

# BROCADE 300 SWITCH



## STORAGE AREA NETWORK

## Small SAN Affordability with Growth Capabilities

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Provides an affordable, flexible foundation for entry-level SANs, and an edge switch for core-to-edge SAN environments
- Delivers up to 24 ports of 8 Gbit/sec performance in an energy-efficient, optimized 1U form factor to support the most demanding server and virtual server deployments
- Simplifies configuration and management with easy-to-use tools such as the Brocade EZSwitchSetup wizard, and is Microsoft Simple SAN-compatible
- Enables “pay-as-you-grow” scalability from single-switch fabrics to full-fabric enterprise capabilities with Ports On Demand scalability from 8 to 16 or 24 ports in 8-port increments
- Offers dual functionality as either a full-fabric SAN switch or as an NPIV-enabled Brocade Access Gateway that enhances fabric scalability and simplifies management
- Protects existing device investments with auto-sensing 1, 2, 4, and 8 Gbit/sec capabilities and native operation with Brocade and Brocade M-Series fabrics
- Future-proofs investments by enabling organizations to use 4 Gbit/sec SFPs today and upgrade to 8 Gbit/sec SFPs when required

As the value and volume of business data continue to rise, organizations need technology solutions that are easy to implement and manage, and that can grow and change with minimal disruption. The Brocade® 300 Switch provides small to medium-sized enterprises with SAN connectivity that simplifies their IT management infrastructures, improves system performance, maximizes the value of virtual server deployments, and reduces overall storage costs.

The 8 Gbit/sec Fibre Channel Brocade 300 provides a simple, affordable, single-switch solution for both new and existing SANs. To simplify deployment, the Brocade 300 features the EZSwitchSetup wizard and other usability and configuration enhancements, as well as the optional Brocade Access Gateway mode of operation. Moreover, it provides state-of-the-art performance and Ports On Demand scalability to support SAN expansion and enable long-term investment protection.

### INCREASED EFFICIENCY TO MANAGE BUSINESS GROWTH

The Brocade 300 significantly increases performance and functionality for SANs at an entry-level price. Based on sixth-generation Brocade technology, the Brocade 300 combines auto-sensing 1, 2, 4, and 8 Gbit/sec throughput with features that greatly enhance fabric operation. The evolutionary design provides these capabilities while consuming less than 2.5 watts of power per port for exceptional power and cooling efficiency.

As a result, organizations can enjoy the advantages of low-cost device connectivity and powerful capabilities that make SAN technology highly accessible and affordable. In addition, hot code load and activation help maximize application uptime with faster system software upgrades and maintenance to reduce the dependency on scheduled outages.



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## BROCADE ACCESS GATEWAY MODE

The Brocade 300 can be deployed as a full-fabric switch or as a Brocade Access Gateway, which provides connectivity into any SAN (the default mode setting is a switch). Access Gateway mode utilizes N\_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) switch standards to present Fibre Channel connections as logical devices to SAN fabrics. Attaching through NPIV-enabled switches and directors, the Brocade 300 in Access Gateway mode can connect to Brocade, McDATA, or other SAN fabrics. Attaching through NPIV-enabled switches and directors, the Brocade 300 in Access Gateway mode can connect to Brocade B-Series, M-Series, or other SAN fabrics.

Organizations can easily enable Access Gateway mode via a command line interface, Brocade Web Tools, or Brocade DCFM. Key benefits of Access Gateway mode include:

- Improved scalability for large or rapidly growing server and virtual server environments
- Simplified management through the reduction of domains and management tasks
- Fabric interoperability for mixed-vendor SAN configurations that require full functionality

*Note: Access Gateway mode for the Brocade 300 is supported only in 24-port configurations.*

## PAY-AS-YOU-GROW SCALABILITY

The Brocade 300 integrates innovative hardware and software features that make it easy to deploy, manage, and integrate into a wide range of IT environments. With powerful yet flexible capabilities—such as Ports On Demand scalability from 8 to 16 or 24 ports in 8-port increments—the Brocade 300 enables organizations to start small and grow their storage networks in a non-disruptive manner. In addition, organizations can initially deploy 4 Gbit/sec SFPs and upgrade to 8 Gbit/sec SFP+ when necessary.

## BACKWARD AND FORWARD COMPATIBILITY

The Brocade 300 operates seamlessly with existing Brocade switches through native E\_Port connectivity into Brocade Fabric OS® (FOS) or M-Enterprise OS (M-EOS)\* environments. In addition, the Brocade 300 can enable seamless expansion to larger core-to-edge network architectures as business needs dictate.

To facilitate deployment, the Brocade 300 integrates easily into heterogeneous server environments such as Windows, UNIX, Linux, Solaris, and AIX, as well as virtual server environments. As a result, these capabilities make it ideal for SAN solutions such as virtual server deployment, LAN-free backup, and server and storage consolidation.

## A BETTER WAY TO IMPROVE BUSINESS OPERATIONS

One of the primary benefits of a SAN environment is the consolidation of hardware resources. This centralized approach helps increase operational efficiency and staff productivity, two critical requirements for small and medium-sized organizations. With fewer physical resources to manage, staff members can handle additional business growth or focus on other strategic initiatives.

High-performance 8 Gbit/sec Fibre Channel capabilities speed data transfer to help keep data flowing and applications running. As a result, organizations can significantly improve storage utilization in distributed e-mail environments, for example. In addition, a SAN-based architecture enables LAN-free backup and more efficient data center resource management—increasing overall system performance and productivity (see Figure 1).

## SUPERIOR NETWORK PERFORMANCE

The Brocade 300 provides high performance with all ports capable of operating at 1, 2, 4, and 8 Gbit/sec to enable up to 192 Gbit/sec of uncongested throughput. Auto-sensing and speed-matching of data traffic provides interoperability with previous 1, 2, and 4 Gbit/sec devices. To provide more targeted performance, enhanced Brocade Inter-Switch Link (ISL) Trunking combines up to eight ISLs between a pair of switches into a single, logical high-speed trunk capable of up to 64 Gbit/sec of throughput.

## SIMPLIFIED MANAGEMENT

Brocade 300 setup and configuration is simplified with the Brocade EZSwitchSetup wizard, which makes switch configuration, deployment, and management an easy 3-step point-and-click process. For multiswitch environments, Brocade Data Center Fabric Manager (DCFM™) Professional streamlines management and provides fabric-wide monitoring. The Brocade 300, which is Microsoft Simple SAN-compatible, also supports a USB port that increases serviceability and error logging by facilitating firmware upgrades and downloads of system log files.

## TRAFFIC MEASUREMENT AND ADAPTIVE NETWORKING

The Brocade 300 offers Top Talkers (part of Brocade Advanced Performance Monitoring) and Adaptive Networking, a suite of tools including Ingress Rate Limiting, Traffic Isolation, and Quality of Service (QoS). These advanced capabilities help optimize fabric behavior and ensure ample bandwidth for mission-critical applications.

Top Talkers measures the top bandwidth-consuming traffic in real time for a specific physical or virtual device, or end to end across the fabric. Ingress Rate Limiting restricts data flow from less-critical hosts at preset bandwidths. Traffic Isolation dedicates paths in the fabric to high-bandwidth data flows. And QoS expedites critical traffic in the event of congestion while keeping all traffic flowing.

## MAXIMIZING INVESTMENTS

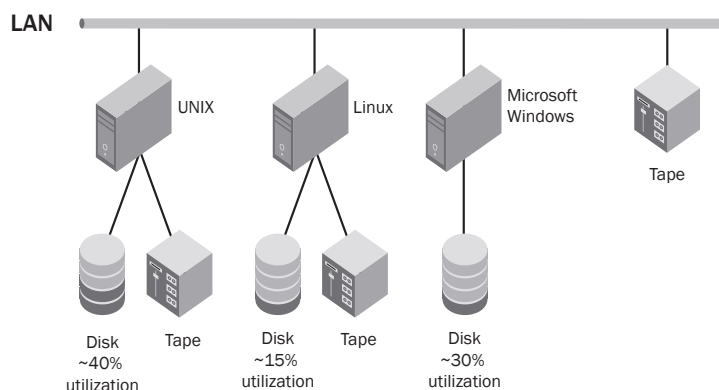
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\* Brocade M-EOS fabrics are McDATA switches and directors running McDATA Enterprise OS in McDATA Fabric mode or McDATA Open Fabric mode.

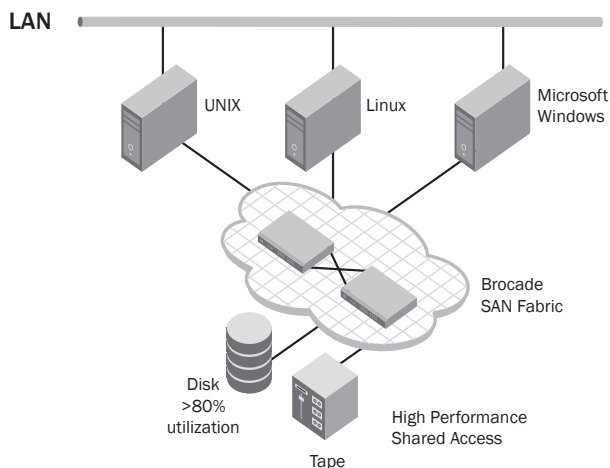
**Figure 1.**

A Brocade SAN-based consolidation solution can significantly improve data availability and resource utilization.

**BEFORE SAN**



**AFTER SAN**



**BROCADE 300 SPECIFICATIONS**

Systems Architecture	
Fibre Channel ports	Switch mode (default): 8-, 16-, and 24-port configurations (8-port increments through Ports on Demand licenses); universal (E, F, M, FL) ports Access Gateway default port mapping: 16 F_Ports, 8 N_Ports
Scalability	Full fabric architecture with 239 switches maximum
Certified maximum	Single Brocade FOS fabric: 56 domains, 19 hops Single Brocade M-EOS fabric: 31 domains, 3 hops Larger fabrics certified as required; consult Brocade or OEM SAN design documents for configuration details
Performance	1.063 Gbit/sec line speed, full duplex; 2.125 Gbit/sec line speed, full duplex; 4.25 Gbit/sec line speed, full duplex; 8.5 Gbit/sec line speed, full duplex; auto-sensing of 1, 2, 4, and 8 Gbit/sec port speeds; optionally programmable to fixed port speed; speed matching between 1, 2, 4, and 8 Gbit/sec ports
ISL Trunking	Frame-based trunking with up to eight 8 Gbit/sec ports per ISL trunk with optional license; up to 64 Gbit/sec per ISL trunk (8 ports × 8 Gbit/sec [data rate]) Exchange-based load balancing across ISLs with DPS included in Fabric OS
Aggregate bandwidth	192 Gbit/sec: 24 ports × 8 Gbit/sec (data rate)
Maximum fabric latency	700 ns with no contention, cut-through routing at 8 Gbit/sec
Maximum frame size	2112-byte payload
Frame buffers	700 dynamically allocated, 484 maximum per port

Classes of service	Class 2, Class 3, Class F (inter-switch frames)
Port types	FL_Port, F_Port, M_Port (Mirror Port), and E_Port; self-discovery based on switch type (U_Port); optional port type control Brocade Access Gateway mode: F_Port and NPIV-enabled N_Port
Data traffic types	Fabric switches supporting unicast, multicast (255 groups) and broadcast
Media types	<b>8 Gbit/sec:</b> Requires Brocade hot-pluggable SFP+, LC connector; 8 Gbit/sec Short-Wavelength Laser (SWL); 8 Gbit/sec Long-Wavelength Laser (LWL); distance depends on fiber-optic cable and port speed <b>4 Gbit/sec:</b> Requires Brocade hot-pluggable, Small Form-factor Pluggable (SFP), LC connector; 4 Gbit/sec Short-Wavelength Laser (SWL); 4 Gbit/sec Long-Wavelength Laser (LWL); 4 Gbit/sec Extended Long-Wavelength Laser (ELWL); distance depends on fiber-optic cable and port speed
USB	1 USB port for firmware download, support save, and configuration upload/download
Fabric services	Advanced Performance Monitoring (including Top Talkers); Adaptive Networking (Ingress Rate Limiting, Traffic Isolation, QoS); BB credit recovery; Brocade Advanced Zoning (default zoning, port/WWN zoning, broadcast zoning); Dynamic Path Selection (DPS); Extended Fabrics; Fabric Watch; FDMI; Frame Redirection; FSPF; IPoFC; ISL Trunking; Management Server; N_Port Trunking; NPIV; NTP v3; Port Fencing; Registered State Change Notification (RSCN); Reliable Commit Service (RCS); Simple Name Server (SNS)
Options	Rack-mount rail kits (fixed, slide, mid-mount)

*Note: Some fabric services do not apply or are unavailable in Brocade Access Gateway mode*

**BROCADE 300 SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)**

<b>Management</b>	
Management	HTTP, SNMP v1/v3 (FE MIB, FC Management MIB), Telnet; auditing, change management tracking, Syslog; Brocade Advanced Web Tools, Brocade Fabric Watch; EZSwitchSetup wizard, Brocade Data Center Fabric Manager (DCFM), Brocade Fabric Manager (optional, FOS environments only), Brocade EFCM 9.x (optional), command line interface; SMI-S compliant, SMI-S scripting toolkit; Administrative Domains; trial licenses for add-on capabilities
Security	DH-CHAP (between switches and end devices), HTTPS, IPsec, IP Filtering, LDAP, Port Binding, RADIUS, Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), Secure Copy (SCP), Secure RPC, SSH v2, SSL, Switch Binding, Trusted Switch
Management access	10/100 Ethernet (RJ-45), in-band over Fibre Channel; serial port (RJ-45); USB; call-home integration enabled through Brocade DCFM, EFCM, and Fabric Manager
Diagnostics	POST and embedded online/offline diagnostics, including RAStrace logging, environmental monitoring, non-disruptive daemon restart, FCping and Pathinfo (FC traceroute), port mirroring (SPAN port)

<b>Mechanical</b>	
Enclosure	Non-port to port side airflow; 1U, 19-inch EIA-compliant, power from port side
Size	Width: 42.88 cm (16.88 in) Height: 4.29 cm (1.69 in) Depth: 30.66 cm (12.07 in)
System weight	4.2 kg (9.30 lbs), without SFP/SFP+ media

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<b>Environment</b>	
Temperature	Operating: 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F) Non-operating and storage: -25°C to 70°C (-13°F to 158°F)
Humidity	Operating: 10% to 85% non-condensing Non-operating and storage: 10% to 95% non-condensing
Altitude	Operating: Up to 3000 meters (9842 feet) Non-operating and storage: Up to 12 km (39,370 feet)
Shock	Operating: 20 g, 6 ms half-sine Non-operating and storage: Half sine, 33 g 11 ms, 3/eg Axis
Vibration	Operating: 0.5 g sine, 0.4 grms random, 5 to 500 Hz Non-operating and storage: 2.0 g sine, 1.1 grms random, 5 to 500 Hz
Heat dissipation	Maximum 24 ports: 195 BTU/hr
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	210 kg per year (with 16 ports at 0.42 kg/kWh) 1.09 kg per Gbit/sec per year
Airflow	Maximum 23 CFM (cu. ft./min); nominal 18 CFM

<b>Power</b>	
Power supply	Single, fixed power supply
Power inlet	C13
Input voltage	85 to 264 VAC nominal
Frequency	47 to 63 Hz
Power consumption	Nominal 48 watts; maximum 57 watts with 24 ports at 8 Gbit/sec

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