

Description

This quarterly bulletin covers a range of topics that provide information relating to Brocade and IBM b-type Storage Networking solutions used within IBM Global Technology Services (GTS) and supported by IBM TSS Multi-vendor Services.

Gen4 SAN extended End of Support

Is support for Gen 4 SAN technology still available?

Broadcom BSN has ceased support for Gen 4 FC-SAN technology as of December 2019. IBM GTS and Broadcom BSN have agreed to offer GTS teams that continue to use Gen 4 FC-SAN technology with an opportunity to [register](#) for **extended End of Support (EEOS)**.

The conditions are as follows:

1. Subject to Broadcom BSN worldwide executive approvals
2. EEOS is provided for a full 12month period and provided by Brocade Global Services
3. To be eligible for EEOS, each GTS team must commit to a tech-refresh from Gen4 to IBM B-Series Gen6 FC-SAN
4. Replacement IBM FC-SAN product must be acquired within 90 days of the EEOS contract going live
5. Exceptional circumstances that require extending the 90-day acquisition period will be considered on a case by case basis
6. Failing to acquire replacement IBM B-Series HW within the agreed period will result in cancellation of the EEOS without refund
7. Not eligible for teams preferring to acquire IBM C-Series SAN, Cisco or an alternative OEM FC-SAN MFR

[EMEA only] registration for Gen 4 extended End of Support cases closes 28th February 2020.

Please complete a [Brocade Sales Request form](#) for registrations [Passcode: GTSSRF4\$998]

Brocade End of Support (EOS) notices

Brocade has initiated EOS for 6510 and 6505 Switches (IBM B-Type 2498-F48 / 2498-F24)

Key dates (Broadcom BSN):

Brocade 6510 (2498-F48)	Brocade 6505 (2498-F24)
Last Time Order (LTO): April 17, 2020	Last Time Order (LTO): February 28, 2020
Last Customer Ship (LCS): June 17, 2020	Last Customer Ship (LCS): April 30, 2020
End-of-Support (EOS): June 17, 2025	End-of-Support (EOS): April 30, 2025
Replacement product Brocade G620 (8960-F64)	Replacement product Brocade G610 (8960-F24)

Brocade has initiated EOS for Gen 5 DCX platform (IBM B-Type 2499-768B / 2499-368B)

Key dates (Broadcom BSN):

DCX 8510 768B-2 / 384B-2 (2499-416 / 2499-816)
Last Time Order (LTO): April 17, 2020
Last Customer Ship (LCS): June 17, 2020
End-of-Support (EOS): June 17, 2025
Replacement product Brocade SAN 512B-6 / 256B-6 (8961-F04 / 8961-F08)

Brocade has initiated EOS for Network Advisor (IBM B-Type 5639 NAU)

Key dates (Broadcom BSN):

Brocade Network Advisor (5639-NAU)
Last Time Order (LTO): Jan 1, 2020
Last Customer Ship (LCS): Aug 2, 2020
End-of-Support (EOS): Aug 2, 2022
Replacement product Brocade SanNav Management Portal (IBM TBC)

*Please contact the Brocade GTS team using a sales request form for assistance on configuring/procuring SanNav.

For additional details on End of Life and End of Support dates for Brocade products visit:

www.broadcom.com/support/fibre-channel-networking/eol

For IBM B-Type WFM notices please use the following URL link:

https://www-304.ibm.com/jct01003c/common/ssi/SearchResult.ws?s=request_locale=en

Modernize your SAN

The new 'Modernize your SAN' dedicated website

This site is packed with all the critical reasons that customers need to consider when upgrading the SAN including a short paper Top Reasons to Upgrade Your SAN, the Time to Upgrade your Network webinar; and also a short video Storage Modernization Starts with Gen6 Fibre Channel.

<https://jp.broadcom.com/solutions/data-center/modernize-your-san>

Need access to the IBM Sales Reference Manual?

Might be a good time to check out **Broadcom's new SAN Resource Centre** for IBM B-Type Storage Networking!

A one-stop shop for IBM B-Type resources i.e. training modules, technical resources, SAN Health resources, product information and Mainframe focused content.

<https://www.brocade-ibm-san.com/>

New eBook

'We Wrote the Book on FICON'



Available in multiple languages, this eBook is a collection of mainframe articles that cover a variety of important SAN and Extension topics.

From switched FICON vs. direct attached storage, new FICON features for Z platforms, why upgrade to Gen 6 and the technical benefits for Gen6 FICON.

The eBook is available here:

<http://ourdigitalmags.com/publication?i=637105>

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For the Americas and LATAM please contact Frank Switzer

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Request Help from the Experts:

[**Brocade Sales Request Form**](#)

A passcode is required to access the form landing page:

Passcode: GTSSRF4\$9981

Email all completed forms to the Brocade team at (or for any other queries):

[**GTS-WW-SALES.PDL@BROADCOM.COM**](mailto:GTS-WW-SALES.PDL@BROADCOM.COM)

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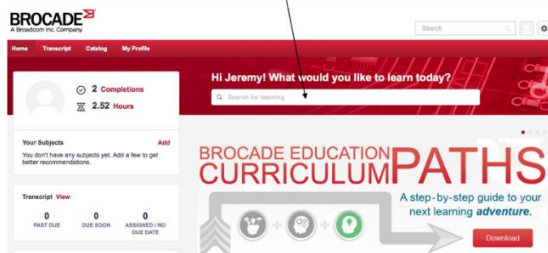
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3. “Pre-Sales Training - NVMe Over Fibre Channel: SANs for Next-Gen Flash”
4. “FICON 101 – Introduction to Mainframe FICON”



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