the server may require a faster processor or the configuration should be adjusted.
- **Used memory:** This measures the percentage of physical memory used by all running processes. If this value is higher than 85 percent, that means there is insufficient memory, and paging activity can increase. Add more memory to the server to resolve this problem or limit the number of applications running on the server.

Test results: tested cameras and devices

Tested cameras/devices

Name	Normal conditions	Low-light simulation
AXIS M1103	✓	✓
AXIS M2025-LE	✓	✓
AXIS P1435-E	✓	✓
AXIS M3027 - Overview	✓	✓
AXIS M3027 (2) - Quad View	✓	✓
AXIS P1425-E	✓	✓
AXIS P5515	✓	N/A
AXIS M3005 (12)	!	N/A

The list of tested cameras and devices is presented on the next page. A device can contain several cameras. Example: multi-sensor devices or multi-channel encoders are counted as one device but 3, 4, or even 16 cameras (one camera per sensor/channel).

- A green checkmark indicates that the camera passed the related test.
- **N/A** means that the test couldn't run for the camera, for example the camera doesn't support the ExposureValue parameter for the low-light simulation.
- A red sign is displayed if the camera did not pass the test. More details can be found in the camera specific results, in the following pages.

Test results: notes and considerations

Minor adjustments which can improve the installation but will not fail the test that are listed on this page. For example when the default router is not in the same subnet as the device or when the DNS or NTP server is missing.

Test results: excluded cameras and devices

Excluded cameras/devices

Name	Notes
AXIS 212 PTZ	Video codec not supported
AXIS T8508	Device has no enabled cameras
AXIS C8033	Device has no enabled cameras
AXIS A1001	Device has no enabled cameras
AXIS M1014	Device status is not OK
AXIS 216MFD	Video codec not supported
IPC-HD1200C	Device is not Vapix

If a device does not support any of the tests, it will be excluded. The following devices will not be tested:

- **Device is not Vapix®:** Third party devices are not tested.
- **Device has no enabled cameras:** Devices with no video sensor, such as network switches, audio devices, door controllers, I/O modules.
- **Video codec not supported:** Devices with no H.264 support (usually firmware 4.x).
- **Device status is not OK:** Devices in maintenance mode, inaccessible, wrong credentials.

Test results: camera specific results

All camera information such as firmware, serial number, IP address and the video profile used for recording is listed. There is also a summary of the received and missing video frames for each of the tests.

Note

- If a device is configured to record with two different video profiles (e.g. Medium for Continuous and High for Motion Detection), only the highest profile will be tested, regardless of the schedules configured.
- If both, Continuous and Motion recording are disabled, the profile selected for Manual recording will be used for the tests, even if is currently not active.

The Device configuration section lists the most important information from the tested device. If some parameters are incorrect (not configured or different subnet), an exclamation mark will be displayed in front of the parameter.

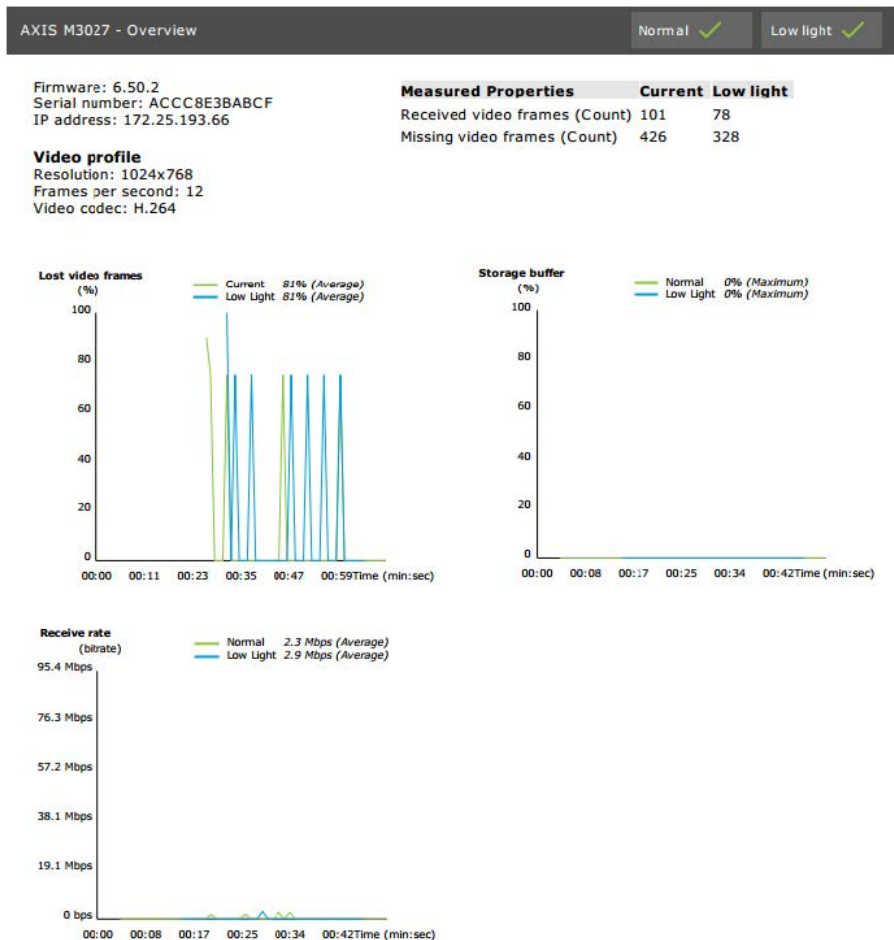
Device Configuration

Firmware: 8.40.1
 Serial number: ACCC8E02A96D
 IP address: 172.25.193.116
 Is Using Dhcp: Yes
 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 Default Router: ⚠192.168.0.1
 Primary DNS: ⚠0.0.0.0
 NTP Server: 10.0.2.201

The graphs show the three metrics measured during the duration of the test, for normal and low-light conditions.

- **Lost video frames:** The quota of missing video frames per one second interval. A high average value indicates a network bottleneck or that the device is overloaded. The average of lost video frames is usually below 1%.
- **Storage buffer :** Utilization of the storage buffer per one second interval. A high peak value indicates a problem with the storage. The storage buffer is usually below 20%.
- **Received rate:** The data rate (excluding overhead) sent by the camera and received by the AXIS Camera Station server.

In the graph below, the lost video frames quota is high.



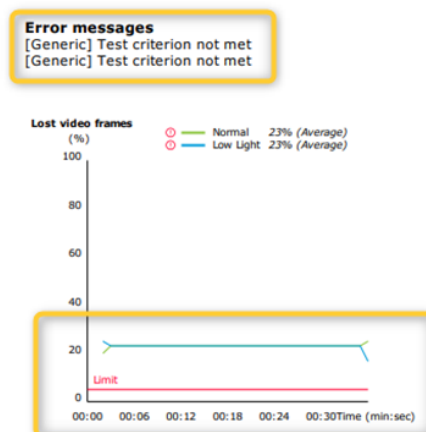
The most likely reasons for this are:

- The camera is overloaded, maybe because too many view areas are in use (360 degrees cameras for example) or too many streams are pulled.
- Bottleneck on the network, between the camera and AXIS Camera Station Pro server.
- Faulty or poor quality network cable.
- Insufficient or unreliable power source, including PoE.

An additional frame lost criterion is considered when running the normal and low light test:

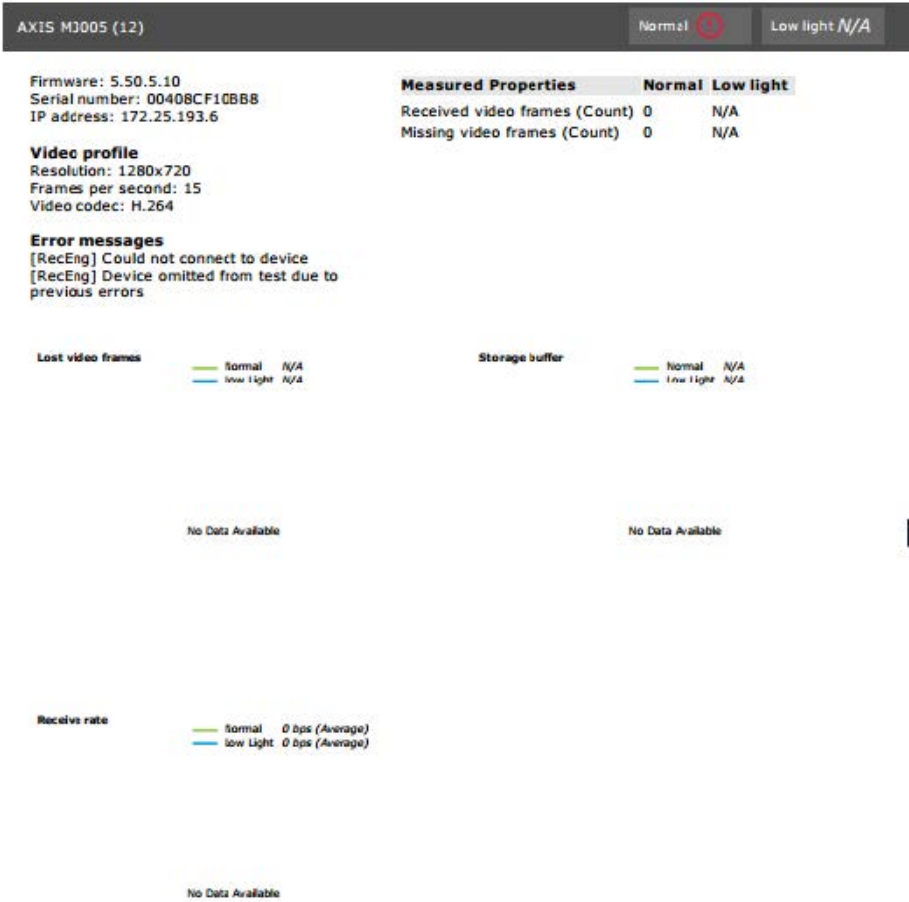
- A consideration is added for every device failing the criterion (more than 5% frame loss). This will not fail the test.
- If more than 5% of the devices in the test fail the above criterion, the test status will be "Not passed".

Below is an example where the test criterion was not met for the normal and low light test:

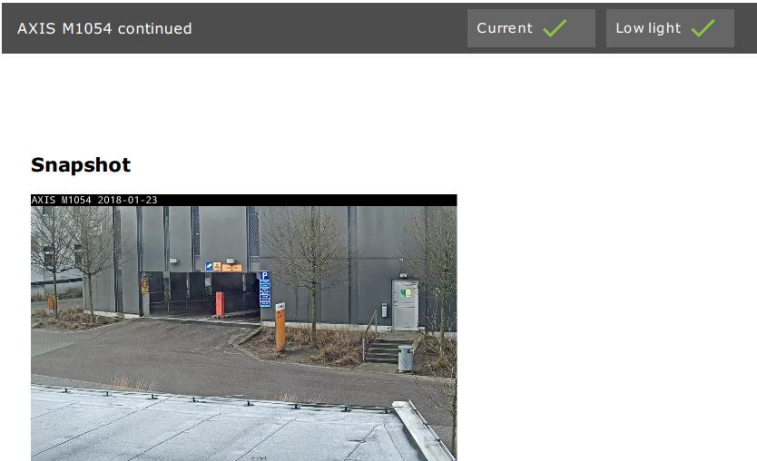


The graph below shows an example of a test which couldn't complete. The most likely reasons for this are:

- The camera was disconnected or the network was interrupted during the test.
- The power source couldn't cover the camera needs during the test.
- The camera was overloaded and took too long to respond to the server's requests.



After the camera's test results, a snapshot from the camera is displayed:



Test results: storage devices

Tested storage devices

Path	Normal conditions	Low-light simulation
E:\Recording	✓	✓
\\172.25.192.20\nas\Recording	✓	✓

Storage devices are tested against the same conditions.

The tool tests local hard drives against two metrics:

- **Disk write rate:** The total data rate written to this storage representation per one second interval.
- **Used write buffers (count):** Utilization of the storage buffer (300 samples) per one second interval. A high peak value indicates a problem with the storage. In general, this value should be below 1 or 2.

Note

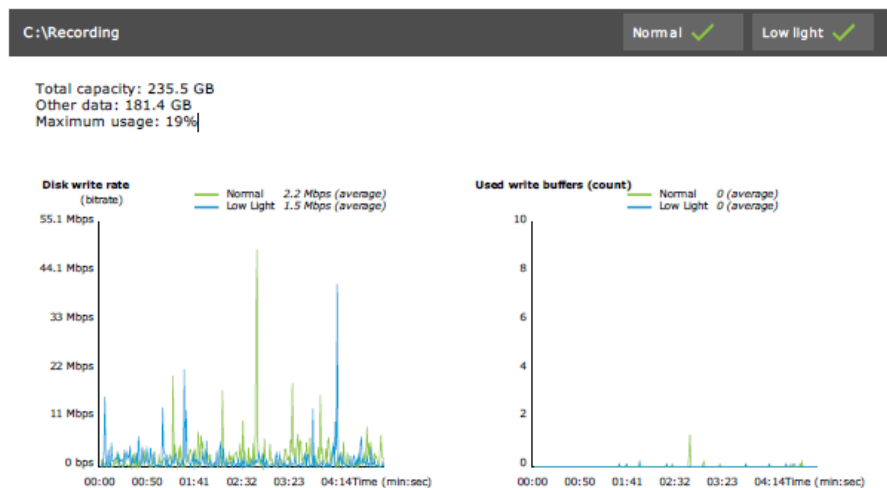
Currently, Network Attached Storages (NAS) are not tested.

Information about storage usage and capacity is available:

Total capacity: The total size of the storage.

Other data: Data which is not indexed by AXIS Camera Station Pro server. This may be external files such as random documents, Operating system files, files in the recycle bin.

Maximum usage: Recording limit set in AXIS Camera Station Pro. AXIS Camera Station Pro will allocate a maximum percentage of the storage for its recording files. By default, this value is set to 99% for non-OS drives and to total size-60GB for OS drives.



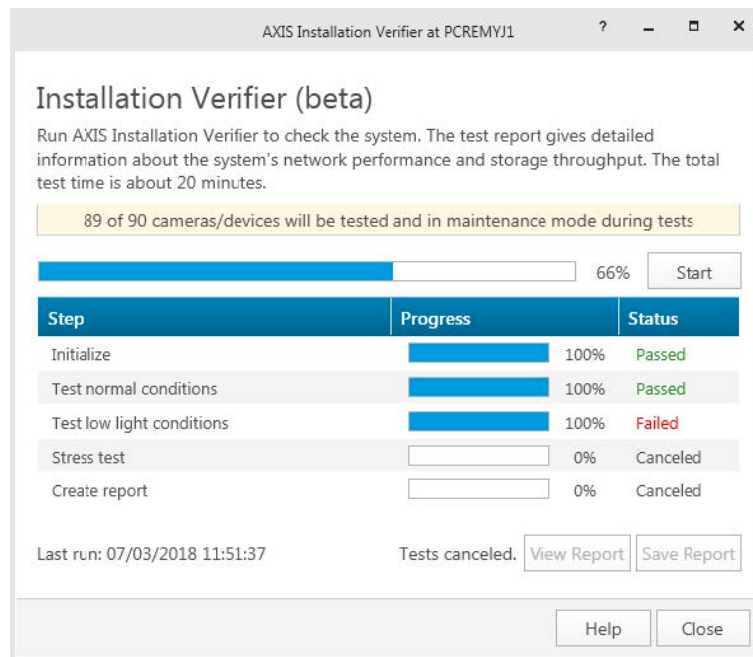
Troubleshooting

If any of the test fails (**Failed**), no report will be generated. We recommend to take a snapshot of the test window, generate an AXIS Camera Station Pro system report from the help menu and contact Axis support via the online helpdesk.

Note

There is a difference between **Not passed** and **Failed**:

- **Not passed** indicates that the server, some devices or the storage didn't fulfil the conditions to pass the test.
- **Failed** means that the test did not complete and no conclusion regarding the system performance is available.



Considerations and limitations

- Only H.264 is supported. Cameras with no support for H.264 will be ignored.
- The low-light test only runs on cameras with support for ExposureValue parameter. N/A will be displayed for cameras without ExposureValue support.
- Low-light test might give the same result as normal conditions on some cameras with WDR support.
- Third party cameras will be ignored.
- Network Attached Storages are not tested but show as validated.

Monitor your system

About AXIS System Health Monitoring ^{BETA}

The current status of AXIS Camera Station Pro installations are verified by logging into AXIS System Health Monitoring. AXIS System Health Monitoring allows you to monitor all your installations and automatically get notification if there's an issue with any of the connected devices.

How to configure AXIS System Health Monitoring ^{BETA}

This example describes how you configure AXIS System Health Monitoring.

1. Download and install the latest version of AXIS Camera Station Pro available on *axis.com*.
2. Configure AXIS System Health Monitoring.
 - 2.1. Under **Configuration > System Health Monitoring > Settings**, choose whether you need to set up a firewall rule to allow AXIS System Health Monitoring pass through Windows Defender.
 - 2.2. Under **Configuration > System Health Monitoring > Notifications**, configure your SMTP server, the email recipients and what notification rules to send an email for.
3. Configure AXIS System Health Monitoring for multisystem setup.
 - 3.1. Go to **Configuration > System Health Monitoring > Multisystem**.
 - 3.2. Under **Generate system configuration**, click **Generate**.
 - 3.3. Copy the configuration and transfer it to the system where you want to collect the data.
 - 3.4. Expand **Retrieve data from other systems** and paste the previously copied configuration and click **Add**. Repeat steps above for each system.

Features

Feature	Description
Inventory	Inventory with device summary.
Device information	Type, model, firmware version, IP address, MAC address, API mode, Recording type, etc.
Video Management System (VMS) information	Software version, operating system, Hardware, CPU/Memory/Network usage, etc.
Download system reports	From the systems page, an AXIS Camera Station Pro system report or AXIS System Health Monitoring report can be generated.
Notification log	Show a history of all notification logs generated.
Storage information	Show storage usage and retention times for cameras, and other recording related information.

Troubleshooting

Issue type	Error message	Solution
Runtime	System is not visible in multisystem setup.	AXIS System Health Monitoring has not collected any data from the system. Allow AXIS System Health Monitoring a minute to collect data after a new system has been added. If an error icon is displayed on the Manage servers page, verify: • AXIS System Health Monitoring is running on the system. • The system is visible on the system. • Provided configuration (host, port, token, certificate) is correct. • Server is reachable on the network. • Firewall exception is enabled. The tooltip on the error icon might also provide a hint to the problem.

Support logs

The debug logs for AXIS System Health Monitoring are saved on the AXIS Camera Station Pro server at: C:\ProgramData\Axis Communications\AXIS System Health Monitoring\logs.

FAQ

Q: How often is the device or VMS status updated?

A: It can take up to 60 seconds for the device or VMS status to be updated in the AXIS System Health Monitoring interface.

Considerations and limitations

- Storage: Used space for cameras connected to AXIS S3008 is not supported.
- Inactivated storage devices will be visible and gathered data kept for up to 2 weeks.
- Notification settings only affect local AXIS System Health Monitoring server.
- Accessing AXIS System Health Monitoring in AXIS Camera Station Pro requires Administrator permissions.
- Retention warnings do not support motion detection recordings.
- Recordings created with other means (Manual/Events etc.) than "continuous" or "motion detection" are flagged with "Recording type: None".

Set up Axis products in your system

Set up AXIS OS Recorders

AXIS OS Recorders include *AXIS S30 Series* and *AXIS S40 Series*.

Note

You need an AXIS OS Recorder firmware 10.4 or later, and Axis device firmware 5.50 or later. AXIS OS Recorders don't require a license.

Limitations

When you use AXIS OS Recorder as recording storage for your devices in AXIS Camera Station Pro, keep these limitations in mind:

- AXIS OS Recorder doesn't support body worn camera recordings or the prerecorded videos used for demos in AXIS Camera Station Pro.
- Recording streams go directly from cameras to AXIS OS Recorder. Make sure your AXIS OS Recorder connects to the same network as your cameras and that all devices can communicate with each other.
- Third-party cameras and devices with non-numeric resolutions like D1, CIF, and 4CIF aren't supported.
- Failover recording isn't supported for cameras with AXIS OS Recorder as recording storage.
- Locking recordings through bookmarks isn't supported.
- Audio from an external audio device connected to a camera isn't recorded.
- Storage of Scene Description Metadata is not supported on the AXIS OS Recorder. Instead, it is the AXIS Camera Station Pro server that will store the metadata. Therefore an uninterrupted connection between the server and the cameras is required to allow Smart search 2 to work.
- Analytics data used for automatic video redaction and Smart search 1 is not supported.
- AXIS Installation Verifier isn't supported for AXIS OS Recorder and connected devices.
- 2N IP Intercom devices aren't supported.
- Recordings made from AXIS Companion or AXIS Camera Station Edge on AXIS OS Recorder can't be played in AXIS Camera Station Pro.
- AXIS S3008 and S3008 Mk II Recorders support up to 64 virtual inputs.
 - Each camera that records on AXIS S3008 Mk II Recorder uses three virtual inputs; one for motion recording, one for continuous recording, and one for manual recording. For example, 8 cameras use 24 virtual inputs (8×3) out of 64, leaving 40 virtual inputs for action rules.
 - Each network door station that records on AXIS S3008 Mk II Recorder uses four virtual inputs; one for motion recording, one for continuous recording, one for manual recording, and one for the default action rule. For example, 7 cameras and 1 door station use 25 virtual inputs (7×3 + 1×4) out of 64, leaving 39 virtual inputs for additional action rules.
 - Each action rule that triggers recording on AXIS OS Recorder uses one virtual input.
 - Fallback recording doesn't use a virtual input.
- AXIS S3016 and AXIS S4000 Rack Recorders support up to 128 virtual inputs.

Workflow

1. *Add your recorder, on page 23*
2. *Add devices and select the recorder as recording storage, on page 23*
3. *Configure recordings, on page 23*

Add your recorder

Note

AXIS Camera Station Pro removes recordings from any previous system when you add the recorder to a new system.

1. Go to **Configuration > Devices > Add devices**.
2. Select your recorder in the list and click **Add**. If your recorder is not listed, use **Manual search** to find it manually.
3. Use the default settings and click **Next**.
4. Create a new password for storage encryption, or use your current one, see below for more details. Click **Next**.
5. Go to **Configuration > Devices > Other devices** and check the recorder has been added.
6. Go to **Configuration > Storage > Management** and check the recorder has been added to the storage list.

Important

Storage encryption password

- You need the storage encryption password to access the recorder's hard drive outside AXIS Camera Station Pro, or when the recorder has been reset to factory default settings from the device's web interface.
- **If the device isn't formatted yet:** You must create a new password for storage encryption. This formats the disk and removes any previous recordings.
- **If the device is already formatted:** You can keep your current password or create a new one:
 - Keep your current password: The system deletes all recordings but doesn't format the device. This can save time.
 - Create a new password: The system formats the device and deletes all recordings.
- **If you've selected more than one device:**
 - If you create a new password, all devices are formatted and assigned the new password.
 - If you keep your current password, only the devices that match your current password are added.

Add devices and select the recorder as recording storage

1. Go to **Configuration > Devices > Add devices**.
2. Select your devices in the list and click **Add**. If your devices are not listed, use **Manual search** to find them manually.
3. Use the default settings and click **Next**.
4. Manually select the recorder from the **Recording storage** drop-down list and click **Install**.

Note

The recorder will not be selected as recording storage if you select **Automatic**.

5. Go to **Configuration > Storage > Selection**. Click your devices and check that the recording storage is the recorder.

Configure recordings

1. Go to **Configuration > Storage > Selection** and select your device.
2. Configure **Retention time**.
 - Select **Unlimited** retention time to keep recordings until the storage becomes full.
 - Select **Limited** and set the maximum number of days to keep recordings.
3. Click **Apply**.

Note

Fallback recording is enabled by default to store the recordings on your recorder when the connection between AXIS Camera Station Pro and the recorder is lost. See *Fallback recording*.

Change storage location

You can change a device's storage location from one recorder to another and keep all the recordings.

1. Go to **Configuration > Storage > Selection** and select your device.
2. Select the new storage location.
3. Click **Apply**.

Note

If the recorder you select already uses the maximum number of action rules with recording actions, do one of the following:

- Remove action rules with recording actions from the existing devices using the recorder as storage.
- Move devices using action rules with recording actions to another storage.

Set up an Axis network door controller

This section explains how to set up an Axis network door controller in AXIS Camera Station Pro. To see the videos about how to set up, go to *this playlist*.

Note

- HTTPS is required to be enabled on the controller.
1. Add the Axis network door controller to AXIS Camera Station Pro. See *Add devices*.
 2. Upgrade the door controller firmware. See *Upgrade firmware*.
 3. Turn on time synchronization to use the AXIS Camera Station Pro server as the NTP server. See *Server settings*.
 4. Set date and time for the controller. See *Set date and time*.
 5. Enable HTTPS on the controller. See *Security*.
 6. Configure access control.
 - 6.1. To edit the predefined identification profiles or create a new identification profile, see *Identification profiles*.
 - 6.2. To use a custom setup for card formats and PIN length, see *Card formats and PIN*.
 - 6.3. Add a door and apply an identification profile to the door. See *Add a door*.
 - 6.4. Configure the door.
 - *Add a door monitor*
 - *Add emergency input*
 - *Add a reader*
 - *Add a REX device*
 - 6.1. Add a zone and add doors to the zone. See *Add a zone*.
 7. Manage access control.
 - 7.1. Add schedules. See *Schedules*.
 - 7.2. Choose a workflow and add the following: See *Access management*.
 - *Add a cardholder*
 - *Add credentials*
 - *Add a group*
 - *Add an access rule*

- 7.1. Apply cardholders, groups, doors and zones to the access rules.
- 7.2. Export reports. See *Export reports*.
- 8. Monitor and manage the door manually in door dashboard. See *Door dashboard in split view*.
- 9. Search for access control data.
 - 9.1. Connect a view to the door. See *External data sources*.
 - 9.2. Search for specific event data within a period or with specific keywords. See *Data search*.

Note

When you remove a door controller in AXIS Camera Station Pro, the data on the door controller is not removed. To remove the data on it, make a default reset and restore all factory default values.

Set up 2N desktop USB card reader



1. Go to <https://www.elatec-rfid.com/int/>, download **TWN4 DevPack** and extract it to a folder.
2. Go to the extracted folder, run **AppBlaster.exe**.
 - 2.1. Select the **Multi keyboard V4.80** keyboard firmware to program the reader.
 - 2.2. Define the format for the reader by creating a project. You need to define the following:
 - Transponder type including frequency, type, and sub type.
For example: MIFARE Classic (UID, any length)
 - Bit manipulation for the transponder type.
For example: Reverse byte order
 - Output format for the transponder type.
For example: Decimal
 - Remove the predefined suffix for the output data.
 - 2.1. Load the project file to the reader.
3. When you add a card credential in AXIS Camera Station Pro, present your access control card to the reader to get the card details.

Set up an Axis body worn system



For more information about Axis body worn solution, see *Axis body worn user manual*.

1. For an existing AXIS Camera Station Pro installation, generate a new server certificate used to communicate with the client. For instructions, see *AXIS Camera Station Pro user manual*
2. Create a connection file.
 - 2.1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, go to  > Other > Connection file....

- 2.2. To change the default site name displayed in your body worn system, type a new name.
- 2.3. Click **Export**.
3. Set up your body worn system. See *Access AXIS Body Worn Manager for the first time*. When you are prompted to set the content destination, select the connection file that you have exported from AXIS Camera Station Pro.
4. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, check that a virtual camera with the username is added under the Recordings tab.
5. To change the retention time, go to **Configuration > Storage > Selection**.
6. Make a recording with the body worn camera and place the camera back in the docking station. The recordings will be automatically uploaded to AXIS Camera Station Pro.
7. Playback and export recordings from the body worn camera in AXIS Camera Station Pro.



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Important

Always use AXIS Body Worn Manager to remove users. Never remove body worn users from AXIS Camera Station Pro.

Set up Axis network door station

This example explains how to:

- Add an Axis network door station to AXIS Camera Station Pro
- Configure an audible alert on the client
- Operate incoming calls
- Disable a door station incoming call notification

Limitations:

- Calls from the door station to AXIS Camera Station Pro can't be put on hold.
- Motion detection can't be enabled for the door station.
- Only recordings from the caller can be recorded. The audio from the operator can't be recorded.

Add Axis network door station to AXIS Camera Station Pro

1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, go to **Configuration > Devices > Add devices**.
2. Select the network door station and click **Add**.
3. Use the default settings, click **Next** and **Install**.
4. Go to **Configuration > Devices > Cameras** to check that the door station has been added.
5. Go to **Configuration > Recording and events > Action rules** to check that the following action rules have been added automatically.
 - **Open door rule:** The Open Door action button is added. Click the button in the live view to open the I/O port of the door station for 7 seconds by default.
 - **Record ongoing call:** When there is an ongoing call, start recording on the door station.

Configure an incoming call sound

1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, go to **Configuration > Client > Settings**.
2. Under **Sound on incoming call**, select **Sound file**.

3. Click **Browse** and navigate to the sound file in .wav or .mp3 format.
4. Click **Play** to test the sound.

Operate an incoming call

1. When a call is activated, a notification window appears.
2. Hover your mouse on the thumbnail to see a larger image of the caller.
3. To answer the call, click **Accept**. A new tab appears containing the view from the door station. Click **Open door** to open the I/O port of the door station for 7 seconds by default.
4. To ignore the call on this client only, click **Ignore**. The call can be still answered on another client.
5. To end the call, click **Decline**. The call is ended and call notification on all clients is removed.

Note

When multiple calls occur, we recommend that you answer one at a time. The other calls will continue to be displayed until they are answered or time-out.

Disable the door station notification

1. Create a separate user for the client.
 - 1.1. Go to **Configuration > Security > User permissions**.
 - 1.2. Click **Add**.
 - 1.3. Select a user from the list and click **Add**.
2. Configure the user.
 - 2.1. Under **Role**, select **Operator**.
 - 2.2. Select **Access** for the door station, but clear **Audio Listen** and **Audio speak**.
 - 2.3. Click **Save**.

Set up audio in AXIS Camera Station Pro

This example explains how to:

- Add an Axis network audio device to AXIS Camera Station Pro and associate it with an Axis network camera.
- Create a button in the camera's live view in AXIS Camera Station Pro, that makes the audio device play an audio clip.

NOTICE

This system setup is suitable for non-life critical systems, for example intruder alarms or staff and customer address. Specific guidelines and standards (local to the installation) have to be met for implementation in critical systems, such as fire evacuation.

Limitations:

- Audio sent from AXIS Camera Station Pro to Axis network audio device can't be recorded.
- An audio device must be associated with a camera in AXIS Camera Station Pro.
- You can only associate one audio device per camera.
- There is no volume control for the audio device in AXIS Camera Station Pro.

1. Add Axis network audio device to AXIS Camera Station Pro:

- 1.1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, click  and select **Configuration**.
- 1.2. Go to **Devices > Add devices**.
- 1.3. Select the network audio device from the list and click **Add**.
- 1.4. Go to **Other devices** to check that the audio device has been added to the list.

2. Associate the audio device with a camera:

- 2.1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, go to **Devices > Streaming profiles** and select the camera that you want to associate the audio device with.

- 2.2. In the device's streaming profile, select the audio device from the **Speaker** drop-down.
- 2.3. Click **Apply**.
- 2.4. To test the association, go to the camera's **Live view** in AXIS Camera Station Pro and click the **Speak** button. When you speak into the computer's microphone, the audio device plays the audio.
3. Prepare audio clip link:
 - 3.1. Go to **Audio > Audio clips**.
 - 3.2. Click the link icon for an audio clip.
 - 3.3. Set the volume and number of times to repeat the clip.
 - 3.4. Click the copy icon to copy the link.
4. Create a button that triggers the audio clip:
 - 4.1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro, go to **Configuration > Recording and events > Action rules** and click **New**.
 - 4.2. Click **Add** to add a trigger.
 - 4.3. In the list of triggers, select **Action button** and click **OK**.
 - 4.4. If a button has been created, then select **Create new button** and click **Next**.
 - 4.5. Select **Command button** and click **Next**.
 - 4.6. Enter the button details, for example:
 - Button label: Staff to till
 - Tooltip: Call staff to come to till
 - Add to camera: select the camera associated with the audio device.
 - Add to map.
 - Click OK.

Note

You can associate the button with multiple maps or cameras.

- 4.1. Click **Next**.
- 4.2. Click **Add** to add an action.
- 4.3. In the list of actions, select **Send HTTP Notification** and click **OK**.
- 4.4. Paste the configured link from the audio device in the **URL** field.
- 4.5. Check **Authentication required** and enter the **User name** and **Password** of the audio device.
- 4.6. Click **OK**.
- 4.7. Click **Next** twice.
- 4.8. Enter a **Name** for the rule and click **Finish**.

In the camera's live view in AXIS Camera Station Pro, there is now a button labelled **Staff to till**. When you click the button, the audio device plays the audio clip.

Set up Axis analytics



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Set up AXIS Barcode Reader

This section explains how to set up AXIS Barcode Reader on Axis intercoms and cameras and how to configure it in AXIS Camera Station Secure Entry. For more information about AXIS Barcode Reader, see *user manual*.

Note

- It requires an Axis network door controller with firmware 10.11.9 or later.
- It requires a license.

Limitations

You can only send QR Code® after you save the cardholder with QR credential.

Install AXIS Barcode Reader

1. Download the application installation file from *axis.com*.
2. Go to the webpage of your Axis intercom or camera.
3. Install the application.
4. Activate the license.
5. Start the application.
6. We recommend changing the following camera setting for better QR accuracy.
 - 6.1. Go to camera settings.
 - 6.2. Under **Image > Exposure**, move the **Blur-noise trade-off** slider to the middle.

Configure AXIS Barcode Reader

1. To change the QR identification profile, go to **Configuration > Access control > Identification profiles** and click . See *Identification profiles*.
2. Add a door. See *Add a door*.
3. Select **QR** as the identification profile for this door. See *Door settings*.
4. Add a barcode reader. See *Add a reader*.
 - 4.1. Under one side of the door, click **Add reader**.
 - 4.2. Select **AXIS Barcode Reader** from the **Reader type** drop-down list. Enter a name and click **OK**.

Create a connection with door controller

1. In AXIS Camera Station Pro:
 - 1.1. Go to **Configuration > Access control > Encrypted communication**.
 - 1.2. Under **External Peripheral Authentication Key**, click **Show authentication key** and **Copy key**.
2. In the device web interface where AXIS Barcode Reader runs:
 - 2.1. Open AXIS Barcode Reader application.
 - 2.2. If the server certificate wasn't configured in AXIS Camera Station Pro, turn on **Ignore server certificate validation**. See *Certificates* for more information.
 - 2.3. If the server certificate wasn't configured in AXIS Camera Station Pro, turn on **Ignore server certificate validation**. See *Certificates* for more information.
 - 2.4. Turn on **AXIS Camera Station Secure Entry**.
 - 2.5. Click **Add** and enter the IP address of the door controller and paste the authentication key.
 - 2.6. Select the reader that reads barcodes from the door drop-down menu.

Configure QR credential

1. Add a cardholder.
2. Add a QR credential.
 - Under **Credentials**, click  and .
 - Enter a name.
 - **Dynamic QR** is turned on by default. Dynamic QR must be used with PIN credential together.
 - Set the expiration date and click **Add**.
3. Add an access rule for the cardholder on the door that is configured with AXIS Barcode Reader.

Send QR Code®

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1. Ensure the cardholder is configured with a correct email address. See *Add a cardholder*.
2. Configure an SMTP server to send email. See *Server settings*.
3. Edit the email template if you want. See *Access management settings*.
 - 3.1. Go to **Access management > Settings**.
 - 3.2. Under **Email template**, change the subject and body text.
 - 3.3. **Include visiting time in the email** is selected by default.
 - 3.4. Click **Apply**.
4. Send the QR code. See *Add a cardholder*.
 - 4.1. Go to **Access management > Dashboard > Cardholders**.
 - 4.2. Select a cardholder, click  and **Send QR code**.
 - 4.3. Click **OK**.

Set up AXIS Mobile Credential

To use dynamic QR code, you need to set up AXIS Mobile Credential.

Follow the instructions in the email that you have received:

1. Download the AXIS Mobile Credential app.
2. Click the activation link in the email.
3. Open the application on your mobile device, the credential is shown under **My credentials**.
4. Click it and enter the PIN to active the dynamic QR code.

Set up AXIS Perimeter Defender PTZ Autotracking

When an Axis PTZ camera is configured with AXIS Perimeter Defender PTZ Autotracking, you can use the camera in AXIS Camera Station Pro to automatically detect and follow moving objects such as people or vehicles in its field of view. It is intended for indoor or outdoor use in low-traffic areas such as parking lots or during after-business hours at schools, offices and stores.

Note

You can only track one object at a time.

Limitations:

- In a split view, the trigger areas and object indicators might not show up in correct position.
- Refresh the camera's configuration page or reopen the application settings page:

- After the camera is under maintenance in AXIS Camera Station Pro
 - If the camera orientation has been rotated
 - If the preset position that is used in your autotracking profile is deleted, the trigger area will not work and no warning is triggered in AXIS Camera Station Pro.
1. Go to the camera's configuration page and set up the trigger areas.
 - 1.1. Go to **Settings > Apps**.
 - 1.2. Click **AXIS PTZ Autotracking** and start the application.
 - 1.3. Click **Open** to open the application settings page.
 - 1.4. Go to **Settings > Profiles**.
 - 1.5. Click  and create a profile.
 - 1.6. Move the trigger area and modify the size and shape by dragging the anchor points. Each trigger area can have up to ten primary anchor points.
 - 1.7. Create more profiles and trigger areas if you want. You can create up to 10 profiles.
 - 1.8. Close the application settings page.
 2. In AXIS Camera Station Pro:
 - 2.1. Go to **Configuration > Devices > Add devices**.
 - 2.2. Select the PTZ camera and click **Add**.
 - 2.3. Click **Next** and **Install**.
 3. Go to the camera's live view, you can see:
 - Yellow areas: The trigger areas that you have configured in the camera's configuration page. Any object that enters a yellow trigger area will be automatically tracked.
 - Green areas: The object indicators that the camera has detected. The object indicators are only available if **Show PTZ autotracking object indicators** is selected under Streaming profiles.
 - Click a green area to start tracking the detected object.
 - Click the object to stop tracking.
 4. Create an action rule to trigger an action when autotracking is started.
 - 4.1. Go to **Configuration > Recording and events > Action rules** and click **New**.
 - 4.2. Add the autotracking event trigger.
 - 4.2.1. Click **Add** and select **Device event**. Click **OK**.
 - 4.2.2. Under **Configure device event trigger**:
 - Select your PTZ camera from the **Device** drop-down list.
 - Select **PtzAutotracking > Autotracking is tracking** from the **Event** drop-down list.
 - Set **Trigger period** and set **stateInfo** to *yes*.
 - 4.2.1. Click **OK**.
 - 4.2. Click **Next**.
 - 4.3. Add a record action.
 - 4.3.1. Click **Add** and select **Record**. Click **OK**.
 - 4.3.2. Select your PTZ camera from the **Camera** drop-down list.
 - 4.3.3. Configure **Video setting**.
 - 4.3.4. Click **OK**.
 - 4.5. Click **Next** and select a schedule.
 - 4.6. Click **Finish**.

Set up AXIS License Plate Verifier

When a device is configured with AXIS License Plate Verifier, it is considered as an external data source in the video management system. You can connect a view to the data source, search for the license plates that are captured by the device, and view the related image.

Note

AXIS License Plate Verifier requires a license.

1. Download and install the application on your device.
2. Configure the application. See *AXIS License Plate Verifier user manual*.
3. For an existing AXIS Camera Station Pro installation, renew your server certificate that is used to communicate with the client. See *Certificate renewal*.
4. Turn on time synchronization to use AXIS Camera Station Pro server as the NTP server. See *Server settings*.
5. Add the device to AXIS Camera Station Pro. See *Add devices*.
6. When the first event is received, a data source is automatically added under **Configuration > Devices > External data sources**.
7. Connect the data source to a view. See *External data sources*.
8. Search for license plates that are captured by the device. See *Data search*.
9. Click  to export the search results to a .txt file.

Set up AXIS Speed Monitor

The AXIS Speed Monitor app can be installed on a device that is connected to a radar, or directly installed on a radar.

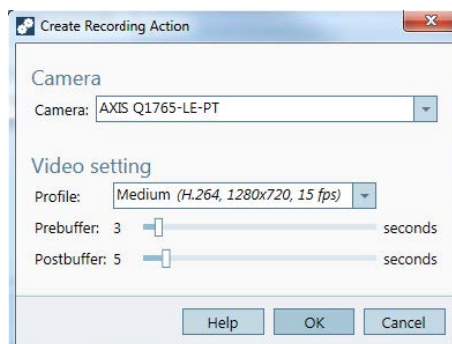
If a device or radar is configured with AXIS Speed Monitor, it is considered as an external data source in AXIS Camera Station Pro. You can connect a view to the data source, search for the object speeds that are captured by the device, and view the related image.

1. Download and install the application on your device.
2. Configure the application and the radar. See *AXIS Speed Monitor user manual*.
3. For an existing AXIS Camera Station Pro installation, generate a new server certificate used to communicate with the client. For instructions, see *AXIS Camera Station Pro user manual*.
4. Turn on time synchronization to use AXIS Camera Station Pro server as the NTP server. See *Server settings*.
5. Add the related devices to AXIS Camera Station Pro. See *Add devices*.
 - If the app is installed on a device connected to radar, add the device and radar.
 - If the app is installed on a radar, add the radar.
6. When the first event is received, a data source is automatically added under **Configuration > Devices > External data sources**.
7. Connect the data source to a view. See *External data sources*.
8. Search for object speeds that are captured by the device. See *Data search*.
9. Click  to export the search results to a .txt file.

Set up AXIS Perimeter Defender

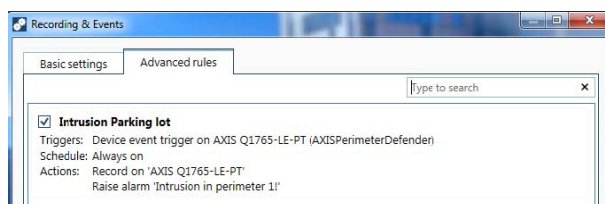
This section explains how to integrate AXIS Perimeter Defender with AXIS Camera Station Pro event system. You'll learn how to:

- Configure an AXIS Camera Station Pro rule to trigger when an intrusion takes place.
 - Verify that the configuration is done correctly.
1. Configure and calibrate AXIS Perimeter Defender in the AXIS Perimeter Defender setup software. For help with the installation and calibration of AXIS Perimeter Defender, refer to AXIS Perimeter Defender user manual or *or product page*.
 2. Add the camera to AXIS Camera Station Pro by following the **Add Camera** wizard.
 3. Configure a Device Event trigger:
 - 3.1. Go to **Configuration > Recording & Events** and open the **Advanced rules** tab.
 - 3.2. Create a new rule and select the **Device Event** trigger.
 - 3.3. Select the camera where AXIS Perimeter Defender is installed.
 - 3.4. In the **Event** list, select **AXISPerimeterDefender**.
 - 3.5. In the **Feature** list, select the name of the configured Intrusion (in this case "Intrusion-1"). If you want to trigger the rule for all the configured scenarios, select **ALL_SCENARIOS**.
 - 3.6. Select **Yes** if the trigger should be activated when there is an intrusion. When an intrusion is detected, the Activity window will show a status change that helps to verify if the setup is correct.
 - 3.7. Click **OK** and **Next** to configure the action(s).
 - 3.8. In the **Add Action** dialog, you can add one or several actions for the rule.



In this example we add a recording action and an alarm action.

- 3.9. Click **Finish**.



The example shows a rule that triggers two actions when an intrusion takes place.

4. Test that your configuration works as expected by simulating an intrusion, for example by physically entering the monitored area.

Need more help?

Useful links

- *Installation parameters - AXIS Camera Station Pro Microsoft installer*
- *Installation switches - AXIS Camera Station Pro executable*
- *AXIS Camera Station Pro user manual*
- *AXIS Camera Station Pro tutorial videos*

Contact support

If you need more help, go to axis.com/support.

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