

# Dell PowerEdge R640

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# R640 (1U) - Specs

I purchased this server from PC Server & Parts via Ebay.com, a reputed and certified seller of refurbished enterprise gear and hardware. Dell PowerEdge servers are extremely configurable, which can make it difficult to select the "right" server to purchase. Some factors I considered when purchasing were:

- Power Consumption
- Processors
- Noise level
- RAM & Storage capacity
- iDRAC license

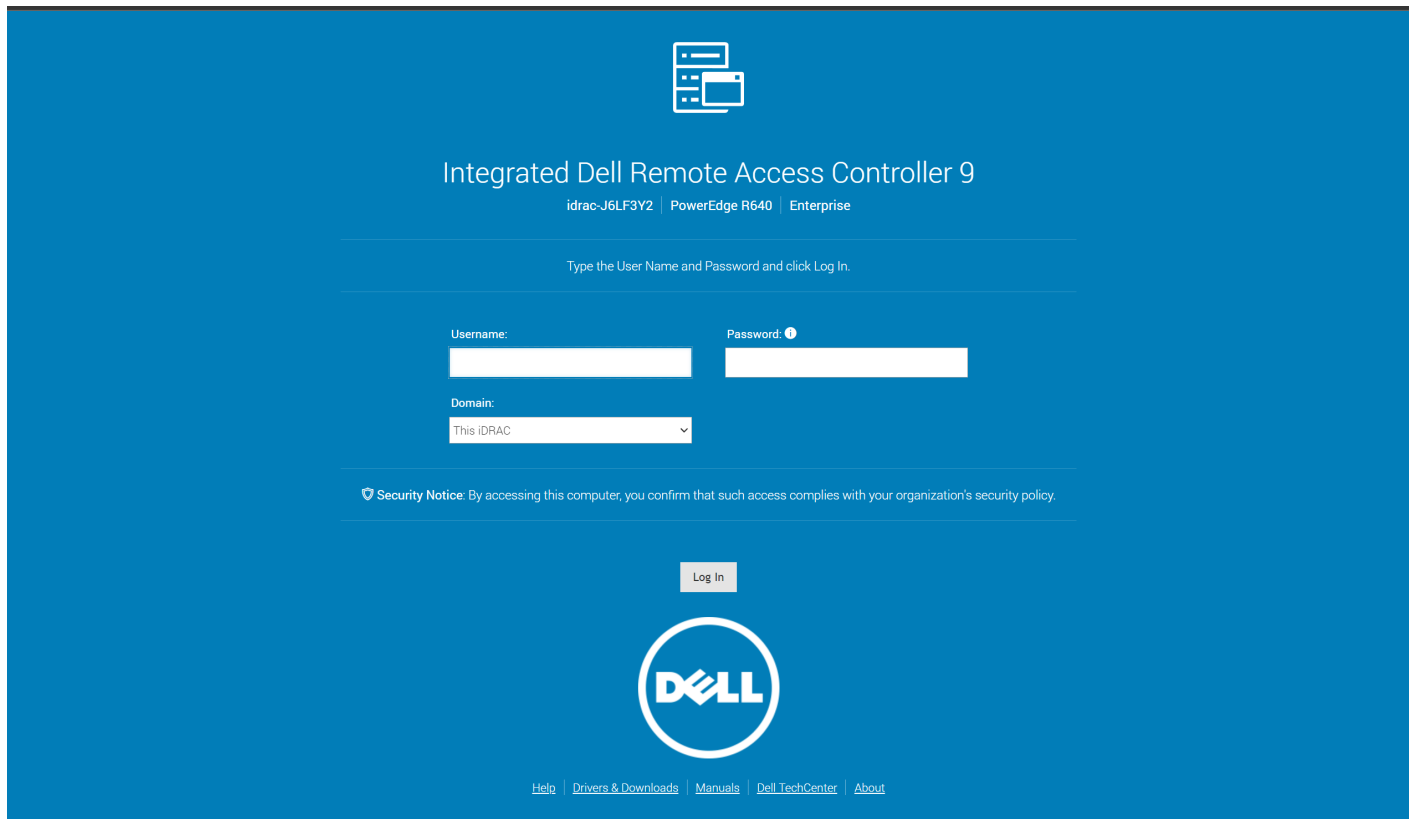
I was able to get lucky and find a server for a decent price point that comes with a 1 year warranty. The specs are as follows (yes, most would consider it overkill, but to me, the more the better...)

<b>Form Factor</b>	1U
<b>Processors</b>	2x Intel Xeon Gold 6148 @ 2.40GHz
<b>Cores</b>	40 Cores (20 each)
<b>Memory (RAM)</b>	DDR4 - 128 GB
<b>Storage</b>	8x 2.5 Drive Bay Capacity (I currently have 4x 1TB SATA SSDs)
<b>Power Supply</b>	Redundant PSU (2 PSUs - 750W)
<b>RAID Controller</b>	Dell H730P
<b>Network Interface</b>	Intel I350 - 4x 1GbE RJ45 ports
<b>iDRAC</b>	Enterprise License

These are some of the important specs of my R640 that I paid closest attention to. The chassis & motherboard also allow for future scalability, so I hopefully shouldn't have to worry about another server for 5-6 years.

# iDRAC9 Enterprise

iDRAC9 is Dell's version of remotely accessing and controlling the server. This was probably one of the most important parts of my homelab, as it lets me configure, power on and off, and control the server from anywhere in the house or via my VPN connection



Integrated Dell Remote Access Controller 9

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Type the User Name and Password and click Log In.

Username:

Password:

Domain:

**Security Notice:** By accessing this computer, you confirm that such access complies with your organization's security policy.

Log In

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The dashboard below will showcase all the options for configuration. There is also a virtual console which allows you to even access system BIOS and the Lifecycle Controller.

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Health Information

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System Information

Power State

On

Model

PowerEdge R640

Host Name

Operating System

Operating System Version

Service Tag

J6LF3Y2

BIOS Version

2.20.1

iDRAC Firmware Version

6.10.80.00

IP Address

192.168.1.200

iDRAC MAC Address

f4:02:70:a2:5e:1e

License

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Task Summary

View All Jobs

Pending Jobs : 0

No Pending Jobs

In-Progress Jobs : 0

No In-Progress Jobs

Completed Jobs : 9

0 with Errors

1 Failed

Recent Logs

view all

Severity	Description	Date and Time
✔	The chassis is closed while the power is off.	Tue Mar 12 2024 16:04:12
✖	The chassis is open while the power is off.	Tue Mar 12 2024 16:04:07
✔	The chassis is closed while the power is off.	Fri Mar 08 2024 09:32:43
✖	The chassis is open while the power is off.	Fri Mar 08 2024 09:32:38
✔	Log cleared.	Tue Mar 05 2024 08:02:54

Virtual Console

Settings

# OEM Docs

- [Getting Started.pdf](#)
- [BIOS and UEFI Reference Guide.pdf](#)
- [Dell Systems Management Overview Guide.pdf](#)