

Exascend FAE Tool

User Guide

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1 Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
V1.0	2022-07-08	Initial Version
V2.0	2022-08-10	Support windows command line FAE Tool
V3.0	2023-09-15	Support more product

2 Introduction

This document describes how to upgrade Firmware and collect disk's information to help locate SSD problems with Exascend_FAE_Tool.

3 System Requirements

Exascend_FAE_Tool supports Windows/Linux/Arm64 platform.

Following OS is supported.

Windows: Windows 10

Linux: Ubuntu20.04, Fedora33, CentOS 8.0

ARM: Kylin v10 Desktop

The software does not support 32bit ARM platform. Glibc version is required.

Linux Glibc:>=2.24

Arm Glibc:>=2.27

4 GUI and Command Line version

Exascend_FAE_Tool supports GUI and Command Line version against different OS.

Please refer to below table to find the version you want.

OS\Version	GUI Version	Command Line Version
Windows	Yes	Yes
Linux	Yes	Yes
ARM64	No	Yes

5 FAE Tool Usage

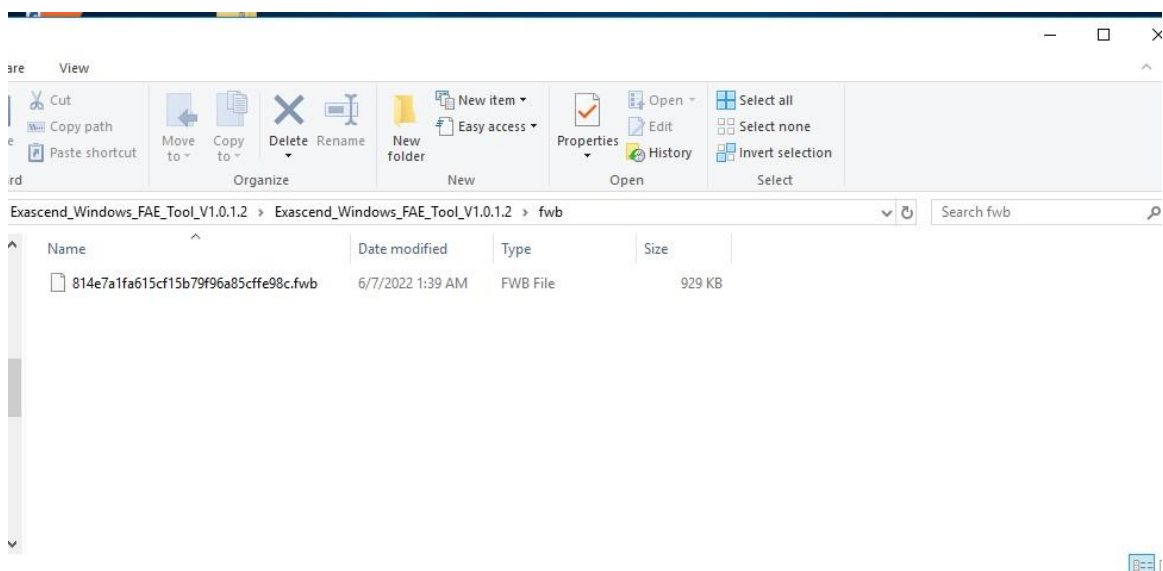
This section describes how to use Exascend_FAE_Tool to do SSD FW upgrade, and how to dump SSD information.

5.1 Windows OS(GUI)

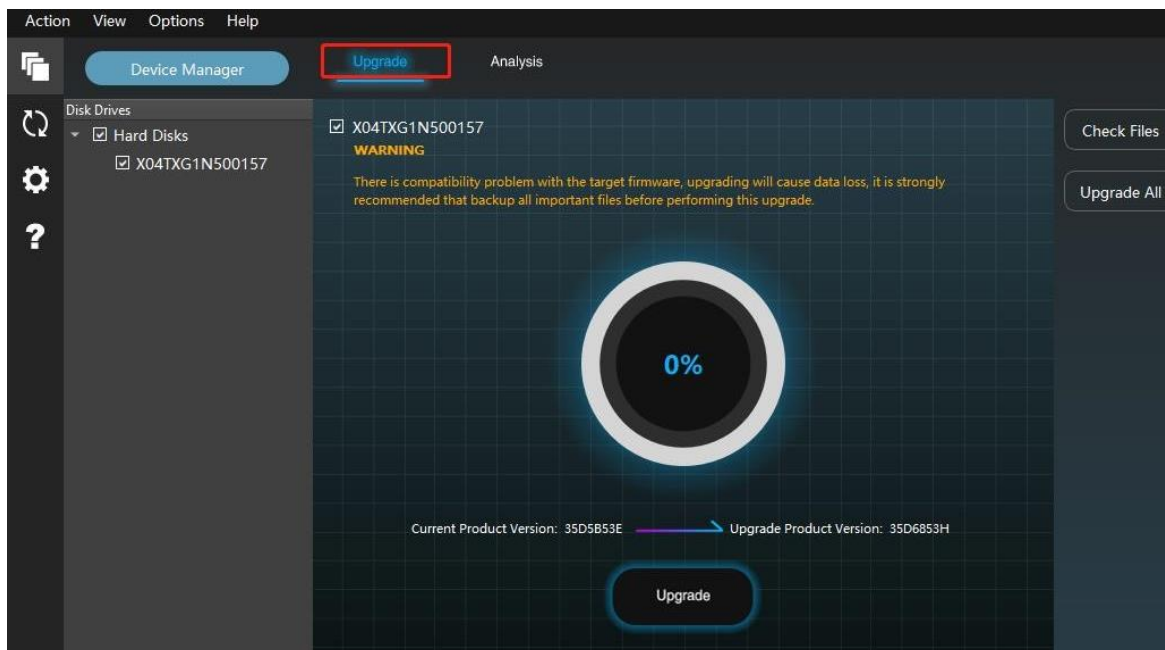
5.1.1 Upgrade Process

1. Please put the upgrade files(*.fwb) under the '**fwb**' folder.

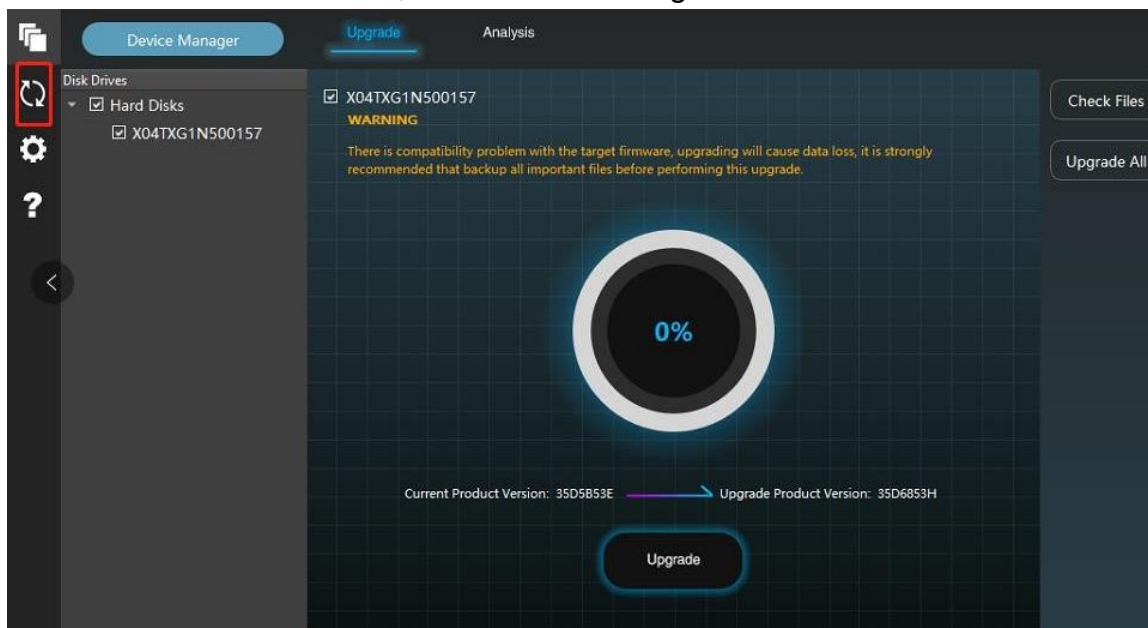
Notes: Please remove any unnecessary upgrade files in 'fwb' folder first, then copy the upgrade file(*.fwb) to 'fwb' folder.



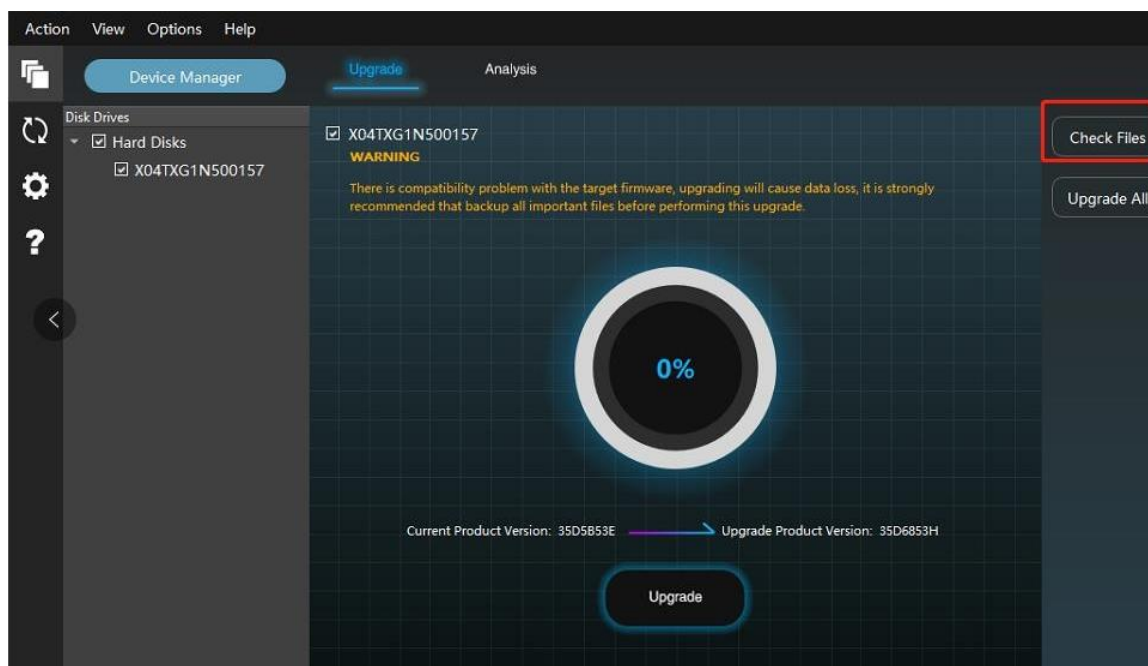
2.Run the tool as **Administrator**, click '**Upgrade**' tab.



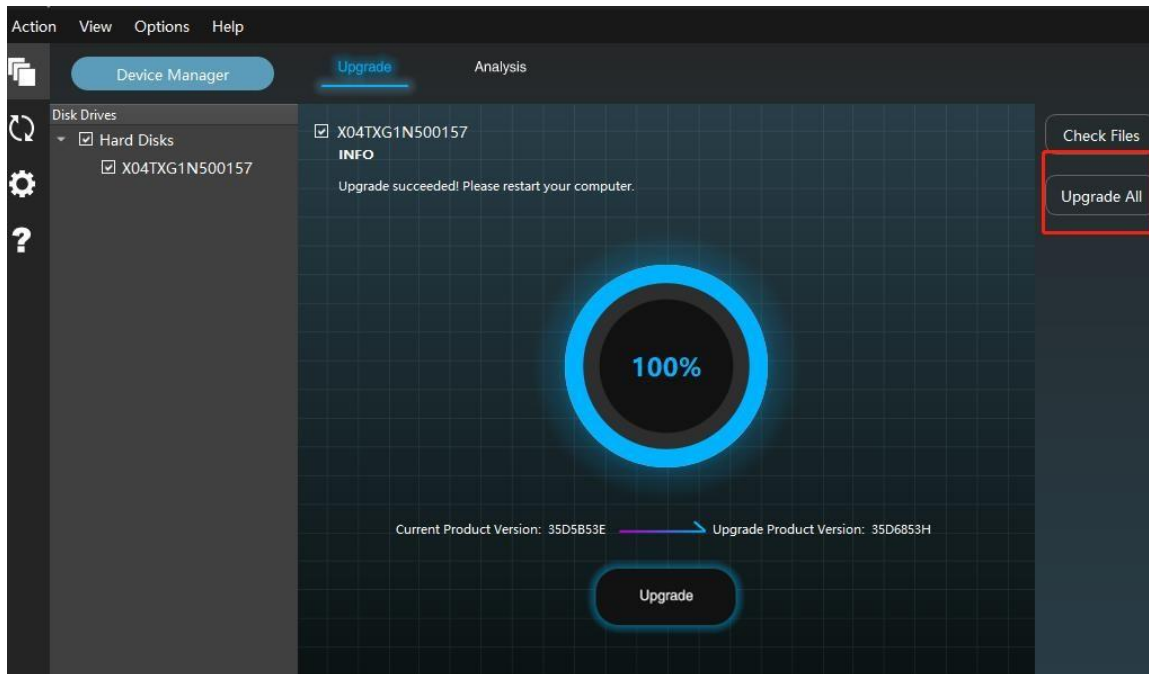
3. Click **'Scan Drives'** button, then select the target drive.



4. Click **'Check Files'** button, tool will display the upgrade information of the selected disk as figure below.



5. Click '**Upgrade All**' button, the progress bar goes to 100% that indicates the success of the upgrade.

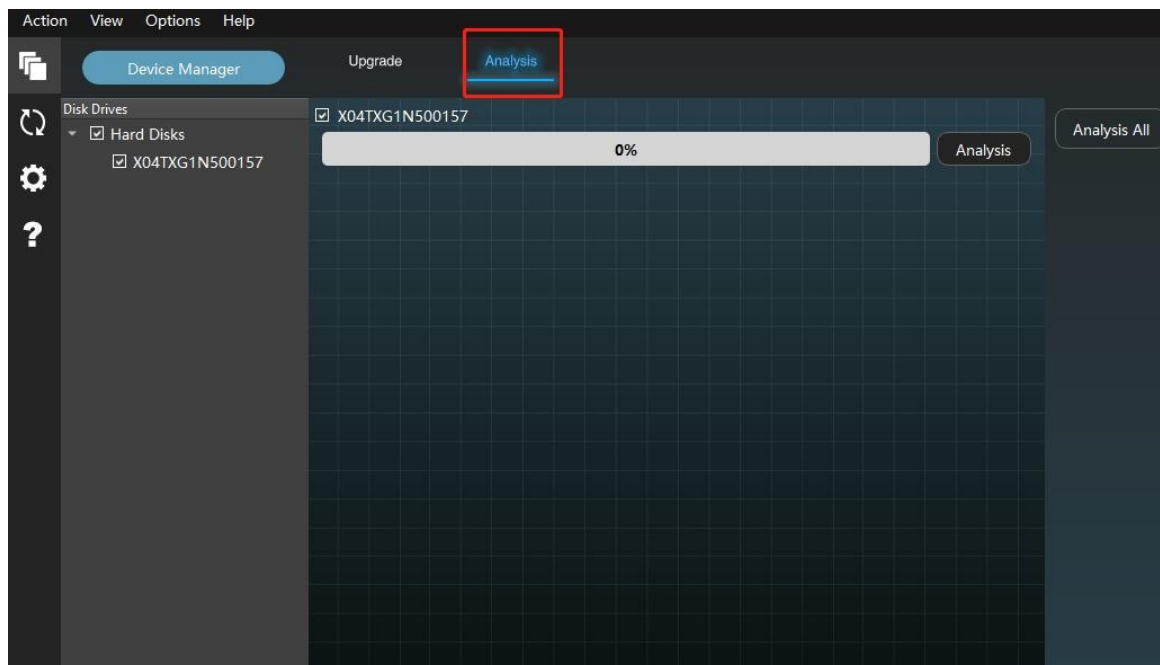


6. After the FW update is complete, please restart your computer according to the prompts.

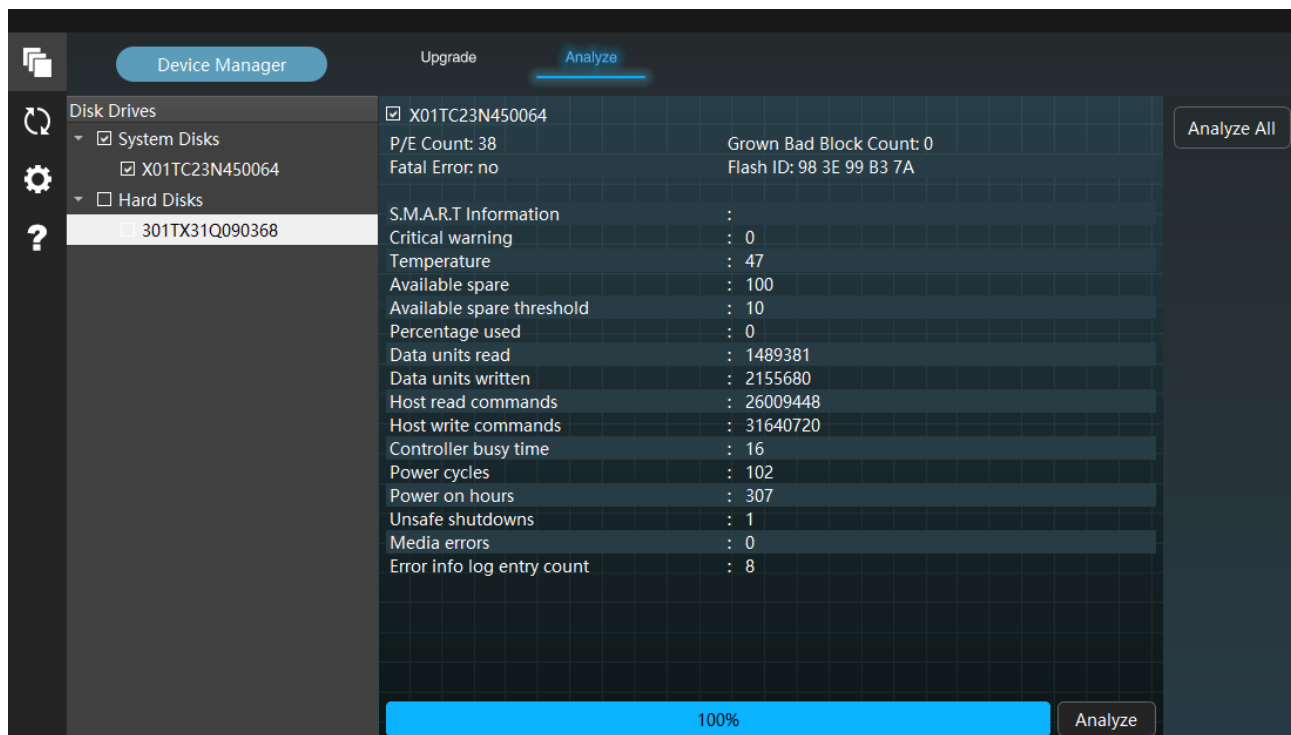
7. You could use tool CrystalDiskInfo to double confirm the disk's current firmware version.

5.1.2 Analysis Process

1.Run the tool as **Administrator**, click '**Analysis**' tab.



2. Click '**Analysis All**' button to collect drive information and generate *.vda file in '**analysis**' folder. Please send back the 'vda' file for further analyzing.



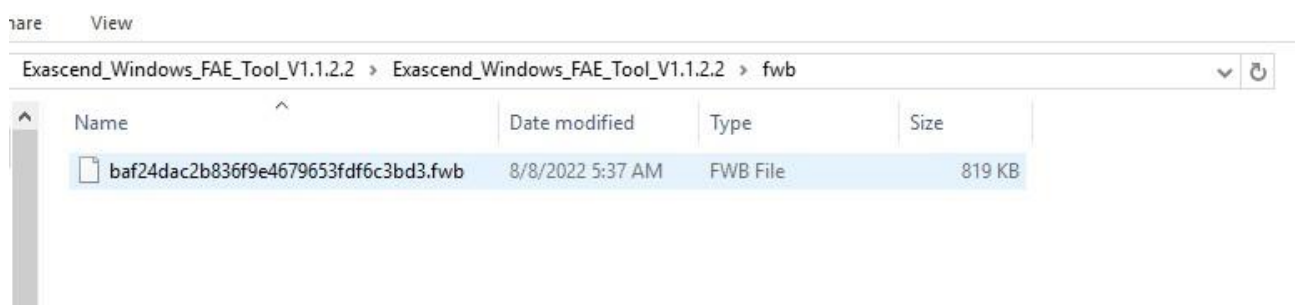
名称	修改日期	类型	大小
X01TC23N450064.vda	2023/9/15 15:09	VDA 文件	27 KB

5.2 Windows OS(COMMANDLINE)

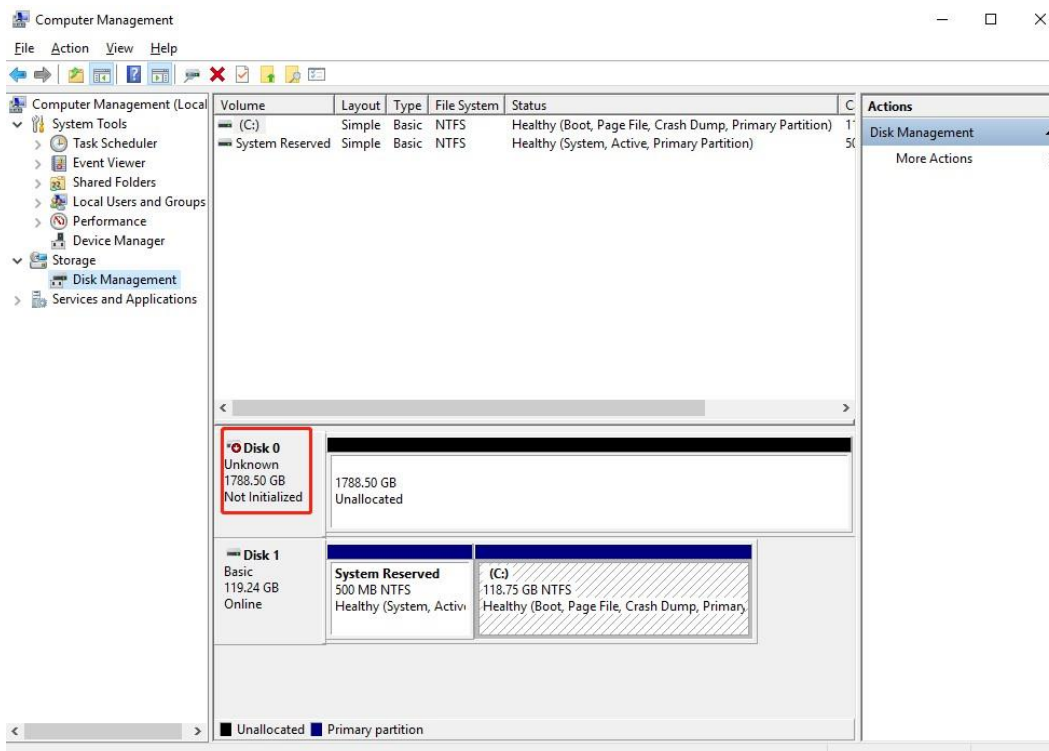
5.2.1 Upgrade Process

1.Please put the upgrade files(*.fwb) under the '**fwb**' folder.

Notes: Please remove any unnecessary upgrade files in 'fwb' folder first, then copy the upgrade file(*.fwb) to 'fwb' folder.



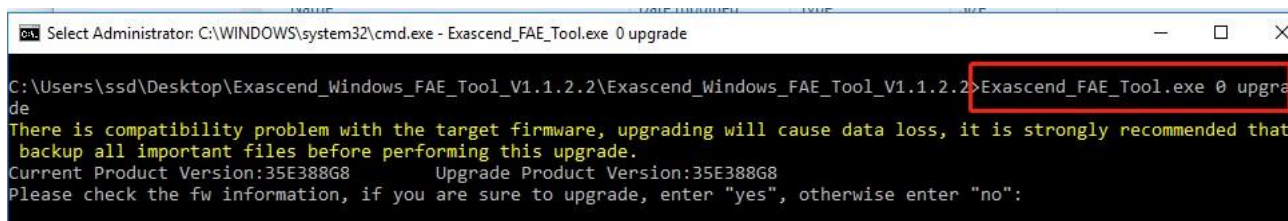
2.Check ' Disk Management ' and make sure that system can recognize the Drive correctly and get DeviceName(such as Disk 1 or Disk 0)



3. Open command line tool with **administrator** privileges. Enter below command to do firmware upgrade.

'Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool.exe 0(Device Name) upgrade'

Notes: In above command line, 0 is related to the DUT mentioned in Step2. If your DUT is disk1, please use 1 instead.

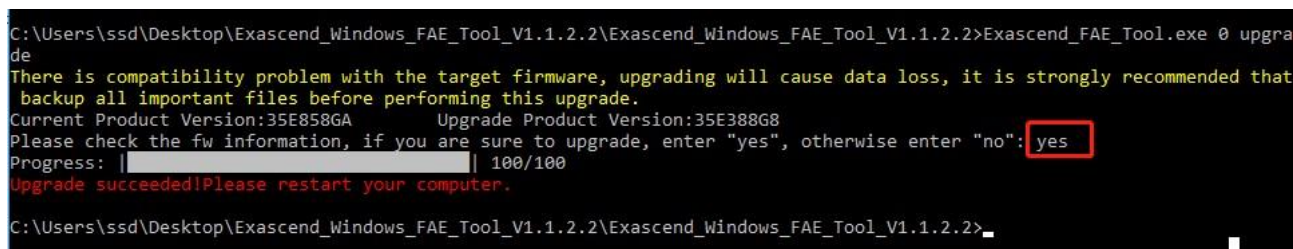


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Select Administrator: C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - Exascend_FAE_Tool.exe 0 upgrade

C:\Users\ssd\Desktop\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2>Exascend_FAE_Tool.exe 0 upgrade
There is compatibility problem with the target firmware, upgrading will cause data loss, it is strongly recommended that
backup all important files before performing this upgrade.
Current Product Version:35E388G8      Upgrade Product Version:35E388G8
Please check the fw information, if you are sure to upgrade, enter "yes", otherwise enter "no":
  
```

4. Double confirm the current fw version and target fw version. Enter **'yes'** to start upgrade progress and wait for the upgrade to complete.

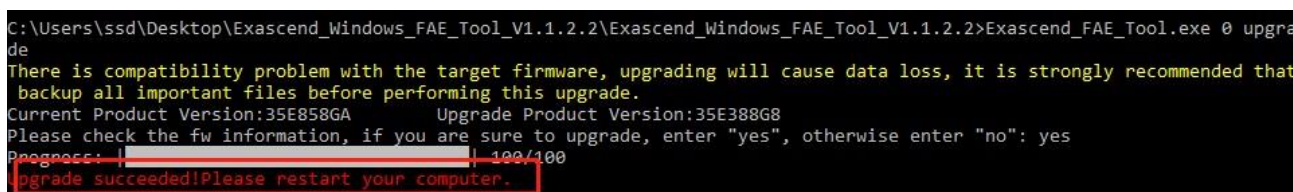


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C:\Users\ssd\Desktop\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2>Exascend_FAE_Tool.exe 0 upgrade
There is compatibility problem with the target firmware, upgrading will cause data loss, it is strongly recommended that
backup all important files before performing this upgrade.
Current Product Version:35E858GA      Upgrade Product Version:35E388G8
Please check the fw information, if you are sure to upgrade, enter "yes", otherwise enter "no": yes
Progress: [ ] 100/100
Upgrade succeeded! Please restart your computer.

C:\Users\ssd\Desktop\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2>
  
```

5. After the FW update is successful, please restart your computer according to the prompts.



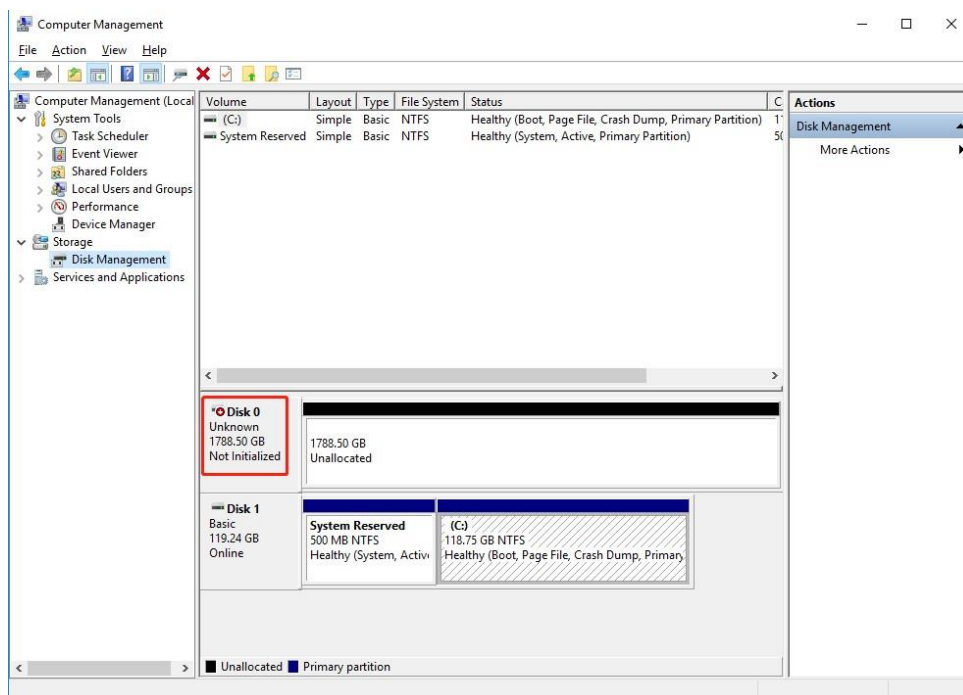
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C:\Users\ssd\Desktop\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2\Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2>Exascend_FAE_Tool.exe 0 upgrade
There is compatibility problem with the target firmware, upgrading will cause data loss, it is strongly recommended that
backup all important files before performing this upgrade.
Current Product Version:35E858GA      Upgrade Product Version:35E388G8
Please check the fw information, if you are sure to upgrade, enter "yes", otherwise enter "no": yes
Progress: [ ] 100/100
Upgrade succeeded! Please restart your computer.
  
```

6. You could use tool CrystalDiskInfo to double confirm the disk's current firmware version.

5.2.2 Analysis Process

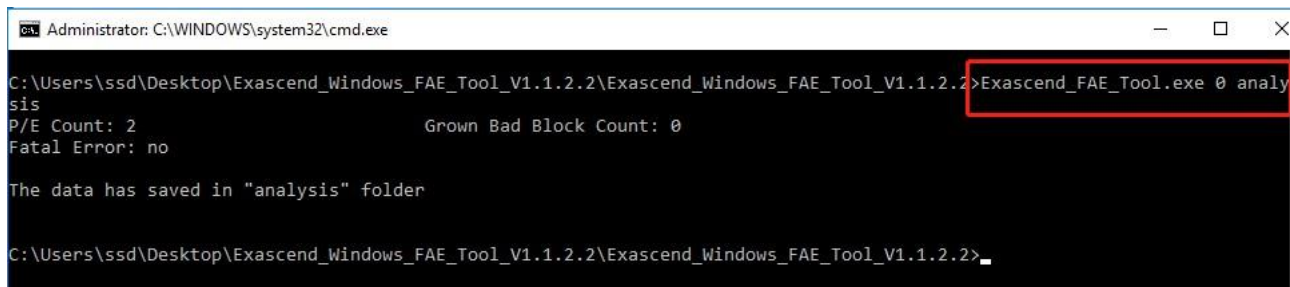
1. Check ' Disk Management ' and make sure that system can recognize DUT SSD Drive correctly and get DeviceName(such as Disk 1 or Disk 0)




2. Open command line tool with **administrator** privileges. Enter below command to collect drive information.

'Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool.exe 0(Device Name) analysis'

Notes: In above command line, 0 is related to the DUT mentioned in Step1. If your DUT is disk1, please use 1 instead.



3.It will generate *.vda file in 'analysis' folder. Please send back the 'vda' file for further analyzing

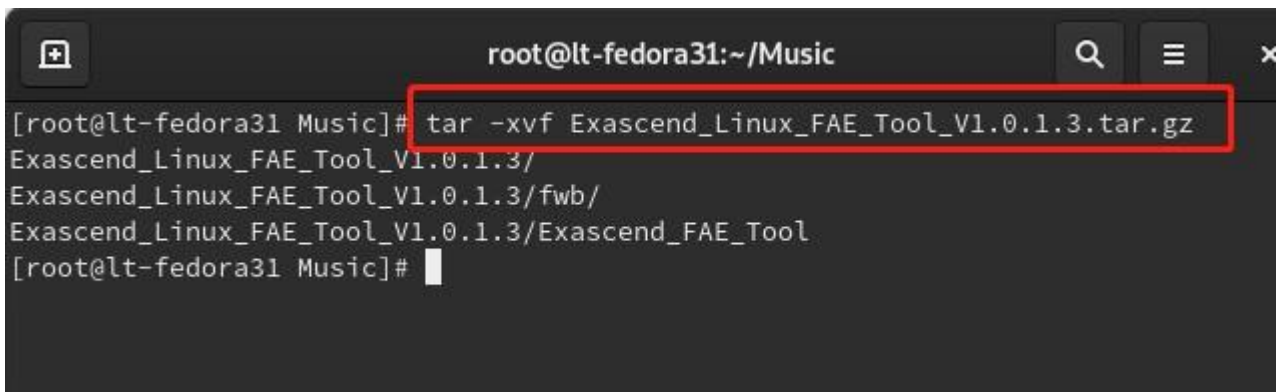
Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2 > Exascend_Windows_FAE_Tool_V1.1.2.2 > analysis > VDA-2022-08-08				▼ ↺
Name	Date modified	Type	Size	
 T256XR3P262143.vda	8/8/2022 5:23 AM	VDA File	8 KB	

5.3 Linux OS (GUI)

5.3.1 Upgrade Process

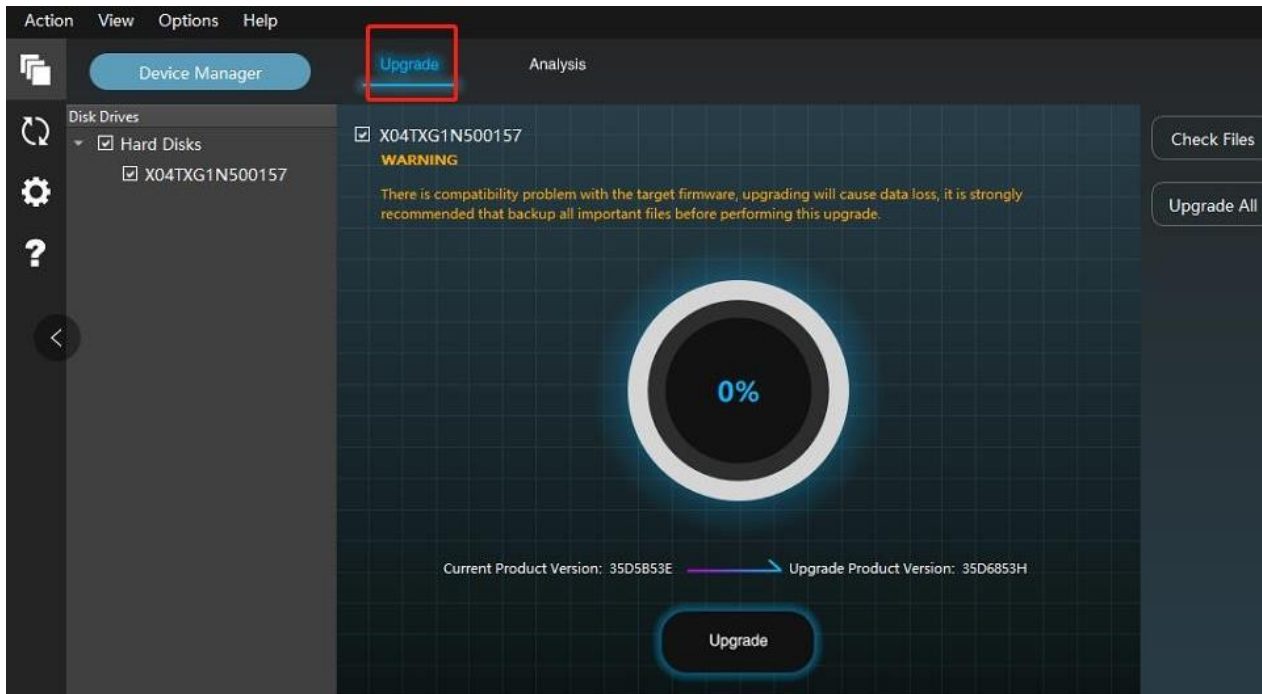
1. Unpress our packaged software with **root** privileges, check if the decompression folder contains fwb and Exascend-FAE-Tool files. Put the upgrade files(*.fwb) under '**fwb**' folder.

Notes: Please remove any unnecessary upgrade files in 'fwb' folder first, then copy the upgrade file(*.fwb) to 'fwb' folder.

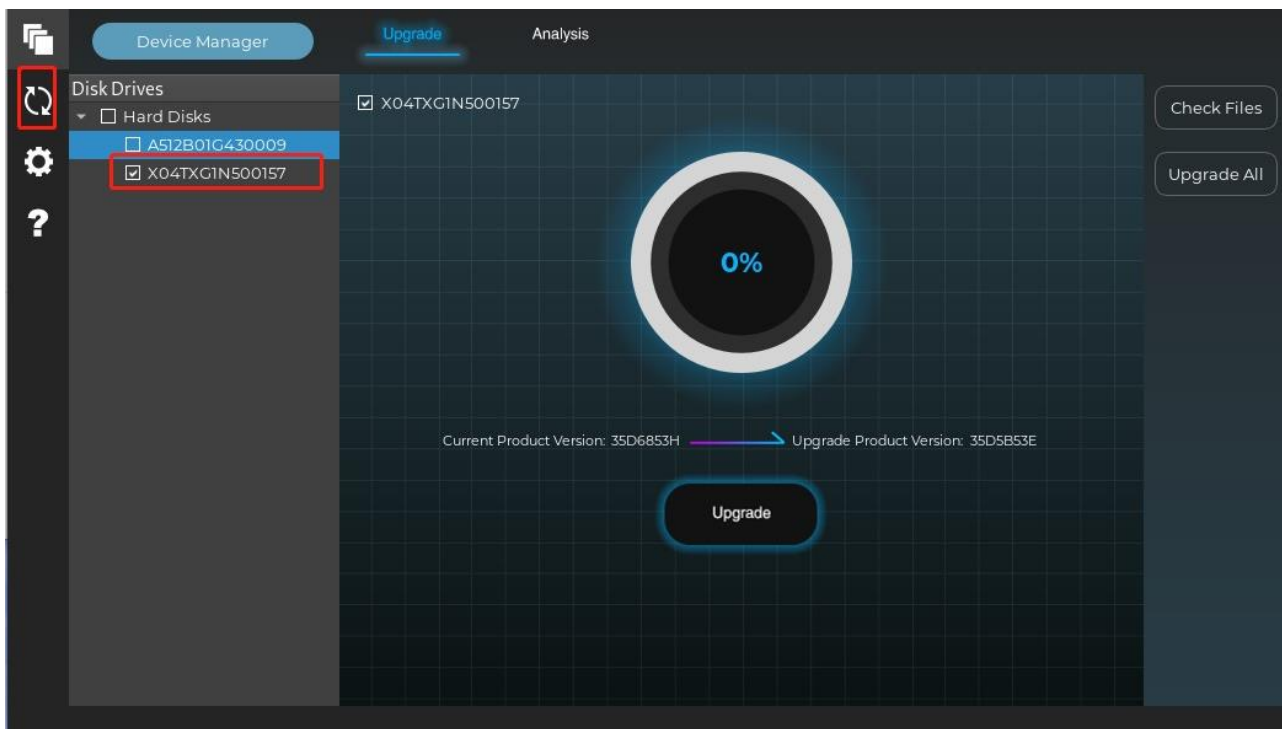


```
root@lt-fedora31:~/Music
[root@lt-fedora31 Music]# tar -xvf Exascend_Linux_FAE_Tool_V1.0.1.3.tar.gz
Exascend_Linux_FAE_Tool_V1.0.1.3/
Exascend_Linux_FAE_Tool_V1.0.1.3/fw/
Exascend_Linux_FAE_Tool_V1.0.1.3/Exascend_FAE_Tool
[root@lt-fedora31 Music]#
```


2. Open the software with **root** privileges, click the ' **Upgrade** ' button to enter the firmware upgrade interface.

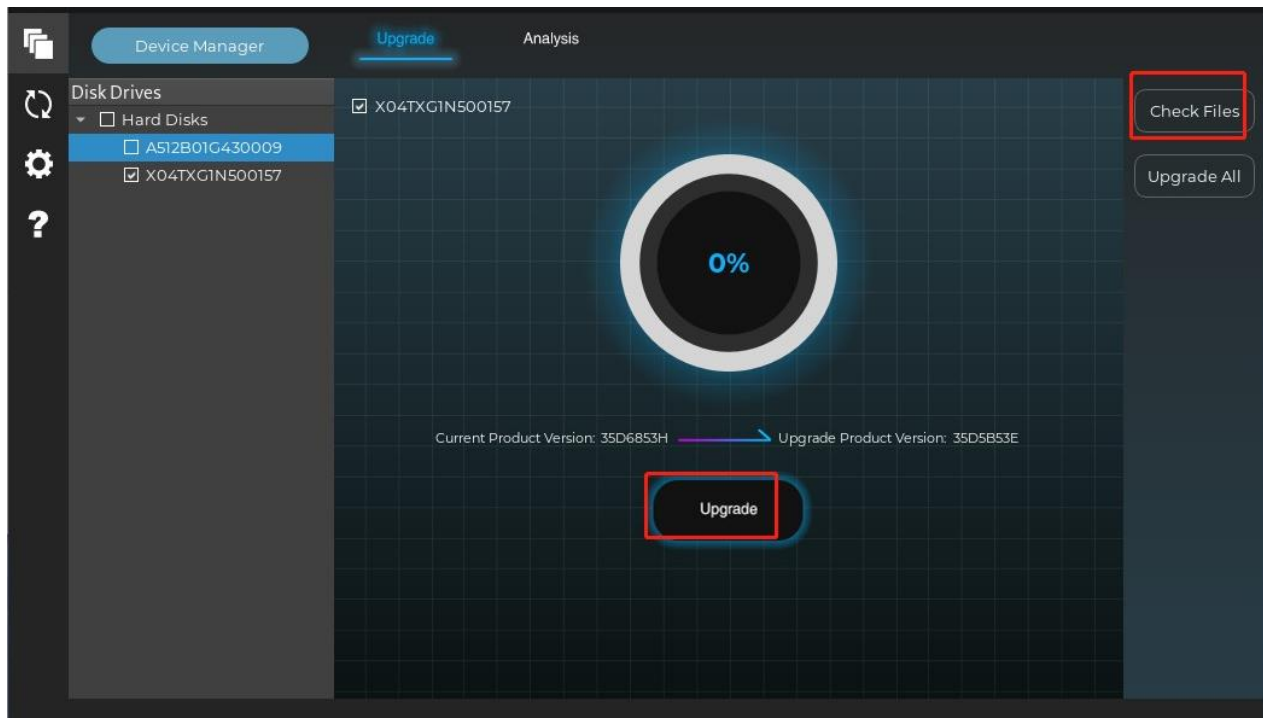


3. Click '**Scan Drives**' button, then select the target drive as figure below.

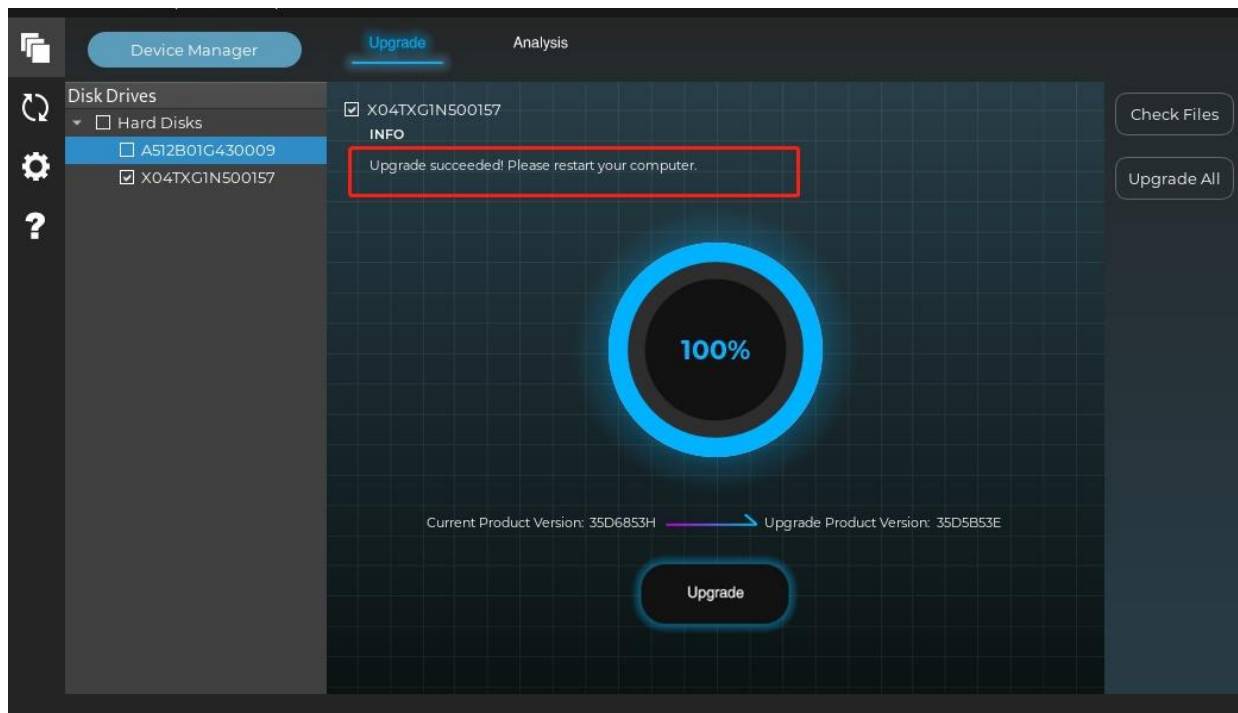


4. Click ' **Check Files** ' button. Check the current Drive firmware version and the Drive firmware version to be upgraded.

Click the ' **Upgrade** ' button to do firmware upgrade.



5.The progress bar goes up to 100% that indicates the success of the upgrade.

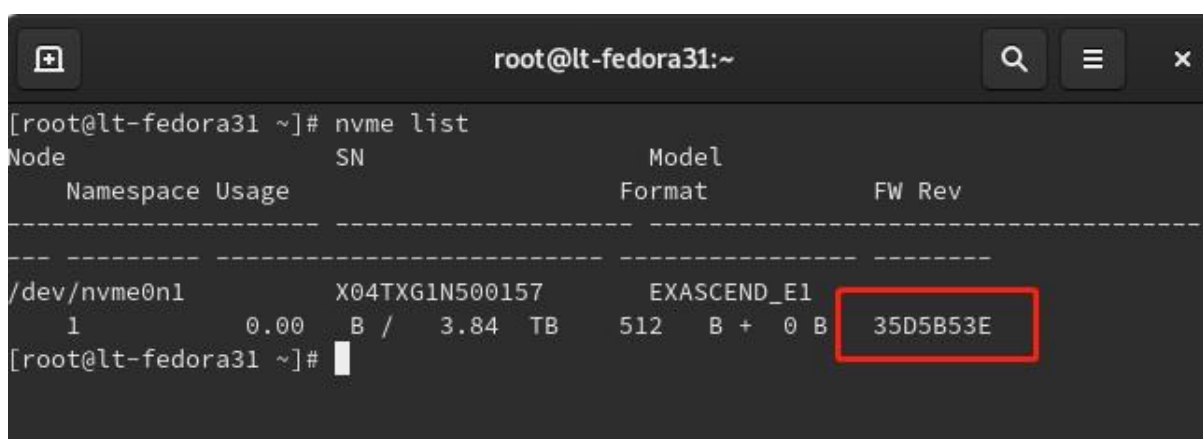


6.After the FW update is successful, please restart your computer according to the prompts.

7. Input **'apt install nvme-cli '** command to install nvme-cli.

```
root@ssd:/home/ssd# apt install nvme-cli
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
nvme-cli is already the newest version (1.5-lubuntul.2).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 372 not upgraded.
root@ssd:/home/ssd#
```

8. After the installation is complete, we can see if the firmware update is successful through **'nvme list'**



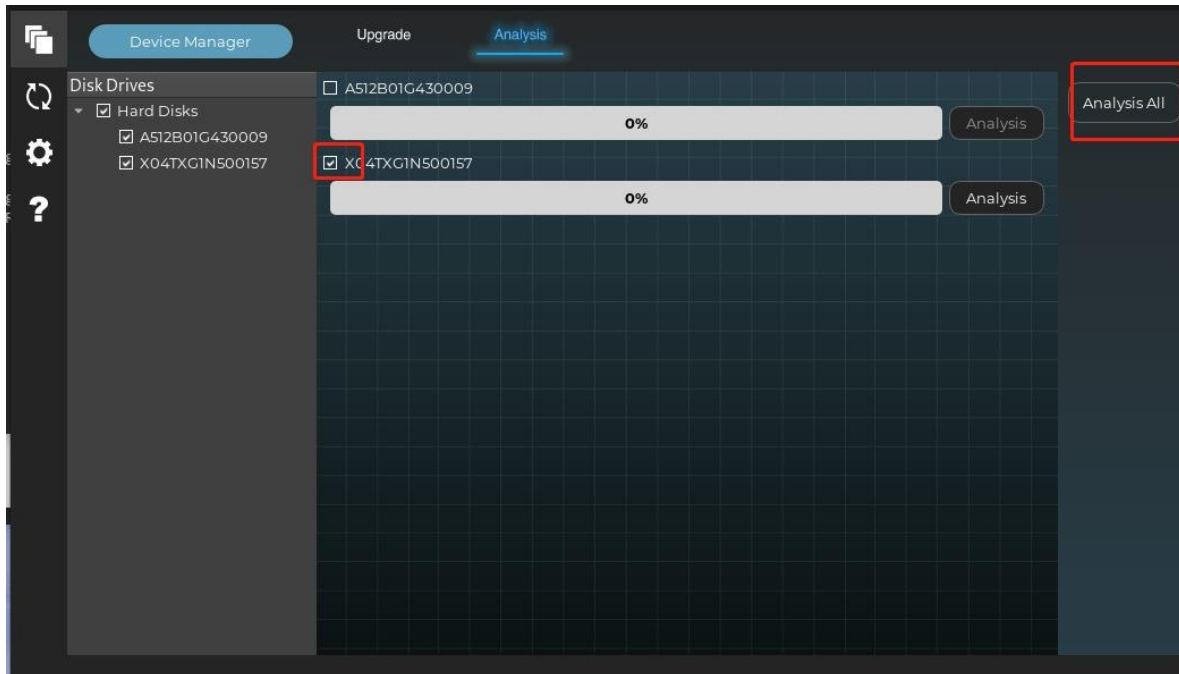
```
root@lt-fedora31:~
[root@lt-fedora31 ~]# nvme list
```

Node	Namespace	Usage	SN	Model	Format	FW Rev
/dev/nvme0n1			X04TXG1N500157	EXASCEND_E1		35D5B53E
1		0.00 B / 3.84 TB		512 B + 0 B		

```
[root@lt-fedora31 ~]#
```

5.3.2 Analysis Process

1.Run the tool as **Administrator**, then select the target drive as figure below and click '**Analysis**' tab.



2.Click '**Analysis All**' button to collect drive information and generate *.vda file in 'analysis' folder, send the file to us to analyze.

5.4 Linux OS (CommandLine)

The Linux command-line operation is same with the following ARM platform operation.

5.5 Arm OS(Command Line)

5.5.1 Upgrade Process

1.Unpress our packaged software with **root** privileges, check if the decompression folder contains fw and Exascend-FAE-Tool files. Put the upgrade files(*.fw) under '**fw**' folder.

Notes: Please remove any unnecessary upgrade files in 'fw' folder first, then copy the upgrade file(*.fw) to 'fw' folder.

```

root@ssd: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@ssd:~# tar -xvf Exascend Arm64 FAE Tool V1.1.1.0.tar.gz
Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0/
Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0/Exascend_FAE_Tool
Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0/fw/
root@ssd:~#

```

2.Enter '**nvme list**' and check our DeviceName.

```

root@ssd:~# nvme list

```

Node	Namespace	Usage	SN	Model	Format	FW Rev
/dev/nvme0n1	1	40.94	S4ELNX2R566874	SAMSUNG MZVLB256HBHQ-000L7	512 B + 0 B	5M2QEXH7
/dev/nvme1n1	1	0.00	X04TXG1N500157	EXASCEND_E1	512 B + 0 B	35D5B53E

```

root@ssd:~#

```

3. Open the software with **root** privileges, Enter below command:

`./Exascend-FAE-Tool /dev/nvme1n1 upgrade`

It will display firmware information. Check whether the version of the current firmware is consistent with that of the firmware to be upgraded.

```
root@ssd: ~/Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@ssd:~/Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0# ./Exascend_FAE_Tool /dev/nvme1n1 up
grade
There is compatibility problem with the target firmware, upgrading will cause da
ta loss, it is strongly recommended that backup all important files before perfo
rming this upgrade.
Current Product Version:35D5B53E Upgrade Product Version:35D6853H
Please check the fw information, if you are sure to upgrade, enter "yes", otherw
ise enter "no":
```

4. Enter **yes**.

The upgrade process starts.

If the progress bar reaches 100%, the upgrade is successful.

```
root@ssd:~/Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0# ./Exascend_FAE_Tool /dev/nvme1n1 up
grade
There is compatibility problem with the target firmware, upgrading will cause da
ta loss, it is strongly recommended that backup all important files before perfo
rming this upgrade.
Current Product Version:35D5B53E Upgrade Product Version:35D6853H
Please check the fw information, if you are sure to upgrade, enter "yes", otherw
ise enter "no": yes
Progress: | 100/100
Upgrade succeeded!Please restart your computer.
root@ssd:~/Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0#
```


5. After the update is complete, double confirm if the firmware update is successful through 'nvme list'.

```

root@ssd: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@ssd:~# nvme list
Node          Namespace Usage          SN              Model
              Format          FW Rev
-----
/dev/nvme0n1   1          40.94 GB / 256.06 GB S4ELNX2R566874 SAMSUNG MZVLB256HBHQ-000L7
/dev/nvme1n1   1          0.00 B / 3.84 TB    X04TXG1N500157 EXASCEND_E1
root@ssd:~#

```

5.5.2 Analysis Process

1. Unpress our packaged software, enter '**nvme list**' and check our DeviceName.

```

root@ssd: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@ssd:~# nvme list
Node          SN                      Model
Namespace Usage          Format          FW Rev
-----
/dev/nvme0n1  S4ELNX2R566874         SAMSUNG MZVLB256HBHQ-000L7
1             40.94 GB / 256.06 GB    512 B + 0 B    5M2QEXH7
/dev/nvme1n1  X04TXG1N500157         EXASCEND_E1
1             0.00 B / 3.84 TB      512 B + 0 B    35D6853H
root@ssd:~#

```

2. Enter below command to collect drive information.

./Exascend-FAE-Tool /dev/nvme1n1 analysis

It will generate *.vda file in '**analysis**' folder, send back the file for further analyzing.

```
root@ssd:~/Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0# ./Exascend_FAE_Tool /dev/nvme1n1 analysis
P/E Count: 0                               Grown Bad Block Count: 0
Fatal Error: no
```

The data has saved in "analysis" folder

```
root@ssd:~/Exascend_Arm64_FAE_Tool_V1.1.1.0#
```

