

# Adding a Hot Spare to an exacqVision System with LSI RAID

**Purpose:** This article explains the process of adding a hot spare to an existing array. This guide assumes that a new drive is added to at least one unused drive bay for use as a hot spare.

1. Close exacqVision client, log out of the user account, and log in to the admin account.
2. Minimize exacqVision Client and open the LSI MegaRAID Storage manager from Start > All Programs > MegaRAID Storage Manager > StartupUI, or by double-clicking the MegaRAID Manager icon on the Desktop (if present).
3. When the Host View page opens, select the Host that comes up in the list to get the login window.
4. Enter the username/password -- **admin/admin256** (Windows) or **root/exacqvisionip** (Linux) -- and select Login.
5. Navigate to the **Physical** tab next to the **Dashboard** tab.
6. Select the new drive to be used.
7. Right-click and select **Assign Dedicated Hot Spare**.
8. Select **Drive Group: 0** and then select **OK**.
9. The icon next to the drive will change, displaying **Dedicated Hot Spare**.