# Partitioning Guide for Systems That Contain Cx-bricks

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# **About This Guide**

This guide documents partitioning for systems that contain Cx-bricks (for example, SGI Origin 3900 systems and SGI Onyx 3900 graphics systems). Specifically, it includes the following information:

- Defines partitioning and its benefits.
- Lists the requirements of a partition.
- Lists supported configurations and provides logical and physical drawings of the configurations.
- Describes how to create partitions.

#### **Related Publications**

This section discusses SGI documents that are relevant to partitioning a system that contains Cx-bricks, as follows:

- Cx-brick Addendum
- SGI Origin 3000 Series Owner's Guide
- SGI Onyx 3000 Series Graphics System Hardware Owner's Guide
- IRIX Admin: System Configuration and Operation
- Other SGI documentation
- Online man pages
- IRIX release notes

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#### **Cx-brick Addendum**

This addendum (P/N 007-4572-xxx) describes the functions, features, physical components, technical specifications, and system configurations for the Cx-brick.

## SGI Origin 3000 Series Owner's Guide

This guide (P/N 007-4240-xxx) describes the components that compose the SGI Origin 3000 server series. It also provides information about the following procedures:

- Connecting a console to the server system
- Adding or replacing PCI cards and storage disk drives
- Powering on and powering off the server system
- Using the L1 and L2 controllers (and controller commands) to monitor and control the server system

## SGI Onyx 3000 Series Graphics System Hardware Owner's Guide

This guide (P/N 007-4264-*xxx*) describes the components that compose an SGI Onyx 3000 rackmount graphics system. It also provides information on using and administering this graphics system.

## IRIX Admin: System Configuration and Operation

This guide (P/N 007-2859-xxx) lists general system administration practices and describes system administration tasks (for example, partitioning).

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- If it is installed on your SGI system, you can use InfoSearch, an online tool that provides a more limited set of online books, release notes, and man pages. With an IRIX system, select **Help** from the Toolchest, and then select **InfoSearch**. Or you can type **infosearch** on a command line.

## **Online Man Pages**

Your system includes a set of IRIX online manual pages, which are formatted in the standard UNIX "man page" style. These man pages are located on the internal system disk (or CD-ROM) and are displayed using the man command. For example, to display the man page for the Add\_disk command, enter the following command at a shell prompt:

#### man Add disk

Man pages document important system configuration files and commands. References in SGI documentation to these pages include the name of the command and the section number in which the command is located. For example, "Add\_disk(1)" refers to the Add\_disk command and indicates that it is located in section 1 of the IRIX reference. For additional information about displaying reference pages using the man command, see man(1).

The apropos command locates man pages based on keywords. For example, to display a list of man pages that describe disks, enter the following command at a shell prompt:

#### apropos disk

For information about setting up and using apropos, see the apropos(1) and makewhatis(1M) man pages.

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#### **IRIX Release Notes**

You can view the release notes for various SGI products and software subsystems by using one of two utilities:

relnotes Text-based viewer for online release notes.

grelnotes Graphics viewer for online release notes.

To see a list of available release notes, type the following command at a shell prompt:

#### relnotes

For more information, see the relnotes (1) and grelnotes (1) man pages.

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# **Conventions**

The following conventions are used throughout this document:

Convention	Meaning
command	This fixed-space font denotes literal items such as commands, files, routines, path names, signals, messages, and programming language structures.
variable	Italic typeface denotes variable entries and words or concepts being defined.
user input	This bold, fixed-space font denotes literal items that the user enters in interactive sessions. Output is shown in nonbold, fixed-space font.
[]	Brackets enclose optional portions of a command or directive line.
	Ellipses indicate that a preceding element can be repeated.
manpage(x)	Man page section identifiers appear in parentheses after man page names.
GUI element	This font denotes the names of graphical user interface (GUI) elements such as windows, screens, dialog boxes, menus, toolbars, icons, buttons, boxes, fields, and lists.

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# **Partitioning**

SGI systems that use the NUMAflex design (such as SGI Origin 3000 and SGI Onyx 3000 series systems) and run the IRIX 6.5 or later release can be partitioned. Partitioning divides a multi-node distributed shared memory (DSM) system into smaller systems without the need to physically recable the system. Each partition, which is logically separated from other partitions, runs its own operating system kernel and behaves as a standalone system. Each partition has its own console, root filesystem (system I- or IX-brick), and IP (internet protocol) address.

Partitioning provides the following benefits:

- High availability. Any SGI NUMAflex server can be partitioned to appear as a
  cluster of systems. Unlike a cluster of systems, however, it benefits from the
  low-latency and high-bandwidth NUMAlink communication between partitions.
  NUMAlink and partitioning provide both high availability and high performance.
- Job resilience. Jobs that run within a partition can use checkpointing to save job information, and each partition can be checkpointed individually as a single memory and application space. Checkpointed jobs can be restarted after the partition has been repaired, or they can be restarted in another partition. Load-balancing software (such as Load Sharing Facility [LSF] from Platform Computing) can manage workloads between partitions in a system the same as in a cluster. The IRIX Advanced Cluster Environment provides a checkpoint and restart mechanism for jobs that run on more than one partition.
- No single point of failure. A single shared-memory system can be divided into separate partitions, eliminating the possibility of a single point of failure for the entire system.

- Multiple environments. Because each partition in the system is running a separate
  operating system kernel, different IRIX kernels can be running in a single system at
  the same time, allowing the flexibility to manage all types of users and jobs. You can
  use one partition for development or experimental work and another partition for
  production work.
- Fault isolation. Failures in one partition will not affect the other partitions. Upon an
  unrecoverable hardware- or software-related failure, the affected partition
  immediately shuts down, limiting the propagation of data corruption within the
  partition. Memory protection hardware within all partitions prevents bad packets
  from corrupting memory.

Figure 1-1 provides an example of a system that is divided into two partitions. Both partitions can be booted, powered off, powered on, and rebooted without affecting the normal operation of the other partition.

The NUMAlink interconnect is used for communication within partitions and between partitions. The NUMAlink interconnect uses memory-to-memory copy routines, so inter-partition communication is a high-performance alternative to I/O clustering. Each NUMAlink cable can transfer data at a rate of 3.2 GB/s.

For communication between partitions, you can use either of the following mechanisms:

- Network interface driver using sockets (such as TCP/IP or UDP)
- Shared-memory interface

Note: The TCP/IP interface supports both NFS and CXFS traffic between partitions.

# Requirements

Each partition must have the infrastructure to run as a standalone system. This infrastructure includes the following components:

 At least one Cx-brick for system sizes of four Cx-bricks or less, or multiples of two Cx-bricks for system sizes greater than four Cx-bricks

**Note:** The Cx-bricks do not have to be fully populated with processors.

- One I- or IX-brick
- One root disk that contains the operating system image
- One console connection

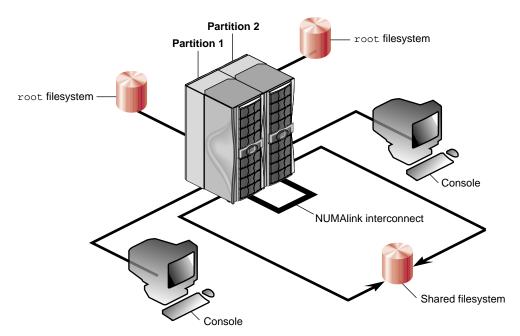


Figure 1-1 Partitioned System

# **Configurations**

You can configure your system as a single system, or you can divide it into partitions that operate as separate systems. For example, you can configure an Origin 3900 system that has 512 processors as a single 512-processor system, or you can divide it into as many as eight separate systems. The size of a partition can be configured to match your job size.

Reconfiguring partitions is performed through software only and does not require any cabling changes. For example, you can configure your system with multiple partitions during the day and then reconfigure the system as a single partition to run a large application at night. You can perform all of this configuring from a remote location. For more information about reconfiguring, see "Creating Partitions" on page 8.

The following configuration rules apply to partitions:

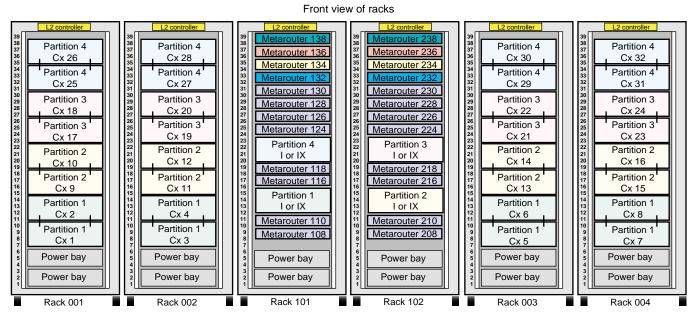
- Each partition must have a unique ID number between 1 and 63, inclusively. An ID number of 0 indicates that the system is not partitioned.
- The console of the lowest-numbered Cx-brick in a partition becomes the console for that partition. (The original console remains the console for the partition that contains it.)
- Each partition has its own set of PROM environment variables: ConsolePath, OSLoadPartition, SystemPartition, netaddr, and root.
- A partition must be contiguous in topology. The route between any two processors in the same partition must be contained within that partition, and not through any other partition. If the bricks in a partition are not contiguous, the system will not boot.
- An I/O brick belongs to the partition to which the attached Cx-brick belongs. If an
  I/O brick is attached to two Cx-bricks, both Cx-bricks must be in the same partition.
  I/O bricks cannot be shared by two partitions.

**Note:** Peripherals, such as dual-ported disks, can be shared the same way that two nodes in a cluster can share peripherals.

- The G-brick must follow the same partitioning rules as the I/O bricks. Both graphics pipes on a G-brick must be connected to the same partition.
- For Origin 3900 systems that contain more than 18 Cx-bricks, specific bricks must reside in each partition. In these configurations, the Cx-bricks reside in three or four

compute racks. Partitions that consist of more than two Cx-bricks must be "striped" across the compute racks. For example, in a 512-processor system that is partitioned as four 128-processor partitions, the partitions consist of the following Cx-bricks (see Figure 1-2):

- Partition 1 consists of Cx-bricks 1 through 8
- Partition 2 consists of Cx-bricks 9 through 16
- Partition 3 consists of Cx-bricks 17 through 24
- Partition 4 consists of Cx-bricks 25 through 32



**Figure 1-2** Brick Placement for a System That Contains Four 128-processor Partitions

Table 1-1 lists the partition configurations that are available to the Origin 3900 system. The marketing codes for systems that contain eight Cx-bricks or less are also valid for Onyx 3900 graphics systems. Illustrations of the partitioned systems are provided in Chapter 2.

 Table 1-1
 Valid System Partitions

Marketing Code	Number of Cx-bricks in System	Number of Partitions	Number of Cx-bricks in Each Partition	Maximum Number of Processors in Partition	Illustrations
Partition-O3900-C020	2	2	1	16	Figure 2-1 on page 18 and Figure 2-2 on page 19
Partition-O3900-D030	4	2	2	32	Figure 2-3 on page 20 and Figure 2-4 on page 21
Partition-O3900-D031	4	4	1	16	Figure 2-9 on page 26 and Figure 2-10 on page 27
Partition-O3900-D034	4	3	1 partition with 2 Cx-bricks 2 partitions with 1 Cx-brick	32 16	Figure 2-7 on page 24 and Figure 2-8 on page 25
Partition-O3900-D037	4	2	1 partition with 3 Cx-bricks 1 partition with 1 Cx-brick	48 16	Figure 2-5 on page 22 and Figure 2-6 on page 23
Partition-O3900-E050	8	2	4	64	Figure 2-17 on page 34 and Figure 2-18 on page 35
Partition-O3900-E051	8	4	2	32	Figure 2-13 on page 30 and Figure 2-14 on page 31
Partition-O3900-E054	8	3	1 partition with 4 Cx-bricks 2 partitions with 2 Cx-bricks	64 32	Figure 2-19 on page 36 and Figure 2-20 on page 37
Partition-O3900-E057	8	2	1 partition with 6 Cx-bricks 1 partition with 2 Cx-bricks	96 32	Figure 2-15 on page 32 and Figure 2-16 on page 33
Partition-O3900-F070	16	2	8	128	Figure 2-23 on page 40 and Figure 2-24 on page 41
Partition-O3900-F071	16	4	4	64	Figure 2-25 on page 42 and Figure 2-26 on page 43
Partition-O3900-F072	16	8	2	32	Figure 2-29 on page 46 and Figure 2-30 on page 47

 Table 1-1
 Valid System Partitions (continued)

Marketing Code	Number of Cx-bricks in System	Number of Partitions	Number of Cx-bricks in Each Partition	Maximum Number of Processors in Partition	Illustrations
Partition-O3900-F076	16	3	1 partition with 8 Cx-bricks	128	Figure 2-31 on page 48 and
			2 partitions with 4 Cx-bricks	64	Figure 2-32 on page 49
Partition-O3900-F077	16	4	1 partition with 8 Cx-bricks	128	Figure 2-33 on page 50 and
			1 partition with 4 Cx-bricks	64	Figure 2-34 on page 51
			2 partitions with 2 Cx-bricks	32	
Partition-O3900-F078	16	5	1 partition with 8 Cx-bricks	128	Figure 2-35 on page 52 and
			4 partitions with 2 Cx-bricks	32	Figure 2-36 on page 53
Partition-O3900-F079	16	2	1 partition with 14 Cx-bricks	224	Figure 2-27 on page 44 and
			1 partition with 2 Cx-bricks	32	Figure 2-28 on page 45
Partition-O3900-G090	32	2	16	256	Figure 2-37 on page 54 and
					Figure 2-38 on page 55
Partition-O3900-G091	32	4	8	128	Figure 2-39 on page 56 and
					Figure 2-40 on page 57
Partition-O3900-G092	32	8	4	64	Figure 2-41 on page 58 and
					Figure 2-42 on page 59
Partition-O3900-G095	32	3	1 partition with 16 Cx-bricks		Figure 2-43 on page 60 and
			2 partitions with 8 Cx-bricks	128	Figure 2-44 on page 61
Partition-O3900-G096	32	4	1 partition with 16 Cx-bricks	256	Figure 2-45 on page 62 and
			1 partition with 8 Cx-bricks	128	Figure 2-46 on page 63
			2 partitions with 4 Cx-bricks	64	
Partition-O3900-G097	32	5	1 partition with 16 Cx-bricks	256	Figure 2-47 on page 64 and
			1 partition with 8 Cx-bricks	128	Figure 2-48 on page 65
			1 partition with 4 Cx-bricks	64	
			2 partitions with 2 Cx-bricks	32	
Partition-O3900-H105	6	3	2	32	Figure 2-11 on page 28 and Figure 2-12 on page 29
Partition-O3900-H120	12	5	1 partition with 4 Cx-bricks	64	Figure 2-21 on page 38 and
			4 partitions with 2 Cx-bricks	32	Figure 2-22 on page 39

# **Creating Partitions**

You can set up or reconfigure partitions by using the following commands:

- part command from the L2 controller
- mkpart partition configuration command from the IRIX operating system
- setpart command from the command monitor

You can use the partmgr command to invoke a partitioning administration tool that enables you to define and store partition definitions.

**Note:** The mkpart and partmgr commands can be run only by the system administrator with superuser privilege. If the system is configured as CAP\_NO\_SUPERUSER, you must have effective capabilities of CAP\_SHUTDOWN, CAP\_DEVICE\_MGT, and CAP\_SYSINFO\_MGT. See the capabilities (4) man page for more information on the capability mechanism that provides fine-grained control over the privileges of a process.

Each partition has its own system console from which you can run these commands, or you can use SGIconsole to manage multiple partitions.

#### part Command

To partition a system via an L2 controller, use the part command to set the partition ID for each Cx-brick in a partition. For example, to place the Cx-brick in rack 001, slot U07, in partition 1, enter the following command:

```
L2>r 1 s 7 brick part 1
```

**Note:** To access the L2 controller, type **Ctrl t**. The L2 prompt (L2>) should appear on the screen.

The following list of commands partitions a 512-processor system into four 128-processor partitions:

```
L2>r 1 s 7,11 brick part 1
L2>r 2 s 7,11 brick part 1
L2>r 3 s 7,11 brick part 1
L2>r 4 s 7,11 brick part 1
L2>r 1 s 15,19 brick part 2
L2>r 2 s 15,19 brick part 2
L2>r 3 s 15,19 brick part 2
L2>r 4 s 15,19 brick part 2
L2>r 1 s 23,27 brick part 3
L2>r 2 s 23,27 brick part 3
L2>r 3 s 23,27 brick part 3
L2>r 4 s 23,27 brick part 3
L2>r 1 s 31,35 brick part 4
L2>r 2 s 31,35 brick part 4
L2>r 3 s 31,35 brick part 4
L2>r 4 s 31,35 brick part 4
```

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You can verify that the partition IDs are set correctly by using the cfg L2 controller command. This command identifies partitions by placing a number after the brick identifier. For example, 001c07.1 indicates that the Cx-brick in slot 07 of rack 001 is in partition 1, and 001c35.4 indicates that the Cx-brick in slot 35 of rack 001 is in partition 4.

In addition, you can use the sel L2 command to list the system consoles in a partitioned system. For example, the following output indicates the system consoles for a system that contains two partitions:

```
L2>sel

known system consoles (partitioned)

Partition 1: 001c07 - L2 detected

Partition 2: 001c11 - L2 detected

current system console

console input: partition 2, 001c11 console0

console output: any brick partition 2

L2>
```

To enable communication between a partition and the L2 controller, use the sel p L2 command. This command selects which partition is the console. For example, enter sel p 1 to select partition 1 as the console. When partition 1 is the console, you can access any brick within this partition via the L2 controller.

**Note:** To select each partition as the console, you must use multiple windows, one window for each partition. Because each partition acts as a standalone system, these windows enable you to access each partition via the L2 controller.

# mkpart Command

The mkpart partition configuration command allows you to perform the following tasks:

- List the current partitions.
- Save the current configuration.
- Set up partitions as follows:
  - Split an existing system into multiple partitions.
  - Coalesce partitions into one partition.
  - Split up existing partitions and regroup them differently.

See the mkpart(1M) man page for detailed information on this command. Table 1-2 lists the mkpart command options.

Table 1-2mkpart Command Options

Option	Description
-p partid	Specifies the partition ID for the new configuration.
-m brick	Indicates the brick number.
-i	Coalesces all currently active partitions into a single system with a partition ID of 0. A partition ID of 0 indicates a system that is not partitioned.
-1	Lists current partitions.
-n	Prints partition ID of this partition.
-h	Prints a usage message.
-F	Forces override of all sanity checks. The command sets up partitioning as given and tries to reboot the system. <b>Caution:</b> Use the -F option only if you fully understand the consequences of using this option incorrectly.

A typical sequence of partitioning commands is as follows:

- 1. Run **mkpart** -1 to list all partitions.
- 2. Run **mkpart** again to repartition the system.
  - Partition IDs are stored in the L1 controllers.
  - mkpart uses a daemon (mkpd) to write IDs on remote partition L1 controllers.
- 3. Reboot all affected partitions if mkpart is successful.

During the boot operation, each Cx-brick in a system is assigned a module identifier (ID) and a partition ID that is maintained by the brick's L1 controller. By design, the module ID is unique for each Cx-brick, while all Cx-bricks in a single partition have the same partition ID.

When a partition is booted initially, a dynamic discovery routine identifies new hardware in the system. After the discovery process, a reset fence is created between a hub or router on the other side of the link that has a different partition ID. The dynamic discovery and fence generation for a partition occurs while the other partitions continue operation.

#### setpart Command

You can also set up partitions by using the setpart command from the command monitor. To use the setpart command, follow these steps:

- 1. Reset the system.
- 2. From the System Maintenance menu, enter option 5 for the command monitor.
- 3. Run the setpart command. (The setpart -h command displays all setpart options.) The setpart command is an interactive command that receives your input, including a partition number and the module identifier of the Cx-bricks that make up the partition.
- 4. Reset the system again and the system will function as two or more partitions.

To coalesce multiple partitions into one partition, follow these steps:

- 1. Access the command monitor for all the partitions.
- 2. Run the setpart -c command in any of the partitions. This command clears all partition information and offers to reset all partitions simultaneously. After the reset, the system is configured as a single partition.

#### partmgr Command

The partmgr command invokes a partitioning administration tool for the Origin 3000 series of servers that enables you to define and store partition definitions, including the following:

- Partition ID information for bricks and racks.
- Associated PROM environment variables.

After using the partmgr command, you must reboot all the affected partitions in order to change the system to the new partition scheme.

**Note:** Only a system administrator with superuser privilege can use this command. If the system is configured as CAP\_NO\_SUPERUSER, you must have effective capabilities of CAP\_SHUTDOWN, CAP\_DEVICE\_MGT, and CAP\_SYSINFO\_MGT. See the capabilities (4) man page for more information on the capability mechanism that provides fine-grained control over the privileges of a process.



**Caution:** If you use the partmgr command incorrectly, this command can completely freeze all partitions in the system and prevent the partitions from booting the PROM.

To use the partmgr command, you must be sure that the following requirements are met:

- You must install the eoe.sw.partition software package, after which you must configure a new kernel and boot the system.
- The L1 and L2 firmware must be current.
- You must enable partitioning administration in all L1 controllers using the partdb enable L1 command.
- The mkpd daemon must be running on all partitions for partmgr to work. If it is not running, the partmgr command may not be able to shut down remote partitions.
- The PROM environment variable AutoPROMVars must be set to 1. This enables the PROM to use the environment variables defined in the mode definition.

See the partmgr(1M) man page for detailed information on this command. Table 1-3 describes the command options.

 Table 1-3
 partmgr Command Options

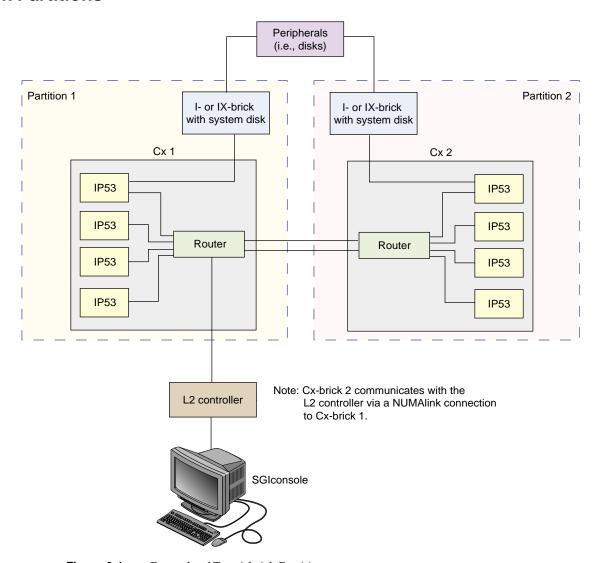
Option	Description			
-h	Help. Prints a usage message.			
-1	Lists brick IDs of all known system bricks to standard out.			
-a	Lists all currently defined modes.			
-n	Displays the current partition ID.			
-v	Displays the environment variables for the current partition.			
-c	Displays mode configuration. If no mode is specified (-m modename), the current mode is displayed.			
-x modename	Deletes a mode.			
-s modename	Sets a mode as the current mode. This may require some partitions to be rebooted.			
-i	Same as "-s Unpartitioned." Initializes the system to the default unpartitioned state.			
-d	Defines a new node.			
-m modename	Specifies a mode name. This option is used with the -c and -d options.			
-u	When you define a new mode, this option specifies an unpartitioned system.			
-p part	Specifies a partition ID. A partition ID is a number between 1 and 63, inclusive. The order of the -p, -b, -r, and -e options is significant. See the $partmgr(1M)$ man page.			
-b bricks	Specifies brick IDs (example: 001c13).			
-r racks	Specifies rack IDs (example: 001).			
-e var=value	Specifies an environment variable name/value pair.			
-f file	When you define a new mode, this option specifies an input file.			
-F	Forces override of some sanity checks. Use this option with caution and only if you fully understand the consequences of using this option incorrectly.			

# **Partition Examples**

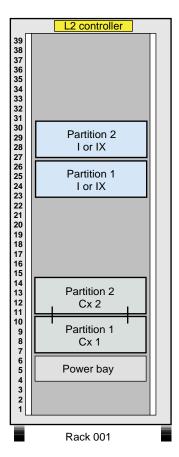
This chapter contains partitioning examples of the Origin 3900 system, as follows:

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# **Two 1-brick Partitions**

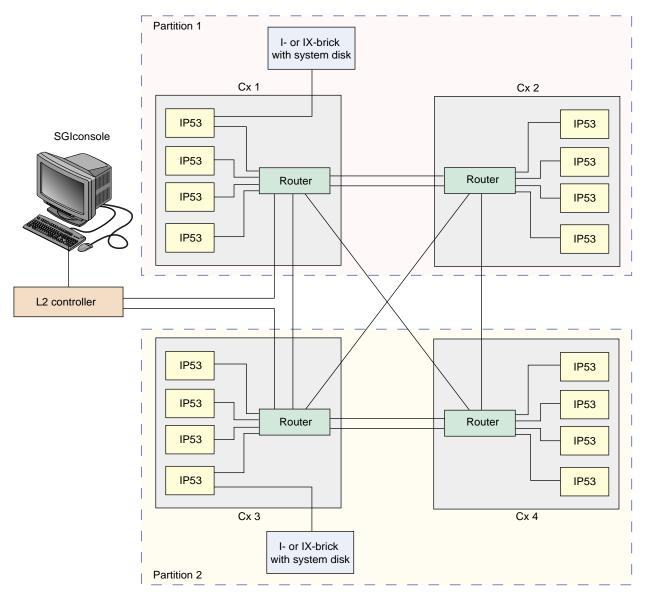


**Figure 2-1** Example of Two 1-brick Partitions

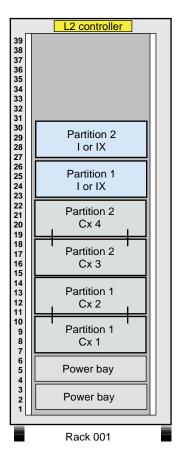


**Figure 2-2** Brick Placement for Two 1-brick Partitions

# **Two 2-brick Partitions**

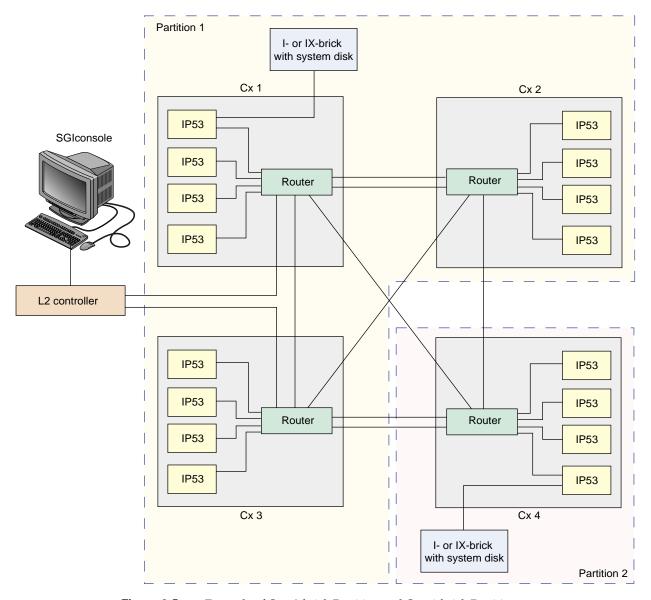


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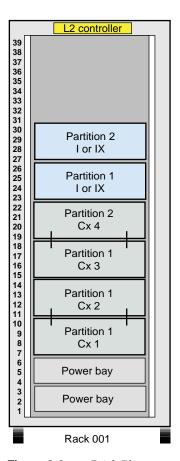


**Figure 2-4** Brick Placement for Two 2-brick Partitions

# **One 3-brick Partition and One 1-brick Partition**

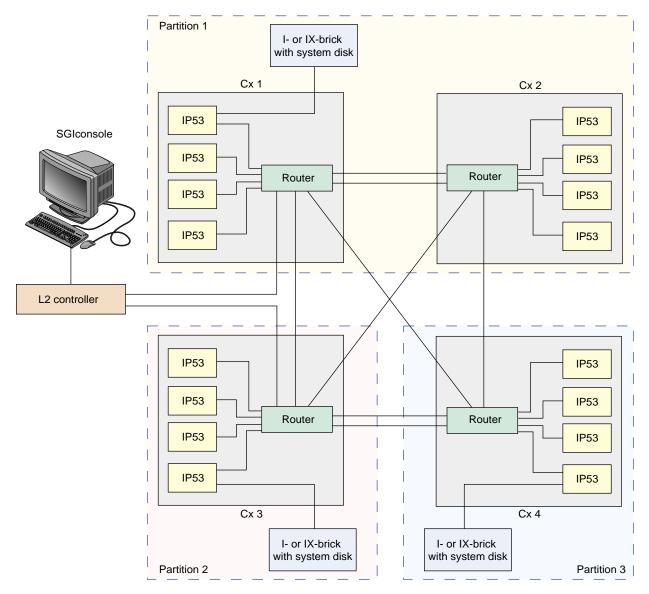


**Figure 2-5** Example of One 3-brick Partition and One 1-brick Partition

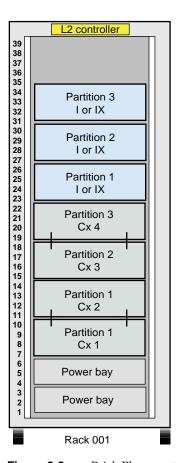


**Figure 2-6** Brick Placement for One 3-brick Partition and One 1-brick Partition

# One 2-brick Partition and Two 1-brick Partitions

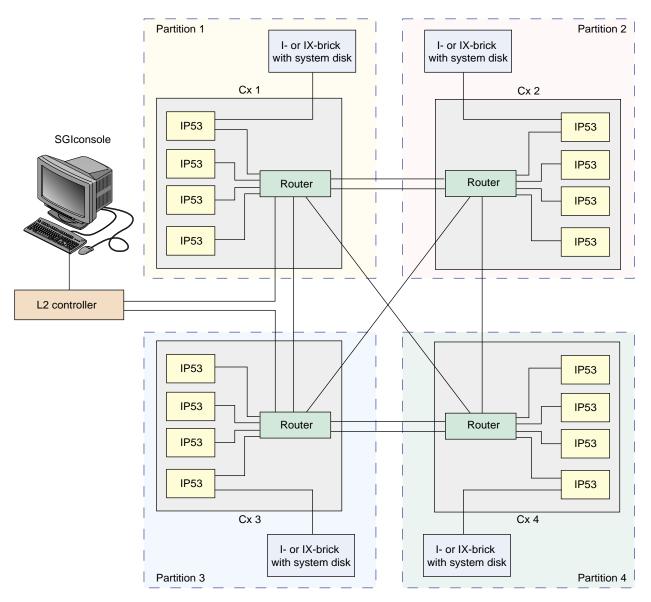


**Figure 2-7** Example of One 2-brick Partition and Two 1-brick Partitions

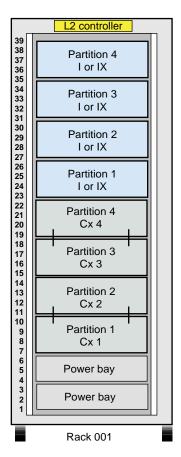


**Figure 2-8** Brick Placement for One 2-brick Partition and Two 1-brick Partitions

# **Four 1-brick Partitions**

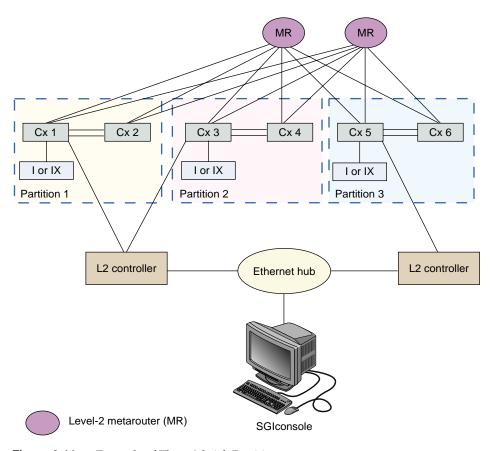


**Figure 2-9** Example of Four 1-brick Partitions

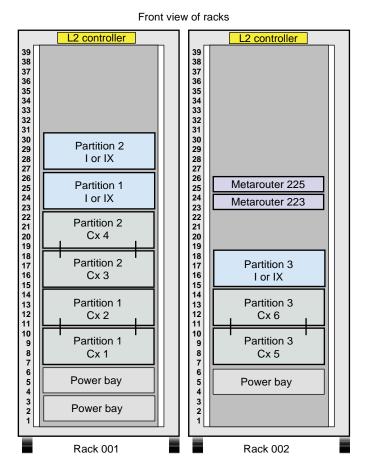


**Figure 2-10** Brick Placement Four 1-brick Partitions

# **Three 2-brick Partitions**

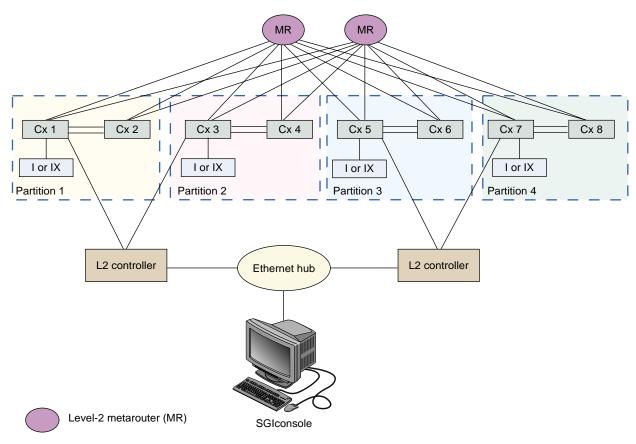


**Figure 2-11** Example of Three 2-brick Partitions

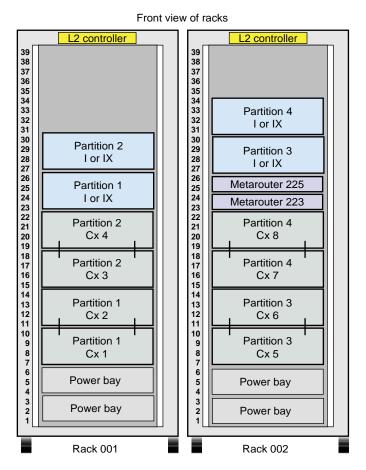


**Figure 2-12** Brick Placement for Three 2-brick Partitions

# **Four 2-brick Partitions**

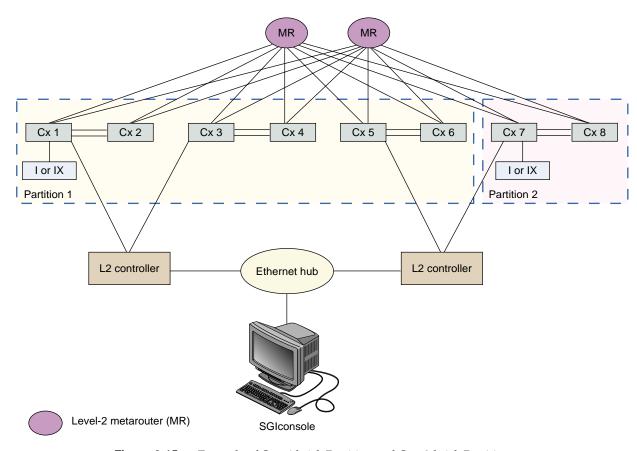


**Figure 2-13** Example of Four 2-brick Partitions



**Figure 2-14** Brick Placement for Four 2-brick Partitions

# One 6-brick Partition and One 2-brick Partition



**Figure 2-15** Example of One 6-brick Partition and One 2-brick Partition

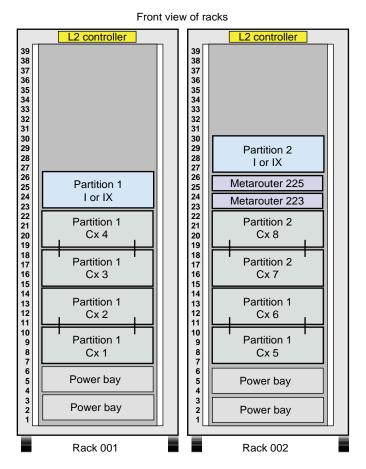
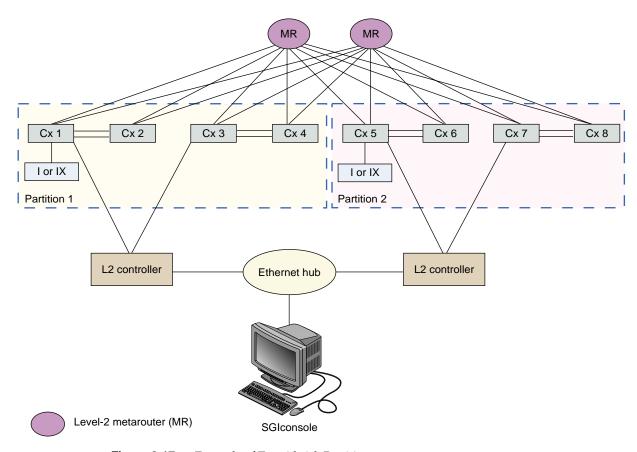
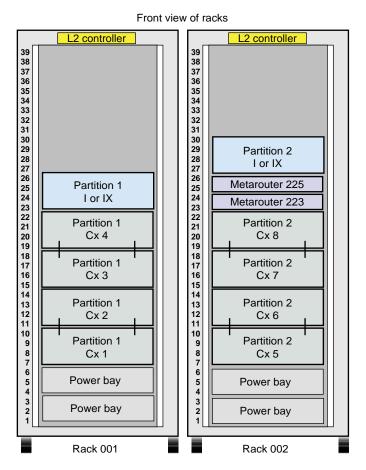


Figure 2-16 Brick Placement for One 6-brick Partition and One 2-brick Partition

# **Two 4-brick Partitions**



**Figure 2-17** Example of Two 4-brick Partitions



**Figure 2-18** Brick Placement for Two 4-brick Partitions

# One 4-brick Partition and Two 2-brick Partitions

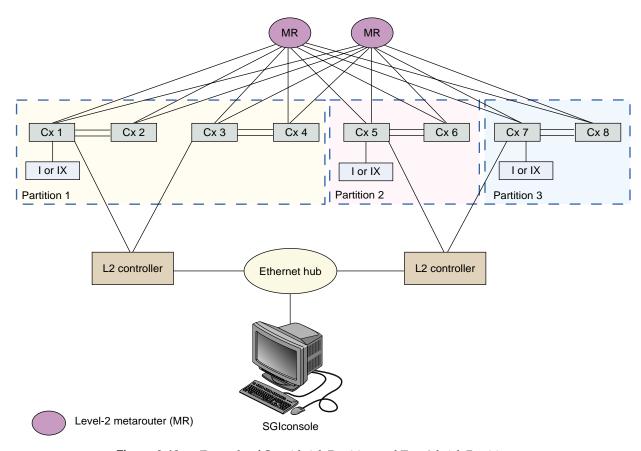


Figure 2-19 Example of One 4-brick Partition and Two 2-brick Partitions

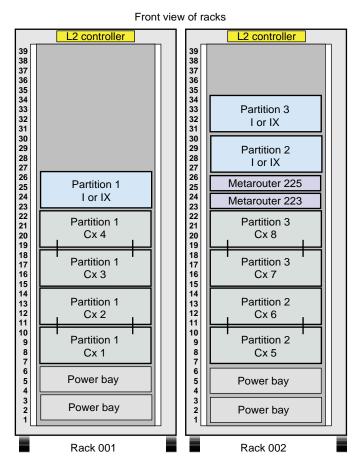
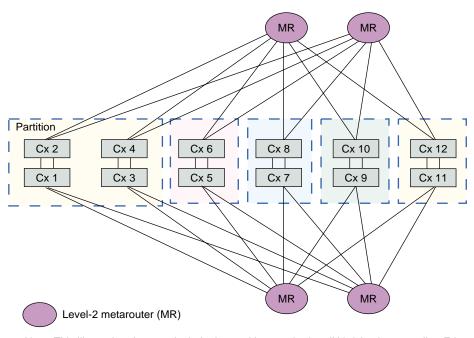


Figure 2-20 Brick Placement for One 4-brick Partition and Two 2-brick Partitions

# One 4-brick Partition and Four 2-brick Partitions



Note: This illustration does not include the partition numbering, IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

**Figure 2-21** Example of One 4-brick Partition and Four 2-brick Partitions

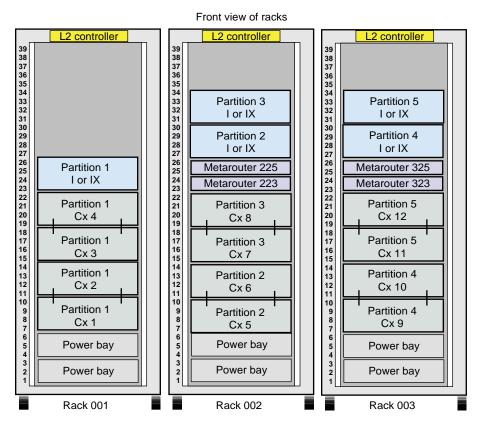
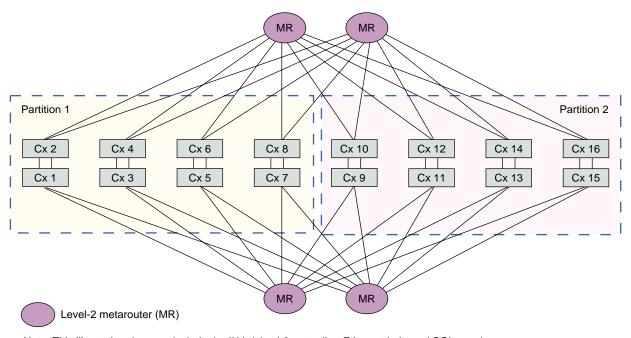


Figure 2-22 Brick Placement for One 4-brick Partition and Four 2-brick Partitions

# **Two 8-brick Partitions**



Note: This illustration does not include the IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

**Figure 2-23** Example of Two 8-brick Partitions

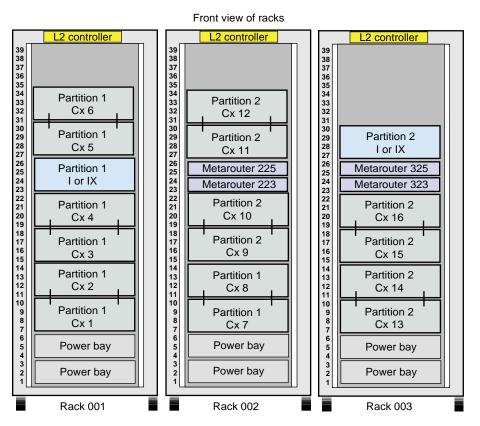
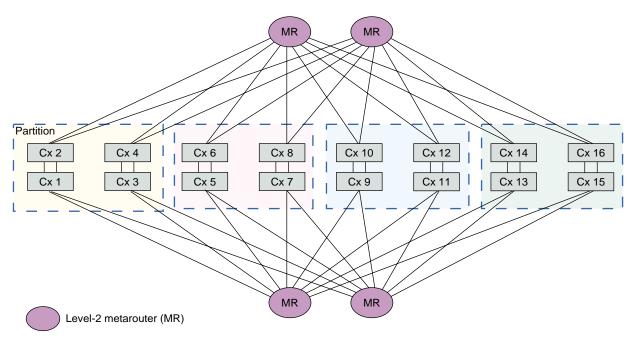


Figure 2-24 Brick Placement for Two 8-brick Partitions

# **Four 4-brick Partitions**



Note: This illustration does not include the partition numbering, IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

**Figure 2-25** Example of Four 4-brick Partitions

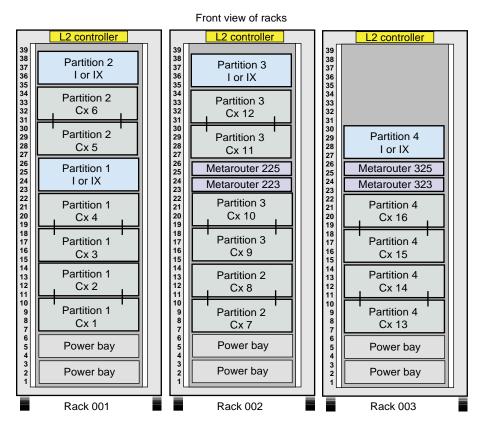
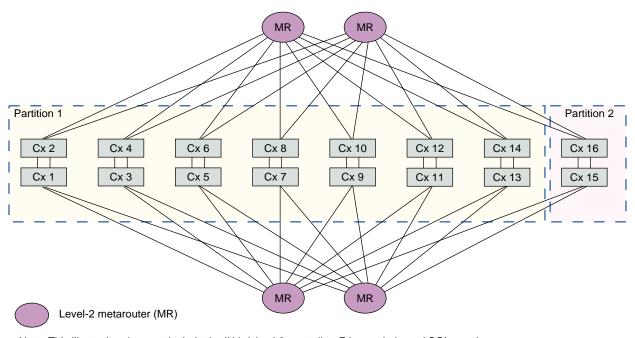


Figure 2-26 Brick Placement for Four 4-brick Partitions

# One 14-brick Partition and One 2-brick Partition



Note: This illustration does not include the IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

Figure 2-27 Example of One 14-brick Partition and One 2-brick Partition

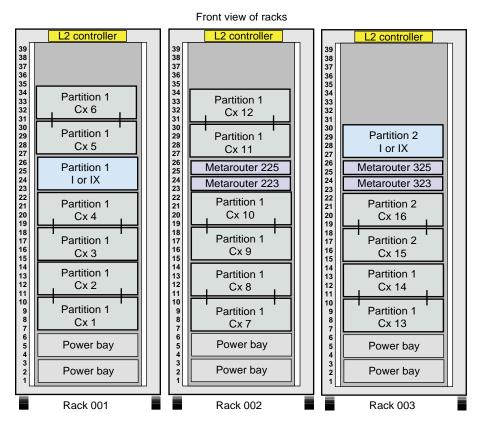
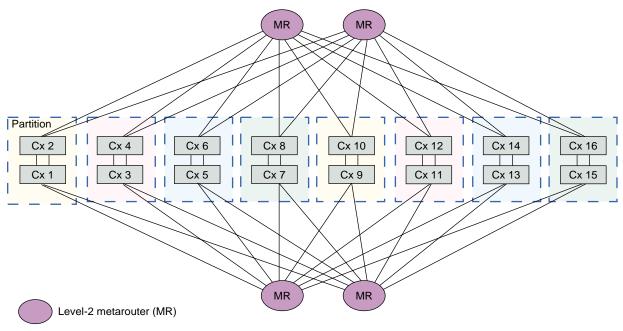


Figure 2-28 Brick Placement for One 14-brick Partition and One 2-brick Partition

# **Eight 2-brick Partitions**



Note: This illustration does not include the partition numbering, IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

**Figure 2-29** Example of Eight 2-brick Partitions

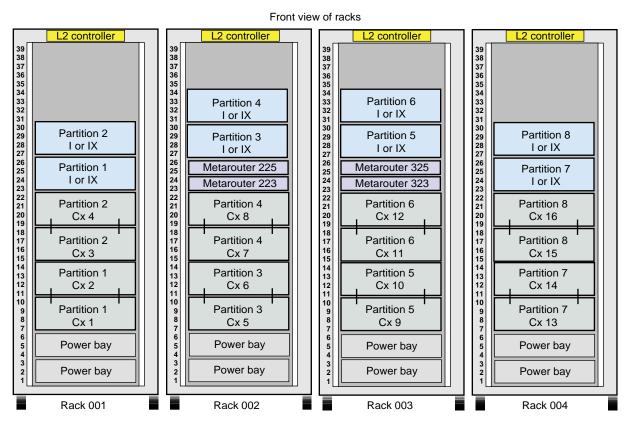


Figure 2-30 Brick Placement for Eight 2-brick Partitions

#### Partition Cx 2 Cx 4 Cx 6 Cx8 Cx 10 Cx 12 Cx 14 Cx 16 Cx 9 Cx 11 Cx 13 Cx 3 Cx 5 Cx 7 Cx 15 Cx 1

# One 8-brick Partition and Two 4-brick Partitions

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Note: This illustration does not include the partition numbering, IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

Figure 2-31 Example of One 8-brick Partition and Two 4-brick Partitions

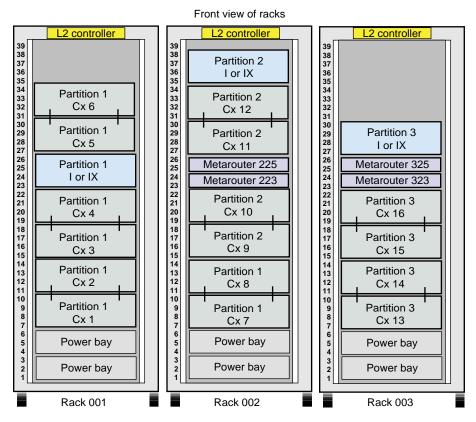
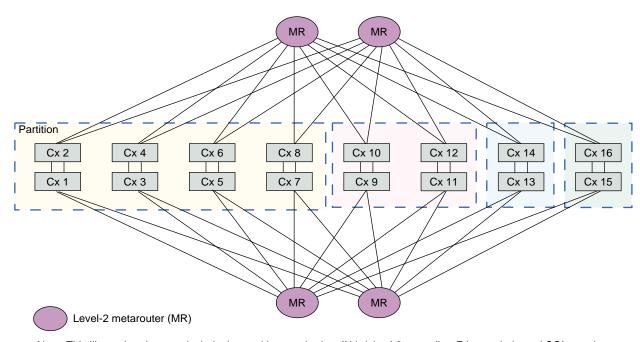


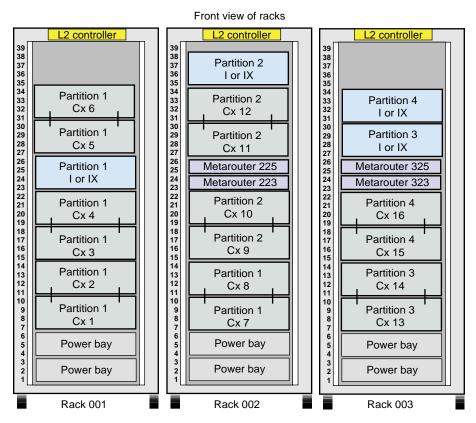
Figure 2-32 Brick Placement for One 8-brick Partition and Two 4-brick Partitions

# One 8-brick Partition, One 4-brick Partition, and Two 2-brick Partitions



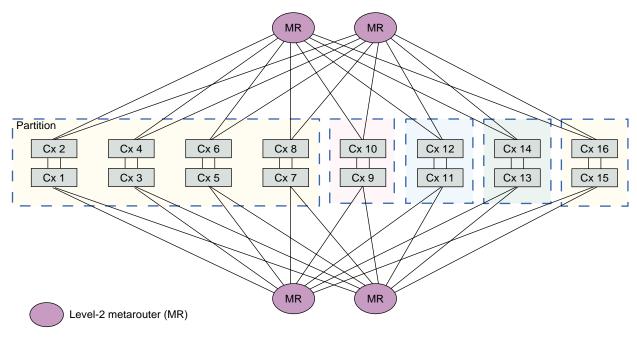
Note: This illustration does not include the partition numbering, IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

Figure 2-33 Example of One 8-brick Partition, One 4-brick Partition, and Two 2-brick Partitions



**Figure 2-34** Brick Placement for One 8-brick Partition, One 4-brick Partition, and Two 2-brick Partitions

# One 8-brick Partition and Four 2-brick Partitions



Note: This illustration does not include the partition numbering, IX-bricks, L2 controller, Ethernet hub, and SGIconsole.

**Figure 2-35** Example of One 8-brick Partition and Four 2-brick Partitions

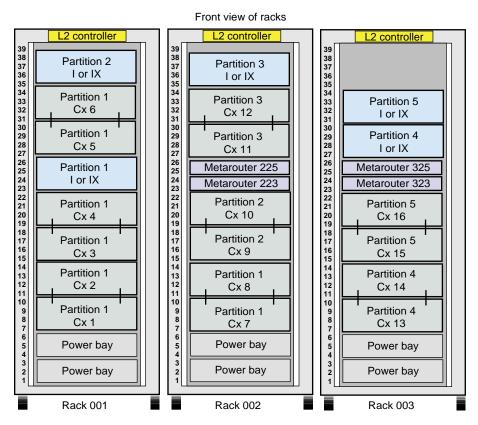
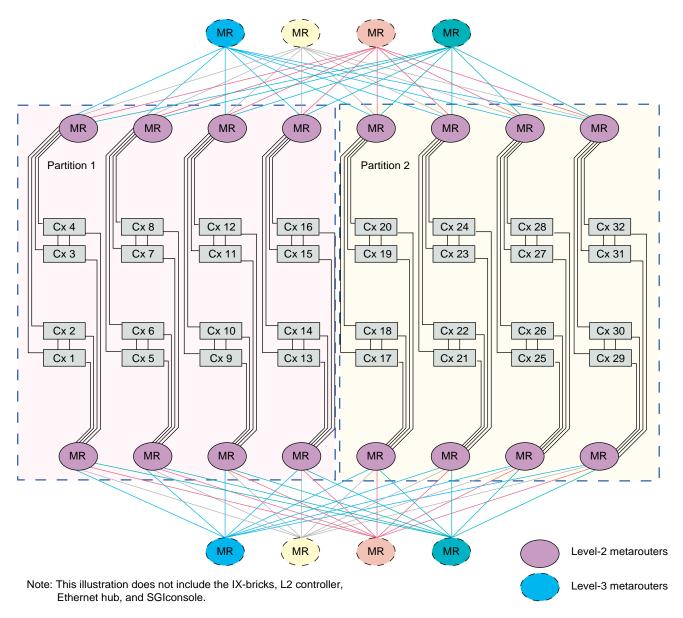


Figure 2-36 Brick Placement for One 8-brick Partition and Four 2-brick Partitions

#### **Two 16-brick Partitions**



**Figure 2-37** Example of Two 16-brick Partitions

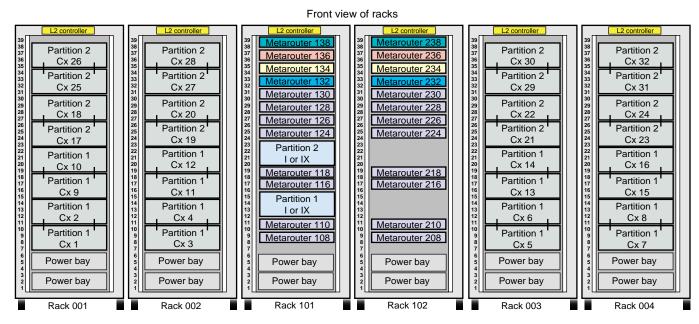
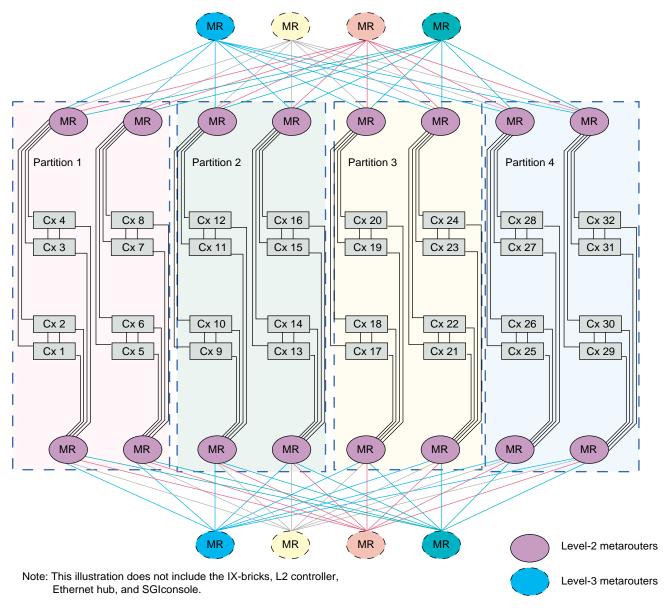


Figure 2-38 Brick Placement for Two 16-brick Partitions

#### **Four 8-brick Partitions**



**Figure 2-39** Example of Four 8-brick Partitions

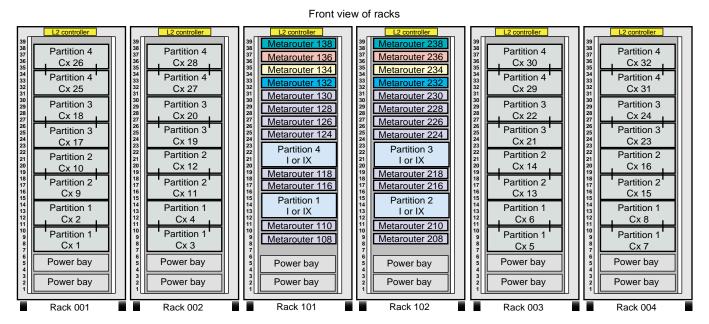


Figure 2-40 Brick Placement for Four 8-brick Partitions

# **Eight 4-brick Partitions**

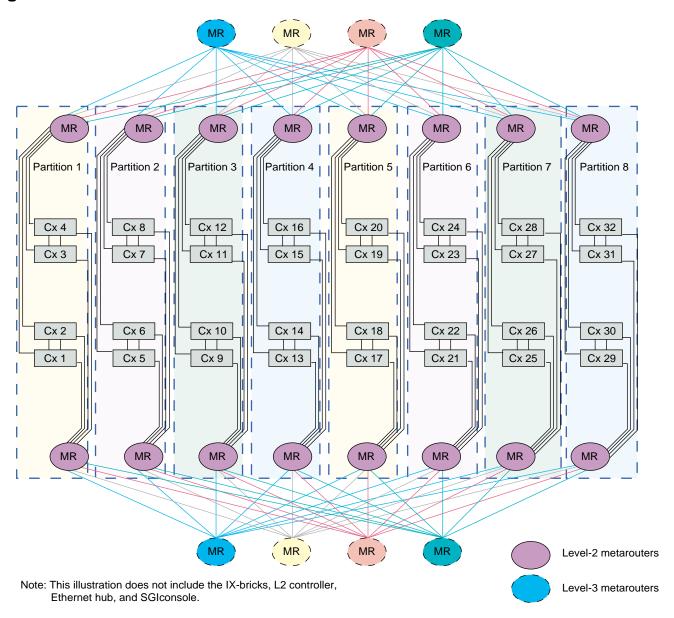


Figure 2-41 Example of Eight 4-brick Partitions

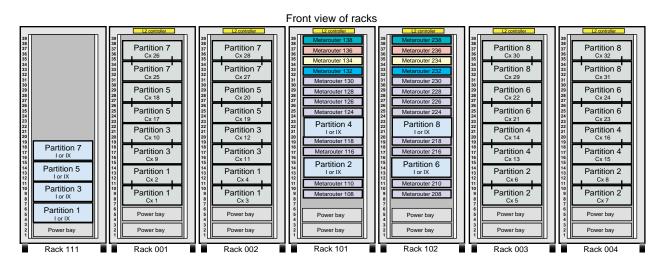


Figure 2-42 Brick Placement for Eight 4-brick Partitions

#### One 16-brick Partition and Two 8-brick Partitions

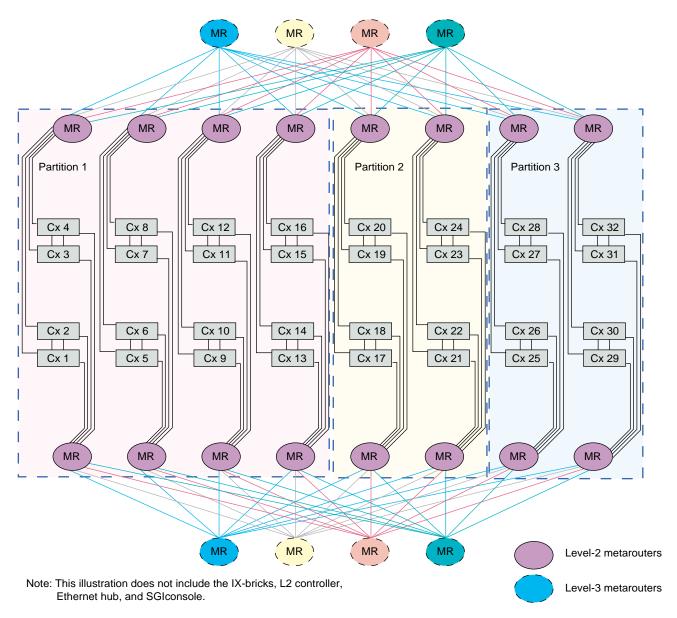


Figure 2-43 Example of One 16-brick Partition and Two 8-brick Partitions

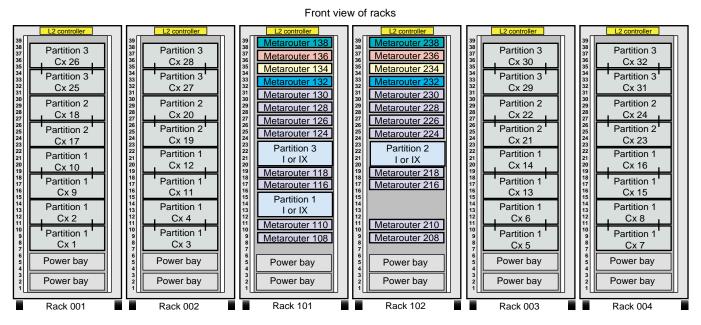
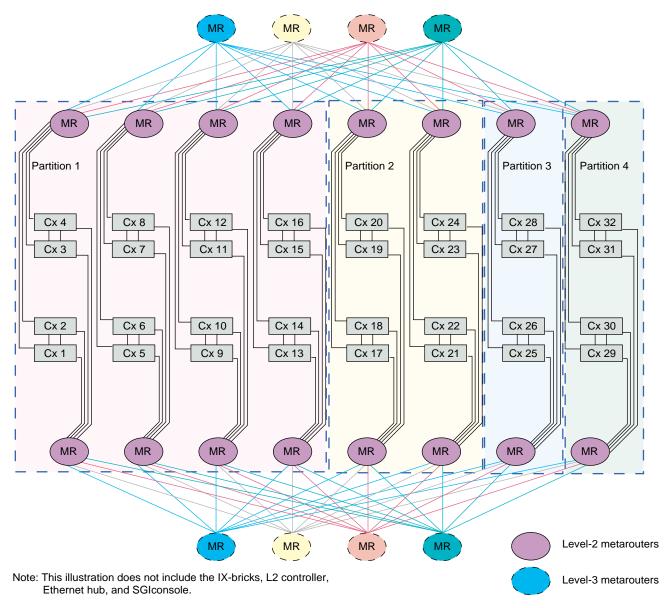
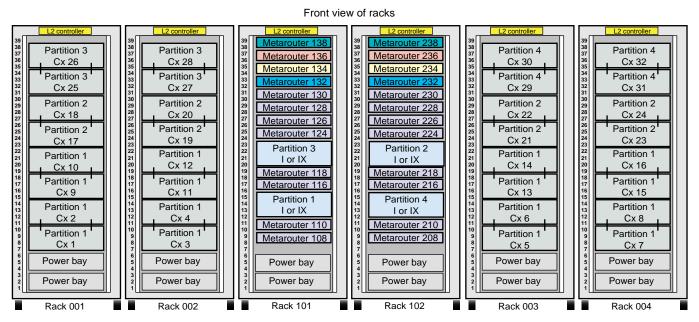


Figure 2-44 Brick Placement for One 16-brick Partition and Two 8-brick Partitions

# One 16-brick Partition, One 8-brick Partition, and Two 4-brick Partitions

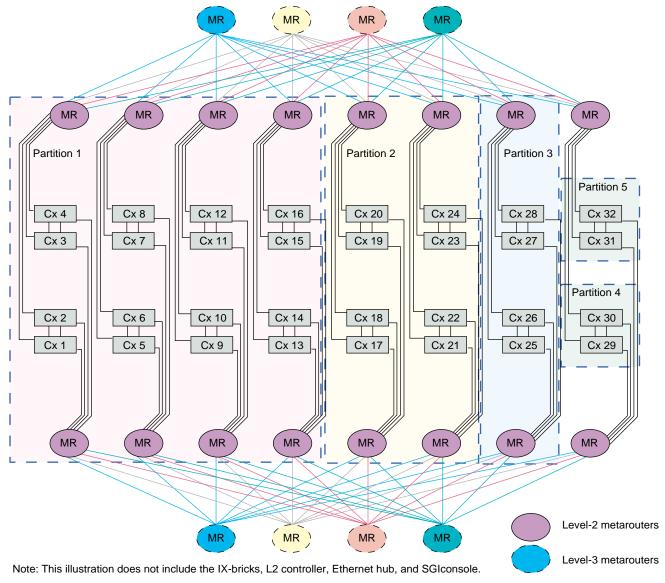


**Figure 2-45** Example of One 16-brick Partition, One 8-brick Partition, and Two 4-brick Partitions

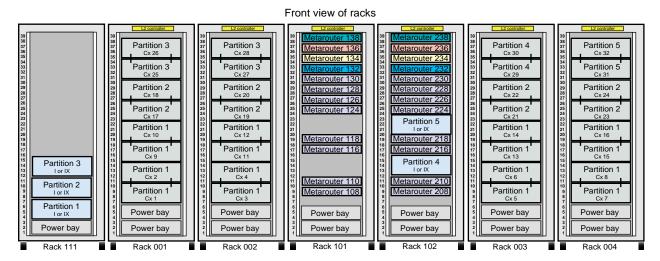


**Figure 2-46** Brick Placement for One 16-brick Partition, One 8-brick Partition, and Two 4-brick Partitions

# One 16-brick Partition, One 8-brick Partition, One 4-brick Partition, and Two 2-brick Partitions



**Figure 2-47** Example of One 16-brick Partition, One 8-brick Partition, One 4-brick Partition, and Two 2-brick Partitions



**Figure 2-48** Brick Placement for One 16-brick Partition, One 8-brick Partition, One 4-brick Partition, and Two 2-brick Partitions