
Recovery from 'Lifecycle Controller update required'

This Dell Technical White Paper provides steps to recover from 'Lifecycle controller update required' message, which the user might see during POST, on the 12th generation servers of Dell.

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Executive Summary

This whitepaper proposes the solutions to recover from the 'Lifecycle Controller Update required' state, which a user might encounter while using Lifecycle Controller on the 12th generation servers of Dell.



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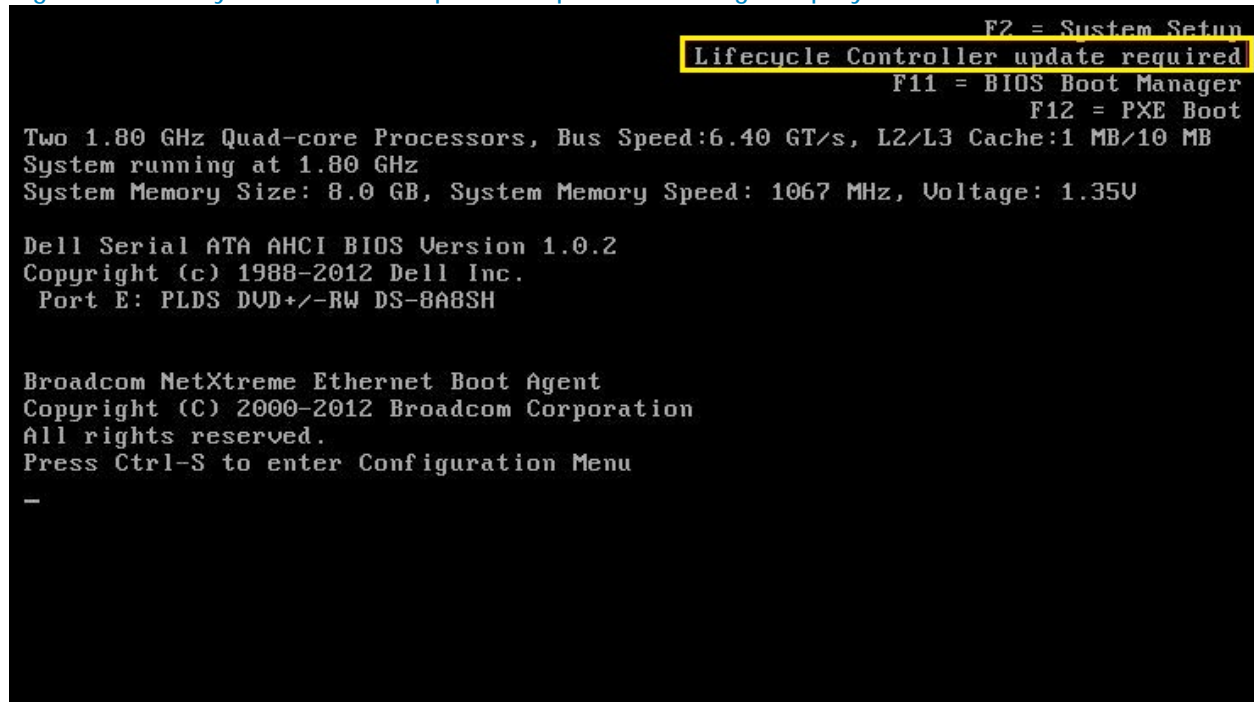
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Introduction

While using Lifecycle Controller on the 12th generation servers of Dell (during POST), a user might observe the message Lifecycle Controller update required, instead of F10 – Lifecycle Controller, thus preventing the user from entering Lifecycle Controller.

Figure 1: “Lifecycle Controller update required” message displayed at POST



Recovery from LC Update required

This error can occur due to various reasons, some of which are:

1. The Lifecycle Controller executable file is corrupt.
2. While working on Lifecycle Controller, <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ was pressed three times.
3. After pressing F10 and while launching Lifecycle Controller, <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ was pressed three times in subsequent attempts.
4. While collecting the system inventory, <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ was pressed three times in subsequent attempts.
5. While the Firmware update operation through Lifecycle Controller was in progress, <Ctrl>+<Alt>+ was pressed three times in subsequent attempts.

Below are the solutions to resolve this issue:

Try the following Solutions in the order they are listed here.

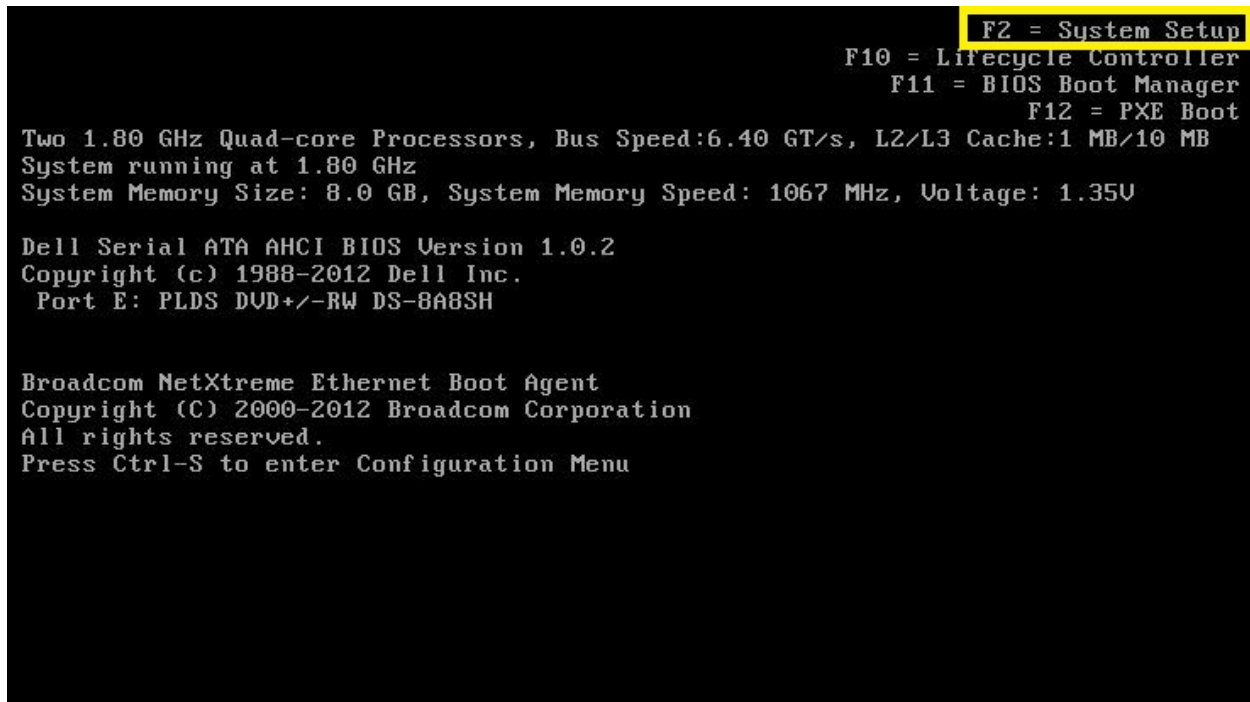
1. Perform the tasks in Solution 1. If the system does not recover from the "LC update required" state, complete the tasks in Solution 2,
2. If the Solution 2 does not enable the system to recover, perform the tasks in Solution 3. Solution 3 requires an Operating System (OS) to be available on the system.

Solution 1

1. During POST, press the <F2> key, and then select **iDRAC Settings**.

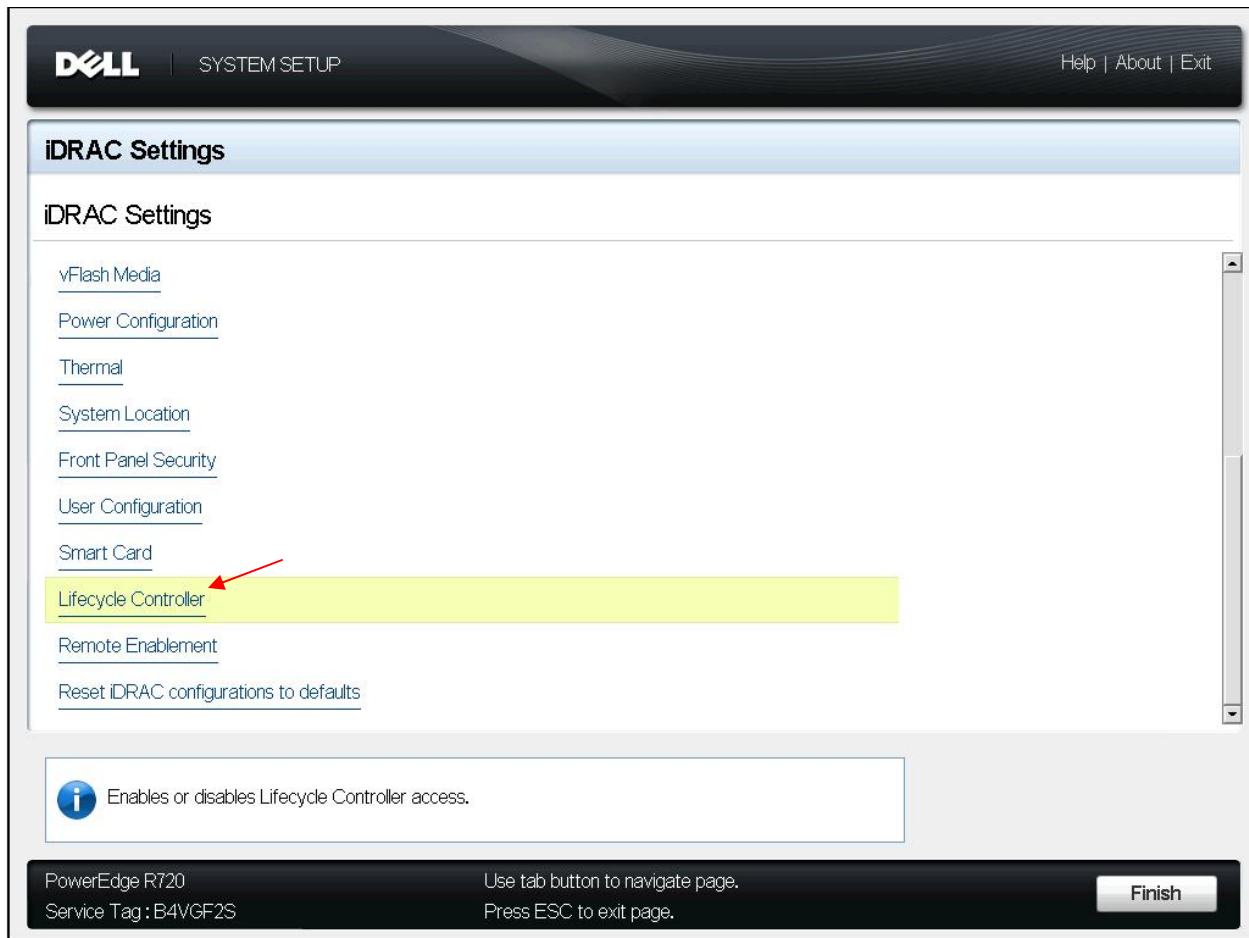


Figure 2. POST Screen



2. On the iDRAC Settings page, select Lifecycle Controller.

Figure 3. iDRAC Settings



3. On the iDRAC Settings page, click the Enabled option corresponding to Lifecycle Controller.

Figure 4. iDRAC settings - Lifecycle Controller settings

SYSTEM SETUP Help | About | Exit

iDRAC Settings

iDRAC Settings • Lifecycle Controller

Lifecycle Controller ☐ Disabled ☒ Enabled

Collect System Inventory on Restart ☐ Disabled ☒ Enabled

Cancel Lifecycle Controller Actions ☒ No ☐ Yes

i Enables or disables Lifecycle Controller.

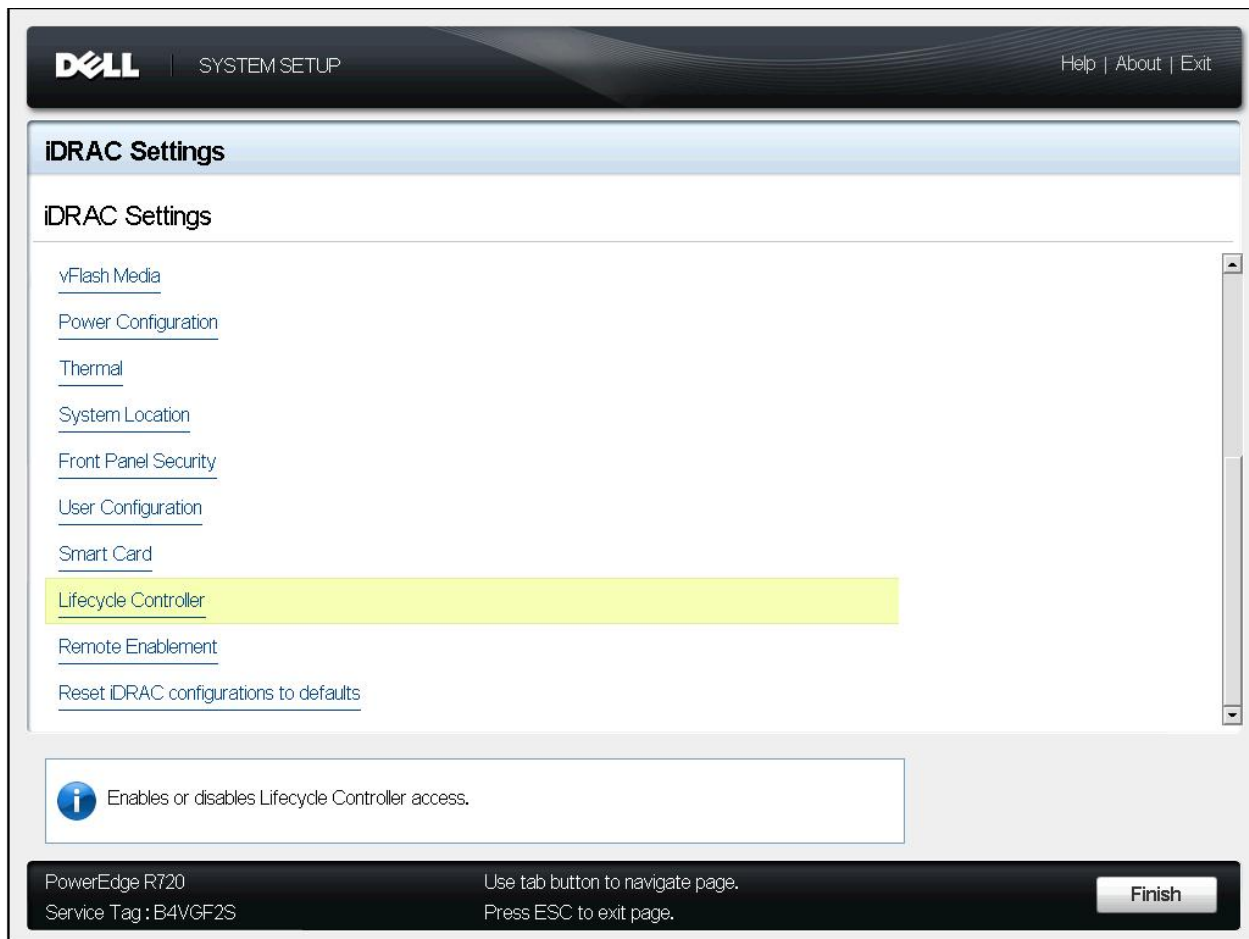
Service Tag : 48DJD2S Use tab button to navigate page.
Press ESC to exit page. **Back**

4. Click the Back button.



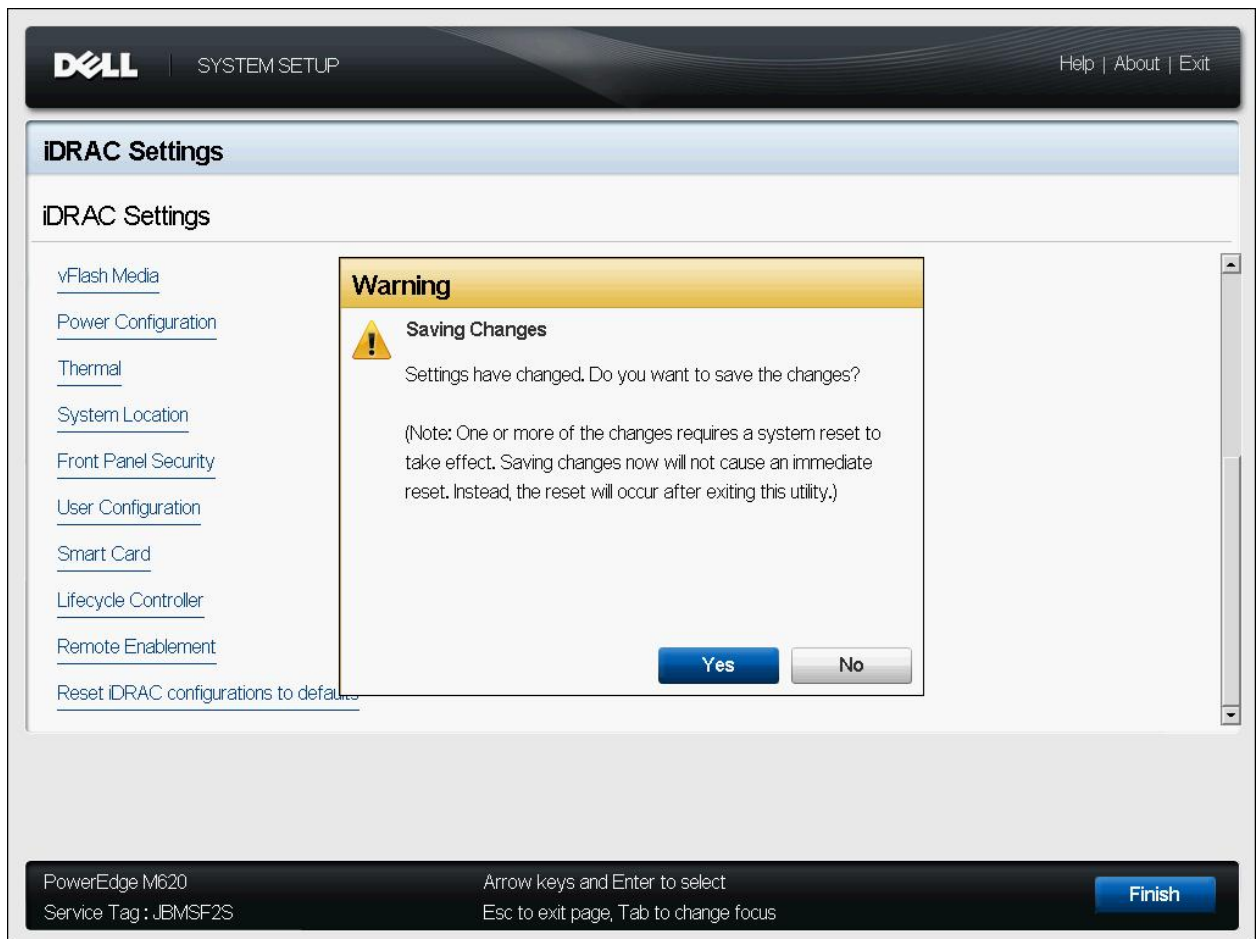
5. Click the **Finish** button.

Figure 5. iDRAC Settings



6. Read through the message that is displayed, click **Yes**, and then press **Enter** to restart the system.

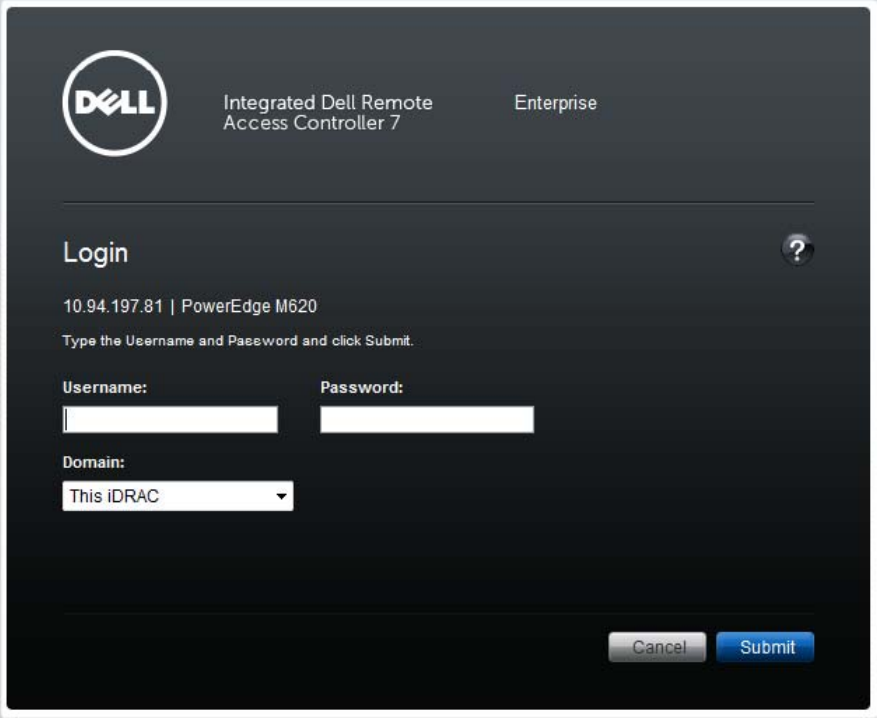
Figure 6. iDRAC Settings saving changes



Solution 2

1. Get the latest "Lifecycle Controller repair package" from support.dell.com.
2. Log in to iDRAC of the server by using the Web Interface.

Figure 9. iDRAC Web Interface Login page



DELL Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller 7 Enterprise

Login

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Type the Username and Password and click Submit.

Username:

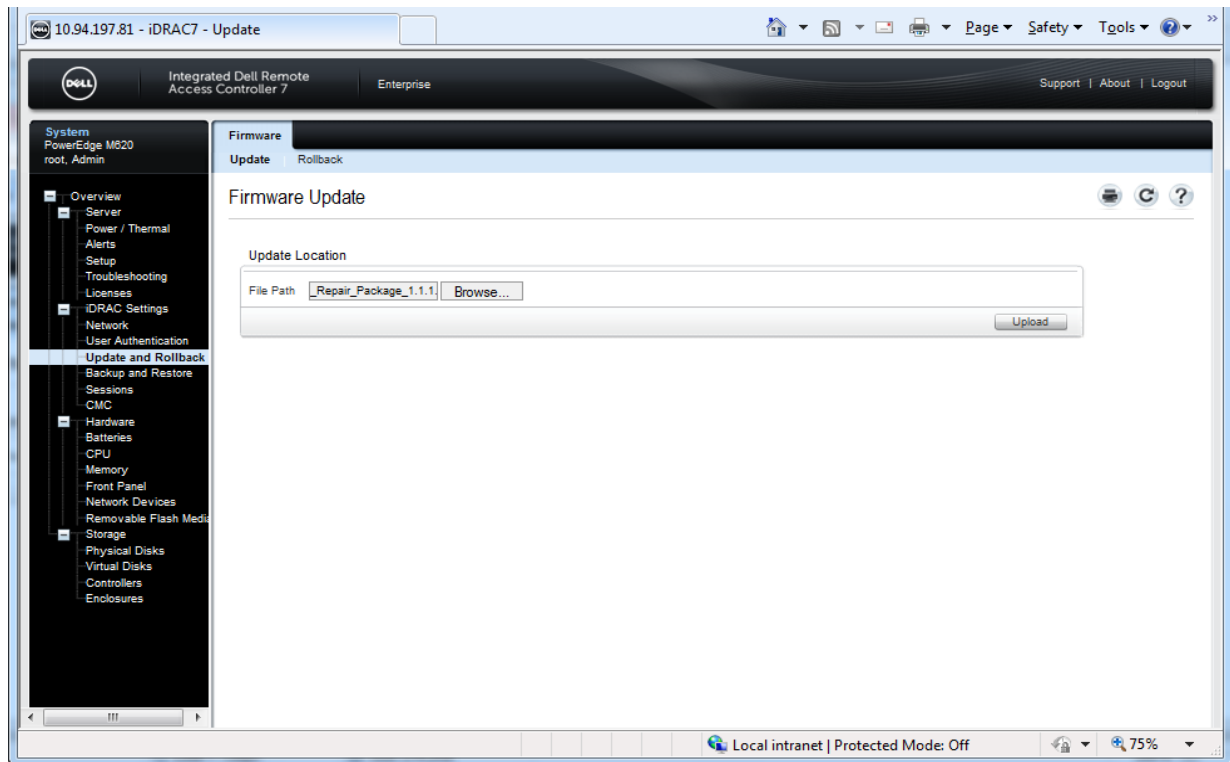
Password:

Domain:



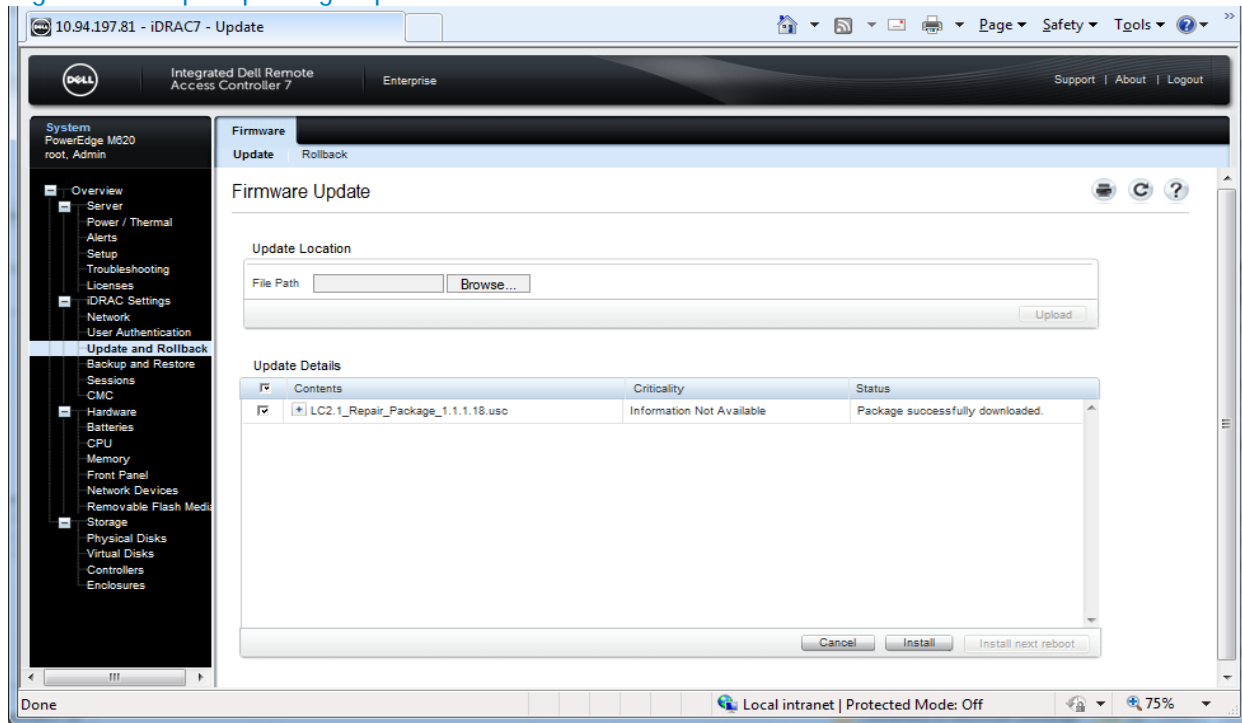
3. Go to Overview -> iDRAC Settings -> Update and Rollback.

Figure 10. iDRAC Web Interface - Firmware Update page



4. Click the **Browse** button, browse through to the repair package file, and then click **Install**.

Figure 11. Repair package update



After the update operation is completed, restart the system.



Solution 3

1. Get the latest “Lifecycle Controller Application Dell Update Package” for your server from support.dell.com. The Lifecycle Controller Dell Update Package is available for both Linux and Windows operating systems.

Figure 7. Support site for downloading Lifecycle Controller

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Dell Support website. The page title is "LC RTS+ Release, Version 2 1.1.1". The main content area provides details about the Lifecycle Controller, including its release date (2/1/2013), importance (Optional), and version (1.1.1.18.A00). It also lists the available file formats and names for download. The "My Download List" section shows 0 files in the list. The "Drivers Quick Links" section includes links to Dell Certified Drivers, Drivers Help, Dell Driver Download Manager, FAQs, and Subscribe to Technical Emails. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.dell.com/support/drivers/us/en/19/DriverDetails/Product/poweredge-r520?driverId=74H61&osCode=WS8R2&fileId=3114115737&language=.

LC RTS+ Release, Version 2 1.1.1

The Lifecycle Controller is the engine for advanced embedded management and is delivered as part of iDRAC Express in the new generation Dell servers. It simplifies platform configuration, OS install, updates and platform diagnostics in a pre-OS environment via Unified Server Configurator, a graphical UI for 1-to-1 local access Remote Services, WSMAN interfaces for remote access

Release Date: 2/1/2013
Importance: Optional
Version: 1.1.1.18.A00

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2. Update Lifecycle controller by using Lifecycle Controller Dell Update Package (DUP). For more information about DUPs, see the Dell Update Packages User's Guide at support.dell.com/manuals.

Figure 8. Lifecycle Controller DUP update in Windows Operating System

