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HikCentral Professional

Quick Start Guide

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Chapter 1 Guide Content

This guide briefly explains how to install your HikCentral Professional as well as how to configure some of its basic features.

To ensure the properness of usage and stability of the HikCentral Professional, please refer to the contents below and read the guide carefully before installation and operation.

Chapter 2 Administrator Rights

When you install and run the service modules, it is important that you have administrator rights on the PCs or servers that should run these components. Otherwise, you cannot install and configure the system.

Consult your IT system administrator if in doubt about your rights.

If you access the system via HikCentral-Workstation, you can log in to the **operating system** with the following default administrator user name and password at the first boot.

• Default User Name: Administrator

• Default Password: Abc12345

It is recommended that you change the default administrator password immediately after entering the system for data security.

Note

We highly recommend you to create a strong password of your own choosing (using a minimum of 8 characters, including at least three kinds of following categories: upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters) in order to increase the security of your product. And we recommend you change your password regularly, especially in the high security system, changing the password monthly or weekly can better protect your product.

Chapter 3 System Requirements

3.1 System Requirements for Servers

Server without Remote Site Management (RSM) Module

• Operating System: Microsoft® Windows 7 SP1 (64-bit), Windows 8.1 (64-bit), Windows 10 (64-bit), Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 (64-bit), Windows Server 2012 (64-bit), Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit), Windows Server 2016 (64-bit), Windows Server 2019 (64-bit).



For Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2, make sure it is installed with the rollup (KB2919355) undated in April, 2014.

- **CPU:** Intel® Core i3-4590 @ 3.3 GHz.
- Memory: 8 GB.
- **HDD:** Enterprise-class SATA disk with 601 GB storage capacity. When running the SYS service, there should be at least 1 GB free space.
- Network Controller: RJ45 Gigabit self-adaptive Ethernet interfaces.

Server with Remote Site Management (RSM) Module

• Operating System: Microsoft® Windows 7 SP1 (64-bit), Windows 8.1 (64-bit), Windows 10 (64-bit), Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 (64-bit), Windows Server 2012 (64-bit), Windows Server 2012 (64-bit), Windows Server 2016 (64-bit), Windows Server 2019 (64-bit).



For Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2, make sure it is installed with the rollup (KB2919355) undated in April, 2014.

- CPU: Intel® Xeon® E5-2620 V4 @ 2.10 GHz.
- · Memory: 16 GB.
- **HDD:** Enterprise-class SATA disk with 601 GB storage capacity. When running the SYS service, there should be at least 1 GB free space.
- Network Controller: RJ45 Gigabit self-adaptive Ethernet interfaces.

3.2 System Requirements for Control Client

• Operating System: Microsoft* Windows 7 SP1 (32/64-bit), Windows 8.1 (32/64-bit), Windows 10 (64-bit), Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1 (64-bit), Windows Server 2012 (64-bit), Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit), Windows Server 2016 (64-bit), Windows Server 2019 (64-bit).

Note

For Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2, make sure it is installed with the rollup (KB2919355) undated in April, 2014.

- CPU: Intel® Core™ i5-4590 @ 3.3 GHz and above.
- Memory: 8 GB and above.
- Video Card: NVIDIA® Geforce GTX 970 and above.
- HDD: When running the Control Client, there should be at least 1 GB free space.

Chapter 4 Installation

Install the service modules on your servers or PCs to build your HikCentral Professional.

Two installation packages are available for building your system.

Basic Installation Package

Contains all the modules to build the system, including Video Surveillance Service, Streaming Service, and Control Client.

Control Client Installation Package

Contains the Control Client module only.



The Video Surveillance Service and Streaming Service cannot be installed on the same PC.

4.1 Install Module

Two installation methods are available for building the modules.

Typical Mode

Install all the service modules (except the Streaming Service) and client.

Custom Mode

Select the installation directory and modules to be installed as desired.

4.1.1 Install Service Module in Custom Mode

During installation in custom mode, you can select the installation directory and install the specified service modules as desired.

Steps

- 1. Double-click (HikCentral Professional) to enter the Welcome panel of the InstallShield Wizard.
- 2. Click I agree to the terms in License Agreement and read the License Agreement.
- **3.** Select **Custom Installation** as setup type.
- **4.** Select the module(s) you want to install and click **Next**.

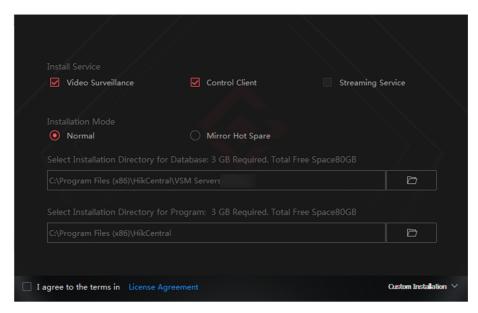


Figure 4-1 Select Modules to Install



The Video Surveillance Service and Streaming Service cannot be installed on the same PC.

In this way, you can install the service and client modules to different PCs or servers as desired.

- **5. Optional:** Select the hot spare mode if you select to install Video Surveillance Service in the previous step.
 - Select **Normal** if you do not need to build a hot spare system.
 - Select Mirror Hot Spare to build a mirror hot spare system. There are two HikCentral servers
 in the hot spare system: host server and spare server. When the host server works, the data in
 host server is copied to the spare server in real time. When the host server fails, the spare
 server switches into operation without interruption, thus increasing the reliability of the
 system.

$\square_{\mathbf{i}}$ Note

For building the hot spare system, contact our technical support engineer.

- **6. Optional:** Select a proper directory as desired to install the program module(s) and the database.
- 7. Click Custom Installation again to return to the Welcome panel.
- 8. Click Install Now to begin the installation.

A panel indicating progress of the installation will display.

9. Click Finish to complete the installation.

4.1.2 Install Service Module in Typical Mode

You can install all the service modules (except the Streaming Service) and client on one PC or server.

Steps

- 1. Double-click (HikCentral Professional) to enter the welcome panel of the InstallShield Wizard.
- 2. Click I agree to the terms in License Agreement and read the License Agreement.
- **3.** Click **Install Now** to begin the installation.

 A panel indicating progress of the installation will display.
- **4.** Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

4.2 Install Control Client

You must install HikCentral Professional Control Client on your computer before you can access the system via Control Client. You can get the installation package from Hikvision's official site, or download from HikCentral Professional Web Client's Home page (64-bit).

Steps



We provide an installation package of Control Client in MSI format. For scenario with Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS), you can install/upgrade the Control Clients on the PCs in the AD domain in a batch by Windows® Group Policy. Click *here* to visit the official site of Microsoft® and you can view details and instructions about Windows® Group Policy.

- **1.** Double-click (HikCentral Professional_Client) to enter the welcome panel of the InstallShield Wizard.
- 2. Optional: Select a proper directory on your computer to install the Control Client.
- **3.** Click **Install Now** to begin the installation.
 - A panel indicating progress of the installation will display.
- **4.** Click **Finish** to complete the installation.

4.3 Service Manager

After successfully installing the service module(s), you can run the Service Manager and perform related operations of service, such as starting, stopping, or restarting the service.

Steps

1. Right-click and select Run as Administrator to run the Service Manager.

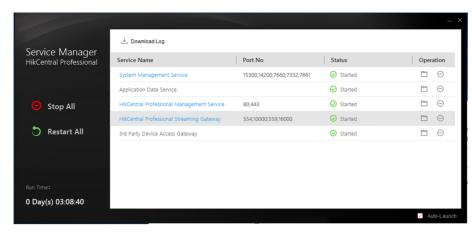


Figure 4-2 Service Manager Main Page

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The displayed items vary with the service modules you selected for installation.

2. Optional: Perform the following operation(s) after starting the Service Manager.

Stop All Click **Stop All** to stop all the services.

Restart All Click **Restart All** to run all the services again.

Stop Specific

Service

Select one service and click \bigcirc to stop the service.

Edit Service Click the service name to edit the port of the service.

Note

If the port number of the service is occupied by other service, the port No. will be shown in red. You should change the port number to other value before the service can work properly.

Open Service Location Select one service and click to go to the installation directory of the service.

3. Optional: Check **Auto-Launch** to enable launching the Service Manager automatically after the PC started up.

Chapter 5 Log into the Web Client

You can access and configure the system via web browser directly, without installing any client software on the your computer.

5.1 Recommended Running Environment

The following is recommended system requirement for running Web Client.

CPU

Intel Pentium IV 3.0 GHz and above

Memory

1 GB and above

Video Card

RADEON X700 Series

Web Browser

Internet Explorer 11 and above, Firefox 57 and above, Google Chrome 61 and above, Safari 11 and above, Microsoft Edge 89 and above.



You should run the web browser as administrator.

5.2 Login for First Time for admin User

By default, the system predefined the administrator user named admin. When you login via the Web Client for the first time, you are required to create a password for the admin user before you can properly configure and operate the system.

Steps

1. In the address bar of the web browser, enter the address of the PC running SYS service and press **Enter** key.

Example

If the IP address of PC running SYS is 172.6.21.96, and you should enter http://172.6.21.96 or https://172.6.21.96 in the address bar.

2. Enter the password and confirm password for the admin user in the pop-up Create Password window.



The password strength of the device can be automatically checked. We highly recommend you change the password of your own choosing (using a minimum of 8 characters, including at least three kinds of following categories: upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters) in order to increase the security of your product. And we recommend you change your password regularly, especially in the high security system, changing the password monthly or weekly can better protect your product.

Proper configuration of all passwords and other security settings is the responsibility of the installer and/or end-user.

3. Click OK.

Web Client home page displays after you successfully creating the admin password.

Result

After you logging in, the Site Name window opens and you can set the site name for the current system as you want.

Chapter 6 License Management

After installing HikCentral Professional, you have a temporary License for a specified number of cameras and limited functions. To ensure the proper use of HikCentral Professional, you can activate the SYS to access more functions and manage more devices. If you do not want to activate the SYS now, you can skip this chapter and activate the system later.

Two types of License are available for HikCentral Professional:

- Base: You need to purchase at least one basic License to activate the HikCentral Professional.
- **Expansion:** If you want to increase the capability of your system (e.g., connect more cameras), you can purchase an expanded License to get additional features.



- Only the admin user can perform the activation, update, and deactivation operation.
- If you encounter any problems during activation, update, and deactivation, please send the server logs to our technical support engineers.

6.1 Activate License - Online

If the SYS server to be activated can properly connect to the Internet, you can activate the SYS server in online mode.

Steps

- 1. Log in to HikCentral Professional via the Web Client.
- 2. On the Home page, click Activate → Online Activation to open the Online Activation panel.
- 3. Enter the activation code.



- If you have purchased more than one Licenses, you can click + and enter other activation codes.
- Up to 110 Licenses are allowed in one system.
- 4. Check I accept the terms of the agreement to open the License Agreement panel and click OK.
- **5. Optional:** Check the **Hot Spare**, select type, and enter the IP address if you want to build a hot spare system.



- You must select Hot Spare mode when you install the system.
- For how to build the hot spare system, please contact our technical support engineers.
- 6. Click Activate.

6.2 Update License - Online

As your project grows, you may need to increase the connectable number of resources (e.g., cameras) for your HikCentral Professional. If the SYS to be updated can properly connect to the Internet, you can update the License in online mode.

Before You Start

Contact your dealer or our sales team to purchase a License for additional features

Steps

- 1. Log in to HikCentral Professional via the Web Client.
- 2. In the top right corner of Home page, select Maintenance and Management → Update License → Online Update to open the Online Update panel.
- 3. Enter the activation code.



- If you have purchased more than one Licenses, you can click + and enter other activation codes.
- Up to 110 Licenses are allowed in one system.
- 4. Check I accept the terms of the agreement to open the License Agreement panel and click OK.
- 5. Click Update.

Chapter 7 Resource Management

HikCentral Professional supports multiple resource types, such as encoding device, access control device, Remote Site, decoding device and Smart Wall. After adding them to the system, you can manage them, configure required settings and perform further operations. For example, you can add encoding devices for live view, playback, recording settings, event configuration, etc., add access control devices for access control, time and attendance management, etc., add Remote Site for central management of multiple systems, add Recording Server for storing the videos, add Streaming Server for getting the video data stream from the server, and add Smart Wall for displaying decoded video on smart wall.

7.1 Add Encoding Device by IP Address or Domain Name

When you know the IP address or domain name of a device, you can add it to the platform by specifying the IP address (or domain name), user name, password, etc.

Before You Start

Make sure the devices (cameras, DVR, etc.) you are going to use are correctly installed and connected to the network as specified by the manufacturers. Such initial configuration is required in order to be able to connect the devices to the HikCentral Professional via network.

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select

 → All Modules → General → Resource

 Management .
- 2. Click **Device and Server** → **Encoding Device** on the left.
- **3.** Click **Add** to enter the Add Encoding Device page.
- 4. Select Hikvision Private Protocol/ONVIF Protocol as the Access Protocol.



- Select **Hikvision Private Protocol** to add a Hikvision device, while select **ONVIF Protocol** to add a third-party device.
- **5.** Select **IP/Domain** as the adding mode.
- **6.** Enter the required information.

Device Address

The IP address or domain name of the device.

Add via TLS Protocol

If you want to add the device via TLS protocol, check **Add via TLS Protocol**, and the SDK service port will be encrypted.

Device Port

By default, the device port No. is 8000.

Mapped Port

This function is used for downloading pictures from devices added by **Hikvision Private Protocol**. Set the **Mapped Port** switch to on and enter the picture downloading port No. that you have configured in the remote configuration page of the device. The default port No. is 80.

Verify Stream Encryption Key

This button is for **Hikvision Private Protocol** only. Switch **Verify Stream Encryption Key** to on, and enter the stream encryption key in the following **Stream Encryption Key on Device** field. Then when starting live view or remote playback of the device, the client will verify the key stored in SYS server for security purpose.



This function should be supported by the devices. For details about getting the key, refer to the user manual of the device.

Device Name

Create a descriptive name for the device. For example, you can use an alias that can show the location or feature of the device.

Password

The password required to access the account.



The password strength of the device can be automatically checked. We highly recommend you change the password of your own choosing (using a minimum of 8 characters, including at least three kinds of following categories: upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters) in order to increase the security of your product. And we recommend you change your password regularly, especially in the high security system, changing the password monthly or weekly can better protect your product.

Proper configuration of all passwords and other security settings is the responsibility of the installer and/or end-user.

- **7. Optional:** Set the time zone for the device.
 - Click Manually Set Time Zone, and click v to select a time zone from the drop-down list.



You can click View to view the details of the current time zone.

- Click **Get Device's Time Zone** to get the device's time zone.
- **8. Optional:** Switch **Add Resource to Area** to on to import the channels of the added devices to an area.



- You can import all the resources including cameras, alarm inputs and alarm outputs, or the specified camera(s) to the corresponding area.
- You can create a new area by the device name or select an existing area.
- If you do not import channels to area, you cannot perform operations such as live view, playback, event settings, etc., for the cameras.
- **9. Optional:** If you choose to add resources to area, select a Streaming Server to get the video stream of the channels via the server.



You can check **Wall Display via Streaming Server** to get stream via the selected Streaming Server when displaying live view on the smart wall.

10. Optional: If you choose to add resources to area, switch on **Video Storage** and select a storage location for recording.

Encoding Device

The video files will be stored in the encoding device according to the configured recording schedule.

Hybrid Storage Area Network

The video files will be stored in the Hybrid Storage Area Network according to the configured recording schedule.

Cloud Storage Server

The video files will be stored in the Cloud Storage Server according to the configured recording schedule.

pStor

According to the configured recording schedule, the video files will be stored in the pStor, which is the storage access service for managing local HDDs and logical disks.

pStor Cluster Service

pStor Cluster Service is a service that can manage multiple pStors. When there are multiple pStors storing a large number of video files, use pStor Cluster Service to manage these pStors.

i Note

- For adding the encoding device by domain name, the video files can only be stored in the local storage of the device.
- Configure the Hybrid Storage Area Network, Cloud Storage Server or pStor in advance, or its storage location cannot display in the drop-down list. You can click **Add New** to add a new Hybrid Storage Area Network, Cloud Storage Server or pStor.
- 11. Set the quick recording schedule for added channels.
 - -Check **Get Device's Recording Settings** to get the recording schedule from the device and the channels of the device will start recording according to the schedule.

- -Uncheck **Get Device's Recording Settings** and set the required information, such as recording schedule template, stream type, etc.
- 12. Finish adding the device.
 - -Click **Add** to add the encoding device and back to the encoding device list page.
 - -Click Add and Continue to save the settings and continue to add other encoding devices.

What to do next

For facial recognition camera/ANPR camera/thermal camera (report supported), click **Maintenance** and **Management** \rightarrow **License Details** \rightarrow \rightarrow **Configuration** \rightarrow **View**, and then select the added cameras as these three types of cameras respectively. Otherwise, these cameras' functions (facial recognition, plate recognition, and temperature report) cannot be performed normally in the system.

7.2 Add an Access Control Device by IP Address

If you know the IP address of the access control device you want to add to the platform, you can add the device by specifying its IP address, user name, password, etc.

Before You Start

Make sure the devices you are going to add are correctly installed and connected to the network as specified by the manufacturers. Such initial configuration is required in order to be able to connect the devices to the HikCentral Professional via network.

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select
 → All Modules → General → Resource
 Management .
- 2. Select Device and Server → Access Control Device on the left.
- 3. Click Add to enter the Add Access Control Device page.
- 4. Select Hikvision Private Protocol as the access protocol.
- **5.** Select **IP Address** as the adding mode.
- 6. Enter the required parameters.



By default, the device port is 8000.



The password strength of the device can be automatically checked. We highly recommend you change the password of your own choosing (using a minimum of 8 characters, including at least three kinds of following categories: upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters) in order to increase the security of your product. And we recommend you change your password regularly, especially in the high security system, changing the password monthly or weekly can better protect your product.

Proper configuration of all passwords and other security settings is the responsibility of the installer and/or end-user.

- **7. Optional:** Set the time zone for the device.
 - Get Device's Time Zone

The time zone of the device will be automatically chosen according to the region of the device.

- Manually Set Time Zone (The settings will be applied to the device automatically)

You can select a time zone of the device. The settings will be applied to the device automatically.

8. Optional: Switch on **Add Resource to Area** to import the resources (including alarm inputs, alarm outputs, and access points) to an area.



- You can create a new area by device name or select an existing area.
- You can import all the access points or specific access point(s) to the area.
- For the video access control terminal of a device, the camera on the terminal will also be imported to the corresponding area.
- If you do not import access points to area, you cannot perform further configurations for the access point.
- 9. Finish adding the device(s).
 - Click **Add** to add the device(s) and return to the device management page.
 - Click Add and Continue to add the device(s) and continue to add other devices.

7.3 Area Management

HikCentral Professional provides areas to manage the added resources in different groups. You can group the resources into different areas according to the resources' locations. For example, on the 1st floor, there mounted 64 cameras, 16 access points, 64 alarm inputs, and 16 alarm outputs. You can organize these resources into one area (named 1st Floor) for convenient management. You can get the live view, play back the video files, and do some other operations of the devices after managing the resources by areas.



If the current system is a Central System with a Remote Site Management module, you can also manage the areas on a Remote Site and add cameras on Remote Site into areas.

7.3.1 Add an Area

You can add an area to manage the added resources.

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select

 → All Modules → General → Resource

 Management .
- 2. Click Area on the left.
- **3. Optional:** Select the parent area in the area list panel to add a sub area.
- **4.** Click + on the area list panel to open the Add Area panel.

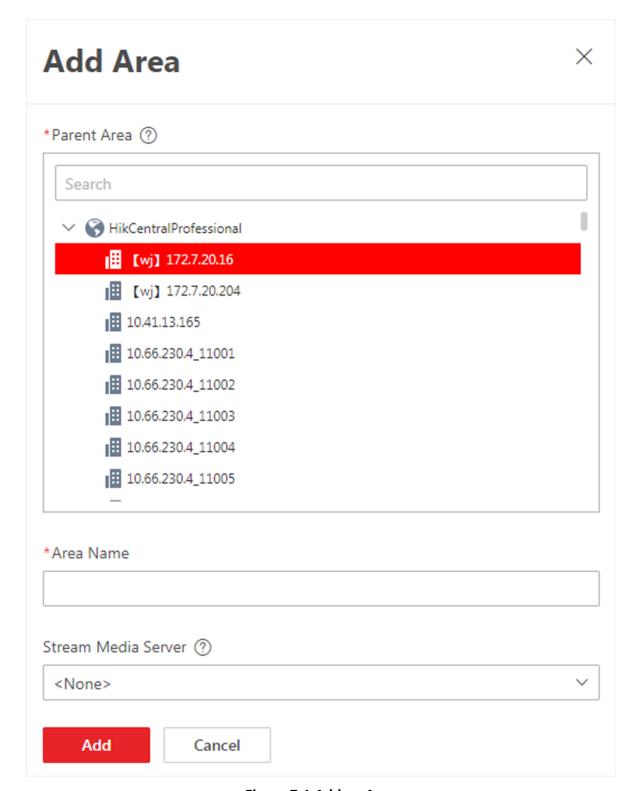


Figure 7-1 Add an Area

- **5.** Select the parent area to add a sub area.
- 6. Create a name for the area.

7. Click Add.

7.3.2 Add Camera to Area for Current Site

You can add cameras to areas for the current site. After managing cameras into areas, you can get the live view, play the video files, and so on.

Before You Start

The cameras need to be added to the HikCentral Professional for area management.





One camera can only belong to one area. You cannot add a camera to multiple areas.

- 2. Click Area on the left.
- 3. Select an area for adding cameras to.



- For a Central System with a Remote Site Management module, you can select the current site from the drop-down site list to show its areas.
- The icon 🚱 indicates that the site is current site.
- 4. Select the Camera tab.
- **5.** Click + on the element page to enter the Add Camera page.
- **6.** Select the device type.
- 7. Select the camera(s) to add.
- **8. Optional:** Click in the Operation column to configure the camera.
- 9. Click Add.

The added camera(s) will be displayed in the list.

7.3.3 Add Door to Area for Current Site

You can add doors to areas for the current site for management.

Before You Start

The access control devices need to be added to the HikCentral Professional for area management.

Steps



One door can only belong to one area. You cannot add one door to multiple areas.

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select

 → All Modules → General → Resource

 Management .
- 2. Click Area on the left.
- 3. Select an area for adding doors to in the area list panel.



- For a Central System with a Remote Site Management module, you can select the current site from the drop-down site list to show its areas.
- The icon 🚱 indicates that the site is current site.
- 4. Select the **Door** tab.
- **5.** Click + on the element page to enter the Add Door page.
- **6.** Select the device type.
- **7.** Select the door(s) to be added.
- 8. Click Add.

The added door(s) will be displayed in the list.

Chapter 8 Event and Alarm Configuration

You can set the linkage actions for the detected events and alarms. The detailed information of the events and alarms can be received and checked via the Control Client and the Mobile Client.

Event

Events can be divided into:

Generic Event

The signal that resource (e.g., other software, device) sends when something occurs, and can be received in the form of TCP or UDP data packages, which the system can analyze, and generate events if they match configured expression.

User-Defined Event

The user-defined event can be used to:

- The user can trigger a user-defined event manually in Monitoring and Alarm Center module on the Control Client when viewing the video or checking the alarm information.
- A user-defined event can trigger an alarm if configured.
- An alarm will be armed or disarmed when the user-defined event is triggered.
- An alarm can trigger a user-defined event as alarm actions.

Alarm

Alarm is used to notify security personnel of the particular situation which helps handle the situation promptly. An alarm can trigger a series of linkage actions (e.g., popping up window) for notification and alarm handling.

Linkage Actions

You can set linkage actions for both events and alarms.

- An event's linkage actions are used to record the event details (such as recording and capturing)
 and trigger basic actions (such as linking access point to lock or unlock, triggering alarm output,
 sending email, etc.).
- An alarm's linkage actions are used to record the alarm details and provide the recipients
 multiple ways to view alarm information for alarm acknowledgment and handling, such as
 popping up alarm window, displaying on smart wall, audible warning, etc.

8.1 Supported Events and Alarms

Currently, the system supports events and alarms for the following types of resources:

Video

Camera

The video exception or the events detected in the monitoring area of the camera, such as motion detection, line crossing, and so on.

Alarm Input

The event or alarm triggered by the alarm input of the video device in the system.

Face

The event or alarm detected by facial recognition camera or temperature screening cameras, such as face matched event or alarm, face mismatched event or alarm, rarely appeared event or alarm, abnormal skin-surface temperature, no mask event or alarm, etc.

Access Control

Door

The access control event or alarm triggered at the doors (doors of access control devices and video intercom devices), such as access event, door status event, etc.

Elevator

The elevator control event or alarm triggered in the elevators, such as card swiping event, elevator status event, etc.

Alarm Input

The event or alarm triggered by the alarm input of the access control device in the platform.

Person

The event triggered by card number or person matched with that in the platform.

Vehicle

Vehicle Features

The event triggered by license plate number and vehicle types matched with that in the platform, and license plate number mismatched with that in the platform.

Parking Lot

The events or alarms triggered by different parking lots.

Alarm

Security Radar

The radar arming event or alarm and the event ot alarm detected by the radars, such as auto-arming event, line crossing event, etc.

Alarm Input

The event or alarm triggered by the alarm input of the resources in the system, such as a smoke detector and zones of a security control panel.

Intelligent Analysis Group

The alarm or pre-alarm triggered when people amount in a region is more/less than the threshold.

Maintenance

The operating exceptions of the resources (e.g. camera, door, UVSS, dock station, recording server, security audit server) added to the system, such as camera offline, server exception, and so on.

User-Defined Event

The event or alarm triggered by the user-defined event added in the system.

Generic Event

You can customize the expression to create a generic event to analyze the received TCP and/or UDP data packages, and trigger events when specified conditions are met. In this way, you can easily integrate your system with a very wide range of external sources, such as access control systems and alarm systems.

Digital Signage

The event or alarm triggered in the Digital Signage, such as abnormal temperature and person amount more than threshold.

Visitor

The alarm triggered by visitors not checked out in effective period.



You should enable the alarm detection frequency of auto checkout for visitor after effective period.

Broadcast

The event triggered by alarm input linked with the IP speaker. When an event is triggered in the alarm input, the IP speaker will start broadcasting.

Security Inspection

The alarms triggered by walk-through metal detectors.

8.2 Add Event and Alarm

In the top left corner of Home page, select

→ All Modules → General → Event and Alarm →

Event and Alarm Configuration → Normal Event and Alarm and click Add to add an alarm or event.

Triggering Event and Source

The following fields indicate two elements in the rule: "triggering event" and "event or alarm source".

Triggering Event

The specific event type detected on the event source will trigger an event or alarm.

Source

This field refers to the specific entity (such as cameras, devices, servers, etc.) which can trigger this event and alarm.

When setting a thermal related event and alarm for thermal cameras, you can select areas, points, or lines as event and alarm sources.



Triggering event type including **Camera**, **Alarm Input**, and **Face** in **Video** and **Camera**, **Encoding Device**, **Decoding Device**, **Recording Server**, and **Streaming Server** in **Maintenance** supports selecting sources in remote sites. For different device types, the labels vary.

Name

After selecting the source(s), you need to name the event or source. You can customize a name, or click the labels below to name the event or alarm by the selected label(s). If you name the event or alarm by the selected labels, the platform will display the event/alarm name by the combination of source name, area name, triggering event name, or site name, so that you can quickly know the location where the event/alarm occurs.

Face Comparison Group

If the triggering event you select is **Face**, you need to select the face comparison group so that the platform can compare the detected face pictures with face pictures in the group.

Threshold

If the triggering event you select is **Regional People Counting**, you need to set extra conditions to define the triggering event.

Currently, you can set Person Amount More/Less than Threshold and Person Amount More/Less than Threshold (Pre-Alarm) for people counting group. For these two alarms, you need to set the threshold which determines whether the selected people counting groups will trigger an alarm when the detected number of people stayed less than or more than the threshold.

For example, if you set the threshold as " \geq 100 or \leq 10", when the number of people detected in the selected people counting group is more than 100 or less than 10, an alarm will be triggered to notify the security personnel.

Frequency

If the source type you selected is **Parking Lot** and the triggering event is **Frequently Appeared Vehicle**, you can predefine the frequency.

For example, if you set the frequency to daily 3 times, when the devices in the source parking lot detect the license plate numbers of the vehicles in the selected vehicle list for more than 3 times in one day, an alarm will be triggered.

Vehicle List

If you select triggering events related with vehicle recognition, you need to select vehicle lists, so that the platform will compare detected vehicles with vehicles in the selected list.

Vehicle Type

If the source type you selected is **Vehicle Features** and the triggering event is **Vehicle Type Matched Event**, you need to specify the vehicle type(s). When the source camera detects a vehicle the type of which matches with the one(s) you selected here, a vehicle type matched alarm will be triggered.

For example, if oil tank truck is not allowed on one road, you can set a vehicle type matched alarm for the camera mounted on this road and set the vehicle type as **Oil Tank Truck**. When the camera detects an oil tank truck, an alarm will be triggered.

Color

Click the color to select the color to indicate this event or alarm, which will be displayed in the event center. You can set the color according to the emergency of this event or alarm. For example, you can set red color for the urgent alarm and set green color for the prompt event.

Ignore Recurred Event/Alarm

This function is used to avoid the same event or alarm occurs frequently in a short time. You need to set the **Ignore Events Recurred in (s)** which is the threshold of the recurring events or alarms.

For example, if you set **Ignore Events Recurred in (s)** to **30 s**, the events or alarms of the same type occurred on the same camera within 30 s will be regarded as one event or alarm.



The Ignore Events Recurred in (s) is 15 s by default. You can set it from 15 s to 1800 s.

Delay Alarm

If the source type you selected is **Camera** of **Maintenance** and the triggering event is **Camera Offline**, you can enable this function and set a delay duration. During the delay duration, when the source detects the triggering event, the triggering event will not be uploaded to the system. After this duration, if the source still detects this triggering event, the triggering event will be uploaded to the system and trigger an alarm.

With this function, when the system detects that the camera is offline, if the camera gets online again within the delay duration, it will not trigger a camera offline alarm. Thus the maintainers can focus on the cameras which are truly disconnected.

What to Do

The fields defines what actions the system will take to record the alarm details and notify security personnel.

Trigger Recording

Select the related camera to record the alarm video when the alarm is triggered. You can view the live video and play back these video files in the Alarm Center of the Control Client.

- To relate the source camera itself for recording, select **Source Camera** and select the storage location for storing the video files.
- To relate other cameras, select **Specified Camera** and click **Add** to add other cameras as related cameras. Select the storage location for storing the video files.
- **View Pre-Event Video:** You can view the video recorded from periods preceding the alarm. Specify the number of seconds which you want to view the recorded video for before the alarm starts. For example, when someone opens a door, you can view the recorded video to see what happens right before the door opened.
- **Post-record:** Record video from periods following detected alarms. Specify the number of seconds which you want to record video for after the alarm stops.
- Lock Video Files for: Set the days for protecting the video file from being overwritten.
- **Display Video by Default:** Set the video to be displayed by default on the Control Client when receiving the triggered alarm information. You can select the recorded video or the live video to be displayed.

i Note

- Make sure the related camera(s) have been configured with recording schedule.
- Up to 16 cameras can be set as related camera.

Capture Picture

Select cameras to capture pictures during the alarm, and you can view the captured pictures when checking the alarm in the Event & Alarm Search of the Control Client.

- If the alarm source is a camera, you can set to trigger the source camera itself for capturing
 pictures by selecting Source Camera.
- To trigger other cameras for capturing pictures, select **Specified Camera** and select cameras for capturing pictures.

Capture Picture When: Specify the number of seconds to define when the camera will capture pictures for the alarm. After you set the number of seconds for pre/post-event (here the event refers to the triggering event), the camera will capture one picture at three time points respectively: at the configured seconds before the alarm starts, at the configured seconds after the alarm ends, and when the event is happening (as shown in the picture below).



Figure 8-1 Capture Pictures



The pre-event picture is captured from the camera's recorded video footage. This pre-event capture function is only supported by the camera which is set to store the video in the Recording Server (Cloud Storage Server, Hybrid SAN, or pStor).

Create Tag

Select the cameras to record video when the event occurs and set the storage location for storing the video files. The system will add a tag to the event triggered video footage for convenient search. The tagged video can be searched and checked via the Control Client.

- If the event source is a camera, you can set to trigger the source camera itself for tagged recording by selecting **Source Camera**.
- To trigger other cameras for tagged recording, select Specified Camera and click Add to add other cameras.

You can enter the tag name as desired. You can also click the button below to add the related information to the name.

Set the time range to define the tagged length of the video footage. For example, you can set to record the tagged video started from 5 seconds before the event and lasted until 10 seconds after the event. The tagged video can be searched and checked via the Control Client.

Add the description to the tagged video as needed.

Link Access Point

You can enable this function to trigger the access points (including doors and floors).

For doors, the doors can be locked, unlocked, remained locked, or remained unlocked when the alarm occurs.

For floors, the elevators can access the floors freely, with credentials, temporarily, or access forbidden.

For example, you can set to trigger all the doors remaining locked and all the floors access forbidden when intrusion of suspicious person is detected.

- All Access Points: When the alarm occurs, the system will trigger all the doors and floors to take certain action.
- **Specified Access Point:** Click **Add** to select specified access points or emergency operation groups as the linkage targets. When the alarm occurs, the system will trigger these doors, floors, or doors/floors in the emergency operation groups to take certain action.

Link Alarm Input

Select alarm inputs and these alarm inputs will be armed or disarmed when the alarm occurs. For example, when adding an intrusion alarm of camera A, which is mounted at the entrance of the building, you can link to arm the alarm input B, C, and D, which are PIR detectors mounted in different rooms in the building and are disarmed usually. When camera A detects intrusion alarm, these PIR detectors will be armed and trigger other events or alarms (if rules configured), so that the security personnel will get to known where the suspect goes.

Link Alarm Output

Select alarm output (if available) and the external device connected can be activated when the alarm occurs.

| alarm occurs. | |
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| Note | |
| Up to 64 alarm outputs can be selected as event linkage. | |
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Close Alarm Output: The added alarm output(s) can be closed manually, or you can set the time period (unit: s) after which that the alarm output(s) will be closed automatically.

Trigger PTZ

Call the preset, patrol or pattern of the selected cameras when the alarm occurs.

iNote

Up to 64 PTZ linkages can be selected as event linkage.

Link Third-Party Integrated Resource

Click **Add** to select the resources integrated from third-party platform and set the control about detailed operations that will happen when the alarm occurs.

Send Email

Select an email template to send the alarm information according to the defined email settings.

Attach with Entry & Exit Counting

If the source type you selected is **Alarm Input**, you can select an entry & exit counting group from the drop-down list to attach a report of entry & exit counting in the sent email.

For example, if the fire alarm input detects fire in the building, the security personnel will receive a file, which contains the information such as the number of people still in the building, their names and profiles, phone numbers, and locations of last access.

Link Printer

If the source type you selected is **Alarm Input**, you can link to print the entry & exit counting report of certain entry & exit counting group.

For example, if the fire alarm input detects fire in the building, the platform will automatically send the entry & exit counting report to all the printers configured in the system so that they can get the information such as how many people are still in the building, their names and profiles, phone numbers, and locations of last access.

Trigger User-Defined Event

Trigger the user-defined event(s) when alarm is triggered.

You can select the pre-defined user-defined event(s) in the event list.

iNote

Up to 16 user-defined events can be selected as alarm linkage.

Link Speaker Unit

After linking speaker units to an event or alarm and selecting an audio file to be played, the selected audio file will be played by the selected speaker units when the event or alarm is triggered.

When

The field defines a time period when the event or alarm can be triggered.

Receiving Schedule

The event or alarm source is armed during the receiving schedule and when the source detects the triggering event, an alarm will be triggered and link the configured linkage actions. The system provides two types of receiving schedule:

- **Schedule Template:** Select a receiving schedule template for the event or alarm to define when the event or alarm can be triggered.
- **Event Based:** Specify a user-defined event or an alarm input as the start or end event of the receiving schedule. When the user defined event or alarm input is triggered, the receiving schedule will start or end. You can set the **Auto-End Arming** switch to on and set the specified time to automatically end arming for this event or alarm even if the end event does not occur.



For example, assume that you have set event A as start event, event B as end event, and set the value of **Auto-End Arming in** to **60 s**. Under these conditions, when event A occurs at T1, if event B occurs within 60 s, the receiving schedule ends at the occurrence of event B (see the following figure Receiving Schedule 1); if not, ends at 60 s after the occurrence of event A (see the following figure Receiving Schedule 2).



Figure 8-2 Receiving Schedule 1

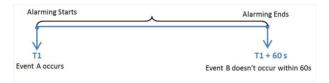


Figure 8-3 Receiving Schedule 2

When A occurs at time T1, the event or alarm will be armed from T1, if A occurs again at time T2 but B doesn't occur, the event or alarm will be armed from T2 again.



Figure 8-4 Receiving Schedule 3

Alarm Settings

Recipient

The field defines users who can receive the alarm notification and check the alarm details when the alarm is triggered.

Select the user to send the alarm information to and the user can receive the alarm information when he/she logs in to HikCentral Professional via the Control Client or Mobile Client.



By default, the admin user and the users configured with the permission of receiving alarms will be automatically selected as the recipients and cannot be unselected.

Alarm Priority

The field defines the priority for the alarm. Priority can be used for filtering alarms in the Control Client.

Trigger Pop-up Window

Display the alarm window on the Control Client to show the alarm details and all the alarm related cameras' live videos and playback when alarm occurs.

Display on Smart Wall

Display the alarm video of the alarm's related camera or display the specified public view on the smart wall. You can select the added smart wall and select which window to display the alarm.

- Alarm's Related Cameras: Display the video of the alarm's related cameras on the smart wall.
 You can select to display the video on which smart wall and which window and set the alarm video's stream type.
- Public View: A view enables you to save the window division and the correspondence between cameras and windows as favorites to quickly access the related cameras later. If you select Public View, when the alarm is triggered, the system can display the selected public view on the specified smart wall and users can view the video of the cameras predefined in the view.
- Wall Related to Graphic Card: Display the alarm video on the wall which adopts graphic card of the PC that running the Control Client to decode video.
- Wall Related to Decoding Device: Display the alarm video on the wall which adopts decoding device (namely the wall that related to the decoding device) to decode the video.
- Smart Wall No.: Select the No. of smart wall window to display the alarm video.
- Stream Type: Select the stream type of the alarm video displaying on the smart wall.
- **Stop Displaying Alarm:** Define when the system will stop displaying the alarm on the smart wall. The system can stop displaying alarm within specified seconds, or replace the original alarm when other alarm with higher alarm priority is triggered.

Related Map

Select a map to show the alarm information and you should add the camera to the map as a hot spot. You can check the map in the Alarm Center and Alarm & Event Search of the Control Client.

Trigger Audible Warning

| Set the voice text for playing on the PC when alarm is triggered. |
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| i Note |
| You should set voice engine as the alarm sound on System Settings page of Control Client. |
| Restrict Alarm Handling Time When the alarm is triggered, you need to handle the alarm on the Control Client. Enable this function to trigger user-defined event(s) or alarm output(s) if the alarm is not handled within the configured alarm handling time. |
| Note |
| Up to 16 user-defined events and alarm outputs can be set as the triggered event when handling alarm timed out. |
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Chapter 9 Person Management

You can add person information to the system for further operations such as access control (adding the person to access group), face comparison (adding the person to face comparison group), time and attendance (adding the person to attendance group), etc. After adding the persons, you can edit and delete the person information if needed.

9.1 Add Person Groups

When there are a large number of persons managed in the platform, you can put the persons into different person groups. For example, you can group employees of a company to different departments.

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner page of the Home Page, select
 → All Modules → General → Person to enter the person management page.
- **2.** Click + at the top of the person group list to enter the Add Person Group page.
- **3.** Set the person group information, including the parent group, group name and description.

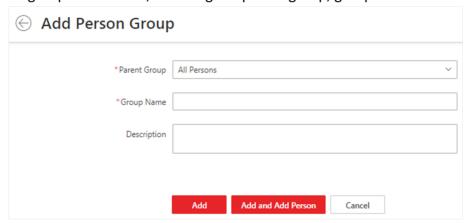
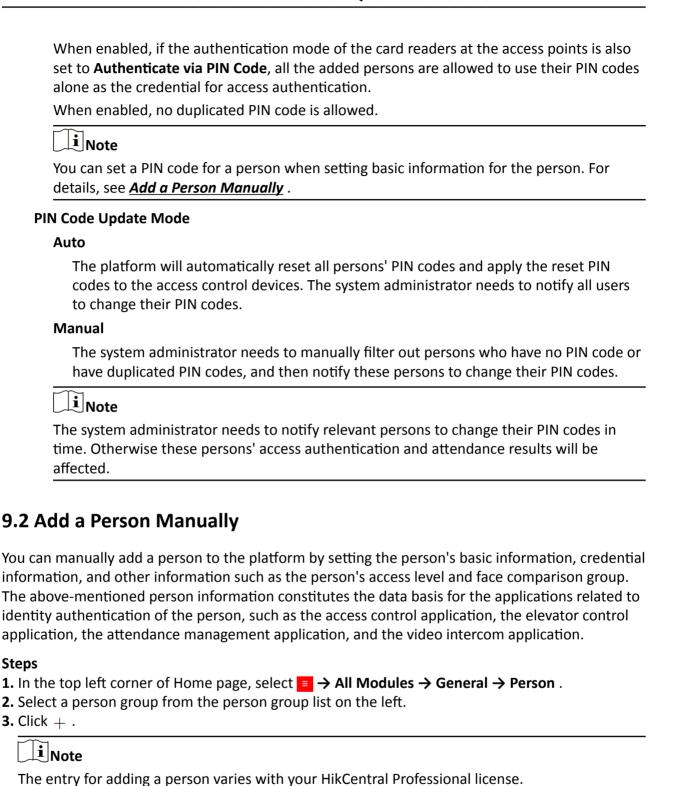


Figure 9-1 Add Person Group

- **4.** Add person group.
 - Click **Add** to add the person group and go back to the person management page.
 - Click **Add and Add Person** to add the person group and enter the Add Person page.
- **5. Optional:** If your HikCentral Professional license contains the permission to access the Access Control module, set **Authenticate via PIN Code**.
 - 1) Click to open the Authenticate via Password window.
 - 2) Set parameters.

Authenticate via PIN Code



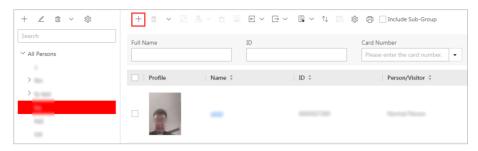


Figure 9-2 The Entry for Adding a Person

You enter the adding person page.

4. Set the person's basic information, such as first name, last name, and gender.

ID

The default ID is generated by the platform. You can edit it if needed.

Note

If the person is a police officer or a security guard with body cameras, make sure the person ID is same with the police ID configured on the body camera.

Person Group

Select a person group for the person.

Note

See Add Person Groups for details about how to add a person group.

Profile Picture

Hover the cursor onto ____, and you can select from three modes to add a picture:

From Device

You can select **Access Control Device**, **Video Intercom Device**, or **Enrollment Station** and set parameters (if required) to connect the device to the platform, and then collect the face picture via the device. This mode is suitable for non-face-to-face scenario when the person and the system administrator are on different locations.



- For access control devices, only specific models of face recognition terminals are supported.
- For video intercom devices, door stations and outer door stations are supported.
- For enrollment stations, you need to set related parameters, including device address, port, user name, password, face anti-spoofing, and security level.

Take a Picture

Click **Take a Picture** and then select one of the PC's webcams to take a picture.



Click **Upload Picture** to select a picture from your PC.



- It is recommended that the face in the picture be in full-face view directly facing the camera, without a hat or head covering.
- You can drag the picture to change its position or zoom in/out before cutting it.
- You can switch on Verify Profile Picture Quality and select a device to check the quality of the profile picture. Click Save to start checking. You will be informed if the picture is not qualified.

Skin-Surface Temperature

Skin-Surface Temperature Status

Enter the person's skin-surface temperature and select the corresponding temperature status.



For example, if a person's skin-surface temperature is 37°C, then you can select her/his temperature status as normal.

Effective Period

Set the effective period for the person in applications, such as access control application and time & attendance application, to determine the period when the person can access the specified access points with credentials. For example, if the person is a visitor, you can set a short effective period for the person.

Super User

If the person is set as a super user, the person will be exempted from remaining locked (credential failed) restrictions, all anti-passback rules, and first card authorization.

Extended Access

When the person accesses the door, grant this person more time to pass through doors which have been configured with extended open duration. Use this function for the persons with reduced mobility.



The extended access and super user functions cannot be enabled concurrently.

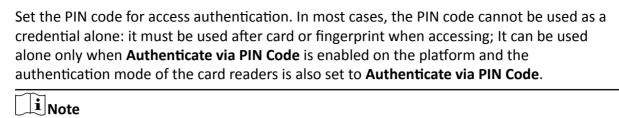
Administrator Permission

Determine if the person has the administrator permission of access control devices.

If the check-box is checked, when you synchronize person information from access control devices, the administrator permission for the person will be retained.

PIN Code

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- The PIN code should contain 1 to 8 digits.
- For details about enabling Authenticate via PIN Code on the platform, see <u>Add Person</u> Groups .
- **5.** Add credential information for the person.
- **6.** Assign access levels to the person to define the access points where the person can access during the authorized period.
 - 1) Click Assign.
 - 2) Select one or more access levels for the person.
 - 3) Click **Assign** to add the person to the selected access level(s).



You can click at to view information on access points and access schedules.

7. Optional: View shift schedule of the person in the table.

Note

You can click < or > to switch the time (month).

8. Add the person to the existing face comparison group(s) which will be used for face recognition and comparison.

Note

After adding the person to the face comparison group(s), you should apply the face comparison group(s) to a device to make the settings effective.

9. Optional: Add the person to the existing dock station group(s), and then set the login password which is used for the dock station(s) in the group to log into the body cameras.

iNote

By default, the login password is 123456.

The videos and pictures stored on the person's body camera can be copied to the person's linked dock station(s).

10. Set resident information to link the person with the indoor station and room number.

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iNote

- Make sure you have added indoor stations to the platform.
- Up to 10 persons can be linked with one indoor station. And a person cannot be linked to multiple indoor stations.
- Make sure the room number is consistent with the actual location information of the indoor station.
- 11. Enter the custom public information.



Make sure you have set the custom public information.

- 12. Finish adding the person.
 - -Click Add.
 - -Click Add and Continue to finish adding the person and continue to add other persons.

The person will be displayed in the person list and you can view the details.

Chapter 10 Access and Elevator Control Management

The system supports access control and elevator control functions. Access control is a security technique that can be used to regulate who can get access to the specified doors and elevator control can be used to regulate who can get access to the specified floors by taking the elevator.

On the Web Client, the administrator can add access control devices, elevator control devices, and video intercom devices to the system, group resources (such as doors and elevators) into different areas, and define access permissions by creating an access level to group the doors/floors and an access group to group the persons. After assigning the access level to the access group, the persons in the access group will be authorized to access the doors and floors in the access level with their credentials during the authorized time period.

10.1 Manage Access Level

In access control, access level is a group of doors and floors. Assigning access level to persons, person groups, or access groups can define the access permission that which persons can get access to which doors and floors during the authorized time period.

10.1.1 Add Access Level

To define access permission, you need to add an access level to group the access points (doors and floors).

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select

 → All Modules → Access Control → Access Level .
- 2. Click Manage Access Level on the left.
- 3. Click Add to enter the Add Access Level page.
- 4. Create a name for the access level.
- **5. Optional:** Edit the description for the access level.
- **6.** Select the access point(s) to add to the access level.
 - 1) In the **Available** list, select the access point(s) you want to add to the system and click \(\subseteq \). You can view your selection in the **Selected** list.
 - 2) **Optional:** In the **Selected** list, select the access point(s) that you no longer want to add to the system, and click to undo selection.

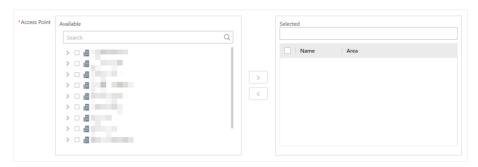


Figure 10-1 Select Access Points

- **7.** Select an access schedule to define in which time period, persons are authorized to access the access points you select in the previous step.
- 8. Click Add to add the access level and return to the access level management page.

What to do next

You need to assign the access level to persons, so that the assignees can have the access to the access points in the access level according to the access schedule.

10.1.2 Assign Access Level to Persons

You can assign an access level to multiple persons so that the assigned persons can have the access to the access points in the access level.

Before You Start

- Make sure you have added access levels to the system. For details, refer to Add Access Level .
- Make sure you have added persons to the system. For details, refer to **Person Management**.

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select

 → All Modules → Access Control → Access Level .
- 2. Click Assign by Access Level on the left.
- **3.** Click on the access level that you want to assign to persons.

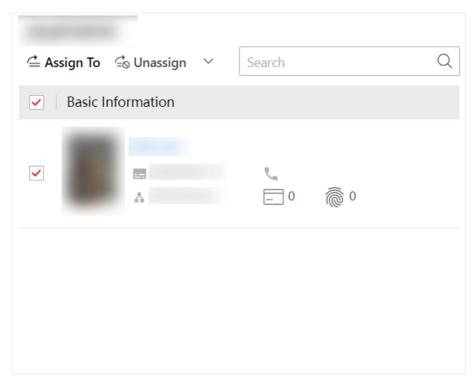


Figure 10-2 Assignee Panel

- 4. On the assignee panel, click Assign To to show person list.
- 5. Select the persons whom you want to assign the access level to and click Add.
- **6.** Do one of the following to apply access level settings to devices.
 - In the pop-up window, click **Apply Now** to apply the settings immediately.
 - In the pop-up window, click **Apply Later**. When ready, click is to apply the settings. You can also set a schedule to apply automatically.

What to do next

Test your access control configurations and devices before putting them into use.

Chapter 11 Role and User Management

The system allows you to add users and assign user's permissions for accessing and managing the system. Before adding users to the system, you should create roles to define the user's access rights to system resources and then assign the role to the user for granting the permissions to the user. A user can have many different roles.

11.1 Add Role

Role is a group of platform permissions. You can add roles and assign permissions to roles, so that users can be assigned with different roles to get different permissions.

Steps



The platform has predefined two default roles: Administrator and Operator. You can click the role name to view details. The two default roles cannot be edited or deleted.

Administrator

Role that has all permissions of the platform.

Operator

Role that has all permissions for operating the Control Client and has the permission for operating the Applications (Live View, Playback, and Local Configuration) on the Web Client.

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select

 → All Modules → General → Security.
- 2. Click Roles on the left.
- 3. Click Add.

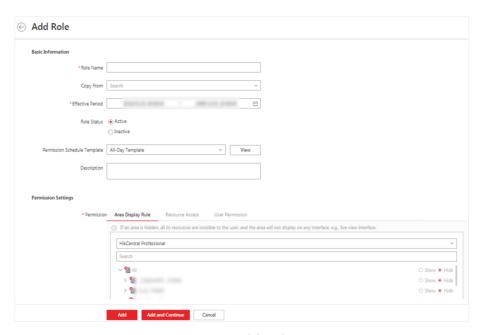


Figure 11-1 Add Role Page

4. Set the basic information of the role, including role name, effective period, role status, permission schedule template, description, etc.

Copy From

Copy all settings from an existing role.

Effective Period

Set the time range within which the role takes effect. The role is inactive outside the effective period.

Permission Schedule Template

Set the authorized time period when the role's permission is valid. Select **All-day Template**/ **Weekday Template**/ **Weekend Template** as the permission schedule of the role, or click **Add New** to customize a new permission schedule template.



- When role expires or the role's permission is invalid after editing the permission schedule, users assigned with the role will be forced to log out and not able to log in.
- The permission schedule's time zone is consistent with that of the platform.
- By default, the role will be linked with All-day Template after updating the platform.
- The permission schedule also goes for RSM client and OpenSdk client.
- **5.** Configure permission settings for the role.

Area Display Rule

Show or hide specific area(s) for the role. If an area is hidden, the user assigned with the role cannot see and access the area and its resources.

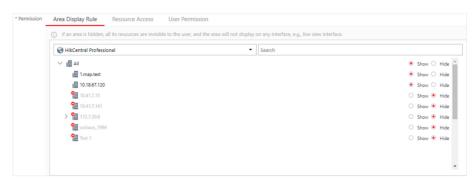


Figure 11-2 Area Display Rule

Resource Access Permission

Select the functions from the left panel and select resources from right panel to assign the selected resources' permission to the role.



If you do not check the resources, the resource permission cannot be applied to the role.



Figure 11-3 Resource Access Permission

User Permission

Assign resource permissions, configuration permissions, and operation permissions to the role.

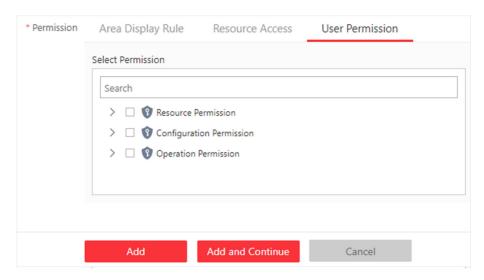


Figure 11-4 User Permission



In **Resource Permission**, you can set time restriction for video playback permission. Once set, the role's permission of viewing and downloading video playback will be restricted within the configured time period. For example, if you set restriction for recent video to 6 minutes, the role can only view video playback of the last 6 minutes.



Figure 11-5 Playback Permission

- **6.** Do one of the following to complete adding the role.
 - Click **Add** to add the role and return to the role management page.
 - Click **Add and Continue** to save the settings and continue to add another role.

11.2 Add Normal User

You can add normal users and assign roles to them for accessing the system and assign role to the normal user. Normal users refer to all users except the admin user.

Steps

- 1. In the top left corner of Home page, select
 → All Modules → General → Security.
- 2. Click Users on the left.
- 3. Click Add.
- 4. Set basic information for the user.



Can contain letters (a-z, A-Z), digits (0-9), and "-" only.

Password

Create an initial password for the user. The user will be asked to change the password when logging in for first time.



We highly recommend you to create a strong password of your own choosing (using a minimum of 8 characters, including at least three kinds of following categories: upper case letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters) in order to increase the security of your product. And we recommend you change your password regularly, especially in the high security system, changing the password monthly or weekly can better protect your product.

Expiry Date

The date when the user account becomes invalid.

Email

The system can notify user by sending an email to the email address. The user can also reset the password via email.



The email address of the admin user can be edited by the user assigned with the role of administrator.

User Status

If you select **Inactive**, the user account will be inactivated until you activate it.

Restrict Concurrent Logins

To limit the maximum IP addresses logged in to the system using the user account, switch on **Restrict Concurrent Logins** and set the maximum number of concurrent logins.

5. Configure permission settings for the user.

PTZ Control Permission

Set the permission level (1-100) for PTZ control. The larger the value is, the higher permission level the user has. The user with higher permission level has the priority to control the PTZ of a camera.

Automatically Receive Alarm

Switch on and users with this role will receive resource alarms no matter configured as recipients of each alarm individually or not.

Assign Role

Select the roles that you want to assign to the user.

6. Do one of the following to complete adding the user.

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