

**User Manual** 

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About your device

## About your device

AXIS Camera Station S11 Recorder series consist of out-of-the-box ready rack servers and work stations validated for reliable high-definition surveillance up to 4K. For quick and easy installation, the recorder series is preconfigured and preloaded with AXIS Camera Station video management software including licenses plus all necessary system software. The system configuration can easily be imported from AXIS Site Designer, and AXIS Camera Station lets you take full advantage of Axis wide range of video surveillance devices. With redundant enterprise-grade hard disks, operating system stored on solid-state drive (SSD), the recorder series provides high-performance and reliability for your system.



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## Get started

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The standard workflow to configure an AXIS Camera Station recorder is:

- 1. Install your device
- 2. Update AXIS Camera Station to the latest version.
  - If your system is online: open the AXIS Recorder Toolbox app and click Update AXIS Camera Station.
  - If your system is offline: go to *axis.com* and download the latest version.
- 3. Configure Windows<sup>®</sup>. We recommend to:
  - Update Windows® to the latest version. See Update Windows® on page 29
  - Create a standard user account. See Create a user account on page 24
- 4. Configure AXIS Camera Station
- 5. Register you AXIS Camera Station licenses.
  - License a system with Internet connection on page 22
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- 6. Connect your system to the AXIS Camera Station mobile viewing app. See Configure AXIS Secure Remote Access



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### Configure your device

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### **Configure AXIS Camera Station**

This Get started tutorial will walk you through the basic steps to make your system up and running.

Before you start, you may need to:

- Configure your network depending on your installation. See Network configuration.
- Configure your server ports if needed. See *Server port configuration*.
- Consider security issues. See Security considerations.

After necessary configurations, you can start to work with AXIS Camera Station:

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### Start AXIS Camera Station

AXIS Camera Station Service Control automatically starts after the installation is complete.

Double-click the AXIS Camera Station Client icon to start the AXIS Camera Station client. When starting the client for the first time, it automatically attempts to log on to the AXIS Camera Station server installed on the same computer as the client.

You can connect to multiple AXIS Camera Station servers in different ways.

### Add devices

The first time you start your AXIS Camera Station, you are navigated to the Add devices page. AXIS Camera Station automatically searches the network for connected devices and displays a list of devices found.

- Select the cameras to add from the list. If your camera is not listed, click Find by address, enter the camera address and click OK.
- 2. Click Add.
- 3. Select Quick configuration or Site Designer configuration. Click Next.
- 4. Use the default settings and ensure the recording method is set to None. Click Install.

### Configure recording method

- 1. Go to Configuration > Recording and events > Recording method.
- 2. If you want to enable motion detection recording:
  - 2.1 Select a camera.

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- 2.2 Turn on Motion detection.
- 2.3 Click Apply.
- 3. If you want to enable continuous recording:
  - 3.1 Select a camera.
  - 3.2 Turn on Continuous.
  - 3.3 Click Apply.

#### Live view cameras

- 1. Click the Live view tab to navigate to the camera live view.
- Click a camera to navigate to the live view of that camera. A blue dot after the camera name shows that continuous recording is in progress. A red dot after the camera name shows that motion detection recording is in progress.
- Click <sup>102</sup> to navigate from Live view to Recordings. A red line in the timeline shows that motion detection recording has been taken for that period. A blue line in the timeline shows that continuous recording is in progress.

#### **Replay recordings**

- 1. Go to the Recording tab.
- 2. In the timeline of the camera, use the mouse wheel to zoom in and out and drag the timeline to make the marker pointing at your desired position.
- 3. To start playing the recording from the desired position, click

#### Add bookmarks

- 1. Go to the Recording tab.
- 2. In the timeline of the camera, use the mouse wheel to zoom in and out and drag the timeline to make the marker pointing at your desired position.
- 3. Click 🗖 .
- 4. Enter the bookmark name and description. Use keywords in the description to make the bookmark easy to find and recognized.
- 5. Select Prevent recording deletion to lock the recording. A locked recording cannot be deleted unless actively unlocked.
- 6. Click OK. A bookmark icon is displayed at your desired position in the timeline.

#### Export recordings

- 1. Go to the Recording tab.
- 2. In the timeline of the camera, use the mouse wheel to zoom in and out.
- 3. Click **[...]** to display the selection markers.
- 4. Drag the markers to include the recordings that you want to export.

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- 5. Click 🖾 to open the Export tab.
- 6. In the Export tab, you can do the following if desired.
  - Click to add a note for the recording.
  - Click **Browse** to select the location to export the recordings.
  - Select Include Axis File Player, Include notes, and Add digital signature.
- 7. Click Export.
- 8. Select Use password and enter your password for the digital signature. Click OK.

### Play and verify recordings in AXIS File Player

1. Go to the folder that you have specified for the exported recordings.

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In this example, the exported files include the recordings in the .asf format, the notes in the .txt format, and AXIS File Player.

- 2. Double-click AXIS File Player. The exported recordings will be automatically played.
- 3. Click  $\blacksquare$  to show the notes added to the recordings.
- 4. To verify the digital signature:
  - 4.1 Go to Tools > Verify digital signature.
  - 4.2 Select Validate with password and enter your password.
  - 4.3 Click Verify. The verification result page is displayed.

### Network configuration

When AXIS Camera Station Client, AXIS Camera Station Server, and the connected network devices are installed on different networks, you might need to configure proxy or firewall settings before using AXIS Camera Station.

#### Client proxy settings

When the client and the server are separated by a proxy server, configure the client proxy settings.

- 1. Double-click the AXIS Camera Station Client icon.
- 2. On the Log on page, click Change client proxy settings.
- 3. Change the client proxy settings.
- 4. Click OK.

#### Server proxy settings

When network devices and the server are separated by a proxy server, configure the server proxy settings.

- 1. Double-click the AXIS Service Control icon in Windows notification area.
- 2. Select Modify settings.
- 3. In the Proxy settings section, use the default System account internet option or select Use manual proxy settings.
- 4. Click Save.

#### NAT and Firewall

When the client and the server are separated by a NAT, firewall or similar, configure the NAT or firewall to ensure that the HTTP port, TCP port, and streaming port specified in AXIS Camera Station Service Control are allowed to pass through the firewall and/or NAT. For instructions how to configure the NAT or firewall, contact the network administrator.

#### Server port configuration

The ports 55752 (HTTP), 55754 (TCP), 55756 (mobile communication), and 55757 (mobile streaming) are used on AXIS Camera Station Server for communication between the server and the client. If required, the ports can be changed from AXIS Camera Station Service Control.

#### Security considerations

To prevent unauthorized access to cameras and recordings, keep the following in mind:

• Use strong passwords for all network devices (cameras, video encoders and auxiliary devices).

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- Install AXIS Camera Station Server, cameras, video encoders, and auxiliary devices on a secure network separated from the office network. AXIS Camera Station Client can be installed on a computer on another network, for example a network with Internet access.
- Ensure all users have strong passwords. Using Windows Active Directory a high level of security can be implemented.

### License a system with Internet connection

Both the AXIS Camera Station client and the server must be connected to the internet.

- 1. In the AXIS Camera Station client, go to Configuration > Licenses > Management and click Go to AXIS Camera Station License Portal.
- 2. In the AXIS Camera Station license portal, sign in with your MyAxis account.
- 3. Enter your license key, and click Add licenses.

#### Note

For AXIS Network Video Recorders, your license details are generated automatically and can be found under the License keys section. We recommend that you write them down, or save them in a digital format on a USB flash drive for future reference. Lost license keys cannot be retrieved.

4. In the AXIS Camera Station client, check that your license keys are shown in Configuration > Licenses > Keys.



AXIS Camera Station online license registration

### License a system without Internet connection

To license a system without Internet connection:

- 1. In the AXIS Camera Station client, export the system file.
  - 1.1 Go to Configuration > Licenses > Management.
  - 1.2 Click Export system file.
  - 1.3 Save your system file on a USB flash drive.
- 2. Go to the AXIS Camera Station license portal *www.axis.com/licenses*, sign in with your MyAxis account and upload your system file.
- 3. Enter your license key, and click Add licenses.

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- 4. Click Download license file and save the file to a USB flash drive.
- 5. In the AXIS Camera Station client, import the license file.
  - 5.1 Go to Configuration > Licenses > Management.
  - 5.2 Click Import license file, and select the license file on your USB flash drive.
  - 5.3 Check that your license keys are shown in Configuration > Licenses > Keys.



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### Manage Windows® user accounts

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### Create a user account

To help keep your personal data and information more secure, we recommend that you add a password for each local account.

#### Important

Once you create a password for a local account, don't forget it. There's no way to recover a lost password for local accounts.

- 1. Go to Settings > Accounts > Other people > Add someone else to this PC.
- 2. Click I don't have this person's sign-in information.
- 3. Click Add a user without a Microsoft account.
- 4. Enter a user name, password and password hint.
- 5. Click Next and follow the instructions.

### Create an administrator account

- 1. Go to Settings > Accounts > Other people.
- 2. Go to the account you want to change and click Change account type.
- 3. Go to Account type and select Administrator.
- 4. Click OK.
- 5. Restart your device and sign in with the new administrator account.

### Create a local user group

- 1. Go to Computer Management.
- 2. Go to Local Users and Groups > Group.
- 3. Right-click Group and select New Group.
- 4. Enter a group name and a description.
- 5. Add group members:
  - 5.1 Click Add.
  - 5.2 Click Advanced.
  - 5.3 Find the user account(s) you want to add to the group and click OK.
  - 5.4 Click OK again.
- 6. Click Create.

### Delete a user account

#### Important

When you delete an account you remove the user account from the login screen. You also remove all files, settings and program data stored on the user account.

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- 1. Go to Settings > Accounts > Other people.
- 2. Go to the account you want to remove and click Remove.

### Change a user account's password

- 1. Log in with an administrator account.
- 2. Go to User Accounts > User Accounts > Manage another account in sequence.

You'll see a list with all user accounts on the device.

- 3. Select the user account whose password you would like to change.
- 4. Click Change the password.
- 5. Enter the new password and click Change password.

### Create a password reset disk for a user account

We recommend to create a password reset disk using a USB flash drive. Then, if you forget your password, you can reset the password. Without a USB reset disk, you can't reset the password.

If you're using Windows 10, version 1803 you can add security questions to your local account in case you forget your password, so you don't need to create a password reset disk. To do this, got to Start and click Settings > Sign-in options > Update your security questions.

- 1. Sign in to your device with a local user account. You can't create a password reset disk for a connected account.
- 2. Plug a USB flash drive into your device.
- 3. If there's any data on the USB flash drive, back it up.
- 4. From the Windows<sup>®</sup> search field, go to Create a password reset disk.
- 5. In the Forgotten Password wizard, click Next.
- 6. Select your USB flash drive and click Next.
- 7. Type your current password and click Next.
- 8. Follow the onscreen instructions.
- 9. Remove the USB flash drive and keep it in a safe place where you'll remember it. You don't have to create a new disk when you change your password even if you change it several times.

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### Configure user permissions

Go to **Configuration > Security > User permissions** to view a list of the users and groups that have been added to AXIS Camera Station.

Note

- When connecting to multiple AXIS Camera Station servers, you can add and manage user permissions on any connected server by selecting the server from the **Selected server** drop-down list.
- Administrators of the computer on which the AXIS Camera Station server is installed are automatically given administrator privileges to AXIS Camera Station. You cannot change or remove the administrators group's privileges.

Before a user or group can be added, the user or group must be registered on the local computer or have an Windows Active Directory user account. Using Windows Active Directory, a high level of security can be implemented.

When a user is part of a group, the user gets the highest role permission that is assigned to the individual and the group.

When a user is part of a group, the user gets the access granted as an individual and also receive the rights as part of a group. For example, a user is given access to camera X as an individual. The user is also a member of a group. The group is given access to cameras Y and Z. The user then has access to cameras X, Y and Z.

If there are security concerns regarding the access to the computer by a designated AXIS Camera Station user, create a standard user account that you then use for access to Axis Camera Station. You can then elevate the account to administrator in Configuration > Security > User permissions.

The list consists of the following information:

ltem	Description
Name	Username as it appears in the local computer or Active Directory.
Туре	Indicates the entry is a group or a single user.
Details	Detailed user information as it appears in the local computer or Active Directory.
Domain	Domain name where the user is registered.
Role	The access role given to the user or group.
	Possible values:
	<ul> <li>Administrator: Full access to all functionality and all cameras and devices.</li> <li>Operator: Full access to all functionality except Configuration tab, Device management page, and Audit log. Full access to cameras and I/O ports. Access to playback and recording export can be restricted.</li> <li>Viewer: Access to live video from cameras and access to I/O ports.</li> </ul>

To add a user or group, see Add users or groups.

To change user access rights for a user or group, select the user or group and click Edit. You can edit multiple users or groups at the same time when they have the same role as Operator or Viewer.

To remove a user or group, select the user or group and click Remove. In the pop-up dialog, click OK to remove the user or group.

### Add users or groups

User accounts in Microsoft Windows and Active Directory users and groups can access AXIS Camera Station. To add a user to AXIS Camera Station, you have to add users or a group to Windows.

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To add a user or group in Microsoft Windows: Adding a user in Windows may vary depending on which version of Windows you are running. Follow the instructions on *Microsoft's site*. If you are connected to an Active Directory domain network, consult your network administrator.

To add a user or a group in AXIS Camera Station:

- 1. Go to Configuration > Security > User permissions and click Add.
- 2. Select Server to search for users or groups on the local computer, or select Domain to search for Active Directory users or groups.
- 3. Select Users or Groups to search for only users or groups.
- 4. The list of users or groups is displayed. Users and groups that have already been added to AXIS Camera Station are not listed.
  - If there are too many users or groups, the search result is not displayed. Use the **Type to search** field to refine the search and find a specific user or group.
  - If the domain user search fails, the Service logon account must be changed.
- 5. Select the users or groups and click Add.
- 6. Set the users or groups role to Administrator, Operator, or Viewer.
- 7. If you have selected the **Operator** or **Viewer** role, select the cameras, I/Os, or views to grant access to. Click **Advanced** to view all options for cameras and I/Os. See *User or group privileges*.
- 8. If you have selected **Operator** role, click **Playback** to restrict playback or recording export access. See *User or group privileges.*
- 9. Click OK.

### User or group privileges

Users and groups with the Administrator role have full access to the entire system.

For users and groups with the Operator or Viewer role, you can grant different access privileges to the specific cameras, I/O ports, views, playback of recordings, and snapshots. For how to define access privileges for a user or group, see *Add users or groups*.

#### Cameras

The following access privileges are available for users or groups with the Operator or Viewer role.

- In the default Simple mode:
  - Access: Allow access to the camera and all camera features.
- In the Advanced mode:
  - Access: Allow access to the camera and all camera features.
  - Video: Allow access to live video from the camera.
  - Audio: Allow access to audio from the camera.
  - Mechanical PTZ: Allow access to mechanical PTZ controls.
  - Manual Recording: Allow to start and stop recordings manually.

### I/0

The following access privileges are available for users or groups with the Operator or Viewer role.

• In the default Simple mode:

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- Access: Allow full access to the I/O port.
- In the Advanced mode:
  - Access: Allow full access to the I/O port.
  - Read: Allow to view the state of the I/O port. The user is not able to change the port state.
  - Write: Allow to change the state of the I/O port.

#### Views

The following access privileges are available for users or groups with the Operator or Viewer role.

- Access: Allow access to the views in AXIS Camera Station.
- Edit: Allow to edit the views in AXIS Camera Station.

#### Playback

The following access privileges are available for users or groups with the Operator role.

- Export recordings: Allow exporting recordings.
- Generate incident report: Allow generating incident reports.
- **Prevent access to recordings older than:** Prevent accessing recordings older than the specified number of minutes. When using search, the user will not find recordings older than the specified time. Recordings and bookmarks older than the specified time cannot be played.

### Snapshots

The following access privilege is available for users or groups with the Operator or Viewer role.

• Take snapshots: Allow taking snapshots in the live view and recordings modes.

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### Update Windows®

Windows® 10 periodically checks for updates. When an update is available, your device automatically downloads the update but you've to install it manually.

### Note

Recording will be interrupted during a scheduled system restart.

To manually check for updates:

- 1. Go to Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update.
- 2. Click Check for updates.

### **Configure Windows update settings**

Sometimes you might want to change how and when Windows® updates.

#### Note

All ongoing recordings stop during a scheduled system restart.

- 1. Open the Run app.
  - Go to Windows System > Run, or
  - press WIN and R.
- 2. Type gpedit.msc and click OK. The Local Group Policy Editor opens.
- 3. Go to Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Update.
- 4. Configure the settings as required, see example.

#### Example

To automatically download and install updates without any user interaction and have the device restart if necessary out of office hours use the following configuration:

- 1. Open Always automatically restart at the scheduled time and select:
  - 1.1 Enabled
  - 1.2 The restart timer will give users this much time to save their work (minutes): 15.
  - 1.3 Click OK.
- 2. Open Configure Automatic Updates and select:
  - 2.1 Enabled
  - 2.2 Configure Automatic updates: Auto download and schedule the install
  - 2.3 Schedule Install day: Every Sunday
  - 2.4 Schedule Install time: 00:00
  - 2.5 Click OK.
- 3. Open Allow Automatic Updates immediate installation and select:

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- 3.1 Enabled
- 3.2 Click OK.

## Troubleshooting

### Troubleshooting

If you can't find what you're looking for here, try the troubleshooting section at axis.com/support.

### Check the current BIOS version

When you troubleshoot a device, always check the current BIOS version. If your device doesn't have the latest version, we recommend to upgrade. The latest version may contain a correction that fixes your problem.

To check the current BIOS:

- 1. Power on the device.
- 2. Wait until you see the Axis splash screen. You'll see the version number above the splash screen.

### Perform a system recovery

If the device has had a complete system failure, you must use a recovery image to recreate the Windows<sup>®</sup> system. To download the AXIS Recovery Kit, contact AXIS Technical Support and supply the serial number of your device.

- 1. Download the AXIS Recovery Kit and AXIS ISO to USB Tool.
- 2. Insert a USB drive into your computer.
  - Use a USB drive with a minimum of 16 GB to 32 GB.
  - The USB drive will be formatted, and all existing data will be erased.
- 3. Run the AXIS ISO to USB Tool and follow the onscreen instructions.

Writing data to the USB drive takes approximately 10 to 15 min. Don't remove the USB drive until the process is complete.

- 4. After the ISO to USB tool is complete, take the USB drive and plug it into your device.
- 5. Start your device and before the AXIS splash screen appears press F12. We recommend that you tap the F12 key repeatedly as the device boots fast.
- 6. Navigate to your USB drive and press ENTER. The system boots into the AXIS Recovery Kit.

For example it should say UEFI: Sandisk.

7. Click Reinstall Operating System.

The recovery takes roughly 10 to 15 min to complete. You find detailed instructions in the download for the recovery kit.

### **Troubleshoot AXIS Camera Station**

For information about how to troubleshoot AXIS Camera Station, go to the AXIS Camera Station user manual.

## Need more help?

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## Useful links

- AXIS Camera Station user manual
- Configure AXIS Secure Remote Access
- What to include in an Antivirus white list for AXIS Camera Station

## **Contact support**

Contact support at axis.com/support.

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