

Product Brief



Highlights

- Provides high scalability in an ultra-dense, 1U, 64-port switch to support high-density server virtualization, cloud architectures, and flash-based storage environments.
- Increases performance for demanding workloads across 32G links and shatters application performance barriers with up to 100 million IOPS.
- Enables pay-as-you-grow scalability—with 24 to 64 ports—for on-demand flexibility.
- Provides proactive, nonintrusive, real-time monitoring and alerting of storage I/O health and performance with IO Insight, the industry's first integrated network sensors.
- Enables virtual machine (VM) visibility in a storage fabric to monitor VM performance, identify VM anomalies, and optimize VM performance.
- Simplifies end-to-end management by automating repetitive daily management tasks.
- Leverages Brocade Fabric Vision technology to simplify administration, quickly resolve problems, increase uptime, and reduce costs.
- Simplifies troubleshooting with real-time and historical visibility via a single dashboard.

Brocade[®] G620 Switch

Ultra-Dense, Highly Scalable, Easy-to-Use Enterprise-Class Storage Networking

Overview

Today's mission-critical storage environments require greater consistency, predictability, and performance to keep pace with growing business demands. Faced with explosive data growth, data centers need more I/O capacity to accommodate the massive amounts of data, applications, and workloads. In addition to this surge in data, collective expectations for availability continue to rise. Users expect applications to be available and accessible from anywhere, at any time, on any device. To meet these dynamic and growing business demands, organizations need to deploy and scale up applications quickly. As a result, many are moving to higher virtual machine (VM) densities to enable rapid deployment of new applications and deploying flash storage to help those applications scale to support thousands of users. To increase agility, reduce expenses, and realize the full benefits of these architectures, organizations need the network to deliver the performance required by today's server and storage environments. In addition, storage networks are becoming increasingly important to application performance, which means that they also must become easier to administer and manage. By treating the network as a strategic part of a highly virtualized environment, organizations can increase optimization and efficiency even as they rapidly scale their environments.

The Brocade[®] G620 Switch meets the demands of hyper-scale virtualization, larger cloud infrastructures, and growing flash-based storage environments by delivering market-leading Gen 6 Fibre Channel technology and capabilities. It provides a high-density building block for increased scalability, designed to support growth, demanding workloads, and data center consolidation in small to large-scale enterprise infrastructures. Delivering unmatched 32G performance, industry-leading port density, and integrated network sensors, the Brocade G620 accelerates data access, adapts to evolving requirements, and drives always-on business.

The Brocade G620 is built for maximum flexibility, scalability, and ease of use. Organizations can scale from 24 to 64 ports with 48 SFP+ and 4 Q-Flex ports, all in an efficient 1U package. In addition, a simplified deployment process and a point-and-click user interface make the Brocade G620 easy to use. With the Brocade G620, organizations gain the best of both worlds: high-performance access to industry-leading storage technology and "pay-as-you-grow" scalability to support an evolving storage environment.

Gen 6 Fibre Channel

Brocade Gen 6 Fibre Channel is the purpose-built network infrastructure for mission-critical storage, delivering breakthrough performance, increased scalability, and operational stability. The Brocade G620 Switch with Gen 6 Fibre Channel and Brocade Fabric Vision technology delivers unmatched 32G performance, industry-leading port density, and integrated network sensors. These next-generation storage networking technologies and capabilities enable the Brocade G620 to accelerate data access, adapt to evolving requirements, and drive always-on business operations for hyper-scale virtualization, larger cloud infrastructures, and growing flash-based storage environments.

Brocade Fabric Vision Technology

Brocade Fabric Vision technology with IO Insight and VM Insight provides unprecedented insight and visibility across the storage network. Its powerful, integrated monitoring, management, and diagnostic tools enable organizations to:

- Simplify monitoring:
 - Deploy more than 20 years of storage networking best practices with a single click.
 - Take advantage of nonintrusive, real-time monitoring and alerting of storage I/O health and performance with key latency and performance metrics.
 - Leverage integrated network sensors to gain visibility into VM and storage I/O health and performance metrics to maintain SLA compliance.
 - Gain comprehensive visibility into the fabric using browser-accessible dashboards with drill-down capabilities.

Maximize Performance for Application and Solid State Storage Architectures

Faced with unpredictable virtualized workloads and growing flash storage environments, organizations need to ensure that the network does not become the bottleneck. The Brocade G620 delivers increased performance for growing and dynamic workloads through a combination of market-leading throughput and low latency across 32G. With Gen 6 ASIC technology providing up to 566 million frames switched per second, the Brocade G620 Switch shatters application performance barriers with up to 100 million IOPS to meet the demands of flash-based storage workloads. At the same time, port-to-port latency is minimized to <780 ns (including FEC) through the use of cut-through switching at 32G. With 48 SFP+ ports and 4 Q-Flex ports, each providing four 32G connections, the Brocade G620 can scale up to 64 device ports for an aggregate throughput of 2Tb/s. Moreover, each Q-Flex port delivers device or ISL connectivity, enabling administrators to consolidate and simplify cabling infrastructure.

Administrators can achieve optimal bandwidth utilization, high availability, and load balancing by combining up to eight ISLs in a 256G trunk. This can be achieved through eight individual 32G SFP+ ports or two 4×32G QSFP ports. Moreover, exchange-based Dynamic Path Selection (DPS) optimizes fabric-wide performance and load balancing by automatically routing data to the most efficient, available path in the fabric. This augments Brocade ISL Trunking to provide more effective load balancing in certain configurations.

To realize the full benefits of flash, organizations must transition their high-performance, latency-sensitive workloads to flash-based storage with NVMe. The Brocade G620 is NVMe-ready, allowing organizations to seamlessly integrate Brocade Gen 6 Fibre Channel networks with the next generation of flash storage, without a disruptive rip and replace. The simplicity and efficiency of NVMe over Fibre Channel enable significant performance gains for flash storage. Also, NVMe allows users to achieve faster application response times and harness the performance of solid state drives for better scalability across virtual data centers with flash. Leveraging the efficiency of NVMe over Fibre Channel, combined with the high performance and low latency of Brocade Gen 6 Fibre Channel, organizations can accelerate IOPS to deliver the performance, application response time, and scalability needed for next-generation data centers.

Simplify Scalability and Management Complexity

The Brocade G620 features up to 64 Fibre Channel ports in an efficiently designed 1U form factor, delivering industry-leading port density and space utilization for simplified scalability and data center consolidation. With this high-density design, organizations can pack more into a single data center with a smaller footprint, reducing costs and management complexity.

Designed for maximum flexibility and value, this enterprise-class switch offers pay-as-you-grow scalability with Ports on Demand (PoD). Organizations can quickly, easily, and cost-effectively scale from 24 to 64 ports to support higher growth.

Brocade Fabric Vision Technology (cont.)

- Increase operational stability:
 - Avoid 50% of common network problems with proactive monitoring.
 - Identify hot spots and automatically mitigate network problems—before they impact application performance.
 - Monitor and set baselines on I/O performance for each VM, and identify performance anomalies to facilitate fault isolation and troubleshooting.
- Dramatically reduce costs:
 - Eliminate nearly 50% of maintenance costs through automated testing and diagnostic tools.
 - Save up to millions of dollars on CapEx costs by eliminating the need for expensive third-party tools through integrated network sensors, monitoring, and diagnostics.
 - Tune device configurations with integrated I/O metrics to optimize storage performance and increase ROI.

Brocade G620 ports are available for device port or ISL port connectivity. As such, Q-Flex ports can be used as ISLs to provide simple build-out of fabrics, with more switching bandwidth. In addition, flexible, high-speed 32G and 16G optics allow organizations to deploy bandwidth on demand to meet evolving data center needs. Brocade G620 Q-Flex ports currently support both 4×32G and 4×16G QSFPs for ISL connectivity. The 4×32G and 4×16G QSFPs feature breakout cable support for additional flexibility.

Along with providing best-in-class scalability, the Brocade G620 simplifies end-to-end network management by automating monitoring and diagnostics through Brocade Fabric Vision® technology. The switch is easy to deploy with the Brocade EZSwitchSetup wizard and provides validation prior to deployment with the Brocade ClearLink® Diagnostic Ports (D_Ports) feature. For maximum flexibility, the switch also features dual airflow direction options to support the latest hot aisle/cold aisle configurations.

Gain Control and Insight to Quickly Identify Problems and Meet Critical SLAs

The Brocade G620 with Gen 6 Fibre Channel technology and integrated network sensors helps organizations achieve greater control and insight to quickly identify the root cause of problems at the storage or VM tier. This reduces time to resolution so critical Service Level Agreements (SLAs) can be met. The IO Insight capability nondisruptively and nonintrusively gathers I/O statistics from any storage port, then feeds them to a monitoring policy that sets thresholds and generates alerts. VM Insight applies IO Insight visibility for each VM. Integrated VM and storage-level I/O latency and IOPS monitoring enables administrators to set baseline application performance and identify the VM or physical layer responsible for the degraded performance. Integrated network sensors provide I/O performance management that is designed to avoid dependence on invasive and disruptive physical taps. Additional features include:

- Provides proactive, nonintrusive, real-time monitoring and alerting with visibility into storage I/O health and performance for each VM.
- Monitors individual VM, host, or storage devices to gain deeper insight into the performance of the network in order to maintain SLA compliance.
- Obtains I/O latency and IOPS metrics for individual storage devices used with each VM in order to diagnose I/O operational issues.
- Enables organizations to provision and plan storage networks based on application/VM requirements.

Forward Error Correction (FEC) capabilities further increase resiliency by automatically detecting and recovering network transmission errors. To ensure predictable performance prior to deployment, organizations can validate infrastructure with Brocade ClearLink Diagnostics and Flow Generator features, and set baseline storage performance using IO Insight.

Simplified Management and Robust Network Analytics

Brocade Fabric Vision technology provides a breakthrough hardware and software solution that helps simplify monitoring, maximize network availability, and dramatically reduce costs. Featuring innovative monitoring, management, and diagnostic capabilities, Fabric Vision technology enables administrators to avoid problems before they impact operations, helping their organizations meet SLAs. Fabric Vision technology includes:

- **IO Insight:** Proactively monitors I/O performance and behavior through integrated network sensors to gain deep insight into problems and ensure service levels. This capability nondisruptively and nonintrusively gathers I/O statistics for both SCSI and NVMe traffic from any device port on a Gen 6 Fibre Channel platform, then applies this information within an intuitive, policy-based monitoring and alerting suite to configure thresholds and alarms.
- **VM Insight:** Seamlessly monitors VM performance throughout a storage fabric with standards-based, end-to-end VM tagging. Administrators can quickly determine the source of VM/application performance anomalies, as well as provision and fine-tune the infrastructure based on VM/application requirements to meet service-level objectives.
- **Monitoring and Alerting Policy Suite (MAPS):** Provides an easy-to-use solution for policy-based threshold monitoring and alerting. MAPS proactively monitors the health and performance of any SCSI or NVMe storage infrastructure to ensure application uptime and availability. By leveraging prebuilt rule-/policy-based templates, MAPS simplifies fabric-wide threshold configuration, monitoring, and alerting. Administrators can configure the entire fabric (or multiple fabrics) at one time using common rules and policies, or customize policies for specific ports or switch elements. With Flow Vision and VM Insight, administrators set thresholds for VM flow metrics in MAPS policies in order to be notified of VM performance degradation.
- **Fabric Performance Impact (FPI) monitoring:** Leverages predefined MAPS policies to automatically detect and alert administrators to different latency severity levels, and to identify slow drain devices that could impact network performance. This feature identifies various latency severity levels, pinpointing exactly which devices are causing or are impacted by a bottlenecked port, and quarantines slow drain devices automatically to prevent buffer credit starvation.
- **Dashboards:** Provides integrated dashboards that display an overall SAN health view, along with details on out-of-range conditions, to help administrators easily identify trends and quickly pinpoint issues occurring on a switch or in a fabric.
- **Configuration and Operational Monitoring Policy Automation Services Suite (COMPASS):** Simplifies deployment, safeguards consistency, and increases operational efficiencies of larger environments with automated switch and fabric configuration services. Administrators can configure a template or adopt an existing configuration to seamlessly deploy a configuration across the fabric.
- **Brocade ClearLink Diagnostics:** Ensures optical and signal integrity for Fibre Channel optics and cables, simplifying deployment and support of high-performance fabrics. ClearLink Diagnostic Port (D_Port) is an advanced capability of Fibre Channel platforms.
- **Flow Vision:** Enables administrators to identify, monitor, and analyze specific application flows in order to simplify troubleshooting, maximize performance, avoid congestion, and optimize resources. Flow Vision includes:
 - **Flow Monitor:** Provides comprehensive visibility, automatic learning, and nondisruptive monitoring of a flow's performance. Administrators can monitor all flows from a specific host to multiple targets or volumes, from multiple hosts to a specific target/volume, or across a specific ISL. Additionally, they can perform volume-level monitoring of specific frame types to identify resource contention or congestion that is impacting application performance. With the IO Insight capability, administrators can monitor first I/O response time, I/O completion time, the number of pending I/Os, and IOPS metrics for a flow from a specific host to a target or volume running SCSI or NVMe over Fibre Channel traffic. With VM Insight, administrators can monitor network throughput and I/O statistics for each VM.
 - **Flow Learning:** Enables administrators to nondisruptively discover all flows that go to or come from a specific host port or a storage port, or traverse ISLs/IFLs or FCIP tunnels, to monitor fabric-wide application performance. In addition, administrators can discover top and bottom bandwidth-consuming devices and manage capacity planning.
 - **Flow Generator:** Provides a built-in traffic generator for pretesting and validating the data center infrastructure for robustness—including route verification and integrity of optics, cables, ports, back-end connections, and ISLs—before deploying applications.
 - **Flow Mirroring:** Provides the ability to nondisruptively create copies of specific application and data flows or frame types that can be captured for in-depth analysis.

- Forward Error Correction (FEC): Enables recovery from bit errors in device connections and ISLs, enhancing transmission reliability and performance.
- Credit Loss Recovery: Helps overcome performance degradation and congestion due to buffer credit loss.
- Make standard REST APIs available directly from the switch in order to automate repetitive daily tasks, such as fabric inventory, provisioning, and operational state monitoring.
- Leverage Ansible to easily scale automation and orchestration across the entire infrastructure.

Improve Efficiency with Fabric Automation

IT organizations spend nearly half of their time performing repetitive daily management tasks, such as zoning, inventory reporting, and operational validation checks. By automating these repetitive tasks, IT organizations can significantly improve their efficiency and dramatically decrease the risk of operational mistakes. Automation in large-scale IT environments integrates diverse infrastructure components with consistency and predictability to deliver greater operational efficiency and agility. With more than 20 years of storage networking experience, Brocade, a Broadcom company, understands the nuances that go into infrastructure management and the tasks that can benefit from automation. By introducing REST APIs directly into its switch and management products, Broadcom offers a broad range of choices to enable any SAN management solution. IT organizations that couple Broadcom's robust data collecting capabilities with automation and orchestration tools (such as Ansible) gain the ability to automate configuration tasks and the visibility to monitor and detect any performance or health changes.

Brocade automation solutions are based on these pillars:

A Building Block for Virtualized, Private Cloud Storage

The Brocade G620 provides a critical building block for today's highly virtualized and cloud environments. It simplifies server virtualization and meets the high-throughput demands of flash storage. The Brocade G620 also supports multitenancy in cloud environments through Virtual Fabrics, Quality of Service (QoS), and fabric-based zoning features. In addition, it provides efficient link utilization with up to 64Gb/s of in-flight data compression and up to 64Gb/s of in-flight data encryption over ISLs. Organizations can have up to four ports at 16Gb/s of in-flight data compression per Brocade G620 Switch. Furthermore, internal fault-tolerant and enterprise-class RAS features help minimize downtime to support mission-critical cloud environments.

Brocade SANnav™: Next-Generation SAN Management

- Brocade SANnav™ Management Portal and SANnav Global View empower IT administrators by providing comprehensive visibility across the entire SAN, from a global view down to local environments. These tools streamline management workflows to accelerate the deployment of new applications,

switches, hosts, and targets. They also increase operational efficiencies with a modernized graphical user interface (GUI) that enables enhanced monitoring, faster troubleshooting, and advanced analytics.

- Brocade Gen 6 Fibre Channel hardware includes integrated network sensors that nondisruptively gather millions of real-time metrics that SANnav Management Portal uses to identify, monitor, and analyze the overall health and performance of the SAN. SANnav Management Portal contextualizes this data into visual dashboards, enabling administrators to quickly detect and isolate points of interest for both troubleshooting and performance optimization.

Brocade Access Gateway Mode

The Brocade G620 can be deployed as a full-fabric switch or as a Brocade Access Gateway, which simplifies fabric topologies and heterogeneous fabric connectivity (the default mode setting is a switch). Brocade Access Gateway mode utilizes N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) switch standards to present physical and virtual servers directly to the core of SAN fabrics. This makes it transparent to the SAN fabric, greatly reducing management of the network edge. The Brocade G620 in Brocade Access Gateway mode can connect servers to NPIV-enabled Brocade B-Series, or other SAN fabrics.

Key benefits of Brocade Access Gateway mode include:

- Improved scalability for large or rapidly growing server and virtual server environments.
- Reduced management of the network edge, since Brocade Access Gateway does not have a domain identity and appears transparent to the core fabric.
- Support for heterogeneous SAN configurations without reduced functionality for server connectivity.

Brocade Global Support

Global Support has the expertise to help organizations build resilient, efficient SAN infrastructures. Leveraging 20+ years of expertise in storage networking, Global Support delivers world-class technical support, implementation, and migration services to enable organizations to maximize their hardware and software investments, accelerate new technology deployments, and optimize the performance of their overall network.

Maximizing Investments

To help optimize technology investments, Brocade, a Broadcom company, and its partners offer complete solutions that include professional services, technical support, and education.

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Brocade G620 Switch Specifications

System Architecture	
Fibre Channel ports	Switch mode (default): Minimum of 24 ports and maximum of 64 ports configuration. Port numbers above minimum are enabled through 12-port SFP+ increments via Ports on Demand (PoD) licenses and through one 4-port QSFP PoD, providing 16-port increments through a Q-Flex license; E_Ports, F_Ports, M_Port, D_Ports, EX_Ports. Brocade Access Gateway default port mapping: 40 SFP+ F_Ports, 8 SFP+ N_Ports.
Scalability	Full-fabric architecture with a maximum of 239 switches.
Certified maximum	6000 active nodes; 56 switches, 19 hops in Brocade Fabric OS® fabrics; larger fabrics certified as required.
Performance	Fibre Channel: 4.25Gb/s line speed, full duplex; 8.5Gb/s line speed, full duplex; 14.025Gb/s line speed, full duplex; 28.05Gb/s line speed, full duplex; auto-sensing of 4, 8, 16, and 32G port speeds. 10G optionally programmable to fixed port speed. Auto-sensing of 4x32/4x16/4x8/4x4 Gb/s speeds on the QSFP ports with Brocade FOS v8.2.0.
ISL trunking	Frame-based trunking with up to eight 64G SFP+ ports per ISL trunk; up to 512Gb/s per ISL trunk; up to two (4 x 32G) QSFP ports per ISL trunk. Exchange-based load balancing across ISLs with DPS included in Brocade Fabric OS.
Aggregate bandwidth	2Tb/s
Maximum fabric latency	Latency for locally switched ports is <780 ns (including FEC); compression is 1 µs per node.
Maximum frame size	2,112-byte payload
Frame buffers	15,360 dynamically allocated
Classes of service	Class 2, Class 3, Class F (inter-switch frames)
Port types	D_Port (ClearLink Diagnostic Port), E_Port, EX_Port, F_Port, M_Port, AE_Port; optional port-type control. Brocade Access Gateway mode: F_Port and NPIV-enabled N_Port.
Data traffic types	Fabric switches supporting unicast
Media types	32G FC SFP+ LC connector: SWL 16G FC SFP+ LC connector: SWL, LWL, ELWL 10G FC SFP+ LC connector: SWL, LWL 4x32G FC QSFP+ MPO connector: SWL 4x32G FC QSFP+ SMF LC connector: 2 km (fixed at 4x32G only) 4x16G FC QSFP+ MPO connector: SWL
USB	One USB port for system log file downloads or firmware upgrades.
Fabric services <i>Note: Some fabric services do not apply or are unavailable in Brocade Access Gateway mode.</i>	BB Credit Recovery; Brocade Advanced Zoning (Default Zoning, Port/WWN Zoning, Peer Zoning); Congestion Signaling; Dynamic Path Selection (DPS); Extended Fabrics; Fabric Performance Impact Notification (FPIN); Fabric Vision; FDMI; FICON CUP; Flow Vision (IO Insight for SCSI); F_Port Trunking; FSPF; Integrated Routing; ISL Trunking; Management Server; Name Server; NPIV; NTP v3; Port Decommission/Fencing; QoS; Registered State Change Notification (RSCN); Target-Driven Zoning; Traffic Optimizer; Virtual Fabrics (Logical Switch, Logical Fabric); VMID and AppServer.
Extension	Fibre Channel, in-flight compression (Brocade LZO) and encryption (AES-GCM-256 encryption on FC ISLs [E_Port]); integrated optional 10G Fibre Channel for DWDM MAN connectivity.
Management	
Management	HTTP/HTTPS; SNMP v1/v3 (FE MIB, FC Management MIB); SSH; Brocade Advanced Web Tools; Brocade SANnav Management Portal and SANnav Global View; EZSwitchSetup; Command Line Interface (CLI); RESTful API; trial licenses for add-on capabilities.
Security	DH-CHAP (between switches and end devices), FCAP switch authentication; HTTPS, IP filtering, LDAP with IPv6, OpenLDAP, Port Binding, RADIUS, TACACS+, user-defined Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), Secure Boot, Secure Copy (SCP), Secure Syslog, SFTP, SSH v2, SSL, Switch Binding, Trusted Switch.
Management access	10/100/1000Mb/s Ethernet (RJ-45), in-band over Fibre Channel, serial port (mini-USB), and one USB port.
Diagnostics	Active Support Connectivity (ASC) and Brocade Support Link (BSL); built-in flow generator; ClearLink optics and cable diagnostics, including electrical/optical loopback, link traffic/latency/distance; Fabric Performance Impact Monitoring (FPI); flow mirroring; Forward Error Correction (FEC); frame viewer; IO Insight for SCSI; Monitoring and Alerting Policy Suite (MAPS); nondisruptive daemon restart; optics health monitoring; POST and embedded online/offline diagnostics, including environmental monitoring, FCping and Pathinfo (FC traceroute); power monitoring; RAStrace logging; Rolling Reboot Detection (RRD); Syslog/Audit Log; VM Insight.

Brocade G620 Switch Specifications (cont.)

Mechanical	
Enclosure	Front-to-back airflow; non-port-side exhaust; power from back, 1U Back-to-front airflow; non-port-side intake; power from back, 1U
Size	Width: 440.00 mm (17.32 in.) Height: 43.90 mm (1.73 in.) Depth: 355.60 mm (14.00 in.)
System weight	7.73 kg (17 lb) with two power supply FRUs, without transceivers
Environment	
Operating environment	Temperature: 0°C to 40°C/32°F to 104°F Humidity: 8% to 90% (noncondensing)
Nonoperating environment	Temperature: -25°C to 70°C/-13°F to 158°F Humidity: 8% to 90% (noncondensing)
Operating altitude	Up to 3000m (9,842 ft)
Storage altitude	Up to 12 km (39,370 ft)
Shock	Operating: Up to 20G, 6-ms half-sine Nonoperating: Half-sine, 33G 11 ms, 3/eg axis
Vibration	Operating: 0.5g sine, 0.4 grms random, 5 Hz to 500 Hz Nonoperating: 2.0g sine, 1.1 grms random, 5 Hz to 500 Hz
Heat dissipation	64 ports at 716 BTU/hr
Power	
Power supply	Dual, hot-swappable redundant power supplies with integrated system cooling fans, voltage range of 90V to 264V AC. Optional DC power supply with voltage range of 36V to 72V DC.
AC input	90V to 264V, maximum input current: 3.5A.
AC input line frequency	47 Hz to 63 Hz.
AC power consumption (system)	Maximum 205W with all 64 ports populated with 48×32G SFP+ SWL optics and 4× (4×32G) QSFP SWL optics. 85W for empty chassis with no optics.
DC input	36-72V, maximum input current: 7.1A (applies to the DC power SKU only).