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EXTRAORDINARY NETWORKS

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PARTNERSHIPS

SECURE, BUILD, AND GROW FOOTPRINT

Experience and expertise are essential to architect an IT infrastructure that is optimized for a unique business process. Even more daunting of a task is protecting that investment by ensuring the ability to incorporate future technological advances in transmission techniques, transport, and application protocols.

HOLISTICALLY MANAGE THE EVOLVING DATA CENTER

Fortunately, the Brocade® Data Center Fabric (DCF) provides the fabric building blocks to simplify management of the virtual infrastructure that data centers rely on to host applications and manage data.

It simplifies data center connectivity, optimizes performance with greater efficiency, and reduces cost and risk by combining storage networking and server-to-server clustering into a single converged data center infrastructure:

- Policy-based and application driven
- Secure, reliable, and high-speed
- Adapts to virtual server and storage dynamics
- Accommodates increasing application workloads and data growth
- Leverages existing IT resources for investment protection
- Embraces technology partners to provide unparalleled choice

FOUNDATION FOR ENTERPRISE-CLASS DATA CENTERS

The Brocade Data Center Backbone (DCX®) is a new class of network infrastructure that resides at the core of the Data Center Fabric. 8 Gbps Switches and Host Bus Adapters (HBAs) act as the fundamental building blocks for the Brocade DCF architecture, connecting servers and storage devices through industry leading technology.

With the introduction of the latest family of Brocade Storage Area Network (SAN) Switches and HBAs, deployment of best-in-class, yet cost-effective solutions for consolidated and virtualized environments are seamless. With easy-to-use management tools and wizards, and full line rate performance on every port, administrators can streamline implementations and ongoing management in a wide range of environments. Therefore, allowing IT departments to better serve business units and meet strategic objectives such as:

- Future-proof existing investments
- Facilitate consolidation and simplify management
- Increase data availability by providing multiple high-performance data paths to storage
- Dramatically accelerate backups and meet shorter recovery objectives
- Improve storage utilization
- Meet the demands of virtual server and storage environments

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