

VANTAGEO-Server

Suite Hardware Management Platform

Product Description

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About This Manual

Purpose

This manual describes the VANTAGEO-VSS (hereinafter referred to as the VSS) in details, including product positioning and characteristics, product architecture, functions, security, reliability design, network architectures, interfaces, technical specifications, and compliant standards and protocols, so that users can fully learn about the VSS.

Product Overview

1.1 Product Introduction

The VSS is unified O&M management software for VANTAGEO servers and storage devices used in IT scenarios. It implements unified management of VANTAGEO servers and storage devices in GUI mode. The VSS provides VANTAGEO servers with enhanced full-lifecycle management capabilities such as resource management, batch configuration, firmware and driver upgrade, fault diagnosis, OS deployment, power consumption management, report management, and remote fault reporting, which effectively improve O&M efficiency and reduce O&M costs. In addition, the VSS provides a variety of northbound interfaces for interconnection with OSS.

1.2 Product Characteristics

The VSS has the following characteristics:

- Supports centralized management of multiple devices, including a full series of VANTAGEO servers and storage devices.

- Supports flexible deployment of physical machines and VMs in multiple scenarios, IPv4/IPv6 dual-stack network architecture, and management of a maximum of 3000 devices.
 - Provides the centralized resource management function to help users manage servers and storage devices in an all-round manner.
 - Provides the centralized alarm management function to allow O&M personnel to locate and troubleshoot faults so as to avoid service interruption.
 - Provides the centralized performance management function to manage the KPIs of servers and learn about performance bottlenecks.
 - Configures servers in batches through a profile so as to achieve stateless configuration of servers.
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- Manages the life cycle of the firmware of each server through firmware check, upgrade, and validation, thus improving the firmware management efficiency.
 - Provides northbound interfaces such as the RESTful, SNMP, Syslog and SFTP interfaces to integrate with the OSS system.
 - Supports server fault diagnosis and out-of-band preventive maintenance, helping O&M personnel monitor the health status of server components.
 - Supports automatic deployment of out-of-band OSs in batches.
 - Supports power consumption management by monitoring the total power consumption of devices in equipment rooms or cabinets and the cabinet space usage in a unified manner.
 - Supports maintenance management which allows you to implement management of device maintenance information in GUI mode.
 - Supports multi-dimensional report management that allows you to customize reports on server alarms, performance, and assets.
 - Supports remote fault reporting and automatic service ticket creation and submission, thus achieving intelligent O&M.

Product Architecture

Table 2-1 VSS Module Function Descriptions

Module	Description
Alarm management	Obtains and analyzes hardware alarms through SNMP Trap or Redfish subscription.
Performance management	Periodically collects performance data of devices, such as CPU usage, power, temperature, GPU temperature, and GPU power.
Module	Description
Resource management	Supports device addition, deletion, automatic discovery, and periodic collection of asset information of devices.
Log management	Collects logs reported by devices and manages the operation logs, login logs, and system logs of the VSS.
User management	Manages the authentication and authentication management modules of local users and external AD users.
Security management	Manages accounts, passwords, session policies, access control, and other security information of the VSS.
Firmware management	Upgrades the firmware (such as the BMC , BIOS , and standard card) and driver of VANTAGEO servers.
Configuration management	<p>Configures the BMC, BIOS or RAID on a VANTAGEO server, checks the configuration, and supports importing and exporting the profile.</p> <p>Pre Configured Profiles with Valid Config information are kept in the repository.</p> <p>The VSS supports the abstraction of the BMC, BIOS, and RAID configuration information of a server into a profile. Through the import and export functions, the profile can be copied quickly to deploy Automatically deploy the desired profile on the desired servers using batch task</p> <p>Thus it delivers hardware configurations to other servers in batches, & improving the efficiency of device onboarding.</p>
OS deployment	<p>Deploys commercial OSs in batches on VANTAGEO servers.</p> <p>Create Configuration Profile or Profiles Templates with required configuration and the ISO image of the desired Operating system and store in the repository.</p> <p>Automatically deploy the OS and Configuration on the desired servers using a batch task</p>
Fault diagnosis	Supports hardware diagnosis of VANTAGEO servers and outputs diagnosis reports.

Power consumption management	Periodically collects server power and displays it by level, and detects the power consumption of each cabinet.
Technical service	Supports maintenance management and remote fault reporting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintenance management: supports the import of the maintenance data of VANTAGEO servers, and displays the warranty periods of the servers. ● Remote fault reporting: supports automatic fault reporting and service ticket creation.
Report management	Supports report customization based on assets, alarms, and performance data, and flexible data analysis.

The VSS provides reliable management of the entire devices, alarms, resources, performance, logs, configurations, firmware, users, and security of [VANTAGEO](#) servers and storagedevices.

Device Management

Management Mode

Devices can be added as the managed devices of the VSS in the following ways:

- Manual addition: Add a device manually.
- Batch import: Import all devices at a time through a template file.
- Automatic discovery: Add devices through automatic scanning in accordance with the [IP](#)network segments.

[VANTAGEO](#) rack servers and disk arrays that can be managed by the VSS are as follows:

Supported Operations

- Servers: 2230-RE ,1230-RE,2240-RE,1240-RE

The VSS supports the following operations on a server:

- Power on, power off, and restart the server.
- Download [BMC](#) logs.
- Enable HTML5 [KVM](#).
- Modify and manage the [BMC](#) usernames and passwords.
- Lit the [UID](#) indicator.



Note

Operations on a server are strongly related to the BMC version. You need to determine whether the current BMC version supports related operations.

Alarm Management

The VSS supports real-time monitoring of device alarms. VSS has a feature of Auto Log Collection from the connected Servers. In this case, O&M personnel can handle hardware faults in a timely manner. Alarm management contains the following functions:

- Alarm display

Logs are analyzed by VSS . It uses the learnings from the systems and the VSS's intelligent analytical engine to give out Alerts /Alarms. The Alerts / Alarms will be both Predictive and Immediate in nature

Obtains device alarms through [SNMP](#) Trap or Redfish subscription. You can browse alarms in the active alarm list, and view the cleared alarms in the historical alarms.

- Alarm acknowledgment

Provides a method for determining whether an alarm is handled. Alarms that are already handled and alarms that are not handled can be distinguished in accordance with the alarm acknowledgment status.

- Alarm clearing

Supports alarms manually clearing. Cleared alarms are transferred to the historical alarm database and no longer displayed in the active alarm list.

- Alarm export

Supports condition-meeting alarms exporting into a [CSV](#) file.

- Alarm masking

→ Supports alarm masking based on conditions such as time, period, alarm source (alarm generation device), alarm code, and alarm level. Alarms that meet the conditions are suppressed and not displayed in the alarm information.

→ Alarms of a specified server can be masked in a specified period of time for server maintenance.

- Alarm synchronization

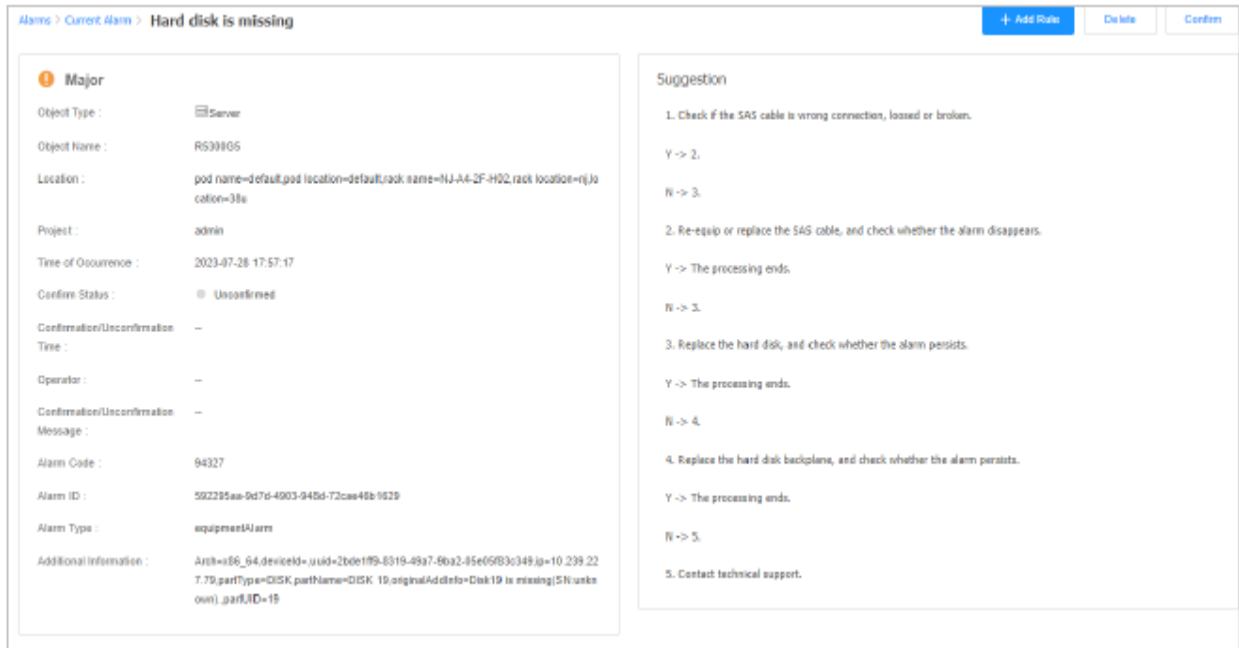
Supports the application of alarm loss detection and automatic synchronization functions to [VANTAGEO](#) servers to ensure that alarms on the system side and the device side are the same.

- Remote notification

Sends emails to notify O&M personnel of alarms in real time in accordance with the rules formulated by users.

VSS based on the type of Alert gives out actionable remediation using the system learnings and intelligent analytical engine.

[Viewing Alarm Details – Suggestions from Proactive Analytical Engine](#)



Resource Management

The VSS shows the location of the devices in a data center through the rack view, and the detailed information of a device and its components through the detail view. In this way, resources can be managed in an all-round manner. Resource management contains the following functions:

- Displaying device information
 - Device information: device model, manufacturer, serial number, asset label, firmware version number, power mode, and maximum power.
 - Processor information: name, manufacturer, model, CPU clock speed, number of cores, and hyper-threading status.
 - Memory information: slot, type, model, manufacturer, capacity, and frequency.
 - Controller information: slot, model, and firmware version.
 - NIC information: slot, model, interface type, number of ports, serial number, manufacturer, and firmware version.
 - Network interface information: name, interface type, MAC address, rate, and port status.
 - FC interface information: name, interface type, WWN, and rate.
 - Logical disk information: name, RAID level, and capacity.
 - Hard disk information: name, serial number, slot, model, capacity, interface type, mediatype, manufacturer, firmware version, remaining SSD lifespan, and disk partition usage.
 - Power supply information: slot, name, type, and rated power.
 - Fan information: slot, maximum fan speed, actual fan speed, minimum fan speed, and fan speed ratio.
 - Temperature sensor information: air inlet and CPU.
 - GPU information: vendor, model, display memory, and bandwidth.

- Exporting asset details
Exports the details of all assets in batches.
- Operating devices
Supports remote control over a single device, including power-on, power-off, and restart.

Performance Management

The VSS manages the performance of the servers. It collects, analyzes, and graphically displays real-time and historical out-of-band performance data to help **O&M** personnel analyze and predict the resource bottlenecks, effectively evaluate resource usage, and optimize device performance.

devices through the dedicated management network.

The functions of performance management are as follows:

- Automatically collects all the performance indicators of a server, including the **CPU** usage, memory usage, power, air inlet temperature, **GPU** temperature, fan speed, current, and voltage.
- Supports customization of collection periods and flexible management through tasks. After the indicators of a server are collected, the historical performance data of the server can be viewed.
- Displays real-time and historical performance trends in visualized curves or tables.
- Displays the top N performance data of the data center on the **Overview** page of the VSS portal.

Log Management

The VSS supports log management, providing effective help in routine **O&M** and problem location.

The available log information and supported management functions include:

- Operation log
 - Records the operations initiated by operators that cause changes in the system, and the operators' names, operation time and operation contents. Operation logs cannot be modified.
 - Supports log query to facilitate backtracking.
- Security log
Records security-related actions, such as user login and logout.
- System log
Records key information automatically generated by the system during operation or task execution for backtracking.
- Hardware log
Collects hardware logs reported by devices through the Syslog interface, such as the operation logs, system logs and login logs of a **BMC** on a server.

Configuration Management

The VSS supports the abstraction of the **BMC**, **BIOS**, and **RAID** configuration information of a server into a profile. Through the import and export functions, the profile can be copied quickly to deliver

hardware configurations to other servers in batches, thus improving the efficiency of device onboarding.

- Profile: Sets parameters for the BMC, BIOS, and RAID of a **VANTAGEO** server.
 - A template can be exported from a benchmark server (a server whose configurations provide a benchmark for the configurations of other servers) and edited online to form a profile, based on which the configuration information of other servers can be checked in batches.
 - For a server with different configurations, you can quickly copy the configurations in the profile to this server by binding the profile to the server.
- BMC configuration of a server: Configures items such as **NTP**, time zone, **AD**, heat dissipation mode, Syslog, **SNMP** and service port.
- BIOS configuration of a server: Configures items related to boot options, **PXE**, virtualization, power, processor, memory and console.
- RAID configuration of a server: Supports the configurations of VANTAGEO-developed RAID controller cards, **PMC** RAID controller cards and AVAGO RAID controller cards.
- Server configuration check: Checks the BMC and BIOS configurations of servers in batches. The check results can be exported to an Excel file.

Firmware and Driver Management

The VSS supports the management of the following firmware and drivers:

VSS auto discovery capability allows to manage the Vantageo devices once connected on the accessible network without any manual intervention

- Firmware version

The **BMC**, **BIOS**, and part versions of **VANTAGEO** servers can be managed.



Parts include the **NIC**, **RAID** controller card, and **HBA** card.

- Driver type
 - NIC: Intel X710 and Intel EXL710.
 - **FC** HBA: QLE2742.
 - RAID: VANTAGEO RS241_V2-16i.

Firmware and driver management of the VSS has the following features:

- Firmware/driver package repository

Uploaded firmware/driver packages are stored in the repository for firmware/driver upgrade

VSS will use learnings from systems and with the help of intelligent analytical engine search the updated Firmwares on the Vantageo Internet repository..

- Baseline version

A baseline version can be created to manage different types of firmware and drivers of servers in a unified manner for one-click upgrade. VSS keeps a data of all the Firmware version

installed on the managed devices

- Validation policy

VSS without any manual intervention will automatically download the Firmware into the local repository and send an alert about the availability of the new Firmware.

Upgrade and validation are separated. Immediate validation and manual validation are supported, thus improving the upgrade security.

- Firmware check

→ A firmware consistency check task can be created and associated with a specified firmware baseline to check the firmware of a group of servers or a specified server.

→ The firmware consistency check task can be executed immediately or at the specified time based on the setting of an execution policy.

→ You can view the check report in the check result area or on the firmware check menu. The firmware of the device that is not the same as the firmware baseline is displayed.

Deployment/execution

Firmware are automatically updated on the respective Servers based on the scheduled task defined by the Administrator. Firmware update needs a reboot to have the new firmware in effect.

Parameter	Description
BIOS Version validation policy	Select the BIOS version validation policy.
	> Effective Immediately: The devices are automatically restarted to apply the new version. But in this way, services may be interrupted
	> Effective Manually: You need to manually apply the new version on the Version Status page.
BMC Version validation policy	Select the BMC version validation policy.
	Default: Only the standby BMC firmware is upgraded.
	MainStandby: Both the active and standby BMC firmware are Upgraded
Plan Strategy	Select the upgrade task execution policy.
	> Execute Immediately: The task is executed immediately.
	> Schedule Execution: You can click to set the task execution time.

User Management

The user management functions of the VSS include the following:

- Local user management

→ Local users can be viewed, added and deleted, and their passwords can be modified.

- Local users can be granted time-based permissions.
- External user management
 - Supports interconnection with the OpenLDAP or the Active Directory servers, and log into the VSS through the user domain in the domain controller, and external users in the group domain and their passwords to ensure system security.
 - Supports the [LDAPS](#) protocol, and multiple login attributes such as mail, common name(CN), surname (SN), and sAMAccountName.

VSS Support USER Management for Local user and External User.

The default roles such as admin and Operator already exist on the VSS portal. If the default roles do not match the functional attributes of the internal user to be created, you need to create the role.

Various Operational Privileges are available such as

- System management ,
- Project management ,
- Monitor center .,
- Hardware Management ,
- Firmware Management,
- Server config management,
- OS deployment management

To choose basis on the roles the user View gets customized.

Roles / Create Role

*Role name

Description

Type Resource Manage
 Security Audit

Operation Privileges - all

- SystemManagement
- ProjectManagement
- MonitorCenter
- HardwareManagement
- FirmwareManagement
- ServerConfigurationManagement
- OSDeploymentManagement

Security Management

Through proper security parameter settings, the VSS can effectively prevent unauthorized users from intruding into the system and ensure system data security.

User permissions

Login authentication

Access control

Certificate management

Session management

Account security

Secondary authorization for high-risk operation

Security Management

Through proper security parameter settings, the VSS can effectively prevent unauthorized users from intruding into the system and ensure system data security. Security management contains the following functions:

- User permissions
 - Supports [RBAC](#).
 - Provides permission control.
 - Supports customized roles.
 - Provides access time control.
- Login authentication
 - Supports authentication based on SMS verification codes and graphic verification codes.
 - Supports [SSO](#) and OAuth 2.0.
- Access control
 - Provides the time control mechanism for user login.
 - Supports password blacklist.
 - Supports [IP](#) address blacklist and whitelist.
- Certificate management
 - Supports both the [CA](#) certificate and self-signed certificate, and uses [HTTPS](#) for all browser operations and [RESTAPI](#) calling.
- Session management
 - Logs out once the session expires.
 - Protects the security of the session IDs.
 - Supports configuring the number of on-line sessions.
- Account security
 - Allows you to set security policies, such as password complexity, validity period, reuse, and locking.
- Secondary authorization for high-risk operations
 - Sets whether secondary authorization is needed for high-risk operations, such as server power-off and restart.
 - By default, the `admin` user has the permission to perform secondary authorization for high-risk operations. Other users can obtain this permission only when the secondary authorization policy is enabled.
 - If a common user performs a high-risk operation, the operation takes effect only when a user with the secondary authorization permission approves this operation.
- License
 - Supports license import.
 - Supports querying the validity period and function of a license.

Fault Diagnosis

The VSS supports out-of-band hardware preventive maintenance of servers, and identifies potential faults in advance based on [BMC](#) log analysis. The following functions are supported:

- Checking the health status of servers and server components, including the entire devices, [CPUs](#), memory, hard disks, [RAID](#) cards, [NICs](#), [PSUs](#), and fans.
- Supporting in-depth preventive maintenance of hard disks, remaining lifespan tracking of [SSDs](#), and [SMART](#) tests of [SATA](#) and [SAS](#) mechanical hard disks.
- Supporting automatic preventive maintenance at a specified time.
- Outputting preventive maintenance reports in [HTML](#) format, and classifying the preventive maintenance results by severity.

OS Deployment

To deploy [OSs](#) through the [PXE](#), you need to access service networks. Therefore, you cannot deploy [OSs](#) through the [PXE](#) when only out-of-band networks are available. The VSS supports automatic out-of-band [OS](#) deployment. The functions are as follows:

- Mounting [OS](#) images
[OS](#) images can be uploaded manually.

Deploying [OSs](#)

Out-of-band networks and Redfish interfaces are used to mount [OS](#) images. Deployment parameters can be configured in GUI mode and [OSs](#) can be deployed in batches.

Power Consumption Management

Due to the increasing power consumption of servers, the current power supply planning of a data center room may be difficult to meet the power consumption requirements of servers in the future. Even if the power consumption of each server in a cabinet is within the normal range, the total power consumption of the cabinet may exceed the planned capacity. To solve the

above problems, the VSS supports energy efficiency management at different levels. The following functions are provided:

- Periodically collecting the power of each server, and displaying the power at different levels including equipment room, cabinet, and device.
- Supporting the setting of the rated power of each cabinet. When the total power of the cabinet exceeds the rated power, the system notifies the user of the overload risk.
- Supporting the display of the space usage of each cabinet, through which you can adjust the deployment of servers in the cabinets to effectively use the space of each cabinet.

Maintenance Management

The VSS supports the management of equipment maintenance information in GUI mode. The following functions are provided:

- Maintenance statistics
 - Supporting the import and export of server maintenance information in batches.
 - Displaying the number of managed servers in a histogram, including the number of servers whose warranty period has expired and the number of servers whose warranty period is about to expire.
 - Maintenance list
 - Displaying the basic maintenance information about managed servers.
 - Providing the advanced search function. You can query servers by maintenance type and remaining warranty period.
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Remote Fault Reporting

The VSS supports the remote fault reporting function, which is displayed as Call Home on the VSS portal. The VSS creates service tickets and automatically reports faults to the VANTAGEO technical support center through the Internet to achieve intelligent [O&M](#),

Remote fault reporting provides the following functions and features:

- Networking requirements

The VSS is installed on two network planes, and the northbound network is connected to the Internet. If the northbound network cannot be directly connected to the Internet, a proxy server needs to be provided by the customer.
- Information security

Service tickets are created and submitted based on device alarms, and logs are not collected.
- Transmission security

[HTTPS](#) is used for encrypted transmission.

- Use security
 - Alarm codes to be reported can be selected based on the alarm level or as required.
 - Only registered users of the Web portal of the servers and storage products (<https://www.vantageo.com>) can successfully submit service tickets.
- Reliability design
 - Delayed submission of service tickets is supported to avoid reporting faults that are recovered instantaneously.
 - The VANTAGEO technical support center sends heartbeat keep-alive messages to the VSS periodically. When the VSS is down or disconnected, the VANTAGEO technical support center sends a service ticket because it does not receive a response from the VSS within the specified time.
- Service ticket management

The details and status of each service ticket are displayed. You can delete, refresh, or cancel service tickets as required.

Report Management

The VSS provides the data analysis and statistical chart display capabilities through report management. You can query indicators in multiple dimensions as required, and quickly focus on key data through flexible data filtering to implement self-service [O&M](#) analysis and regular reporting.

Report management provides the following functions and features:

- Covering various O&M scenarios

Presets data sets and templates for typical service scenarios. The data sets include KPIs of servers and disk arrays, and the templates for the assets, performance, and historical alarms of servers and disk arrays are available. Together with the customization capability, the report management function can fully cover various O&M scenarios and meet user requirements.
- Supporting flexible report customization
 - Analyzes data in periodic reports by hour, day, week or month to obtain the trends of data, providing a powerful basis for decision-making.
 - Based on the server and disk array assets, performance, and historical alarm templates preset in the system, algorithms can be customized and new [KPI](#) data can be generated to present the final report in a way that meets your requirements.
- Providing multiple data display modes
 - Data can be displayed in tables and graphs, and the "Roll Up" and "Drill Down" functions are provided.
 - The inventory, performance, and historical alarm reports of servers and disk arrays can be exported in Excel, CSV, and text formats for query and audit, meeting daily O&M requirements.

- Asset data reports can be generated based on four dimensions, that is, equipment room, rack, device, and component, and the data can be displayed in details or in a summarized way based on the time and space dimensions.
- Alarm data (including the total number of historical alarms and alarm level distribution statistics) can be displayed in details or in a summarized way based on the time and space dimensions
- Performance data reports can be generated based on three dimensions, that is, equipment, component, and indicator, and the data can be displayed in details or in a summarized way based on the time and space dimensions.

Supporting flexible data analysis Reports can be filtered by object or indicator for data analysis, which helps you concentrate on key data and learn about service trends

Interfaces

REST API for interaction data with automation, ticketing and other tool

As IT management software, the VSS system manages hardware resources such as server storage devices. The details are as follows:

- Security: The system provides account authentication and authorization through the Keystone component.
- Content: The system allows users to select and subscribe to desired content through indicator subscription interfaces.
- Management: The system provides extensive interfaces such as CM (Configuration Management), FM (Fault Management), PM (Performance Management), and log management interfaces for obtaining various types of O&M data.
 - Interface Information Description
 - The VSS system provides interfaces for interaction with the NBME (Northbound Managed Element). The purpose is to collect hardware resource performance KPIs, monitor status, and report resource changes and faults.

The interfaces are as follows:

- Resource query interface: involves hardware resource query.
- Resource change reporting interface: involves hardware resource change

notifications.

- Resource monitoring interface: involves hardware resource status monitoring.
- Resource performance management interface: involves the query of hardware resource performance KPIs.
 - Resource alarm management interface: involves reporting hardware resource alarms.

Southbound Interfaces

The VSS/Uniview communicates with lower-level server devices and storage devices through southbound interfaces. Southbound interfaces include:

- Server device interface

The VSS server can obtain control information and resource information about lower-level server devices through the SNMP and Redfish interfaces. For interface protocols supported by lower-level server devices, refer to [Table 5-1](#).

Note

The Redfish interface must be used when enhanced features are used.

- Storage device interface

The VSS obtains disk array management information, alarm information, and performance data through the [SMI-S](#), [SNMP](#) and [HTTPS](#) interfaces.

- Log Interface

The VSS obtains the logs of devices connected to the VSS through southbound interfaces through the Syslog interface.

Northbound Interfaces

The VSS interconnects with the upper-level [OSS](#) through northbound interfaces to provide alarm, performance, status, and resource data for the upper-level OSS. The northbound interfaces include:

- [SNMP](#) interface

The VSS reports alarms through the SNMP interface. It supports SNMPv2c and SNMPv3.

- Syslog interface

The VSS reports alarms through the Syslog interface.

- RESTful Interface

The VSS queries resource, assets, and performance statistics information, and subscribes to alarms through the RESTful interface.

- [SFTP](#) interface

The VSS reports logs, performance, and other result files through the SFTP interface.

Security

Complying with the industry's strict security standards, the VSS provides effective protection for users' information security in terms of physical environments, networks, platforms, application interfaces, and data.

Physical Security

It is recommended that the VSS be installed on a [VANTAGEO](#)-developed 2U server. Taking the VT 2230-RE as an example, the following measures are taken to maintain physical security:

- Supports [TPM](#) and [TCM](#), and provides all-round security measures such as unique identification, system login encryption, folder encryption and network communication encryption.
- Uses Redfish and [SNMPv3](#) for the [BMC](#):
 - Redfish provides the next-generation standard chassis management interface protocol with a higher security level than [IPMI 2.0](#).
 - [SNMPv3](#) provides the [SHA](#) authentication algorithm and [AES](#) encryption algorithm.
- Supports hard disk security management, hard disk status management, and hot swapping.
- Supports chassis intrusion detection to report alarms for unauthorized operations.
- Applies an active/standby redundancy pattern to key components such as fans, power supplies, BMC boots and [BIOSs](#).

Network Security

You can maintain network security through the following ways:

- Dividing network security areas

The network is divided into isolation areas, trusted service areas, and management areas. The areas are isolated from each other to improve the intrusion prevention capability of the network.
- Separating network security responsibilities

The VSS network is divided into the data synchronization network, northbound network, and out-of-band management network of hardware resources to ensure that services do not affect management operations.
- Protecting against network attacks

To detect and block attacks from the Internet and external networks, you are recommended to deploy [IDS](#) and [IPS](#) at the external network boundary and security area boundary to prevent protocol attacks, violent attacks, port or vulnerability scanning, virus or Trojan attacks and other intrusion activities.

- Preventing Web attacks

To protect Web application services and systems, a [WAF](#) is deployed on the network boundary to deal with Web attacks, such as [DDOS](#) attacks, [SQL](#) injections, [XSS](#) attacks and [CSRF](#) attacks.

Application Security

The VSS takes the following measures to maintain application security:

- Performs routine security hardening on the operating system to ensure that application programs are running in a secure environment.
- Securing accounts and passwords
 - Allows users to set password complexity, password validity period, and account lockout threshold.
 - Forbids passwords from being saved in plain text or in cipher text processed by insecure password algorithms.
- Controlling access
 - Enables the [MAC](#) policy due to the fact that different services in the [OS](#) are used by different users or groups.
 - Supports role-based permission management in applications to minimize the management permissions and access scope.
- Maintaining [API](#) security
 - Authenticates the identity of API access.
 - Encrypts and transmits API data.
- Using [TLS](#), [HTTPS](#) and [SFTP](#) instead of insecure protocols

Data Security

The VSS takes the following measures to maintain data security in terms of confidentiality, integrity, availability, durability and traceability:

- Carrying out identity authentication and control on data access.
- Encrypting data transmission procedures through [HTTPS](#), [TLS](#), and other security protocols.
- Using keys to encrypt and store sensitive data.

Reliability Design

The VSS provides highly reliable design for networking, architecture, and data to ensure system stability and security.

Network Reliability

The VSS guarantees the network reliability from the following aspects:

- Using Pacemaker+Corosync as [HA](#) software to avoid single point of failures

The HA software supports dual-node cluster configuration, in which one node operates as the active node, and the other as the standby node. The two nodes operate together to provide external services.

The components of the VSS operate on the active node. If the active node is faulty (the network, file system, or applications are abnormal), the services provided by the components are stopped on the active node and restarted on the standby node.

- Supporting network interface detection and binding

The [OS](#) can automatically detect the abnormality of a certain network interface and switchover the physical network interface, so as to ensure the high availability of the network.

Architecture Reliability

The VSS software uses the [IAG](#) architecture and guarantees the reliability of the architecture from the following aspects:

- Loose coupling design

→ Different service logic uses different microservices to provide capabilities.

→ [APIs](#) (RESTful interfaces) provide the external access capability for microservices and supports the invocation of capabilities between microservices.

- On the access point for external services, microservices can be added or deleted as required.
- The **IAG** implements message routing to provide a unified service entrance.
- Fault tolerance capability
 - If a microservice is faulty, other microservices can operate properly.
 - In a large-scale scenario, when the processing capabilities of a microservice are insufficient, multiple instances can be started to provide support.
- Fault monitoring and handling
 - During program running, the supervisor process is also started.
 - If a microservice aborts, the supervisor process restarts this service.
- Hot patches

To apply a hot patch online, you only need to restart a microservice. The restart does not affect other modules or services.

Data Reliability

To ensure data reliability, the VSS provides the following functions:

- Data storage
 - Saves database data on a local disk.
 - The local hard disk backs up data in **RAID** mode.
- Data backup
 - Backs up the data in the database periodically, and reserves some data copies.
 - Flexibly sets the scheduled backup time and sets the backup interval in accordance with the volume and importance of the data.
 - Stores the backup data on external storage devices.
- Data recovery
 - Automatically restores the latest backup data when data is damaged.
 - In other cases, you need to manually restore the data.

Configuration Requirement

To ensure the proper operation of the VSS, the software and hardware of the VSS need to meet the following requirements. For details, refer to [Table 8-1](#).

Table 8-1 VSS Configuration Requirements

Type	Requirement	Description
Deployment scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bare machines or VMs are supported. VM types including VMware, KVM, and Hyper-V are supported. 	It is recommended that you deploy the VSS on a VM. If you deploy the VSS on a physical machine, it is recommended that you use a VANTAGEO rackserver.
Resource requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPU: 8-core, 2 GHz Memory: 20 GB Hard disk: 350 GB 	With this configuration, a maximum of 3000 devices can be managed.
Database	PostgreSQL is provided.	Third-party databases are not supported.

Supported Policies

VSS Manages Various categories of Policy Management and the execution is actioned as per defined policy.

- Authentication Policy for user Management
- Diagnostic Policy
- Configuration Policy
- Speed regulation policy for Fans
- Power restore Policy
- BIOS parameter validation policy.
- BIOS Version validation policy
- user Creation Policy
- User Security Policy
- User Access Policy
- System Management Security Policy
- privacy Protection Policy
- secondary authorization policy
- SMS Verification Code Policy
- Authentication Policy
- password replication policy
- password unique policy
- User inactive policy

Compliant Standards and Protocols

Compliant Standards

- [IPMI](#)
- [SMI-S](#)
- Redfish: A new-generation standard for the management of servers and other hardware, using the RESTful interface to express data and facilitate management

Compliant Protocols

- [RFC 1157: SNMP V3](#)
- [SSH V2](#)
- [HTTPS: TLS 1.0](#) and its later versions
- [SFTP](#)
- [LDAP](#)
- [SNMP](#)

