

DSS Express

Quick Deployment Manual








Foreword

General

This user's manual introduces the functions and operations of the DSS platform (hereinafter referred to as "the system" or "the platform").

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 DANGER	Indicates a high potential hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
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 NOTE	Provides additional information as a supplement to the text.

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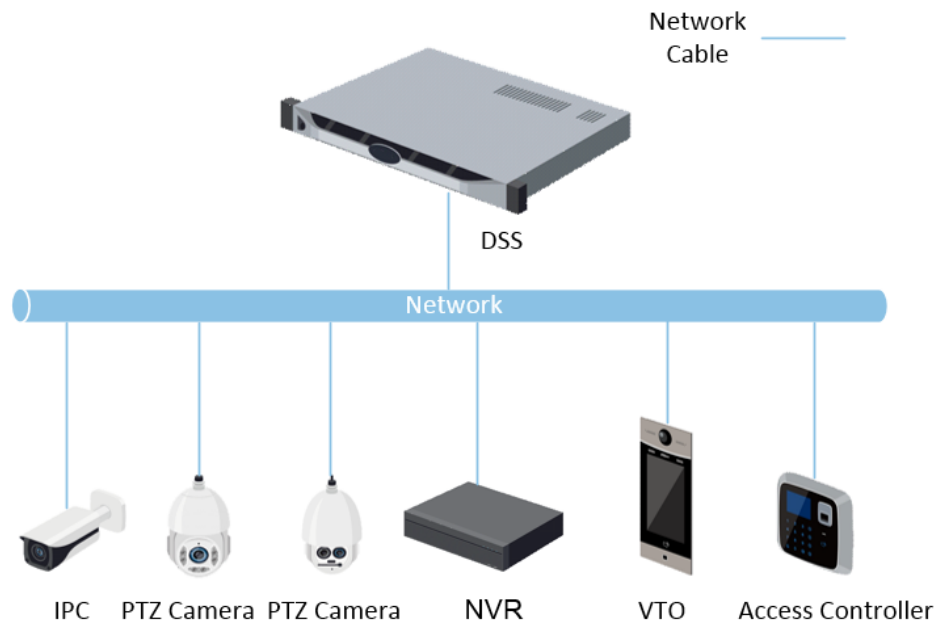
1 Installation and Deployment

DSS platform supports standalone deployment, and LAN to WAN mapping.

Standalone Deployment

For projects with a small number of devices, only one DSS server is required.

Figure 1-1 Standalone deployment



1.1 Standalone Deployment

1.1.1 Server Requirements

Table 1-1 DSS Express hardware requirement

Parameter	Hardware Requirement	Operating System
Recommended configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPU: Intel® Core(TM) I7-9700K CPU@3.60GHZ• RAM: 8 GB• Network card: 1 × Ethernet port @ 1000 Mbps• Hard drive type: 7200 RPM Enterprise Class HDD 1 TB• DSS installation directory space: 500 GB	Windows 7 and above

Parameter	Hardware Requirement	Operating System
Minimum configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPU: Intel® Core(TM) I5-9400 CPU@2.90GHZ • RAM: 8 GB • Network card: 1 × Ethernet port @ 1000 Mbps • Hard drive type: 7200 RPM Enterprise Class HDD 1 TB • DSS installation directory space: 200 GB 	Windows 7 and above



- Face recognition images cannot be stored on the system disk and DSS installation disk. Make sure that your server has at least 3 HDD partitions to ensure that the face images have a storage location.
- For best performance, we recommend adding additional hard drives to store pictures.

1.1.2 Installing DSS

Prerequisites

- You have downloaded the DSS installer from the official website or received it from our sales or technical support.
- You have prepared a server that meets the hardware requirements mentioned in "1.1.1 Server Requirements", and the server IP address is configured.

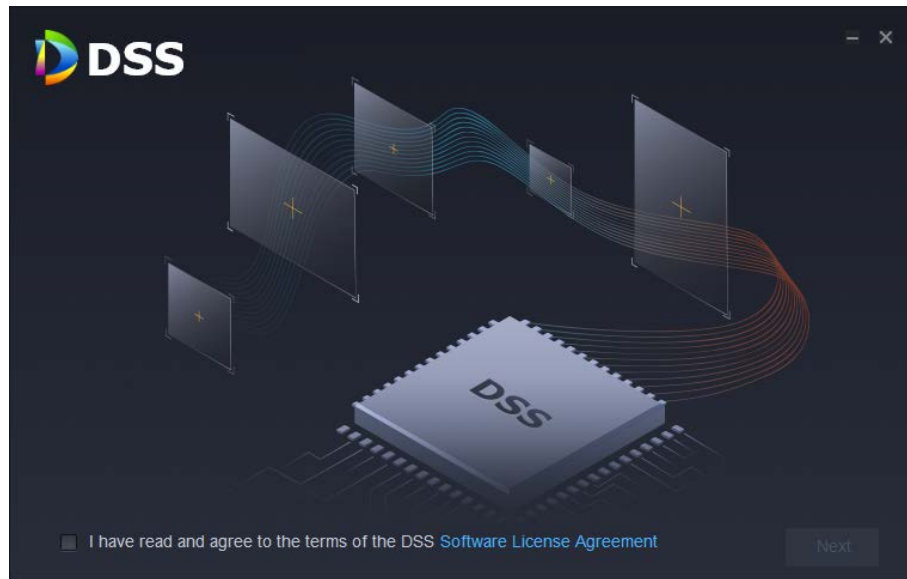
Procedure

Step 1 Double-click the DSS installer .



The name of the installer includes version number and date, confirm before installation.

Figure 1-2 Install DSS server



Step 2 Click **Software License Agreement**, and then read the agreement,

Step 3 Select the checkbox to accept the agreement, and then click **Next**.

Figure 1-3 Select the installation path



Step 4 Click **Browse**, and then select the installation path.

If the **Install** button is gray, check whether your installation path and space required meet the requirements. The total space required is displayed on the interface.



We do not recommend you install the DSS server on Disk C, because features such as face recognition require higher disk performance.

Step 5 Click **Install**.

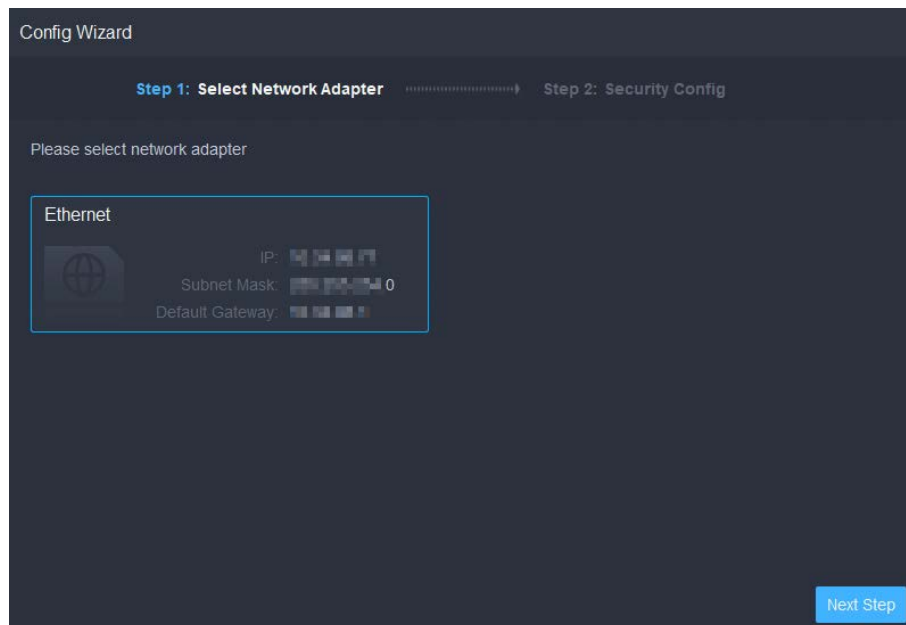
The installation process takes about 4 to 8 minutes.

Figure 1-4 Run the DSS server



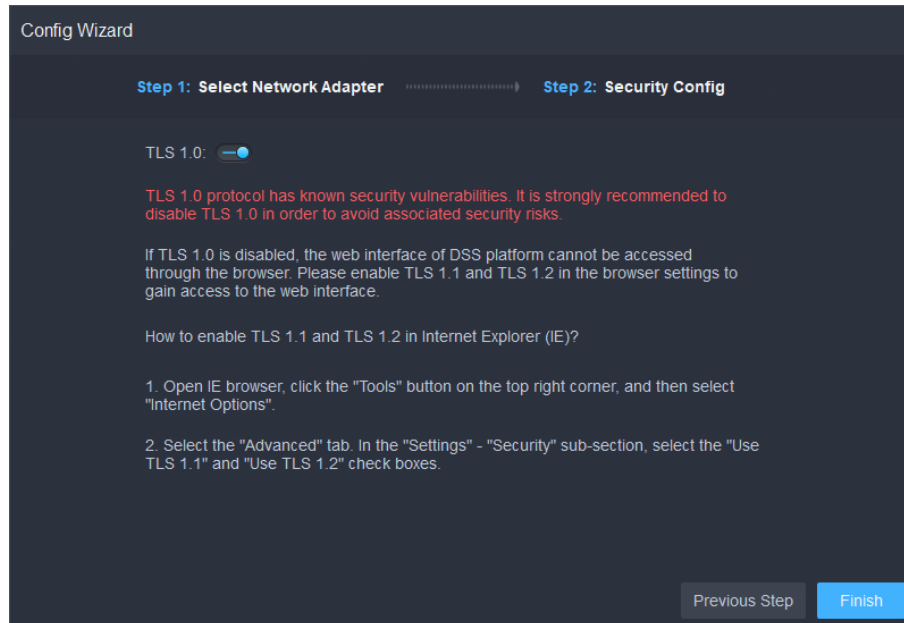
Step 6 Click **Run** when the installation finishes.

Figure 1-5 Select a network card



Step 7 Select the network card you need and click **OK**.

Figure 1-6 Enable or disable TLS1.0



Step 8 Enable or disable TLS1.0 as needed.



TLS 1.0 has known security vulnerabilities. We strongly recommend you disable it to avoid security risks. If it is disabled, the web interface of DSS platform cannot be accessed through the browser. You need to enable TLS 1.1 and TLS 1.2 in the browser settings to gain access to the web interface.

Step 9 Click **Finish**.



If the available RAM of the server is less than 2 GB, you can only use basic functions related to video. If it is less than 1.5 GB, you cannot use any function.

Related Operations

- To uninstall the platform, log in to the server, go to "..\DSS\DSS Server\Uninstall", double-click uninst.exe, and then follow the on-screen instructions to uninstall the program.
- To update the system, directly install the new program. The system supports in-place update. Follow the steps above to install the program.

1.1.3 Configuring Server IP Address

Change the server IP address as you planned. Make sure that the server IP can access the devices in your system. For details, see the manual of the server.



After changing the IP address of the server, you need to update it in the system services. See the following section.

1.1.4 Managing System Services

View service status, start or stop services, and change service ports.


On the server, double-click .

Figure 1-7 Service management interface

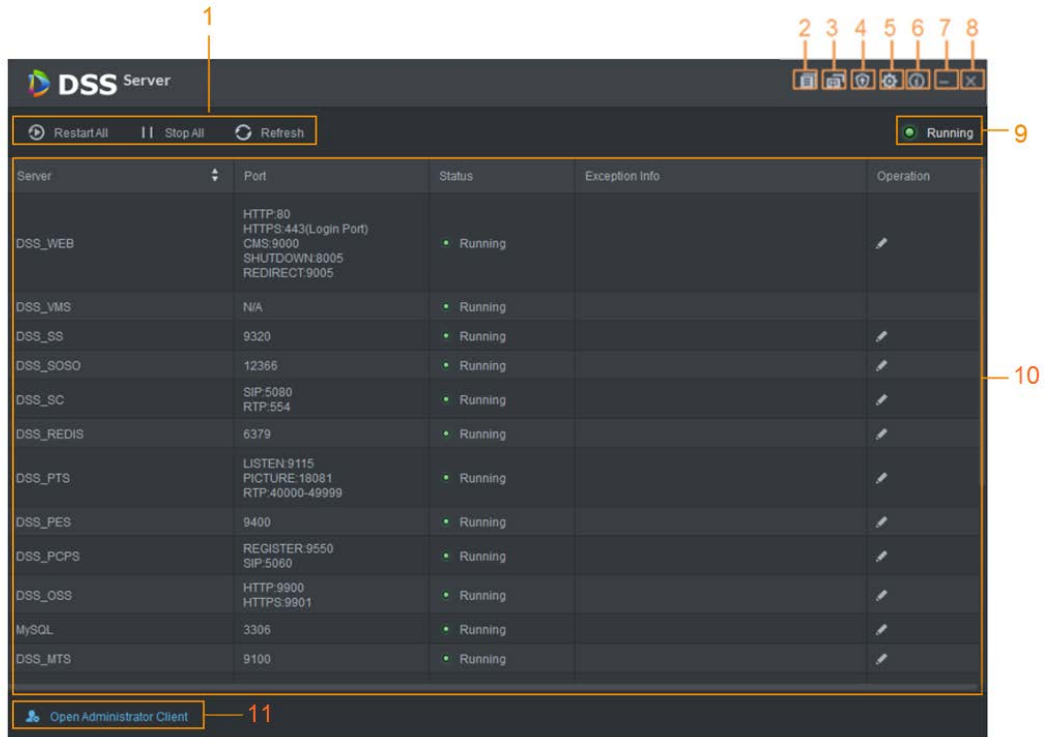












Table 1-2 Interface description

No.	Function	Description
1	Service Management	<p>Supports 3 types of operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click  Restart All to restart all services. <p></p> <p>When starting the platform, if the available memory of the server does not reach 2 GB, only the basic video services can be enabled. If the server has less than 1.5 GB of available memory, no services are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click  Stop All to stop all services. Click  Refresh to refresh services.
2	User's manual	User manual.
3	Language	Switch language.

No.	Function	Description
4	Security Setting	<p>TLS 1.0 has known security vulnerabilities. We strongly recommend you disable it to avoid security risks. If it is disabled, the web interface of DSS platform cannot be accessed through the browser. You need to enable TLS 1.1 and TLS 1.2 in the browser settings to gain access to the web interface.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open Internet Explorer. 2. Click the Tools button at the upper-right corner, and then select Internet Options. 3. Select the Advanced tab. 4. Go to the Settings > Security section, and then select Use TLS 1.1 and Use TLS 1.2. 5. Click OK.
5	Setting	Set the server IP as the platform CMS IP. If the network has to go across LAN and WAN, you need to enter WAN IP in the Mapping IP box.
6	About	Software version information.
7	Minimize	Minimize the interface.
8	Close	—
9	Service Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●  Starting ●  Unavailable: Service is running abnormally ●  Stopping ●  Running: Service is running normally ●  Stopped
10	Services	Display each service and service status. Click  to modify service port number, and then the services will restart automatically after modification.
11	Download Client	Go to client download interface.

1.1.5 Installing and Logging into DSS Client

Install the DSS client before licensing it.

1.1.5.1 Installing DSS Client

You can visit the system through the DSS Client for remote monitoring.

1.1.5.1.1 DSS Client Installation Requirements

To install DSS Client, prepare a computer in accordance with the following requirements.

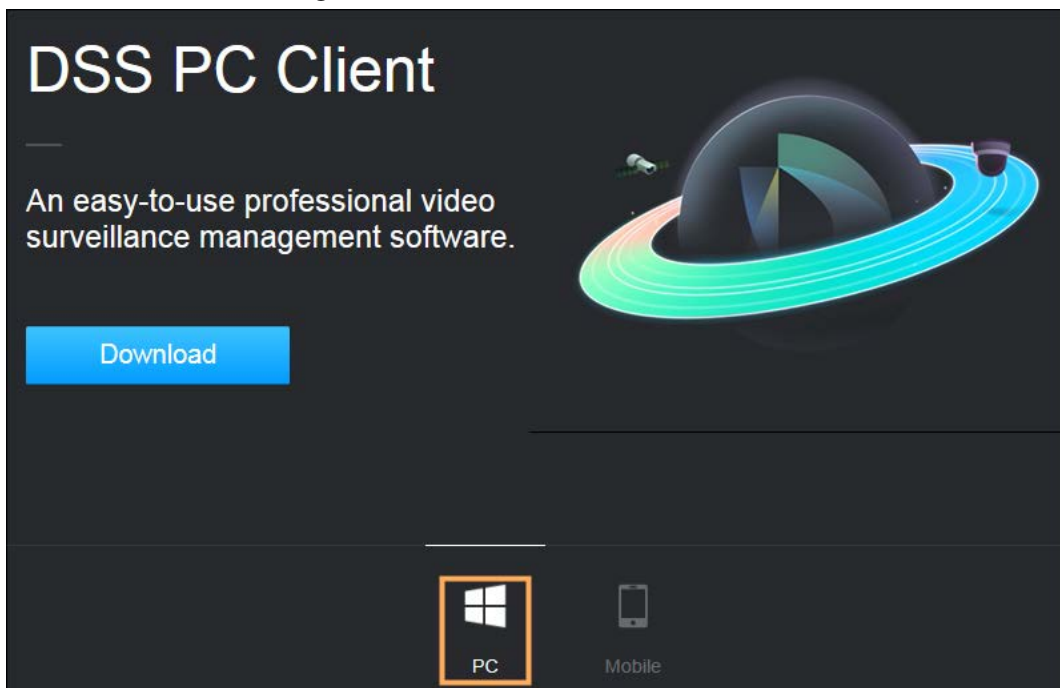
Table 1-3 Hardware requirements

Parameters	Description
Recommended system requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPU: I5-6500@3.20GHz • Memory: 8 GB and above • Graphics: NVIDIA® GeForce®GT 530 • Network Card: 1000 Mbps • HDD: Make sure that at least 100GB is reserved for DSS client.
Minimum system requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPU: I3-2120@3.20GHz • Memory: 4 GB • Graphics: Intel® HD Sandbridge Desktop Graphcs • Network Card: 1000 Mbps • DSS client installation space: Make sure that at least 50 GB is reserved for DSS client.

1.1.5.1.2 Downloading and Installing DSS Client

- Step 1 Enter the IP address of DSS into the browser and then press Enter.
- Step 2 Click **PC**, and then **Download**.
 If you save the program, go to Step3.
 If you run the program, go to Step4.

Figure 1-8 Download DSS Client



- Step 3 Double-click the DSS Client program.
- Step 4 Select the check box of **I have read and agree to the DSS agreement** and then click **Next**.
- Step 5 Select installation path.
- Step 6 Click **Install**.
 System displays the installation progress. It takes about 5 minutes to complete.

1.1.5.2 Logging in to DSS Client

Step 1 Double-click  on the desktop.

- The first time you log in to the platform, go to Step2.
- If this is not your first time logging in to the platform, go to Step3.

Step 2 Initialize the platform.

The first time you log in, you have to initialize the platform. Set the system username and password, and password protection questions. The questions are used when you need to change your password in the future.

1) Configure system username and password, and then click **Next**.

The password must consist of 8 to 32 non-blank characters and contain at least two types of characters: Uppercase, lowercase, number, and special character (excluding ' " ; : &).

2) Select your questions and their answers, and then click **OK**.

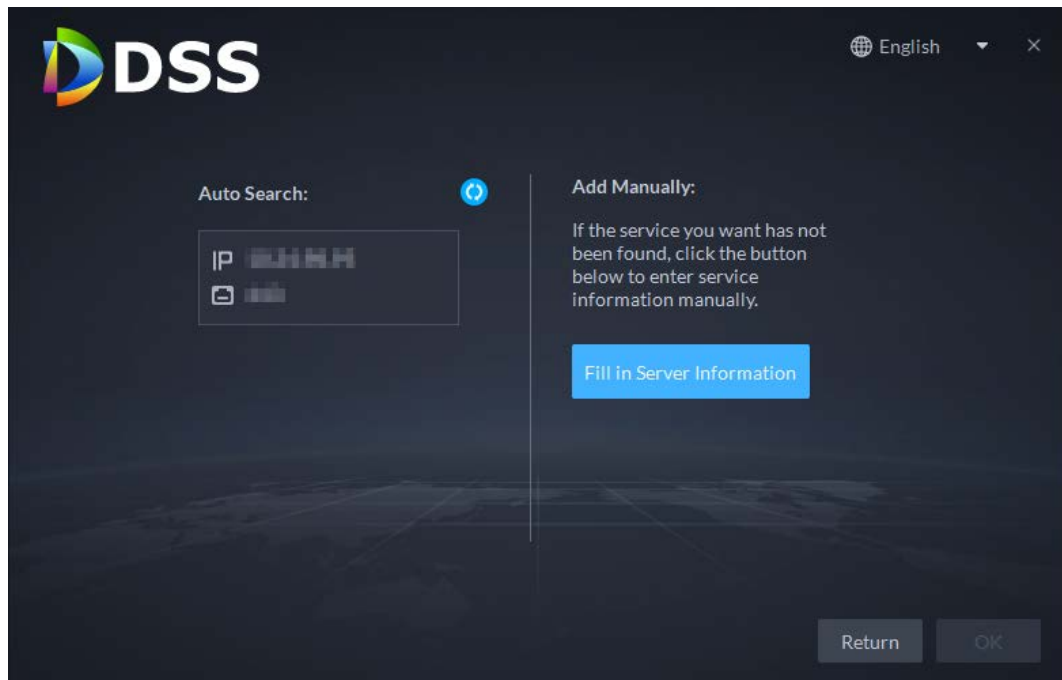
Step 3 Select the detected server on the left of the interface, or click **Fill in site information**, and then enter the IP address or domain name, and the port number.

Server IP is the IP address of DSS server or PC. The port is 443 by default.



If you want to log in to the platform using domain name, you must bind the IP address of the platform to a domain name first. See "1.3 Mapping Domain".

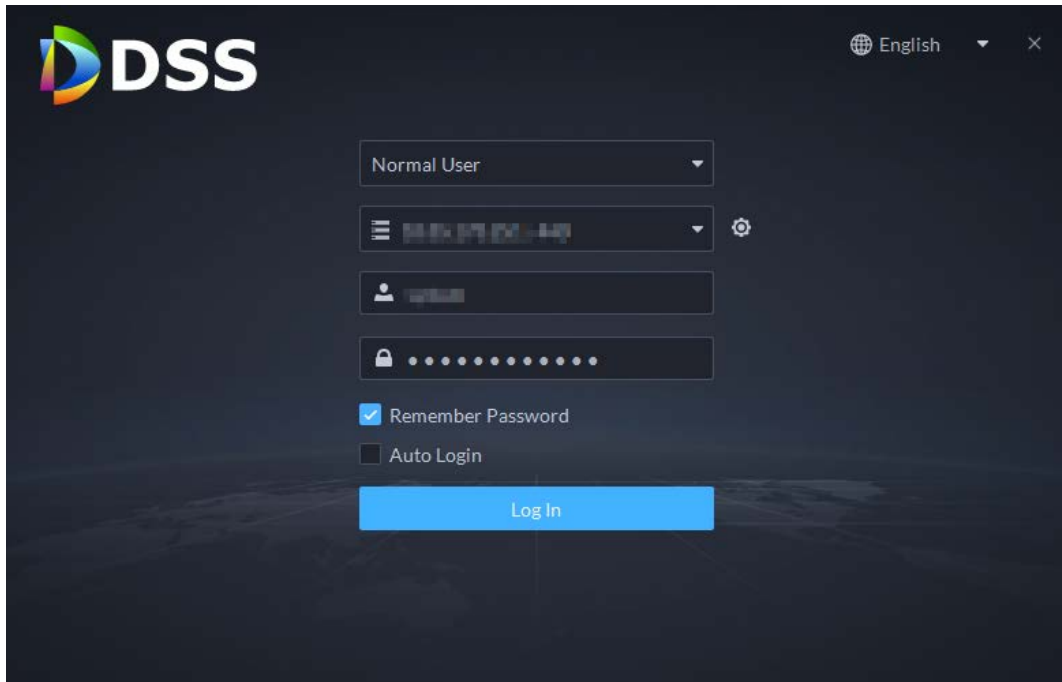
Figure 1-9 Select a site



Step 4 Select a user type, language and platform.

Step 5 Enter username and password, and then click **Login**.

Figure 1-10 Login interface (not first-time login)



1.1.5.3 Homepage of DSS Client

Figure 1-11 Homepage

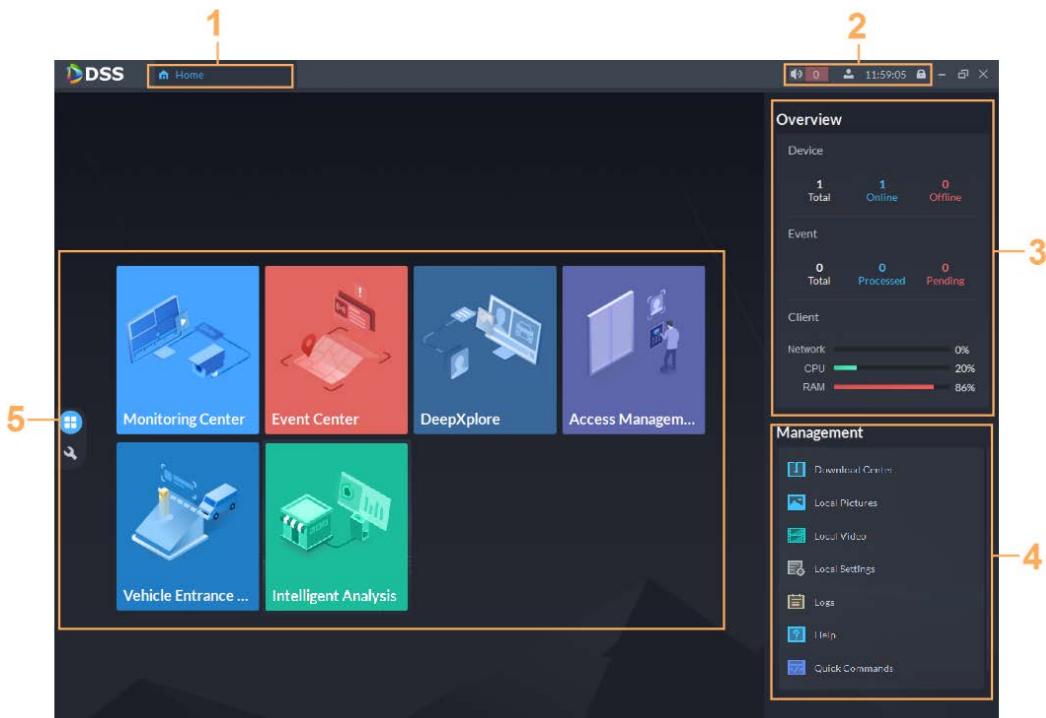








Table 1-4 Description

No.	Name	Function
1	Tab	Tabs.

No.	Name	Function
2	System settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● : Enable or disable alarm audio. ● : Displays number of alarms. Click the icon to go to Event Center. ● : User information: Click the icon, and then you can log in to the web interface by clicking system IP address, change password, lock client and log out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Click platform IP address to go to the Web interface. ◇ Click Change Password to modify user password. ◇ Click About to view version information. ◇ Click Sign Out to exit client. ● Click  to lock client.
3	Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The number of devices in total, offline and online. ● The number of total, processed and pending events. ● The client network, CPU and RAM usage.
4	Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Download videos. ● Check local pictures and videos. ● Settings for video, snapshot, alarm, security and shortcut keys. ● View and manage logs. ● View user manual.
5	Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● : Application options including monitoring center, access management, intelligent analysis and vehicle entrance control. ● : Configuration options.

1.1.6 Licensing

You can upgrade your license for more features and increased capacity.

This section introduces license capacity, how to apply for a license, how to use the license to activate the platform, and how to renew your license.

1.1.6.1 Applying for a License

A license is used to confirm the features and number of channels you purchased. To get a formal license, contact our sales personnel. To apply for a trial license, visit our website and find DSS

Express, scroll to the bottom, click **Apply**, and then follow the instructions.

1.1.6.2 Activating License




The following images of the interface might slightly differ from the actual interfaces.

1.1.6.2.1 Online Activation

Prerequisites

- You have received your license. If not, see "1.1.6.1 Applying for a License".
A license is used to confirm the features and number of channels you purchased. To get a formal license, contact our sales personnel. To apply for a trial license, visit our website and find DSS Express, and then follow the application instructions.
- The platform server can access the Internet.

Procedure

- Step 1 On the **Home** interface, click , and then in **System Configuration**, select **License**.
- Step 2 Click **Online Activate License**.
- Step 3 Enter your new **Activation Code**.
- Step 4 Click **Activate Now**.
- Step 5 On the **License** interface, view your license details.

1.1.6.2.2 Offline Activation

Prerequisites

You have received your license. If not, see "1.1.6.1 Applying for a License".
A license is used to confirm the features and number of channels you purchased. To get a formal license, contact our sales personnel. To apply for a trial license, visit our website and find DSS Express, and then follow the application instructions.

Procedure


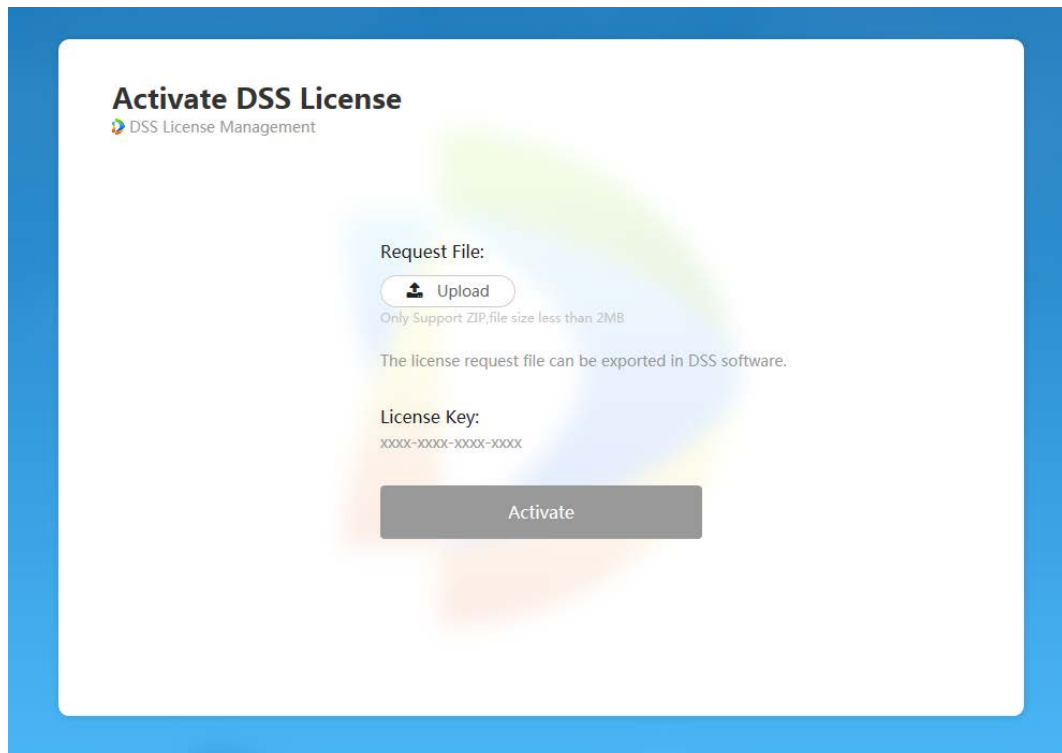
- Step 1 On the **Home** interface, click , and then in **System Configuration**, select **License**.
- Step 2 Click **Offline Activate License**.
- Step 3 Enter your new **Activation Code**.
- Step 4 Click **Export** to export the license request file.
- Step 5 Generate license file.
 - 1) Move the request file to a computer with Internet access.
 - 2) On that computer, open the system email that contains your license, and then click the attached web page address or **Click to go to DSS License Management** to go to the license management page.
 - 3) Click **Activate License**.
 - 4) Click **Upload**, select the license request file, and then when you are prompted **uploaded successfully**, click **Activate**.
The success interface is displayed, where a download prompt is displayed asking you to save the license activation file.

Figure 1-12 Upload license request file



- 5) On the success interface, click **Save** to save the file, and then move the file back to the computer where you exported the license request file.
- 6) On the **Offline Activate License** interface, click **Import**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to import the license activation file.

Step 6 On the **License** interface, view your license details.

1.2 Configuring LAN or WAN

1.2.1 Configuring Router

If the platform is in a local network, you can visit it from the public network by performing DMZ mapping. For the list of the ports to be mapped, see the port matrix of the platform.



Make sure that the number of the WAN ports is consistent with that of the LAN ports.

1.2.2 Mapping IP

The interface might vary between the main server and the sub server. This section uses the main server interface as an example.


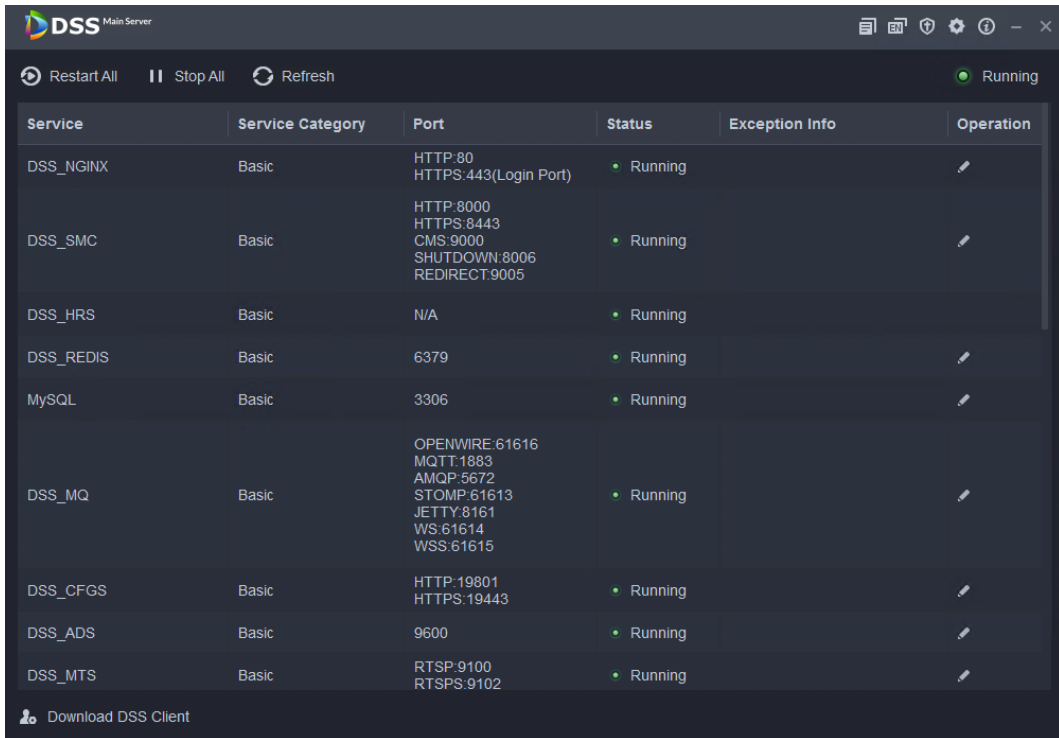
Step 1 Log in to DSS server, and then double-click .

Figure 1-13 Status of all services




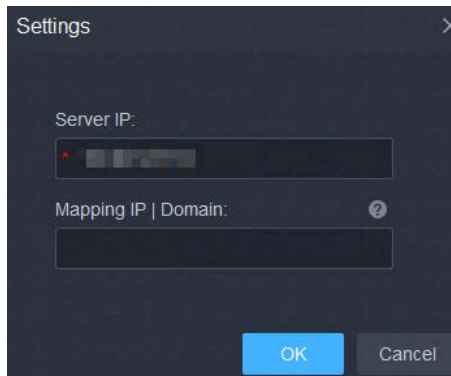
Step 2 Click the  on the upper-right corner.

Figure 1-14 Setting



Step 3 Enter WAN address in the **Mapping IP** box, and then click **OK**.

Step 4 Click **OK**, and then the services will restart.

1.3 Mapping Domain

If the server is deployed in a local network, you can map the IP address of the server to a domain name, and then log in to the server using the domain name.

Prerequisite

Prepare a domain name.

Procedures

See "1.2.2 Mapping IP". In the **mapping IP | Domain** input box, enter the domain name that you prepared, and then click **OK**.

Appendix 1 Service Module Introduction

Appendix Table 1-1 Service module introduction

Service Name		Function Description
Access Service	DSS_NGINX	Reverses user requests to distributed system management services.
System Management Service	DSS_SMC	Manages services and provides access to various interfaces.
Device Discovery Service	DSS_HRS	Broadcasts platform information to discover devices.
Data Cache Service	DSS_REDIS	Platform temporary business data storage.
Database	MySQL	Stores platform business data.
Message Queue Service	DSS_MQ	Transfers messages between platforms.
Device Management Service	DSS_DMS	Registers encoders, receives alarms, transfers alarms and sends out the sync time command.
Media Transmission Service	DSS_MTS	Gets audio/video bit streams from front-end devices and then transfers the data to DSS, the client and decoders.
Storage Service	DSS_SS	Store, search and play back recordings.
Device Search Service	DSS_SOSO	Search for device information.
Video Matrix Service	DSS_VMS	Log in to the decoder and send tasks to the decoder to output on the TV wall.
Auto Register Service	DSS_ARS	Listens, logs in, or gets bit streams to send to MTS.
ProxyList control Proxy Service	DSS_PCPS	Logs in to ONVIF device, and then gets the stream and transfers the data to MTS.
Alarm Dispatch Service	DSS_ADS	Sends alarm information to different objects according to defined plans.
Access Control Service	DSS_ACDG	Manages access control and other related operations.
External LED Device Access Service	DSS_MCDLed	Manages LED access and other related operations.
External Alarm Controller Access Service	DSS_MCDAlarm	Manages alarm controller access and other related operations.
Power Environment Server	DSS_PES	Manages access of dynamic environment monitoring devices.
Video Intercom Switch Center	DSS_SC	Manages PC client and App client login as SIP client, and also forwards audio-talk streams.

Service Name		Function Description
Object Storage Service	DSS_OSS	Manages storage of face snapshots and intelligent alarm pictures.
Object Storage Service	DSS_SubOSS	Mainly manages storage evidence recordings and pictures.
Picture Transfer Service	DSS_PTS	Manages picture transmission.
Speed Measurement Service	DSS_EAS	Measures vehicle average speed and analyzes traffic data.
Media Gateway	DSS_MGW	Sends MTS address to decoders.
Configuration Service	DSS_CFGS	Manages disks, such as read-and-write operations.
Access Controller Access Service	DSS_MCDDOOR	Manages access controller access and related operations.

Appendix 2 Cybersecurity Recommendations

The necessary measures to ensure the basic cyber security of the platform:

1. Use Strong Passwords

Please refer to the following suggestions to set passwords:

- The length should not be less than 8 characters.
- Include at least two types of characters; character types include upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols.
- Do not contain the account name or the account name in reverse order.
- Do not use continuous characters, such as 123, abc, etc.
- Do not use overlapped characters, such as 111, aaa, etc.

2. Customize the Answer to the Security Question

The security question setting should ensure the difference of answers, choose different questions and customize different answers (all questions are prohibited from being set to the same answer) to reduce the risk of security question being guessed or cracked.

Recommendation measures to enhance platform cyber security:

1. Enable Account Binding IP/MAC

It is recommended to enable the account binding IP/MAC mechanism, and configure the IP/MAC of the terminal where the commonly used client is located as a whitelist to further improve access security.

2. Change Passwords Regularly

We suggest that you change passwords regularly to reduce the risk of being guessed or cracked.

3. Turn On Account Lock Mechanism

The account lock function is enabled by default at the factory, and it is recommended to keep it on to protect the security of your account. After the attacker has failed multiple password attempts, the corresponding account and source IP will be locked.

4. Reasonable Allocation of Accounts and Permissions

According to business and management needs, reasonably add new users, and reasonably allocate a minimum set of permissions for them.

5. Close Non-essential Services and Restrict the Open Form of Essential Services

If not needed, it is recommended to turn off NetBIOS (port 137, 138, 139), SMB (port 445), remote desktop (port 3389) and other services under Windows, and Telnet (port 23) and SSH (port 22) under Linux. At the same time, close the database port to the outside or only open to a specific IP address, such as MySQL (port 3306), to reduce the risks faced by the platform.

6. Patch the Operating System/Third Party Components

It is recommended to regularly detect security vulnerabilities in the operating system and third-party components, and apply official patches in time.

7. Security Audit

- Check online users: It is recommended to check online users irregularly to identify whether there are illegal users logging in.
- View the platform log: By viewing the log, you can get the IP information of the attempt to log in to the platform and the key operation information of the logged-in user.

8. The Establishment of a Secure Network Environment

In order to better protect the security of the platform and reduce cyber security risks, it is

recommended that:

- Follow the principle of minimization, restrict the ports that the platform maps externally by firewalls or routers, and only map ports that are necessary for services.
- Based on actual network requirements, separate networks: if there is no communication requirement between the two subnets, it is recommended to use VLAN, gatekeeper, etc. to divide the network to achieve the effect of network isolation.