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Note: Before using this information and the product it supports, read: the general information in Appendix C, "Notices," on page 47; the *IBM Warranty Information* document; and the *IBM Safety Information* and *IBM Systems and Environmental Notices and User Guide* documents on the IBM *Documentation* CD.

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Safety

Before installing this product, read the Safety Information.

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Antes de instalar este produto, leia as Informações de Segurança.

在安装本产品之前，请仔细阅读 Safety Information
（安全信息）。

安裝本產品之前，請先閱讀「安全資訊」。

Prije instalacije ovog produkta obavezno pročitajte Sigurnosne Upute.

Před instalací tohoto produktu si přečtěte příručku bezpečnostních instrukcí.

Læs sikkerhedsforskrifterne, før du installerer dette produkt.

Lees voordat u dit product installeert eerst de veiligheidsvoorschriften.

Ennen kuin asennat tämän tuotteen, lue turvaohjeet kohdasta Safety Information.

Avant d'installer ce produit, lisez les consignes de sécurité.

Vor der Installation dieses Produkts die Sicherheitshinweise lesen.

Πριν εγκαταστήσετε το προϊόν αυτό, διαβάστε τις πληροφορίες ασφάλειας
(safety information).

לפני שתתקינו מוצר זה, קראו את הוראות הבטיחות.

A termék telepítése előtt olvassa el a Biztonsági előírásokat!

Prima di installare questo prodotto, leggere le Informazioni sulla Sicurezza.

製品の設置の前に、安全情報をお読みください。

본 제품을 설치하기 전에 안전 정보를 읽으십시오.

Пред да се инсталира овој продукт, прочитајте информацијата за безбедност.

Les sikkerhetsinformasjonen (Safety Information) før du installerer dette produktet.

Przed zainstalowaniem tego produktu, należy zapoznać się
z książką "Informacje dotyczące bezpieczeństwa" (Safety Information).

Antes de instalar este produto, leia as Informações sobre Segurança.

Перед установкой продукта прочтите инструкции по
технике безопасности.

Pred inštaláciou tohto zariadenia si pečítaje Bezpečnostné predpisy.

Pred namestitvijo tega proizvoda preberite Varnostne informacije.

Antes de instalar este producto, lea la información de seguridad.

Läs säkerhetsinformationen innan du installerar den här produkten.

All caution and danger statements in this documentation begin with a number. This number is used to cross reference an English caution or danger statement with translated versions of the caution or danger statement in the *IBM Safety Information* book.

For example, if a caution statement begins with a number 1, translations for that caution statement appear in the *IBM Safety Information* book under statement 1.

Be sure to read all caution and danger statements in this documentation before performing the instructions. Read any additional safety information that comes with your server or optional device before you install the device.

Statement 1:

DANGER

> **Electrical current from power, telephone, and communication cables is hazardous.**
>
> **To avoid a shock hazard:**
> - **Do not connect or disconnect any cables or perform installation, maintenance, or reconfiguration of this product during an electrical storm.**
> - **Connect all power cords to a properly wired and grounded electrical outlet.**
> - **Connect to properly wired outlets any equipment that will be attached to this product.**
> - **When possible, use one hand only to connect or disconnect signal cables.**
> - **Never turn on any equipment when there is evidence of fire, water, or structural damage.**
> - **Disconnect the attached power cords, telecommunications systems, networks, and modems before you open the device covers, unless instructed otherwise in the installation and configuration procedures.**
> - **Connect and disconnect cables as described in the following table when installing, moving, or opening covers on this product or attached devices.**

To Connect:	To Disconnect:
1. Turn everything OFF.	1. Turn everything OFF.
2. First, attach all cables to devices.	2. First, remove power cords from outlet.
3. Attach signal cables to connectors.	3. Remove signal cables from connectors.
4. Attach power cords to outlet.	4. Remove all cables from devices.
5. Turn device ON.	

Statement 2:

CAUTION:
When replacing the lithium battery, use only IBM Part Number 33F8354 or an equivalent type battery recommended by the manufacturer. If your system has a module containing a lithium battery, replace it only with the same module type made by the same manufacturer. The battery contains lithium and can explode if not properly used, handled, or disposed of.

Do not:
- **Throw or immerse into water**
- **Heat to more than 100°C (212°F)**
- **Repair or disassemble**

Dispose of the battery as required by local ordinances or regulations.

Statement 3:

CAUTION:
When laser products (such as CD-ROMs, DVD drives, fiber optic devices, or transmitters) are installed, note the following:

- **Do not remove the covers. Removing the covers of the laser product could result in exposure to hazardous laser radiation. There are no serviceable parts inside the device.**
- **Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein might result in hazardous radiation exposure.**

DANGER

> **Some laser products contain an embedded Class 3A or Class 3B laser diode. Note the following.**
>
> **Laser radiation when open. Do not stare into the beam, do not view directly with optical instruments, and avoid direct exposure to the beam.**

Class 1 Laser Product
Laser Klasse 1
Laser Klass 1
Luokan 1 Laserlaite
Appareil À Laser de Classe 1

Statement 4:
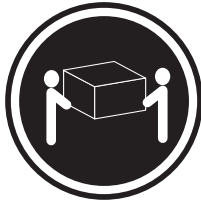
≥ 18 kg (39.7 lb)   ≥ 32 kg (70.5 lb)   ≥ 55 kg (121.2 lb)
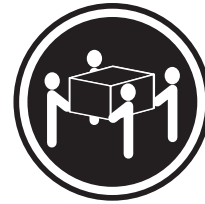
CAUTION:
Use safe practices when lifting.

Statement 5:

CAUTION:
The power control button on the device and the power switch on the power supply do not turn off the electrical current supplied to the device. The device also might have more than one power cable. To remove all electrical current from the device, ensure that all power cables are disconnected from the power source.
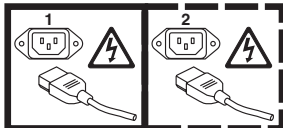
Statement 6:

CAUTION:
If you install a strain-relief bracket option over the end of the power cord that is connected to the device, you must connect the other end of the power cord to an easily accessible power source.

Statement 8:

CAUTION:
Never remove the cover on a power supply or any part that has the following label attached.

Hazardous voltage, current, and energy levels are present inside any component that has this label attached. There are no serviceable parts inside these components. If you suspect a problem with one of these parts, contact a service technician.

Statement 12:

CAUTION:
The following label indicates a hot surface nearby.

Statement 13:

DANGER

> **Overloading a branch circuit is potentially a fire hazard and a shock hazard under certain conditions. To avoid these hazards, ensure that your system electrical requirements do not exceed branch circuit protection requirements. Refer to the information that is provided with your device for electrical specifications.**

Statement 20:

CAUTION:
To avoid personal injury, before lifting the unit, remove all the blades to reduce the weight.

Statement 21:

CAUTION:
Hazardous energy is present when the blade is connected to the power source. Always replace the blade cover before installing the blade.

This device is intended for use with UL Listed IBM BladeCenter products.

Chapter 1. Introduction

The IBM® BladeCenter® E Type 8677 unit is a high-density, high-performance rack-mounted server system. The BladeCenter unit provides up to 14 bays for blade servers and other BladeCenter devices, integrating common resources that are shared by the blade servers. The use of common resources provides a small server-system footprint that contains high-performing servers with minimal cabling.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, references to the BladeCenter unit apply to any IBM BladeCenter units. The illustrations in this document might differ slightly from your hardware.

The BladeCenter unit provides the following common resources:
- Hot-swap blade-server bays on the front of the BladeCenter unit and hot-swap module bays on the rear of the BladeCenter unit. You can add, remove, or replace blade servers, management modules, I/O modules, power modules, and blower modules in hot-swap bays without removing power from the BladeCenter unit.
- A midplane that is connected to all BladeCenter components.
- One or two management modules that perform system-management functions.
- Power modules that provide redundant power for all BladeCenter components. There are four power modules that operate in redundant pairs. Each pair provides power to selected BladeCenter components.
- Blowers that provide cooling for all BladeCenter components. There are two blower modules.
- Four input/output (I/O) module bays that support external network interface connections to network resources and other devices.
- A media tray that contains an optical drive (such as a CD or DVD drive) and a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port that can be assigned to any blade server.

This *Installation and User's Guide* provides information about the following tasks:
- Defining and recording your BladeCenter network configuration information
- Installing and cabling the BladeCenter unit
- Installing basic BladeCenter unit optional devices:
  - Management module
  - I/O module
  - Blade server
- Performing basic troubleshooting of the BladeCenter unit

Packaged with the *Installation and User's Guide* are software CDs that help you to configure and manage the Type 8677 BladeCenter unit.

The BladeCenter comes with a limited warranty. For information about the terms of the warranty and getting service and assistance, see the *Warranty and Support Information* document for your BladeCenter on the IBM *Documentation* CD.

You can obtain up-to-date information about your BladeCenter and other IBM server products at http://www.ibm.com/bladecenter/

Locating and recording BladeCenter unit information

Record information about your BladeCenter unit in the following table. You will need this information for future reference.

Product name	BladeCenter E
Machine type	8677
Model number	_____
Serial number	_____

The serial number and model number are on labels on the top, front, and rear of the chassis, as shown in the following illustration.
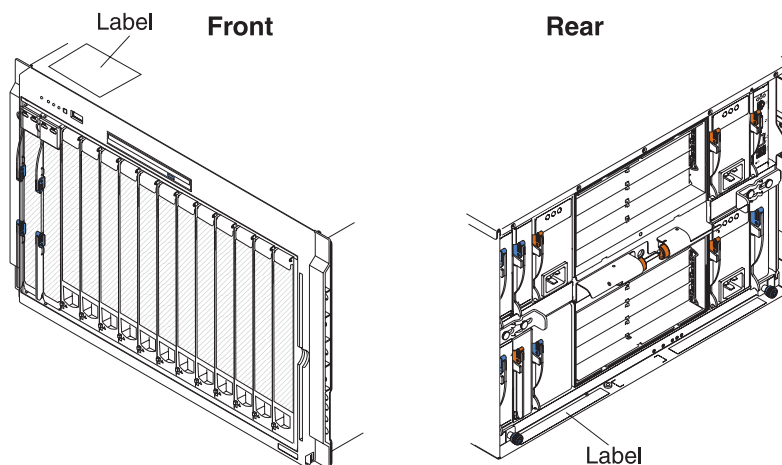
A set of blank labels comes with each blade server. Record all identifying information on a label and place it on the BladeCenter bezel, just below the blade server, as shown in the following illustration. Do not place the label on the blade server itself or in any way block the ventilation holes on the blade server.
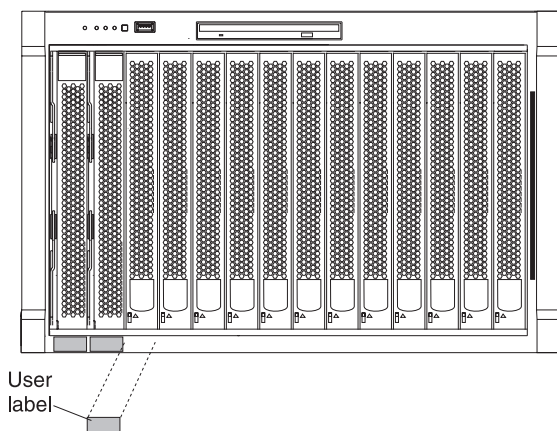
Features and specifications

Current BladeCenter E models *do not* have a diskette drive in the media tray. Older BladeCenter E models do have a diskette drive in the media tray. A separate features and specifications table is provided for each of these model types.

Notes:

1. For information about which types of I/O modules can be installed in which I/O-module bays, see "I/O modules" on page 6.
2. The operating system in the blade server must provide USB support for the blade server to recognize and use the keyboard, mouse, and optical drive. The BladeCenter unit uses USB for internal communication with these devices.

The following table provides a summary of the features and specifications for BladeCenter E Type 8677 units currently available. These models *do not* have a diskette drive bay in the media tray.

Media tray (on front):
• SATA CD/DVD drive
• USB v2.0 port
• Front system LED panel
 	
Module bays (on rear):
• Four hot-swap power-module bays
• Two hot-swap management-module bays
• Four hot-swap I/O-module bays
• Two hot-swap blower bays
 	
Blade-server bays (on front):
 	
14 hot-swap blade-server bays
 	
Redundant cooling:
 	
Two variable-speed hot-swap blowers
 	
Power modules:
• Minimum: Two 2000-watt or greater hot-swap power modules
 	
  – Both power modules supply power to all modules and to blade-server bays 1 through 6.
  – Both power modules provide redundancy to each other.
• Maximum: Four
  – Power modules 1 and 2 supply power to all modules and to blade-server bays 1 through 6.
  – Power modules 3 and 4 supply power to blade-server bays 7 through 14.
  – Power modules 1 and 2 provide redundancy to each other.
  – Power modules 3 and 4 provide redundancy to each other.
 	
I/O modules:
• Minimum: One
• Maximum: Four
	Management module:
	• Minimum: One hot-swap advanced management module providing the following features:
	  – System-management functions for the BladeCenter unit
	  – Video port (analog)
	  – Two USB ports for keyboard and mouse
	  – Serial management connection
	  – 10/100 Mb Ethernet remote management connection
	• Maximum: Two hot-swap advanced management modules: one active, one redundant
	
	Upgradeable microcode:
	• Management-module firmware
	• I/O-module firmware (some I/O module types)
	• Blade-server firmware
	
	Security features:
	• Login password for remote connection.
	• Secure Socket Layer (SSL) security for Web interface access, Secure Shell (SSH) for remote command-line access, and Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) and role-based security for user authentication and authorization.
	
	Size (7 U):
	• Height: 304.2 mm (12 in. or 7 U)
	• Depth: 711.2 mm (28 in.)
	• Width: 444 mm (17.5 in.)
	• Weight:
	  – Fully configured with modules and blade servers: Approximately 102 kg (225 lb)
	  – Fully configured without modules and blade servers: Approximately 38.6 kg (85 lb)
		Acoustical noise emissions:
		• Without acoustic attenuation module: Sound power, operating, and idle: 7.4 bels
		• With acoustic attenuation module: Sound power, idle, and operating: 6.9 bels
		
		Environment:
		• Air temperature:
		  – On:
		    - Altitude: 0 to 914 m (3000 ft) - 10° to 35°C (50° to 95°F)
		    - Altitude: 914 m to 2134 m (3000 ft to 7000 ft) - 10° to 32°C (50° to 89.6°F)
		  – Off: -40° to 60°C (-40° to 140°F).
		• Humidity: 8% to 80%
		
		Electrical input:
		• Sine-wave input (50-60 Hz single-phase) required
		• Input voltage:
		  – Minimum: 200 V ac
		  – Maximum: 240 V ac
		
		Heat output:
		
		Approximate heat output in British thermal units (Btu) per hour:
		• Minimum configuration: 1365 Btu/hour (400 watts)
		• Maximum configuration: Varies depending on the type of power modules installed.
		  – Four 2000-watt power modules: 20 094 Btu/hour (5889 watts)
		  – Four 2320-watt power modules: 23 672 Btu/hour (6938 watts)

The following table provides a summary of the features and specifications for older BladeCenter Type 8677 models. These models have a diskette drive bay in the media tray.

Media tray (on front):
- Diskette drive: 1.44 MB
- IDE CD or DVD
- USB v1.1 port
- Front system LED panel

Module bays (on rear):
- Four hot-swap power-module bays
- Two hot-swap management-module bays
- Four hot-swap I/O-module bays
- Two hot-swap blower bays

Blade-server bays (on front):

14 hot-swap blade-server bays

Redundant cooling:

Two variable-speed hot-swap blowers

Power modules:
- Minimum: Two hot-swap power modules
  - Both power modules supply power to all modules and to blade-server bays 1 through 6.
  - Both power modules provide redundancy to each other.
- Maximum: Four
  - Power modules 1 and 2 supply power to all modules and to blade-server bays 1 through 6.
  - Power modules 3 and 4 supply power to blade-server bays 7 through 14.
  - Power modules 1 and 2 provide redundancy to each other.
  - Power modules 3 and 4 provide redundancy to each other.

I/O modules:
- Minimum: One
- Maximum: Four

Management module:
- Minimum: One hot-swap management module providing the following features:
  - System-management functions for the BladeCenter unit
  - Video port (analog)
  - Keyboard connection (PS/2 port or USB port depending on the management module-type)
  - Mouse connection (PS/2 port or USB port depending on the management module type)
  - Serial management connection (advanced management module only)
  - 10/100 Mb Ethernet remote management connection
- Maximum: Two hot-swap management modules: one active, one redundant

Upgradeable microcode:
- Management-module firmware
- I/O-module firmware (some I/O module types)
- Blade-server firmware

Security features:
- Login password for remote connection.
- Secure Socket Layer (SSL) security for Web interface access, Secure Shell (SSH) for remote command-line access, and Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) and role-based security for user authentication and authorization.

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Acoustical noise emissions:
- Without acoustic attenuation module: Sound power, operating, and idle: 7.4 bels
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- Air temperature:
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    - Altitude: 0 to 914 m (3000 ft) - 10° to 35°C (50° to 95°F)
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  - Off: -40° to 60°C (-40° to 140°F).
- Humidity: 8% to 80%

Electrical input:
- Sine-wave input (50-60 Hz single-phase) required
- Input voltage:
  - Minimum: 200 V ac
  - Maximum: 240 V ac

Heat output:

Approximate heat output in British thermal units (Btu) per hour:
- Minimum configuration: 1365 Btu/hour (400 watts)
- Maximum configuration: Varies depending on the type of power modules installed.
  - Four 1200-watt power modules: 9622 Btu/hour (2820 watts)
  - Four 1400-watt power modules: 11 111 Btu/hour (3256 watts)
  - Four 1800-watt power modules: 13 650 Btu/hour (4000 watts)
  - Four 2000-watt power modules (for use with a Gigabit Ethernet expansion card): 18 425 Btu/hour (5400 watts)

The BladeCenter modules

The BladeCenter unit contains the following hot-swap modules:

- Management modules
- I/O modules
- Blade servers
- Power modules
- Blower modules

See "Front view" on page 14 and "Rear view" on page 16 for the location of each module.

The BladeCenter unit and the active management module make optional I/O devices (CD/DVD drive, USB port, keyboard, video, and mouse) available to all the blade servers, selected by any one blade server at a time.

Management modules

The BladeCenter unit comes with at least one hot-swap management module in management-module bay 1. An optional second management module in management-module bay 2 provides management redundancy. The management modules are hot-swap BladeCenter modules that you use to configure and manage all installed BladeCenter components.

The type of management modules that are installed in your BladeCenter unit depends on the BladeCenter unit model and devices that are installed. When two modules are installed they must be the same type.

- A BladeCenter unit that has a media tray with a diskette drive can use either management modules or advanced management modules, depending on which devices are installed in the BladeCenter unit.
- A BladeCenter unit that has a media tray without a diskette drive must use advanced management modules.
- If 2320-watt power modules are installed in the BladeCenter unit, you must use advanced management modules.
- See the documentation that comes with your BladeCenter device to determine if specific management modules are required to support the device.

See the *User's Guide* or the *Command-Line Interface Reference Guide* for your management module type for more information.

I/O modules

The BladeCenter unit supports from one to four hot-swap I/O modules. Table 1 identifies the type of I/O module you can install in each I/O-module bay. See http://www.ibm.com/support/ for a list of supported I/O modules. See "Rear view" on page 16 for the location of the I/O-module bays on the BladeCenter unit.

Table 1. Hot-swap I/O-module types by location

Bays	I/O-module function	Permissible I/O module
1 and 2	Network connections 1 and 2 (Ethernet) are used for all blade servers in the BladeCenter unit.	One of the following combinations: • Two Ethernet switch modules • Two pass-thru modules • One Ethernet switch module and one pass-thru module
3 and 4	Network connections 3 and 4 are used for all I/O expansion options on blade servers in the BladeCenter unit.	One of the following combinations: • Two Ethernet switch modules • Two Fibre Channel switch modules • Two pass-thru modules **Important:** • The modules that are used must support the network interface that is used on the I/O expansion options. • The I/O modules in bays 3 and 4 must be the same type.

Notes:

1. The enumeration of the Ethernet controllers in a blade server is operating-system dependent. You can verify the Ethernet controller designations that a blade server uses through your operating-system settings.

2. The routing of an Ethernet controller to a particular I/O-module bay depends on the type of blade server. You can verify which Ethernet controller is routed to which I/O-module bay by using the following test:

   a. Install only one Ethernet switch module or pass-thru module, in I/O-module bay 1.

   b. Make sure that the ports on the switch module or pass-thru module are enabled. See the management-module *User's Guide* for instructions.

   c. Enable only one of the Ethernet controllers on the blade server. Note the designation that the blade-server operating system has for the controller.

   d. Ping an external computer on the network that the switch module or pass-thru module is connected to.

   If you can ping the external computer, the Ethernet controller that you enabled is associated with the I/O module in I/O-module bay 1. The other Ethernet controller in the blade server is associated with the I/O module in I/O-module bay 2.

Your BladeCenter unit supports a minimum of one hot-swap Ethernet switch module or pass-thru module, in I/O-module bay 1 or 2. This I/O module provides an internal connection to an integrated Ethernet controller in all the blade servers in the BladeCenter unit, up to 14 internal connections per I/O module. To provide an internal connection for the second integrated Ethernet controller in each blade server, install an Ethernet switch module or pass-thru module in the available I/O-module bay (I/O-module bay 1 or bay 2).

Similarly, the BladeCenter unit supports two additional I/O modules in I/O-module bays 3 and 4. Each of these I/O modules provides an internal connection to one of the two network-interface controllers on all the I/O-expansion options that are installed in blade servers in the BladeCenter unit. The I/O module must be compatible with the network interface on all the I/O-expansion options. For example, if you install a Fibre Channel I/O expansion option in a blade server, the I/O modules that you install in I/O-module bays 3 and 4 must be Fibre Channel switch modules or pass-thru modules.

Notes:

1. Because of electromagnetic interference (EMI), no more than two four-port 1 Gb Ethernet switch modules can be installed in the BladeCenter unit. You can mix four-port 1 Gb Ethernet switch modules with other supported Ethernet switch modules to achieve the total number of Ethernet switch modules that you need in the BladeCenter unit.

2. You can use a pass-thru module in any I/O-module bay, provided that the associated controller in the blade servers or I/O expansion options is compatible with it.

Blade servers

The BladeCenter unit provides 14 bays for blade servers or other BladeCenter devices. A blade server is a hot-swap, independent server, with its own processors, memory, storage, network controllers, operating system, and applications. The blade server slides into a bay in the BladeCenter unit and shares power, blowers, media-tray drives, switches, and ports with other blade servers.

Power modules

The BladeCenter unit comes with two to four hot-swap power modules.

The following table summarizes the application for each power module.

Bays	Power module function
1 and 2	Provides power to all the BladeCenter modules and to blade bays 1 through 6
3 and 4	Provides power to blade bays 7 through 14

Power modules are not needed in bays 3 and 4 until you begin installing blade servers and options in blade bays 7 through 14.

Note: If you install a blade server in blade bay 6 that spans two bays or that has an attached expansion unit, power modules are required in all four power bays.

Each pair of power modules is redundant, depending on power-management settings. If either power module fails, the remaining power module continues to supply power, but there is no redundancy; the failed power module must be replaced as soon as possible.

Important:

1. The power modules in a pair must match each other in capacity (wattage).

2. For power redundancy, you must connect the power-module pairs (1 and 3, or 2 and 4) to different ac power sources that are controlled by separate circuit breakers. For example, when one ac power source fails, the second ac power source handles the power load for the BladeCenter unit.

Blower modules

The BladeCenter unit comes with two hot-swap blower modules for cooling redundancy. The blower speeds vary depending on the ambient air temperature at the front of the BladeCenter unit and the temperature of internal BladeCenter components. If the ambient temperature is 22°C (72°F) or below, the BladeCenter unit blowers will run at 30% of their maximum rotational speed, increasing their speed as required to control internal BladeCenter temperature. If the ambient temperature is above 22°C (72°F), the blowers will run at 80% of their maximum rotational speed, increasing their speed as required to control the internal BladeCenter unit temperature. If a blower fails, the remaining blower continues to cool the BladeCenter unit and blade servers. Replace a failed blower as soon as possible, to restore cooling redundancy. See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for instructions.

The IBM Documentation CD

You can run the IBM *Documentation* CD on any personal computer that meets the hardware and software requirements.

The IBM *Documentation* CD contains documentation for your blade server in Portable Document Format (PDF) and includes the IBM Documentation Browser to help you find information quickly.

Hardware and software requirements

The IBM *Documentation* CD requires the following minimum hardware and software:
- Microsoft Windows NT, Windows 2000, or Red Hat Linux
- 100 MHz microprocessor.
- 32 MB of RAM.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 3.0 (or later) or xpdf, which comes with Linux operating systems.

Using the Documentation Browser

Use the Documentation Browser to browse the contents of the CD, read brief descriptions of the documents, and view documents using Adobe Acrobat Reader or xpdf. The Documentation Browser automatically detects the regional settings in use in your system and displays the documents in the language for that region (if available). If a document is not available in the language for that region, the English-language version is displayed.

Use one of the following procedures to start the Documentation Browser:
- If Autostart is enabled, insert the CD into the CD drive. The Documentation Browser starts automatically.
- If Autostart is disabled or is not enabled for all users, use one of the following procedures:
  - If you are using a Windows operating system, insert the CD into the CD drive and click **Start --> Run**. In the **Open** field, type

    `e:\win32.bat`

    where *e* is the drive letter of the CD-ROM drive, and click **OK**.

– If you are using Red Hat Linux, insert the CD into the CD drive; then, run the following command from the */mnt/cdrom* directory:

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sh runlinux.sh
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Select your blade server from the **Product** menu. The **Available Topics** list displays all the documents for your blade server. Some documents might be in folders. A plus sign (+) indicates each folder or document that has additional documents under it. Click the plus sign to display the additional documents.

When you select a document, a description of the document appears under **Topic Description**. To select more than one document, press and hold the Ctrl key while you select the documents. Click **View Book** to view the selected document or documents in Acrobat Reader or xpdf. If you selected more than one document, all the selected documents are opened in Acrobat Reader or xpdf.

To search all the documents, type a word or word string in the **Search** field and click **Search**. The documents in which the word or word string appears are listed in order of the most occurrences. Click a document to view it, and press Crtl+F to use the Acrobat search function or Alt+F to use the xpdf search function within the document.

Click **Help** for detailed information about using the Documentation Browser.

Related documentation

In addition to this *Installation and User's Guide,* the following related documentation is provided in Portable Document Format (PDF) at http://www.ibm.com/support/ or on the *BladeCenter Documentation* CD that comes with your BladeCenter unit:

- *Warranty*: This document contains information about the terms of the warranty.
- *Safety Information:* This document contains translated caution and danger statements. Each caution and danger statement that appears in the documentation has a number that you can use to locate the corresponding statement in your language in the *Safety Information* document.
- *IBM BladeCenter Type 8677 Rack Installation Instructions*: This document contains instructions for installing the BladeCenter unit in a rack.
- *IBM BladeCenter E Type 8677 Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide*: This document contains the information to help you solve problems, and it contains information for service technicians.
- *BladeCenter Management Module User's Guide:* This document provides general information about the management module for your BladeCenter unit, including information about features, how to configure the management module, and how to get help. There is a unique *User's Guide* for each management module type.
- *BladeCenter Management Module Command-Line Interface Reference Guide:* This document explains how to use the management-module command-line interface to directly access BladeCenter management functions as an alternative to using the Web-based user interface. The command-line interface also provides access to the text-console command prompt on each blade server through a serial over LAN (SOL) connection. There is a unique *Command-Line Interface Reference Guide* for each management module type.
- *BladeCenter Management Module Installation Guide:* This document contains instructions for installing the management module in a BladeCenter unit and creating the initial configuration. There is a unique *Installation Guide* for each management module type.

- *BladeCenter Advanced Management Module Messages Guide*

  This document contains a complete list of all non-device specific events and recommended actions for BladeCenter units equipped with the Advanced Management Module, sorted by event ID. Device specific event information is in the documentation for the device.

- *Serial over LAN Setup Guide*

  This document explains how to update and configure BladeCenter components for Serial over LAN (SOL) operation. The SOL connection provides access to the text-console command prompt on each blade server and enables the blade servers to be managed from a remote location.

Additional documents might be included on the IBM *BladeCenter Documentation* CD.

Notices and statements in this document

The caution and danger statements that appear in this document are also in the multilingual *Safety Information* document, which is on the IBM *Documentation* CD. Each statement is numbered for reference to the corresponding statement in the *Safety Information* document.

The following notices and statements are used in this document:

- **Note:** These notices provide important tips, guidance, or advice.
- **Important:** These notices provide information or advice that might help you avoid inconvenient or problem situations.
- **Attention:** These notices indicate possible damage to programs, devices, or data. An attention notice is placed just before the instruction or situation in which damage could occur.
- **Caution:** These statements indicate situations that can be potentially hazardous to you. A caution statement is placed just before the description of a potentially hazardous procedure step or situation.
- **Danger:** These statements indicate situations that can be potentially lethal or extremely hazardous to you. A danger statement is placed just before the description of a potentially lethal or extremely hazardous procedure step or situation.

Major components of the BladeCenter E Type 8677 unit

The following illustration shows the locations of the major components in the BladeCenter unit.

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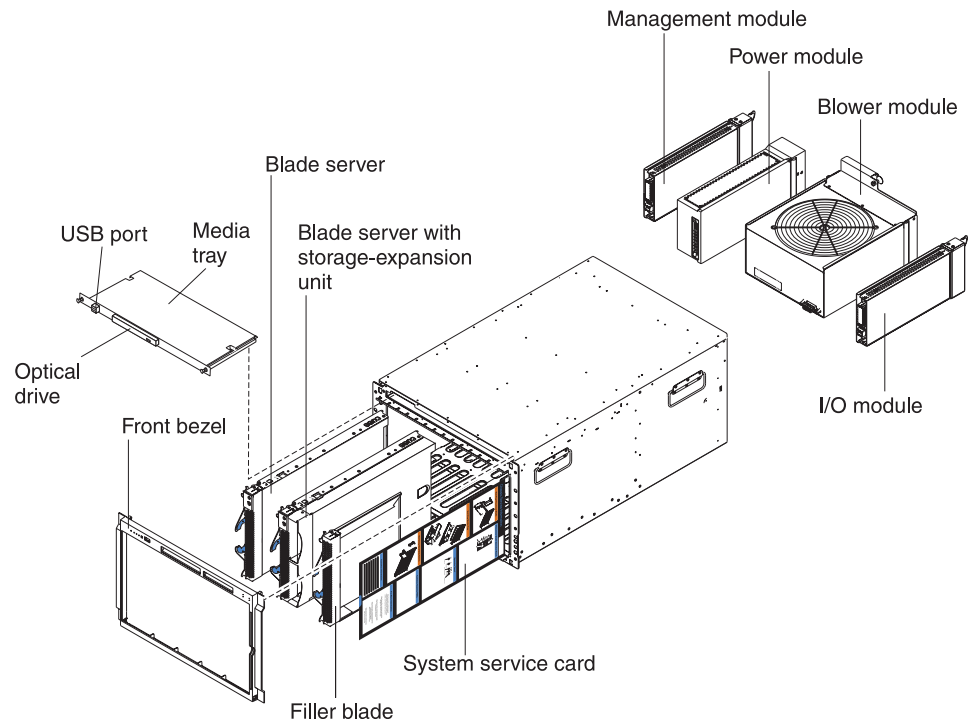
Chapter 2. BladeCenter unit power, controls, and indicators

This section describes how to supply power and disconnect power to the BladeCenter unit. It also describes the controls and light emitting diodes (LEDs).

Supplying power to the BladeCenter unit

To supply power to the BladeCenter unit, connect one end of the power cord to a power module on the rear of the BladeCenter unit; then, connect the other end of the power cord into a 220-volt power distribution unit (PDU). Make sure that the PDU is connected to an appropriate electrical outlet. The BladeCenter unit does not have a power switch.

The blade servers in the BladeCenter unit are connected to power but are not turned on. After the BladeCenter unit is turned on, depending on the configuration settings, the blade servers might need to be individually turned on.

Disconnecting power from the BladeCenter unit

You can shut down the BladeCenter unit by turning off the blade servers and disconnecting the BladeCenter unit from the power source.

To disconnect power from the BladeCenter unit, complete the following steps:

1. Shut down each blade server. See the documentation that comes with your blade servers for instructions for shutting down the operating system.

   Statement 5:

   CAUTION:
   The power control button on the device and the power switch on the power supply do not turn off the electrical current supplied to the device. The device also might have more than one power cord. To remove all electrical current from the device, ensure that all power cords are disconnected from the power source.
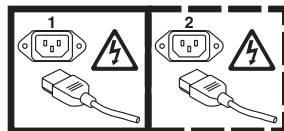
2. Disconnect all power cords on the BladeCenter unit from all the power modules.

   Note: After you disconnect the BladeCenter unit from power, wait at least 5 seconds before you connect the BladeCenter unit to power again.

BladeCenter components, controls, and LEDs

This section identifies the components, controls, and LEDs on the front and rear of the BladeCenter unit.

Note: The illustrations in this document might differ from your hardware.

Front view

This section identifies the components, controls, and LEDs on the front of the BladeCenter unit.
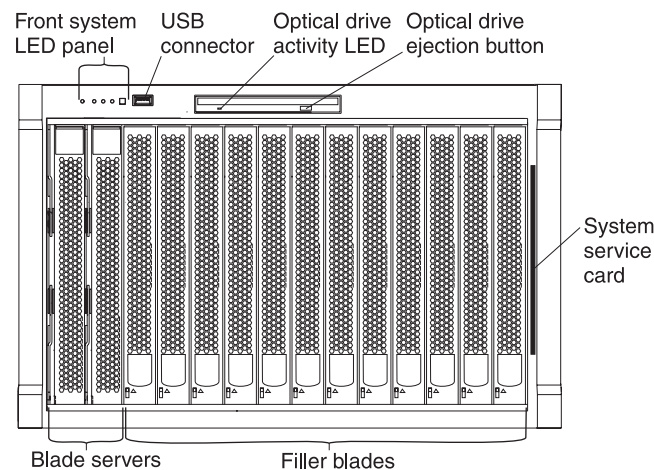
- **Front system LED panel:** The LEDs on this panel provide status information for your BladeCenter unit.
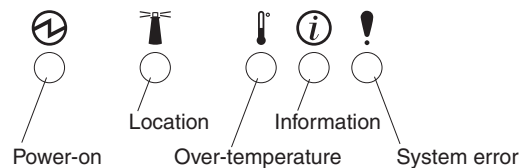
  - **Power-on:** When this green LED is lit, power is present in the BladeCenter unit. When this LED is off, the power subsystem, the ac power, or the LED has failed, or the management module is not present or not functioning.

    Attention: If the power-on LED is off, it does not mean there is no electrical current present in the BladeCenter unit. The LED might be burned out. To remove all electrical current from the BladeCenter unit, you must disconnect all power cords from all power modules.

  - **Location:** When this blue LED is lit or flashing, it has been turned on by the system administrator, to aid in visually locating the BladeCenter unit. If a blade server requires attention, the location LED on the blade server usually will also be lit. After the BladeCenter unit has been located, you can have the system administrator turn off the location LED.

  - **Over-temperature:** When this amber LED is lit, the temperature in the BladeCenter unit exceeds the temperature limits or a blade server reports an over-temperature condition. The BladeCenter unit senses the error and will take corrective action, such as increasing the blower speed. This LED turns off automatically when there is no longer an over-temperature condition.

  - **Information:** When this amber LED is lit, a noncritical event has occurred that requires attention, such as the wrong I/O module inserted in a bay or power demands that exceed the capacity of power modules that are currently

installed. The event is recorded in the event log. Check the LEDs on the BladeCenter unit and the blade servers to isolate the component. See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for instructions for viewing the event log and checking the LEDs. After the situation is handled, have the system administrator turn off the information LED.

– **System error:** When this amber LED is lit, it indicates that a system error has occurred, such as a failed module or a system error in a blade server. An LED on one of the components or on a blade server is also lit to further isolate the error. See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for more information. For systems equipped with an Advanced Management Module, see also the *Advanced Management Module Messages Guide* to determine the proper action for error and event codes.

Note: You can turn off the location LED and the information LED through the Web interface or IBM Director Console.

- **USB connector:** Use this connector to attach an external USB device.
- **Optical-drive activity LED:** When this LED is lit, it indicates that the CD/DVD drive is in use.
- **Optical-drive eject button:** Press this button to release a disc from the CD/DVD drive.
- **Blade server control panel:** This panel contains indicators and controls for the blade server. See the documentation that comes with your blade server for information about the blade-server control panel.
- **System service card:** This card slides in and out of the storage location as seen in the "Front view" on page 14 and contains system-service instructions and a writable area.

Rear view

This section identifies the components and indicators on the rear of the BladeCenter unit.

I/O module bay 3
I/O module bay 1
Power module bay 3
Blower module 1
Power module 1
Management module bay 1
Management module bay 2
Blower module 2
Power module 2
Power module bay 4
Rear system LED panel
I/O module 2
I/O module bay 4
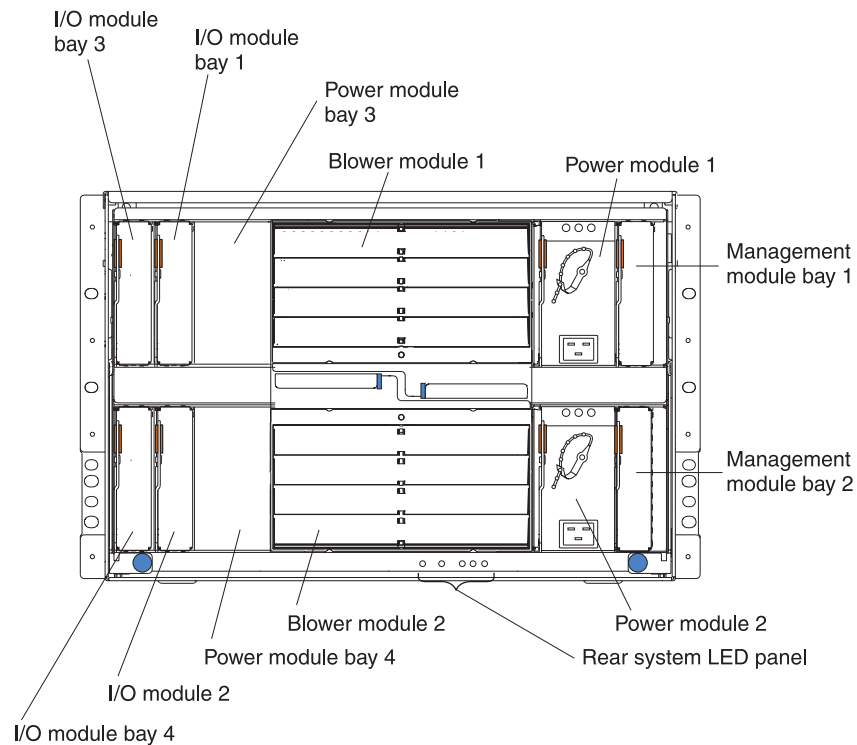
Rear system LED panel

The LEDs on this panel provide status information. These LEDs duplicate the LEDs in the front system LED panel.

I/O module

See the documentation that comes with each I/O module for a description of the connectors and LEDs on the I/O module.

Power module

Several types of power module, with different wattage ratings, can be used in the BladeCenter E unit.

The following illustration shows the rear view for older power modules.

Note: The illustrations might differ slightly from your hardware.
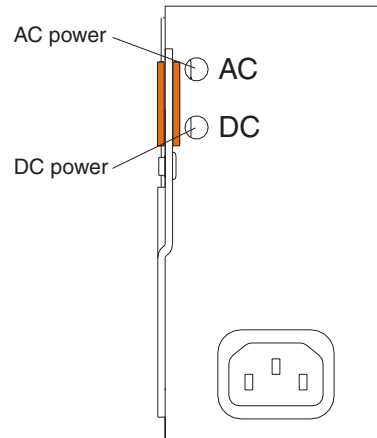
The following illustration shows the rear view for the currently available power modules.
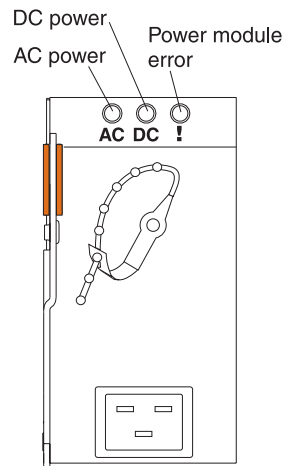
Power module LEDs: These LEDs indicate the condition of the power module.

- **AC power:** When this green LED is lit, ac input to the power module is present and within specifications. During typical operation, both the ac and dc power LEDs are lit.
- **DC power:** When this green LED is lit, the dc output from the power module to the other components and blade servers is present and within specifications. During typical operation, both the ac and dc power LEDs are lit.
- **Power module error LED** (2320-watt power modules only): When this amber LED is lit, it indicates that an error has been detected in the power module. When this LED is lit, the BladeCenter unit system error LED is also lit.

Blower module
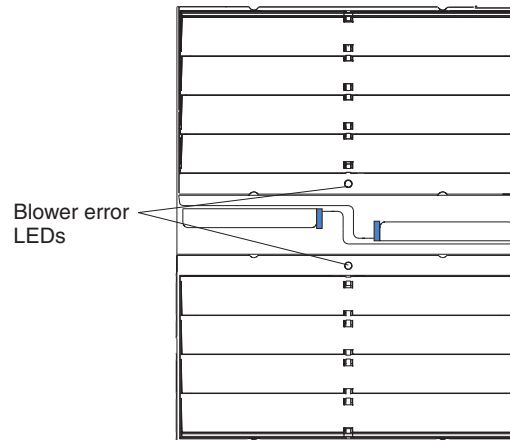
Blower error
LEDs

The LED on each blower provides status information about the blower. For additional information, see the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide*. This amber LED is lit and stays lit when an error has been detected in the blower. The system-error LEDs on the BladeCenter system LED panels are also lit.

Management module

See the documentation that comes with the management module or the advanced management module for a description of the connectors and LEDs on the module.

Note: Only advanced management modules can be installed in a BladeCenter E Type 8677 unit configured with 2320-watt power modules.

Chapter 3. Installing the BladeCenter unit and options

This chapter provides instructions for installing the BladeCenter unit into a rack and adding optional devices to your BladeCenter unit. Some removal instructions are provided in case you have to remove one device to install another.

Installation checklist

Before you can use the BladeCenter unit, you must set up and configure the BladeCenter unit, and install and configure the required components in the BladeCenter unit. If you have not already done so, perform the activities on the following checklist:

___ 1. Set up the rack in which you will install the BladeCenter unit. See the *Rack Installation Instructions*.

___ 2. Determine the BladeCenter unit configuration settings, such as the IP address and MAC address. Record the BladeCenter configuration setting information in Appendix A, "BladeCenter management module configuration worksheet," on page 41. See the management-module *User's Guide* for instructions for configuring an IP address.

___ 3. If your BladeCenter unit is preconfigured with blade servers, power modules, management modules, and blowers already installed, remove them to reduce the weight. See "Removing a module" on page 23 for instructions.

___ 4. Install the BladeCenter unit into the rack. Detailed instructions for installing a BladeCenter unit in a rack are in the *Rack Installation Instructions*.

___ 5. Install the power supplies and blower units in the BladeCenter unit if you removed them. Make sure that the BladeCenter unit has adequate power to support all the installed components. The BladeCenter unit must contain either two or four power modules. If necessary, upgrade the power modules in the BladeCenter unit. See the *IBM @server BladeCenter Power Module Upgrade Guidelines Technical Update* for information.

___ 6. Install the required BladeCenter unit components.

___ 7. Make sure that the latest level of firmware is installed on all of the BladeCenter components. See http://www.ibm.com/support/ for additional information.

___ 8. Configure the management module in the BladeCenter unit. See the management-module *User's Guide* for information and instructions.

___ 9. Configure the I/O modules in the BladeCenter unit. See the documentation for your I/O modules for configuration information.

  If you plan to install the operating system in a blade server through the Ethernet network, you also must install and configure a second Ethernet switch module in I/O-module bay 2 of the BladeCenter unit.

  Note: If you install another Ethernet-compatible I/O module, it does not have to be the same type that is installed in I/O-module bay 1 of the BladeCenter unit.

___ 10. Configure the blade servers. See the *Installation and User's Guide* that comes with your blade server for information and instructions.

Installation guidelines

Before you begin to install options in the BladeCenter unit, read the following information:

- Read the safety information that begins on page v and the guidelines in "Handling static-sensitive devices." This information will help you work safely.
- Orange on a component or an orange label on or near a component indicates that the component can be hot-swapped, which means that you can remove or install the component while the BladeCenter unit is running. (Orange can also indicate touch points on hot-swap components.) See the instructions for removing or installing a specific hot-swap component for any additional procedures that you might have to perform before you remove or install the component.
- You do not have to disconnect the BladeCenter unit from power to install or replace any of the hot-swap modules in the BladeCenter unit. You must shut down the operating system and turn off a hot-swap blade server before you remove the blade server, but you do not have to shut down the BladeCenter unit itself.
- Blue on a component indicates touch points where you can grip the component to remove it from or install it in the BladeCenter unit, open and close a latch, and so on.
- For a list of supported options for the BladeCenter unit, see http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/serverproven/compat/us/.

System reliability guidelines

To help ensure proper cooling and system reliability, make sure that the following requirements are met:

- Each of the module bays on the rear of the BladeCenter unit has either a module or a module filler installed.
- Each of the blade bays on the front of the BladeCenter unit has either a blade server or a blade filler installed.
- Each of the drive bays in a blade-server storage expansion option has either a hot-swap drive or a drive filler installed.
- A removed hot-swap module, blade server, or drive is replaced within 1 minute of removal.
- A failed blower is replaced as soon as possible, to restore cooling redundancy.

Handling static-sensitive devices

Attention: Static electricity can damage BladeCenter system and other electronic devices. To avoid damage, keep static-sensitive devices in their static-protective packages until you are ready to install them.

To reduce the possibility of electrostatic discharge, observe the following precautions:

- Limit your movement. Movement can cause static electricity to build up around you.
- Handle the device carefully, holding it by its edges or its frame.
- Do not touch solder joints, pins, or exposed printed circuitry.
- Do not leave the device where others can handle and damage it.

- While the device is still in its static-protective package, touch it to an *unpainted* metal part of the BladeCenter unit or rack for at least 2 seconds. This drains static electricity from the package and from your body.
- Remove the device from its package and install it immediately without setting down the device. If it is necessary to set down the device, put it back into its static-protective package.
- Take additional care when handling devices during cold weather. Heating reduces indoor humidity and increases static electricity.

Installing and removing modules

The procedures for installing or removing a module on the BladeCenter unit are nearly identical for all modules except the blower modules. To install or remove a blower module, see the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for instructions.

Each module is keyed so that it can be inserted only in an applicable bay. You can insert an I/O module only in an I/O-module bay.

Installing a module

The following illustration shows how to install a typical BladeCenter unit module, such as an I/O module, power module, or management module, in the rear of the BladeCenter unit.
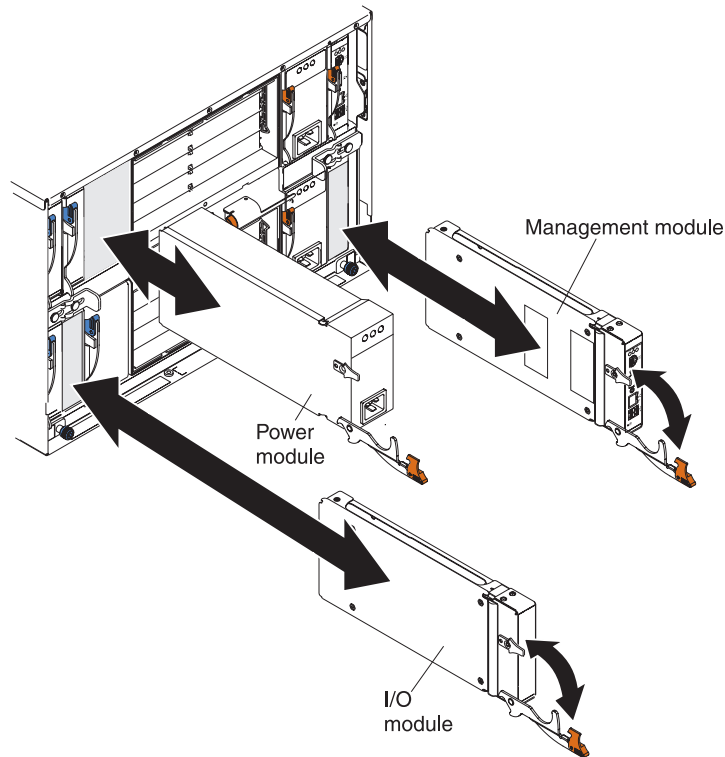
For detailed instructions for installing and, if necessary, configuring a module for use in the BladeCenter unit, read the documentation that comes with the module.

Notes:

1. If an I/O expansion option is installed in any blade server, I/O modules that are compatible with that device must be installed in I/O-module bays 3 and 4 in the BladeCenter unit.

2. When you install power modules, connect one end of each power-module power cord into the power module; connect the other end of the power cord into a 220-volt power distribution unit (PDU).

3. These instructions assume the BladeCenter unit is connected to power.

To install a module, complete the following steps:

1. Read the safety information that begins on page v and "Installation guidelines" on page 20 through "Handling static-sensitive devices" on page 20.

2. Remove the acoustic attenuation module, if one is installed, from the rear of the BladeCenter unit. See "Removing an optional acoustic attenuation module" on page 26 for instructions.

3. Remove the module filler from the bay, if one is present.

4. Make sure that the release handle on the module is in the open position (perpendicular to the module).

5. Slide the module into the bay until it stops. For more information about installing a module, see the documentation that comes with the module.

6. Push the release handle on the front of the module to the closed position.

7. Attach any cables that are required by the module. Be sure to route the power cord on a power module through the strain-relief clamp on the power module.

8. Make sure that the LEDs on the module indicate that it is operating correctly:
   - The dc power LED and the ac power LED on each power module are lit and the power-error LED is *not* lit.
   - The OK LED on the management module is lit.
   - The OK LED on each I/O module is lit.

9. If you have other modules to install, do so now; otherwise, go to step 10.

10. Replace the acoustic attenuation module, if you removed it in step 2.

Removing a module

The following illustration shows how to remove a typical BladeCenter unit module, such as a power module, management module, or I/O module, from the rear of the BladeCenter unit.
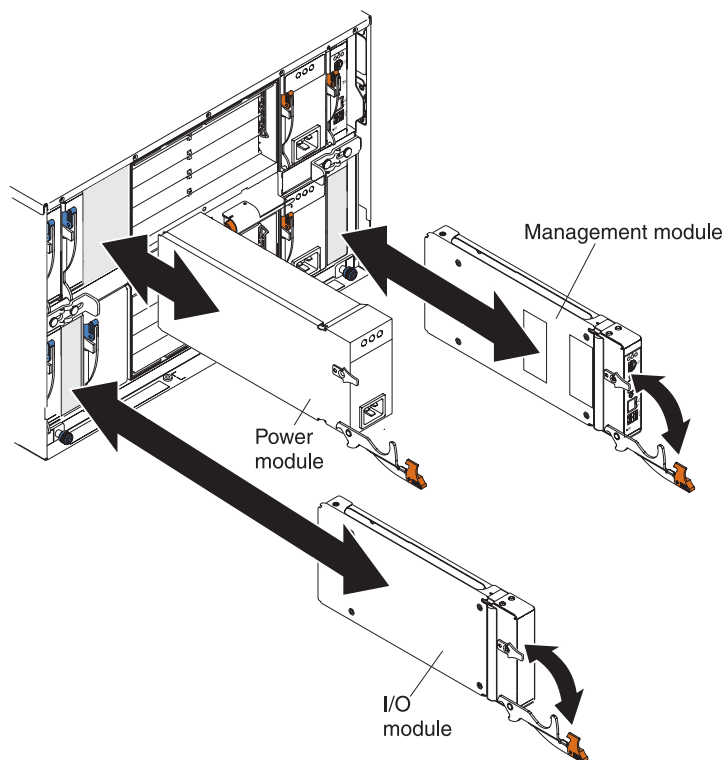
To remove a power module, management module, or I/O module, complete the following steps:

Note: These instructions assume the BladeCenter unit is connected to power.

1. Read the safety information that begins on page v and "Installation guidelines" on page 20 through "Handling static-sensitive devices" on page 20.

2. Remove the acoustic attenuation module, if one is installed, from the rear of the BladeCenter unit. See "Removing an optional acoustic attenuation module" on page 26 for instructions.

   Important:

   a. If you are removing a functioning power module, make sure that both the ac power LED and the dc power LED on the remaining power module are lit and the power-error LED is *not* lit; otherwise, shut down the operating systems and turn off all blade servers that are supported by the power module that you are removing before you remove it. See "Power modules" on page 7 for more information about power-module application. See the documentation that comes with the blade server for instructions for shutting down the blade-server operating system and turning off the blade server.

   b. If you are removing a management module, stop all management-module sessions before you proceed, to avoid unexpected termination of sessions. You can save the management-module configuration file before you remove the management module. See your management-module *User's Guide* for instructions for saving the configuration file.

3. If any cables are connected to the module, disconnect them from the module. Review the bay locations in the illustration in "Rear view" on page 16 for information about the location of the modules.

4. Pull the release handle to the open position. The module moves out of the bay approximately 0.6 cm (0.25 inch).

5. Slide the module out of the bay and set it aside. Within 1 minute, place either another module of the same type or a module filler in the bay.

6. Replace the acoustic attenuation module, if you removed it in step 2.

Installing and removing a blade server

The BladeCenter unit supports up to 14 high-performance blade servers. Each blade server is an enclosure that contains microprocessors, memory, a control chip set, an I/O bus, Ethernet controllers, hard disk drives, customer interface controls, and connectors for expansion options. To install a blade server in the BladeCenter unit, review the blade-server bay locations in the illustration in "Front view" on page 14. To complete installing or removing the blade server, see the documentation that comes with the blade server. See "Front view" on page 14 for the locations of the component bays.

Important: Reinstalling a blade server into a different bay from the one from which it was removed could have unintended consequences. Some configuration information and update options are established according to the blade-server bay number. You might have to reconfigure the blade server.

If this is the initial installation of a blade server in the BladeCenter unit, you must configure the blade server with the blade-server Configuration/Setup Utility program and install the blade-server operating system. See the documentation that comes with the blade server for instructions.

Installing and removing the blower module

To install or remove a blower module, see the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for instructions.

Installing an optional acoustic attenuation module

For server environments where noise reduction is essential, you can install the acoustic attenuation module on the BladeCenter unit. The acoustic attenuation module reduces the sound level of the BladeCenter unit to below 6.9 bel. The acoustic attenuation module is installed on the back of the BladeCenter unit, directly covering the blower modules and partially covering the other modules. The system LED panel is replicated on the acoustic attenuation module for visibility.

The following illustration shows how to install an acoustic attenuation module.
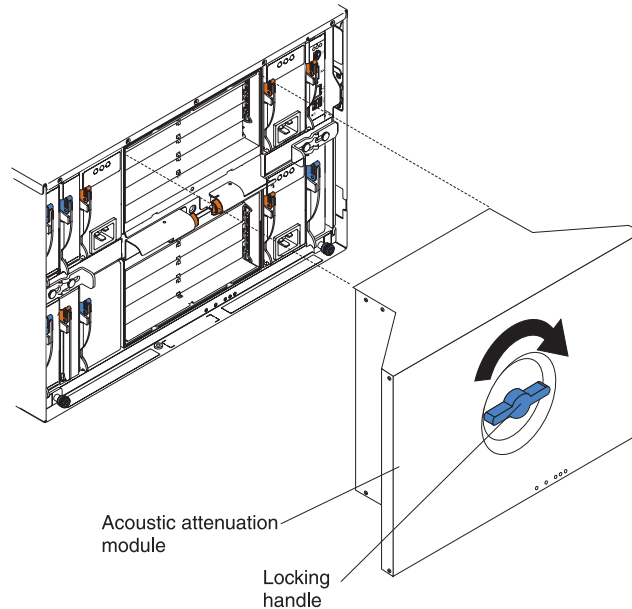
Acoustic attenuation module

Locking handle

To install an acoustic attenuation module on the BladeCenter unit, complete the following steps:

1. Place the acoustic attenuation module over the blower modules, aligning the back corners of the acoustic attenuation module with the guides on the chassis, and pushing the shaft into the hole between the blower modules.

2. Rotate the locking handle approximately two turns clockwise until it tightens the acoustic attenuation module firmly into place.

Removing an optional acoustic attenuation module

The following illustration shows how to remove an acoustic attenuation module.

Acoustic attenuation
module
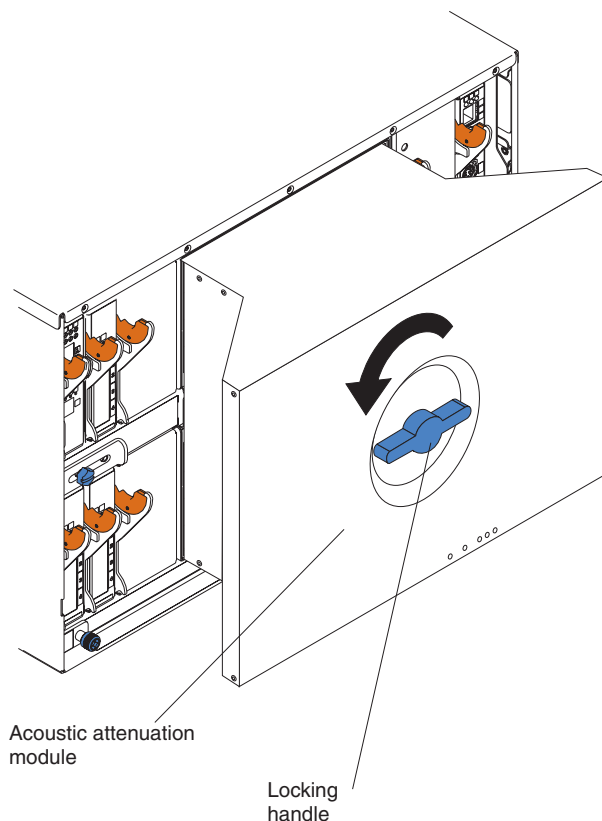
Locking
handle

To remove an acoustic attenuation module from the BladeCenter unit, complete the following steps:

1. Rotate the locking handle approximately two turns counterclockwise until it stops.

2. Carefully pull the acoustic attenuation module away from the BladeCenter unit and set it aside.

Completing the installation

After you connect the cables to the modules and route the cables (if necessary, see the *Rack Installation Instructions* for information about routing the cables), connect power to the BladeCenter unit (if it is not already connected) and verify that it is working correctly, as follows:

1. Supply power to the BladeCenter unit by connecting the power-module power cords to a 220-volt power source (a 220-volt PDU that is connected to a 220-volt ac power outlet).

2. Make sure that the LEDs on the module indicate that it is operating correctly:

   - The dc power LED and the ac power LED on each power module are lit and the power-error LED is *not* lit.

   - The OK LED on the management module is lit.

   - The OK LED on each I/O module is lit.

3. Make sure that the power-on LED on each blade server is lit, either steady or flashing.

See Chapter 2, "BladeCenter unit power, controls, and indicators," on page 13 for information about starting the BladeCenter unit and the location of the LEDs on the modules. See the documentation that comes with the blade servers for the location of the LEDs on the blade servers.

Chapter 4. Configuration and networking guidelines

The BladeCenter components are configured and managed through one of the management-module user interfaces or a system-management tool. See your management-module *User's Guide* and *Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for instructions.

Configuring the BladeCenter unit

The following sections provide information about configuring the components in the Bladecenter unit.

- "Configuring the management module"
- "Configuring I/O modules"
- "Configuring blade servers"

Configuring the management module

All management modules are preconfigured with a static IP address. You can use the management module to assign a new static IP address. To establish connectivity, the management module attempts to use Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) to acquire its initial IP address for the management module Ethernet port. If DHCP is not installed or enabled and fails, the management module uses the static IP address. Use the management module to configure other BladeCenter component settings, such as user accounts or DHCP. See your management-module *User's Guide* or *Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for instructions.

Configuring I/O modules

You must install and configure at least one external (in-band) port on an Ethernet switch module in I/O-module bay 1 or 2 to communicate with the Ethernet controllers that are integrated in each blade server. See your management-module *User's Guide* and *Command Line Interface Reference Guide* for information about configuring external ports on I/O modules. For I/O-device settings, see the documentation that comes with your I/O device.

Note: If a pass-thru module is installed in I/O-module bay 1 or 2, you must configure the network switch that the pass-thru module is connected to; see the documentation that comes with the network switch.

Configuring blade servers

To achieve blade-server redundancy, you must configure the Ethernet controllers in one or more blade servers for failover. When failover occurs on a blade server, the secondary Ethernet controller takes over network communications, using the I/O module that is associated with that controller. Install a pair of Ethernet switches in I/O-module bays 1 and 2, and then configure them and your network infrastructure so that they can direct traffic to the same destinations. You can also install a pass-thru module that is connected to an external Ethernet switch in either or both of these I/O-module bays. See the documentation that comes with your blade server and operating system for instructions.

BladeCenter networking guidelines

Make sure that the network infrastructure is configured before you connect the BladeCenter unit to a LAN switch or similar network device.

Note: After failover, you might not be able to establish a network connection to the management module for 5 minutes.

Each blade server has two independent Ethernet controllers, each with its own MAC address and a dedicated 1000-Mbps link to one of the switch modules in I/O module bays 1 and 2. There is no internal data path between the two switches within the BladeCenter unit; an external network device is required for data packets to flow from one internal switch to the other.

The management module has a separate internal 100-Mbps link to each switch. These links are for internal management and control only. No data packets are allowed to flow from application programs on the blade servers to the management module over this path.

Chapter 5. IBM Director

This chapter provides information about IBM Director, a workgroup-hardware-management tool that you can use to centrally manage IBM servers.

With IBM Director, a network administrator can perform the following tasks:
- View the hardware configuration of remote systems, in detail
- Monitor the usage and performance of critical components, such as microprocessors, disks, and memory
- Centrally manage individual or large groups of IBM and non-IBM Intel-processor-based servers, desktop computers, workstations, and mobile computers on a variety of platforms

IBM Director provides a comprehensive entry-level workgroup hardware manager. It includes the following key features:
- Advanced self-management capabilities for maximum system availability.
- Multiple operating-system platform support, including Microsoft Windows 2000 Server, Windows XP Professional, Red Hat Linux, SUSE LINUX, and Novell NetWare. For a complete list of operating systems that support IBM Director, see the IBM Director Compatibility Document. This document is in PDF at http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/xseries/systems_management/sys_migration/ ibmdiragent.html. It is updated every 6 to 8 weeks.
- Support for IBM and non-IBM servers, desktop computers, workstations, and mobile computers.
- Support for systems-management industry standards.
- Integration into leading workgroup and enterprise systems-management environments.
- Ease of use, training, and setup.

IBM Director also provides an extensible platform that supports advanced BladeCenter tools that are designed to reduce the total cost of managing and supporting networked systems. By deploying IBM Director, you can achieve reductions in ownership costs through the following benefits:
- Reduced downtime
- Increased productivity of IT personnel and users
- Reduced service and support costs

For more information about IBM Director, see the documentation on the *IBM Director* CD that comes with the BladeCenter unit, the IBM Director Information Center at http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/eserver/v1r2/topic/diricinfo /fgm0_main.htm, and the IBM xSeries Systems Management Web page at http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/xseries/systems_management /xseries_sm.html, which present an overview of IBM Systems Management and IBM Director.

Chapter 6. Shared BladeCenter resources

The BladeCenter unit provides resources that are available to most blade servers at all times, such as power modules, cooling, system management, and network I/O modules; no user intervention is required. Some resources are selectable for use by a single blade server at a time, such as the media tray (CD/DVD drive, and USB connector) or the keyboard-video-mouse (KVM). You can select the resources for a blade server in the following ways:

Most blade servers have two selection buttons on the front of the blade server: CD and |□|

You can use the management-module Web interface to enable or disable the select buttons on the blade servers and change ownership of the media tray or the KVM (**Blade Tasks** → **Remote Control**).

The monitor that is attached to the management module shows the video output from the blade server that is the current owner of the KVM. When there is no actively selected video from any blade server, the video from blade server 14 is routed to the management module. While the management module is restarting, there is temporarily no current KVM owner. The video from blade server 14 is displayed on the monitor briefly until the management module uses its NVRAM values to reestablish ownership of the KVM and media tray. After that, the video from the blade server that is the current KVM owner is displayed on the monitor.

- To switch the KVM to a specific blade server, press the |□| button on that blade server.

- To switch the media tray to a specific blade server, press the CD button on that blade server.

The management module immediately assigns the resource to the blade server that is requesting it. Some blade servers do not support a KVM.

On a keyboard that is directly attached to the management module, you can press keyboard keys in the following sequence to switch KVM control between blade servers:
NumLock NumLock blade_server_number Enter
Where blade_server_number is the two-digit number for the blade bay in which the blade server is installed. When using some keyboards, such as the 28L3644 (37L0888) keyboard, you must hold down the Shift key while you enter this key sequence.

It can take up to 20 seconds for the operating system in the switched-to blade server to recognize the media tray or the KVM. If you install Microsoft Windows 2000 on a blade server while it is not the current owner of the media tray or the KVM, the first time the blade server requests ownership after the operating system has been installed, it can take up to 1 minute for the operating system to recognize the devices (this is a one-time-only occurrence).

Note: The operating system in the blade server must provide USB support for the blade server to recognize and use the media tray. The BladeCenter unit uses USB for internal communication with these devices.

Attention: Do not switch ownership of the media tray to another blade server while using a media tray drive or the USB port. The data might become corrupted. The LEDs on the drive or attached USB device are not lit.

Chapter 7. Solving problems

This section provides basic troubleshooting information to help you solve some common problems that might occur while you are setting up your BladeCenter unit.

If you cannot locate and correct the problem using the information in this section, see the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for more information.

Diagnostic tools overview

The following tools are available to help you diagnose and solve hardware-related problems:

- **Troubleshooting tables**

  These tables list problem symptoms and steps to correct the problems. See "Troubleshooting tables" for more information.

- **Diagnostic programs and error messages**

  The built-in self-test (BIST) program checks the BladeCenter unit during startup and generates error messages if problems are found. See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for more information.

- **Diagnostic LEDs**

  Use the diagnostic LEDs to identify system errors quickly. The diagnostic LEDs consist of the LEDs on the front and rear of the BladeCenter unit and on the front of the modules and blade servers. See "BladeCenter components, controls, and LEDs" on page 14.

Troubleshooting tables

You can use the troubleshooting tables to find solutions to problems that have identifiable symptoms.

Note: The symptoms for monitor, keyboard, and mouse apply only to the devices that are connected to the management module; they do not apply to the remote console.

See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for more detailed information about testing the BladeCenter unit. If you have run the diagnostic tests or if running the tests does not reveal the problem, call for service.

Attention: If diagnostic error messages appear that are not listed in the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide*, make sure that your BladeCenter unit has the latest level of firmware code installed.

If you have just added a new optional devices and your system is not working, complete the following procedure before using the troubleshooting tables:

1. Remove the device that you just added.
2. Run the diagnostic tests to determine whether the system is running correctly.
3. Reinstall the new device.

Monitor problems

Note: The monitor screen remains blank until the monitor is directed to a blade server that is turned on; this is normal behavior.

Some IBM monitors have their own self-tests. If you suspect a problem with your monitor, see the information that comes with the monitor for instructions for testing and adjusting the monitor. If you cannot diagnose the problem, call for service.

Symptom	Suggested action
The screen is blank.	Make sure that: • The BladeCenter unit power cord is connected to a BladeCenter power module and a working 220-volt PDU. • The monitor cables are connected correctly. • The monitor is turned on and the brightness and contrast controls are adjusted correctly. • The monitor is owned by a blade server that is turned on. • The blade server supports the KVM. If the problem remains, call for service.
Only the cursor appears.	Try switching the monitor to another blade server. • If the problem does not occur, troubleshoot the blade sever for which only the cursor appears. • If the problem remains, call for service.
The monitor has screen jitter, or the screen image is wavy, unreadable, rolling, or distorted.	If the monitor self-tests show the monitor is working correctly, consider the location of the monitor. Magnetic fields around other devices (such as transformers, appliances, fluorescent lights, and other monitors) can cause screen jitter or wavy, unreadable, rolling, or distorted screen images. If this happens, turn off the monitor. **Attention:** Moving a color monitor while it is turned on might cause screen discoloration. Move the device and the monitor at least 305 mm (12 in.) apart, and turn on the monitor. **Notes:** 1. For a media tray equipped with a diskette drive, make sure that the distance between the monitor and diskette drive is at least 76 mm (3 in.) to prevent diskette drive read/write errors, 2. Non-IBM monitor cables might cause unpredictable problems. 3. An enhanced monitor cable with additional shielding is available for the 9521 and 9527 monitors. For information about the enhanced monitor cable, contact your IBM marketing representative or authorized reseller. If the problem remains, call for service.
All other symptoms	Troubleshoot the blade server that is the current owner of the KVM.

Power problems

Symptom	Suggested action
The BladeCenter unit does not start.	• Make sure that the power cords are correctly connected to the power modules in the BladeCenter unit. • Make sure that the 220-volt PDU or electrical outlet is working correctly. • Make sure that both the ac and dc LEDs on each power module are lit and that amber error LED (2320-watt power modules only) is *not* lit. • If you just installed an optional device, remove it, and restart the BladeCenter unit. If the BladeCenter unit now starts, you might have installed more devices than the power module supports. If the problem remains, call for service.

Management-module problems

Symptom	Suggested action
The management module does not switch to the redundant module.	• Wait for 45 minutes to complete the management-module data transfer. • Make sure that the management module that is removed is replaced with the same type of module. • Replace the management module. If the problem remains, call for service.

Blower module problems

Symptom	Suggested action
The blower module operates at full speed, with no regulation.	Make sure that: • Both blower modules are functioning (neither has failed). • Each power module is connected to an ac power source. A power module that is not connected to an ac power source creates a nonredundant power condition and causes the blower modules to operate at full speed. • The management module is installed and working. • Each module bay contains a module or filler module. If the problem remains, call for service.

Optional device problems

Symptom	Suggested action
An IBM optional device does not operate correctly after installation.	Make sure that: • The device is designed for the BladeCenter unit. See http//:www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/serverproven/compat/us/ for ServerProven® compatibility information. • You followed the installation instructions that come with the device. • The device is installed correctly. • You have not loosened any other installed devices or cables. If the problem remains, call for service.

Symptom	Suggested action
An IBM optional device does not operate correctly.	• Make sure that all of the hardware and cable connections for the device are secure. • If the device comes with test instructions, use those instructions to test the device. If the problem remains, call for service.

LEDs

On the BladeCenter system, the diagnostic LEDs consist of the LEDs on the front and rear of the BladeCenter unit and on the front of the modules and blade servers. If the front or rear system-error LED of the BladeCenter unit is lit, one or more error LEDs on the BladeCenter components also might be lit. These LEDs help identify the cause of the problem.

Diagnosing problems using diagnostic LEDs

To identify the component that is causing the error, locate the lit error LED on that component.

The following example shows how to use the LEDs to diagnose a system error:

1. Note that the BladeCenter system-error LED is lit on the system LED panel.
2. Locate the module or blade server that also has a lit error LED (see "BladeCenter components, controls, and LEDs" on page 14 for the location of error LEDs; see the documentation that comes with your blade server for the location of error LEDs on the blade server).
   • If the component is a module, replace the module.
   • If the component is a blade server with its system-error LED lit, follow the instructions in the documentation that comes with the blade server to isolate and correct the problem.

Diagnostic LEDs

The LEDs on the system LED panel are lit when certain system errors occur. If an LED on your BladeCenter unit is lit, use the following table to help determine the cause of the error and the action you should take. For a description of the individual LED conditions, see the documentation for your management module and I/O modules.

Table 2. Diagnostic LEDs

Lit LED	Cause	Action
BladeCenter system LED panel		
Location	A condition has occurred in the BladeCenter unit that has caused the remote system management to identify the BladeCenter unit as needing attention.	Look for any information or error LEDs on the system LED panels, the modules, and the blade servers in this BladeCenter unit. See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for more information.
Over-temperature	The system temperature has exceeded a threshold level.	• Determine whether a blower module has failed. If it has, replace the blower module as soon as possible, to regain redundancy. See the *Hardware Maintenance Manual and Troubleshooting Guide* for instructions. • Make sure that the room temperature is not too high. (See "Features and specifications" on page 3 for temperature information.) • Determine whether a blade server has a temperature LED lit. If it does, see the documentation that comes with the blade server. • Make sure that there is a blade server, module, or filler installed in each bay. If the problem remains, call for service.
Information	A noncritical event has occurred that should be looked at, such as the wrong I/O module inserted in a bay, or power requirements that exceed the capacity of power modules currently installed.	• Check the error log for messages. • Check the LEDs on the BladeCenter unit and the blade servers to isolate the component.
System error	A critical system error has occurred, such as nonredundancy on the power modules or a system error in a blade server.	• Check the error log for messages. • Look for an error LED on the modules and blade servers to locate the component. If the error LED is on a blade server, see the documentation that comes with the blade server for more information.

Appendix A. BladeCenter management module configuration worksheet

Use the worksheets in this appendix to record the information for configuring the management module in your BladeCenter unit. Information about using the worksheet is provided in the *Management Module User's Guide* for your management-module type.

General settings

Management-module name	
Contact name	
Physical location	
Clock settings	

Login profiles

Login ID	Password	Authority level	
		R/O	R/W

External network interface (eth0)

Interface	__ Enabled __ Disabled
DHCP	__ DHCP with rollover to static __ DHCP only __ Static IP only
Host name	
Static IP configuration (configure only if DHCP is disabled)	
IP address	_____._____._____._____
Subnet mask	_____._____._____._____
Gateway IP address	_____._____._____._____

Internal network interface (eth1)

Interface IP address	_____._____._____._____

Subnet mask	_____._____._____._____
Locally administered MAC address	_____._____._____._____

Alerts

Remote alert recipients		
Receives critical alerts only		
	Status	
	Notification method	__ SNMP over LAN
		__ E-mail over LAN
		__ IBM Director
	Host name (or IP address)	
	E-mail address	
Global remote alert settings		
Remote alerts retry limit		
Delay between retries		
Include event log with e-mail alerts		__ Yes
		__ No
Alerts to be monitored		
Critical alerts		Select all critical alerts
		Hard disk drive
		Multiple blower failures
		Power failure
		Temperature
		VRM failure
		Multiple switch module failures
		Invalid configuration
Warning alerts		Select all critical alerts
		Single blower failure
		Temperature
		Voltage
		KVM/media tray switching failure
		Redundant module failure
System alerts		Power off
		Inventory
		Log 75% full

Network protocols

SNMP	
SNMP agent	__ Enable __ Disable
SNMP traps	__ Enable __ Disable
Community name	
Host name (or IP address)	
SMTP	
Host name (or IP address)	
DNS	
DNS	__ Enable __ Disable
DNS server IP address 1	_____._____._____._____
DNS server IP address 2	_____._____._____._____
DNS server IP address 3	_____._____._____._____

Security

Secure Socket Layer (SSL)	__ Enabled __ Disabled
Certificates	__ Self-signed __ Provided by a certificate authority

Appendix B. Getting help and technical assistance

If you need help, service, or technical assistance or just want more information about IBM products, you will find a wide variety of sources available from IBM to assist you. This section contains information about where to go for additional information about IBM and IBM products, what to do if you experience a problem with your system, and whom to call for service, if it is necessary.

Before you call

Before you call, make sure that you have taken these steps to try to solve the problem yourself:

- Check all cables to make sure that they are connected.
- Check the power switches to make sure that the system and any optional devices are turned on.
- Use the troubleshooting information in your system documentation, and use the diagnostic tools that come with your system. Information about diagnostic tools is in the *Problem Determination and Service Guide* on the IBM *Documentation* CD that comes with your system.
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[1] ASHRAE 52.2-2008 - *Method of Testing General Ventilation Air-Cleaning Devices for Removal Efficiency by Particle Size*. Atlanta: American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.	
[2] The deliquescent relative humidity of particulate contamination is the relative humidity at which the dust absorbs enough water to become wet and promote ionic conduction.	
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This is a Class A product based on the standard of the Voluntary Control Council for Interference (VCCI). If this equipment is used in a domestic environment, radio interference may occur, in which case the user may be required to take corrective actions.

Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) statement

高調波ガイドライン適合品

Japanese Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA) Confirmed Harmonics Guideline (products less than or equal to 20 A per phase)

Korea Communications Commission (KCC) statement

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ВНИМАНИЕ! Настоящее изделие относится к классу А.
В жилых помещениях оно может создавать радиопомехи, для
снижения которых необходимы дополнительные меры

People's Republic of China Class A electronic emission statement

中华人民共和国 "A类" 警告声明

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居住的環境中使用時，可
能會造成射頻干擾，在這
種情況下，使用者會被要
求採取某些適當的對策。

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39M5262	Japan
39M5342	Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay
39M5396	India
39M5358	Brazil

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