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# Functionality and Features: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

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## FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter is a new class of Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) and 10 GbE converged network interface controller (C-NIC) that can simultaneously perform accelerated data networking and storage networking on a standard Ethernet network. The C-NIC offers acceleration for popular protocols used in the data center, such as:

- TCP Offload Engine (TOE) for accelerating TCP over 1 GbE, 2.5 GbE, and 10 GbE
- Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI) offload for accelerating network storage access featuring centralized boot functionality (iSCSI boot)
- Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) offload and acceleration for fibre channel block storage



**NOTE:** Not all adapters support each listed protocol. Refer to the specific product data sheet for protocol support.

**NOTE:** Separate licences are required for all offloading technologies.

Enterprise networks that use multiple protocols and multiple network fabrics benefit from the C-NICs ability to combine data communications, storage, and clustering over a single Ethernet fabric by boosting server CPU processing performance and memory utilization while alleviating I/O bottlenecks.

The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter includes a 10/100/1000-Mbps or 10-Gbps Ethernet MAC with both half-duplex and full-duplex capability and a 10/100/1000-Mbps or 10-Gbps PHY. The transceiver is fully compatible with the IEEE 802.3 standard for auto-negotiation of speed.

Using the Broadcom teaming software, you can split your network into virtual LANs (VLANs) as well as group multiple network adapters together into teams to provide network load balancing and fault tolerance functionality. See [Configuring Teaming](#) and [Broadcom Gigabit Ethernet Teaming Services](#) for detailed information about teaming. See [Virtual LANs](#), for a description of VLANs. See [Configuring Teaming](#) for instructions on configuring teaming and creating VLANs on Windows operating systems.

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## FEATURES

The following is a list of the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter features. Some features may not be available on all adapters.

- TCP Offload Engine (TOE)
- Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI) offload
- Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE)
- NIC Partitioning
- Data Center Bridging (DCB)
  - Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS; IEEE 802.1Qaz)
  - Priority-based Flow Control (PFC; IEEE 802.1Qbb)
  - Data Center Bridging Capability eXchange Protocol (DCBX; CEE version 1.01)
- Single-chip solution
  - Integrated 10/100/1000BASE-T transceivers
  - Integrated 10GBASE-T transceivers
  - 10/100/1000 triple-speed MAC
  - SerDes interface for optical transceiver connection
  - PCI Express 1.0a x4 (Gigabit Ethernet)
  - PCI Express Gen2 x8 (10 Gigabit Ethernet)
  - Full fast-path TCP offload
  - Zero copy capable hardware
- Other performance features
  - TCP, IP, UDP checksum
  - TCP segmentation
  - Adaptive interrupts
  - Receive Side Scaling (RSS)
- Manageability
  - Broadcom Advanced Control Suite diagnostic and configuration software suite
  - Supports PXE 2.0 specification (Linux Red Hat PXE Server, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, Intel APITEST, DOS UNDI)
  - Wake on LAN support
  - Universal Management Port (UMP) support
  - Statistics for SNMP MIB II, Ethernet-like MIB, and Ethernet MIB (IEEE Std 802.3z, Clause 30)
  - SMBus controller
  - ACPI 1.1a compliant (multiple power modes)
  - IPMI support
- Advanced network features
  - Jumbo frames (up to 9 KB). The OS and the link partner must support jumbo frames.
  - Virtual LANs
  - IEEE Std 802.3ad Teaming
  - Smart Load Balancing Teaming
  - Smart Load Balancing TOE Teaming (with the correct configuration)
  - Flow Control (IEEE Std 802.3x)
  - LiveLink™ (supported in both the 32-bit and 64-bit Windows operating systems)

- Logical Link Control (IEEE Std 802.2)
- Layer-2 Priority Encoding (IEEE Std 802.1p)
- High-speed on-chip RISC processor
- Up to 4 classes of service (CoS)
- Up to 4 send rings and receive rings
- Integrated 96 KB frame buffer memory
- Quality of Service (QoS)
- GMII/MII Management Interface
- Four unique MAC unicast addresses
- Support for multicast addresses via 128 bits hashing hardware function
- Serial flash NVRAM memory
- JTAG support
- PCI Power Management Interface (v1.1)
- 64-bit BAR support
- EM64T processor support
- AMD-64 processor support
- 1.2 V core voltage, 0.13  $\mu$ m process
- iSCSI Boot support
- Virtualization
  - Microsoft
  - VMware
- Single Root I/O Virtualization (SRIOV)

## **TCP OFFLOAD ENGINE (TOE)**

The TCP/IP protocol suite is used to provide transport services for a wide range of applications for the Internet, LAN, and for file transfer. Without the TCP Offload Engine, the TCP/IP protocol suite runs on the host CPU, consuming a very high percentage of its resources and leaving little resources for the applications. With the use of the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter, the TCP/IP processing can be moved to hardware, freeing the CPU for more important tasks such as application processing.

The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter's TOE functionality allows simultaneous operation of up to 1024 fully offloaded TCP connections for 1-Gbps network adapters and 1880 fully offloaded TCP connections for 10-Gbps network adapters. The TOE support on the adapter significantly reduces the host CPU utilization while preserving the implementation of the operating system stack.

## **INTERNET SMALL COMPUTER SYSTEMS INTERFACE (iSCSI)**

The IETF has standardized the Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI). SCSI is a popular protocol that enables systems to communicate with storage devices, using block-level transfer (i.e., address data stored on a storage device that is not a whole file). iSCSI maps the SCSI request/response application protocols and its standardized command set over TCP/IP networks.

As iSCSI utilizes TCP as its sole transport protocol, it greatly benefits from hardware acceleration of the TCP processing (i.e., use of a TOE). However, iSCSI as a Layer 5 protocol has additional mechanisms beyond the TCP layer. iSCSI processing can also be offloaded, thereby reducing CPU utilization even further.



The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter targets best-system performance, maintains system flexibility to changes, and supports current and future OS convergence and integration. Therefore, the adapter's iSCSI offload architecture is unique as evident by the split between hardware and host processing.



**NOTES:** The iSCSI offload feature is not available for all Broadcom network adapters.

## FIBRE CHANNEL OVER ETHERNET

FCoE (Fibre Channel Backbone-5 (FC-BB-5)) allows Fibre Channel protocol to be transferred over Ethernet. FCoE preserves existing Fibre Channel infrastructure and capital investments. The following FCoE features are supported:

- Full stateful hardware FCoE offload
- Receiver classification of FCoE and FIP frames. FIP is the FCoE Initialization Protocol used to establish and maintain connections.
- Receiver CRC offload
- Transmitter CRC offload
- Dedicated queue set for Fibre Channel traffic
- Data Center Bridging (DCB) provides lossless behavior with Priority Flow Control (PFC)
- DCB allocates a share of link bandwidth to FCoE traffic with Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS)



**NOTES:** FCoE is not available for all Broadcom network adapters.

## POWER MANAGEMENT

The adapter speed setting will link at the configured speed for WOL when the system is powered down.



**NOTES:**

- For specific systems, see your system documentation for WOL support.
- WOL is supported in Broadcom NetXtreme II BCM5708 devices with silicon revisions of B2 or later. For more information, see [Limitations](#).

## ADAPTIVE INTERRUPT FREQUENCY

The adapter driver intelligently adjusts host interrupt frequency based on traffic conditions to increase overall application throughput. When traffic is light, the adapter driver interrupts the host for each received packet, minimizing latency. When traffic is heavy, the adapter issues one host interrupt for multiple, back-to-back incoming packets, preserving host CPU cycles.

## ASIC WITH EMBEDDED RISC PROCESSOR

The core control for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters resides in a tightly integrated, high-performance ASIC. The ASIC includes a RISC processor. This functionality provides the flexibility to add new features to the card and adapts it to future network requirements through software downloads. This functionality also enables the adapter drivers to exploit the built-in host offload functions on the adapter as host operating systems are enhanced to take advantage of these functions.



## BROADCOM ADVANCED CONTROL SUITE

Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) is an integrated utility that provides useful information about each network adapter that is installed in your system. The BACS utility also enables you to perform detailed tests, diagnostics, and analyses on each adapter, as well as to modify property values and view traffic statistics for each adapter.

## SUPPORTED OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS

The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter has software support for the following operating systems:

- Microsoft® Windows® (32-bit and 64-bit extended)
- Microsoft Windows Vista™ (32-bit and 64-bit extended)
- Linux® (32-bit and 64-bit extended)
- MS-DOS®
- ESX and ESXi Server (VMware)
- Oracle Solaris
- SCO® UnixWare®
- SCO OpenServer®

## NETWORK LINK AND ACTIVITY INDICATION

For copper-wire Ethernet connections, the state of the network link and activity is indicated by the LEDs on the RJ-45 connector, as described in [Table 1](#). For fiber optic Ethernet connections and SFP+, the state of the network link and activity is indicated by a single LED located adjacent to the port connector, as described in [Table 2](#). Broadcom Advanced Control Suite also provides information about the status of the network link and activity (see [Viewing Vital Signs](#)).

**Table 1: Network Link and Activity Indicated by the RJ-45 Port LEDs**

Port LED	LED Appearance	Network State
Link LED	Off	No link (cable disconnected)
	Continuously illuminated	Link
Activity LED	Off	No network activity
	Blinking	Network activity

**Table 2: Network Link and Activity Indicated by the Port LED**

LED Appearance	Network State
Off	No link (cable disconnected)
Continuously illuminated	Link
Blinking	Network activity

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- [Broadcom Advanced Server Program Overview](#)
- [Load Balancing and Fault Tolerance](#)



**NOTE:** This chapter describes teaming for adapters in Windows Server systems. For more information on a similar technology on Linux operating systems (called “Channel Bonding”), refer to your operating system documentation.

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## BROADCOM ADVANCED SERVER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Broadcom Advanced Server Program (BASP) is the Broadcom teaming software for the Windows family of operating systems. BASP settings are configured by Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) utility.

BASP provides support for TOE teaming only for NetXtreme II adapters. BASP supports four types of teams for Layer 2 teaming:

- Smart Load Balancing and Failover
- Link Aggregation (802.3ad)
- Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static
- SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable)

BASP supports two types of teams for TOE teaming:

- Smart Load Balancing and Failover
- SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable)

For more information on network adapter teaming concepts, see [Broadcom Gigabit Ethernet Teaming Services](#).



**NOTE:** Windows Server 2012 provides built-in teaming support, called NIC Teaming. It is not recommended that users enable teams through NIC Teaming and BASP at the same time on the same adapters.

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## LOAD BALANCING AND FAULT TOLERANCE

Teaming provides traffic load balancing and fault tolerance (redundant adapter operation in the event that a network connection fails). When multiple Gigabit Ethernet network adapters are installed in the same system, they can be grouped into teams, creating a virtual adapter.

A team can consist of two to eight network interfaces, and each interface can be designated as a primary interface or a standby interface (standby interfaces can be used only in a [Smart Load Balancing<sup>™</sup> and Failover](#) type of team, and only one





standby interface can be designated per SLB team). If traffic is not identified on any of the adapter team member connections due to failure of the adapter, cable, switch port, or switch (where the teamed adapters are attached to separate switches), the load distribution is reevaluated and reassigned among the remaining team members. In the event that all of the primary adapters are down, the hot standby adapter becomes active. Existing sessions are maintained and there is no impact on the user.



**NOTE:** Although a team can be created with one adapter, it is not recommended since this defeats the purpose of teaming. A team consisting of one adapter is automatically created when setting up VLANs on a single adapter, and this should be the only time when creating a team with one adapter.

## TYPES OF TEAMS

The available types of teams for the Windows family of operating systems are:

- Smart Load Balancing and Failover
- Link Aggregation (802.3ad) (TOE is not applicable)
- Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static (TOE is not applicable)
- SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable)

## SMART LOAD BALANCING™ AND FAILOVER

Smart Load Balancing™ and Failover is the Broadcom implementation of load balancing based on IP flow. This feature supports balancing IP traffic across multiple adapters (team members) in a bidirectional manner. In this type of team, all adapters in the team have separate MAC addresses. This type of team provides automatic fault detection and dynamic failover to other team member or to a hot standby member. This is done independently of Layer 3 protocol (IP, IPX, NetBEUI); rather, it works with existing Layer 2 and 3 switches. No switch configuration (such as trunk, link aggregation) is necessary for this type of team to work.



### NOTES:

- If you do not enable LiveLink™ when configuring SLB teams, disabling Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) or enabling Port Fast at the switch or port is recommended. This minimizes the downtime due to spanning tree loop determination when failing over. LiveLink mitigates such issues.
- TCP/IP is fully balanced and IPX balances only on the transmit side of the team; other protocols are limited to the primary adapter.
- If a team member is linked at a higher speed than another, most of the traffic is handled by the adapter with the higher speed rate.

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## LINK AGGREGATION (802.3AD)

This mode supports link aggregation and conforms to the IEEE 802.3ad (LACP) specification. Configuration software allows you to dynamically configure which adapters you want to participate in a given team. If the link partner is not correctly configured for 802.3ad link configuration, errors are detected and noted. With this mode, all adapters in the team are configured to receive packets for the same MAC address. The outbound load-balancing scheme is determined by our BASP driver. The team link partner determines the load-balancing scheme for inbound packets. In this mode, at least one of the link partners must be in active mode.



**NOTE:** Link Aggregation team type is not supported for TOE teaming.

## GENERIC TRUNKING (FEC/GEC)/802.3AD-DRAFT STATIC

The Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static type of team is very similar to the Link Aggregation (802.3ad) type of team in that all adapters in the team are configured to receive packets for the same MAC address. The Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static type of team, however, does not provide LACP or marker protocol support. This type of team supports a variety of environments in which the adapter link partners are statically configured to support a proprietary trunking mechanism. For instance, this type of team could be used to support Lucent's OpenTrunk or Cisco's Fast EtherChannel (FEC). Basically, this type of team is a light version of the Link Aggregation (802.3ad) type of team. This approach is much simpler, in that there is not a formalized link aggregation control protocol (LACP). As with the other types of teams, the creation of teams and the allocation of physical adapters to various teams is done statically through user configuration software.

The Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC/802.3ad-Draft Static) type of team supports load balancing and failover for both outbound and inbound traffic.



**NOTE:** Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC/802.3ad-Draft Static) team type is not supported for TOE teaming.

## SLB (AUTO-FALLBACK DISABLE)

The SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) type of team is identical to the Smart Load Balancing and Failover type of team, with the following exception—when the standby member is active, if a primary member comes back on line, the team continues using the standby member, rather than switching back to the primary member.

All primary interfaces in a team participate in load-balancing operations by sending and receiving a portion of the total traffic. Standby interfaces take over in the event that all primary interfaces have lost their links.

Failover teaming provides redundant adapter operation (fault tolerance) in the event that a network connection fails. If the primary adapter in a team is disconnected because of failure of the adapter, cable, or switch port, the secondary team member becomes active, redirecting both inbound and outbound traffic originally assigned to the primary adapter. Sessions will be maintained, causing no impact to the user.

## LIMITATIONS OF SMART LOAD BALANCING AND FAILOVER/SLB (AUTO-FALLBACK DISABLE) TYPES OF TEAMS

Smart Load Balancing™ (SLB) is a protocol-specific scheme. The level of support for IP, IPX, and NetBEUI protocols is listed in [Table 1](#).

*Table 1: Smart Load Balancing*

<i>Operating System</i>	<i>Failover/Fallback — All Broadcom</i>				<i>Failover/Fallback — Multivendor</i>			
<i>Protocol</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>IPv6</i>	<i>IPX</i>	<i>NetBEUI</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>IPv6</i>	<i>IPX</i>	<i>NetBEUI</i>
Windows Server 2008	Y	Y	Y	N/S	Y	Y	N	N/S
Windows Server 2008 R2	Y	Y	Y	N/S	Y	Y	N	N/S
<i>Operating System</i>	<i>Load Balance — All Broadcom</i>				<i>Load Balance — Multivendor</i>			
<i>Protocol</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>IPv6</i>	<i>IPX</i>	<i>NetBEUI</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>IPv6</i>	<i>IPX</i>	<i>NetBEUI</i>
Windows Server 2008	Y	Y	Y	N/S	Y	Y	N	N/S
Windows Server 2008 R2	Y	Y	Y	N/S	Y	Y	N	N/S

**Legend**    Y = yes  
               N = no  
               N/S = not supported

The Smart Load Balancing type of team works with all Ethernet switches without having to configure the switch ports to any special trunking mode. Only IP traffic is load-balanced in both inbound and outbound directions. IPX traffic is load-balanced in the outbound direction only. Other protocol packets are sent and received through one primary interface only. Failover for non-IP traffic is supported only for Broadcom network adapters. The Generic Trunking type of team requires the Ethernet switch to support some form of port trunking mode (for example, Cisco's Gigabit EtherChannel or other switch vendor's Link Aggregation mode). The Generic Trunking type of team is protocol-independent, and all traffic should be load-balanced and fault-tolerant.



**NOTE:** If you do not enable LiveLink™ when configuring SLB teams, disabling Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) or enabling Port Fast at the switch is recommended. This minimizes the downtime due to the spanning tree loop

determination when failing over. LiveLink mitigates such issues.

## **TEAMING AND LARGE SEND OFFLOAD/CHECKSUM OFFLOAD SUPPORT**

Large Send Offload (LSO) and Checksum Offload are enabled for a team only when all of the members support and are configured for the feature.

# Broadcom Teaming Services: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide



**NOTE:** This chapter describes teaming for adapters in Windows Server systems. For more information on a similar technologies on other operating systems (for example, Linux Channel Bonding), refer to your operating system documentation.

- [Executive Summary](#)
- [Teaming Mechanisms](#)
- [Teaming and Other Advanced Networking Properties](#)
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This section describes the technology and implementation considerations when working with the network teaming services offered by the Broadcom software shipped with servers and storage products. The goal of Broadcom teaming services is to provide fault tolerance and link aggregation across a team of two or more adapters. The information in this document is

provided to assist IT professionals during the deployment and troubleshooting of system applications that require network fault tolerance and load balancing.

## GLOSSARY

**Table 1: Glossary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Definition</b>
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
BACS	Broadcom Advanced Control Suite
BASP	Broadcom Advanced Server Program (intermediate driver)
DNS	domain name service
G-ARP	Gratuitous Address Resolution Protocol
Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static	Switch-dependent load balancing and failover type of team in which the intermediate driver manages outgoing traffic and the switch manages incoming traffic.
HSRP	Hot Standby Router Protocol
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
IGMP	Internet Group Management Protocol
IP	Internet Protocol
IPv6	Version 6 of the IP Protocol
iSCSI	Internet Small Computer Systems Interface
L2	Layer 2. Used to describe network traffic that is not offloaded, and where hardware only performs Layer 2 operations on the traffic. Layer 3 (IP) and Layer 4 (TCP) protocols are processed in software.
L4	Layer 4. Used to describe network traffic that is heavily offloaded to the hardware, where much of the Layer 3 (IP) and Layer 4 (TCP) processing is done in the hardware to improve performance.
LACP	Link Aggregation Control Protocol
Link Aggregation (802.3ad)	Switch-dependent load balancing and failover type of team with LACP in which the intermediate driver manages outgoing traffic and the switch manages incoming traffic.
LOM	LAN on Motherboard
MAC	media access control
NDIS	Network Driver Interface Specification
NLB	Network Load Balancing (Microsoft)
PXE	Preboot Execution Environment
RAID	redundant array of inexpensive disks
Smart Load Balancing™ and Failover	Switch-independent failover type of team in which the primary team member handles all incoming and outgoing traffic while the standby team member is idle until a failover event (for example, loss of link occurs). The intermediate driver (BASP) manages incoming/outgoing traffic.
Smart Load Balancing (SLB)	Switch-independent load balancing and failover type of team, in which the intermediate driver manages outgoing/incoming traffic.
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol

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**Table 1: Glossary (Cont.)**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Definition</b>
TOE	TCP Offload Engine. This is the hardware that is capable of handling stateful fastpath offloading of TCP and IP processing.
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
WINS	Windows name service
WLBS	Windows Load Balancing Service

## TEAMING CONCEPTS

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- [Teaming and Network Addresses](#)
- [Description of Teaming Types](#)
- [TOE Teaming](#)

The concept of grouping multiple physical devices to provide fault tolerance and load balancing is not new. It has been around for years. Storage devices use RAID technology to group individual hard drives. Switch ports can be grouped together using technologies such as Cisco Gigabit EtherChannel, IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation, Bay Network Multilink Trunking, and Extreme Network Load Sharing. Network interfaces on servers can be grouped together into a team of physical ports called a virtual adapter.

### Network Addressing

To understand how teaming works, it is important to understand how node communications work in an Ethernet network. This document is based on the assumption that the reader is familiar with the basics of IP and Ethernet network communications. The following information provides a high-level overview of the concepts of network addressing used in an Ethernet network. Every Ethernet network interface in a host platform, such as a computer system, requires a globally unique Layer 2 address and at least one globally unique Layer 3 address. Layer 2 is the Data Link Layer, and Layer 3 is the Network layer as defined in the OSI model. The Layer 2 address is assigned to the hardware and is often referred to as the MAC address or physical address. This address is pre-programmed at the factory and stored in NVRAM on a network interface card or on the system motherboard for an embedded LAN interface. The Layer 3 addresses are referred to as the protocol or logical address assigned to the software stack. IP and IPX are examples of Layer 3 protocols. In addition, Layer 4 (Transport Layer) uses port numbers for each network upper level protocol such as Telnet or FTP. These port numbers are used to differentiate traffic flows across applications. Layer 4 protocols such as TCP or UDP are most commonly used in today's networks. The combination of the IP address and the TCP port number is called a socket.

Ethernet devices communicate with other Ethernet devices using the MAC address, not the IP address. However, most applications work with a host name that is translated to an IP address by a Naming Service such as WINS and DNS. Therefore, a method of identifying the MAC address assigned to the IP address is required. The Address Resolution Protocol for an IP network provides this mechanism. For IPX, the MAC address is part of the network address and ARP is not required. ARP is implemented using an ARP Request and ARP Reply frame. ARP Requests are typically sent to a broadcast address while the ARP Reply is typically sent as unicast traffic. A unicast address corresponds to a single MAC address or a single IP address. A broadcast address is sent to all devices on a network.

### Teaming and Network Addresses

A team of adapters function as a single virtual network interface and does not appear any different to other network devices than a non-teamed adapter. A virtual network adapter advertises a single Layer 2 and one or more Layer 3 addresses. When the teaming driver initializes, it selects one MAC address from one of the physical adapters that make up the team to be the Team MAC address. This address is typically taken from the first adapter that gets initialized by the driver. When the system hosting the team receives an ARP request, it selects one MAC address from among the physical adapters in the team to use as the source MAC address in the ARP Reply. In Windows operating systems, the IPCONFIG /all command shows the IP and MAC address of the virtual adapter and not the individual physical adapters. The protocol IP address is assigned to the virtual network interface and not to the individual physical adapters.

For switch-independent teaming modes, all physical adapters that make up a virtual adapter must use the unique MAC address assigned to them when transmitting data. That is, the frames that are sent by each of the physical adapters in the



team must use a unique MAC address to be IEEE compliant. It is important to note that ARP cache entries are not learned from received frames, but only from ARP requests and ARP replies.

**Description of Teaming Types**

- [Smart Load Balancing and Failover](#)
- [Generic Trunking](#)
- [Link Aggregation \(IEEE 802.3ad LACP\)](#)
- [SLB \(Auto-Fallback Disable\)](#)

There are three methods for classifying the supported teaming types:

- One is based on whether the switch port configuration must also match the adapter teaming type.
- The second is based on the functionality of the team, whether it supports load balancing and failover or just failover.
- The third is based on whether the Link Aggregation Control Protocol is used or not.

Table 2 shows a summary of the teaming types and their classification.

**Table 2: Available Teaming Types**

<b>Teaming Type</b>	<b>Switch-Dependent (Switch must support specific type of team)</b>	<b>Link Aggregation Control Protocol Support Required on the Switch</b>	<b>Load Balancing</b>	<b>Failover</b>
Smart Load Balancing and Failover (with two to eight load balance team members)			✓	✓
SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable)			✓	✓
Link Aggregation (802.3ad)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static	✓		✓	✓

**Smart Load Balancing and Failover**

The Smart Load Balancing™ and Failover type of team provides both load balancing and failover when configured for load balancing, and only failover when configured for fault tolerance. This type of team works with any Ethernet switch and requires no trunking configuration on the switch. The team advertises multiple MAC addresses and one or more IP addresses (when using secondary IP addresses). The team MAC address is selected from the list of load balance members. When the system receives an ARP request, the software-networking stack will always send an ARP Reply with the team MAC address. To begin the load balancing process, the teaming driver will modify this ARP Reply by changing the source MAC address to match one of the physical adapters.



Smart Load Balancing enables both transmit and receive load balancing based on the Layer 3/Layer 4 IP address and TCP/UDP port number. In other words, the load balancing is not done at a byte or frame level but on a TCP/UDP session basis. This methodology is required to maintain in-order delivery of frames that belong to the same socket conversation. Load balancing is supported on 2 to 8 ports. These ports can include any combination of add-in adapters and LAN on Motherboard (LOM) devices. Transmit load balancing is achieved by creating a hashing table using the source and destination IP addresses and TCP/UDP port numbers. The same combination of source and destination IP addresses and TCP/UDP port numbers will generally yield the same hash index and therefore point to the same port in the team. When a port is selected to carry all the frames of a given socket, the unique MAC address of the physical adapter is included in the frame, and not the team MAC address. This is required to comply with the IEEE 802.3 standard. If two adapters transmit using the same MAC address, then a duplicate MAC address situation would occur that the switch could not handle.



**NOTE:** IPv6 addressed traffic will not be load balanced by SLB because ARP is not a feature of IPv6.

Receive load balancing is achieved through an intermediate driver by sending gratuitous ARPs on a client-by-client basis using the unicast address of each client as the destination address of the ARP request (also known as a directed ARP). This is considered client load balancing and not traffic load balancing. When the intermediate driver detects a significant load imbalance between the physical adapters in an SLB team, it will generate G-ARPs in an effort to redistribute incoming frames. The intermediate driver (BASP) does not answer ARP requests; only the software protocol stack provides the required ARP Reply. It is important to understand that receive load balancing is a function of the number of clients that are connecting to the system through the team interface.

SLB receive load balancing attempts to load balance incoming traffic for client machines across physical ports in the team. It uses a modified gratuitous ARP to advertise a different MAC address for the team IP Address in the sender physical and protocol address. This G-ARP is unicast with the MAC and IP Address of a client machine in the target physical and protocol address respectively. This causes the target client to update its ARP cache with a new MAC address map to the team IP address. G-ARPs are not broadcast because this would cause all clients to send their traffic to the same port. As a result, the benefits achieved through client load balancing would be eliminated, and could cause out-of-order frame delivery. This receive load balancing scheme works as long as all clients and the teamed system are on the same subnet or broadcast domain.

When the clients and the system are on different subnets, and incoming traffic has to traverse a router, the received traffic destined for the system is not load balanced. The physical adapter that the intermediate driver has selected to carry the IP flow carries all of the traffic. When the router sends a frame to the team IP address, it broadcasts an ARP request (if not in the ARP cache). The server software stack generates an ARP reply with the team MAC address, but the intermediate driver modifies the ARP reply and sends it over a particular physical adapter, establishing the flow for that session.

The reason is that ARP is not a routable protocol. It does not have an IP header and therefore, is not sent to the router or default gateway. ARP is only a local subnet protocol. In addition, since the G-ARP is not a broadcast packet, the router will not process it and will not update its own ARP cache.

The only way that the router would process an ARP that is intended for another network device is if it has Proxy ARP enabled and the host has no default gateway. This is very rare and not recommended for most applications.

Transmit traffic through a router will be load balanced as transmit load balancing is based on the source and destination IP address and TCP/UDP port number. Since routers do not alter the source and destination IP address, the load balancing algorithm works as intended.

Configuring routers for Hot Standby Routing Protocol (HSRP) does not allow for receive load balancing to occur in the adapter team. In general, HSRP allows for two routers to act as one router, advertising a virtual IP and virtual MAC address. One physical router is the active interface while the other is standby. Although HSRP can also load share nodes (using

different default gateways on the host nodes) across multiple routers in HSRP groups, it always points to the primary MAC address of the team.

### *Generic Trunking*

Generic Trunking is a switch-assisted teaming mode and requires configuring ports at both ends of the link: server interfaces and switch ports. This is often referred to as Cisco Fast EtherChannel or Gigabit EtherChannel. In addition, generic trunking supports similar implementations by other switch OEMs such as Extreme Networks Load Sharing and Bay Networks or IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation static mode. In this mode, the team advertises one MAC Address and one IP Address when the protocol stack responds to ARP Requests. In addition, each physical adapter in the team uses the same team MAC address when transmitting frames. This is possible since the switch at the other end of the link is aware of the teaming mode and will handle the use of a single MAC address by every port in the team. The forwarding table in the switch will reflect the trunk as a single virtual port.

In this teaming mode, the intermediate driver controls load balancing and failover for outgoing traffic only, while incoming traffic is controlled by the switch firmware and hardware. As is the case for Smart Load Balancing, the BASP intermediate driver uses the IP/TCP/UDP source and destination addresses to load balance the transmit traffic from the server. Most switches implement an XOR hashing of the source and destination MAC address.



**NOTE:** Generic Trunking is not supported on iSCSI offload adapters.

### *Link Aggregation (IEEE 802.3ad LACP)*

Link Aggregation is similar to Generic Trunking except that it uses the Link Aggregation Control Protocol to negotiate the ports that will make up the team. LACP must be enabled at both ends of the link for the team to be operational. If LACP is not available at both ends of the link, 802.3ad provides a manual aggregation that only requires both ends of the link to be in a link up state. Because manual aggregation provides for the activation of a member link without performing the LACP message exchanges, it should not be considered as reliable and robust as an LACP negotiated link. LACP automatically determines which member links can be aggregated and then aggregates them. It provides for the controlled addition and removal of physical links for the link aggregation so that no frames are lost or duplicated. The removal of aggregate link members is provided by the marker protocol that can be optionally enabled for Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) enabled aggregate links.

The Link Aggregation group advertises a single MAC address for all the ports in the trunk. The MAC address of the Aggregator can be the MAC addresses of one of the MACs that make up the group. LACP and marker protocols use a multicast destination address.

The Link Aggregation control function determines which links may be aggregated and then binds the ports to an Aggregator function in the system and monitors conditions to determine if a change in the aggregation group is required. Link aggregation combines the individual capacity of multiple links to form a high performance virtual link. The failure or replacement of a link in an LACP trunk will not cause loss of connectivity. The traffic will simply be failed over to the remaining links in the trunk.

### *SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable)*

This type of team is identical to the Smart Load Balance and Failover type of team, with the following exception—when the standby member is active, if a primary member comes back on line, the team continues using the standby member rather than switching back to the primary member. This type of team is supported only for situations in which the network cable is disconnected and reconnected to the network adapter. It is not supported for situations in which the adapter is removed/installed through Device Manager or Hot-Plug PCI.

If any primary adapter assigned to a team is disabled, the team functions as a Smart Load Balancing and Failover type of team in which auto-fallback occurs.

## TOE Teaming

All four basic teaming modes support failover of traffic from a failed adapter to other working adapters. All four teaming modes also support bidirectional load-balancing of TCP/IP traffic. A primary difference between the modes is that the SLB modes use a Broadcom proprietary algorithm to control how both inbound and outbound traffic is balanced across the network interfaces in the team. This has several advantages. First, with Generic Trunking or Link Aggregation modes, the team of network adapters must be connected to a switch that is specifically configured to support that particular mode of teaming. Since there is a dependency between the switch and the host team configuration when Generic Trunking or Link Aggregation is used, it can often lead to configuration difficulties, because both ends must be configured correctly and be synchronized. Second, with Generic Trunking or Link Aggregation modes, the switch decides how inbound traffic to the team is balanced across the adapters, while BASP only controls the balancing of outbound traffic. This is problematic for TOE environments, because in order for TOE to work, state information about a given TCP connection is stored in the hardware on a given offloaded adapter, but it is not stored in the hardware on every member of the team. So teaming and TOE cannot co-exist if the teaming software cannot steer incoming TCP/IP traffic to the adapter that contains and updates the state information for a given TCP connection.

Because Broadcom's SLB modes can control how both outbound and inbound packets are balanced across the adapters, the SLB modes are capable of ensuring that all offloaded TCP traffic for a given TCP connection goes in and out of a particular adapter. This architectural feature allows the SLB modes to also support load-balancing on adapters that have TOE enabled, since BASP is able to steer traffic on a particular TCP connection to the adapter hardware that contains offloaded state information for that TCP connection. BASP can simultaneously use TCP offload in conjunction with the SLB modes of teaming. Other teaming modes (Generic Trunking or Link Aggregation) can still be used on TOE capable devices, but if those other modes are enabled the TOE feature is disabled.

Since the TOE offloaded state is stored in only one member of a team, it might not be intuitive as to how BASP can support failover on TOE teams. When a TOE connection has been offloaded to a given adapter, and if that network interface fails in some way (that is, it loses its network link due to a cable disconnection), then BASP will detect the error and force an upload of the offloaded TCP state for each previously offloaded TCP connection on that adapter to the host. Once all of the previously offloaded state has been uploaded, BASP will rebalance the recently uploaded TCP connections and offload those connections evenly to the remaining members of the team. Basically, if there is a failure on a TOE-enabled adapter, any TCP connections that had been offloaded to that adapter are migrated to the remaining nonfailed members in the team.

For Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters, there are no specific setup requirements in order for TCP Offload Engine (TOE) to work with BASP. Once the individual adapters are configured to enable TOE, they can be added to a team and the offload is transparent to BASP. For information on configuring TOE, see [Viewing Resource Reservations](#).

### *Limitations of Teaming with Offloading*

- TOE is enabled for a team only when all of the members support and are configured for TOE.
- TOE is only supported on SLB-type teams.
- Each virtual BASP device advertises 1024 offload connections. If the number of virtual BASP devices in a team exceeds the number of active physical members, the maximum offload connections for each virtual device may be lower.

## SOFTWARE COMPONENTS

Teaming is implemented via an NDIS intermediate driver in the Windows Operating System environment. This software component works with the miniport driver, the NDIS layer, and the protocol stack to enable the teaming architecture (see [Figure 2](#)). The miniport driver controls the host LAN controller directly to enable functions such as sends, receives, and



interrupt processing. The intermediate driver fits between the miniport driver and the protocol layer multiplexing several miniport driver instances, and creating a virtual adapter that looks like a single adapter to the NDIS layer. NDIS provides a set of library functions to enable the communications between either miniport drivers or intermediate drivers and the protocol stack. The protocol stack implements IP, IPX and ARP. A protocol address such as an IP address is assigned to each miniport device instance, but when an Intermediate driver is installed, the protocol address is assigned to the virtual team adapter and not to the individual miniport devices that make up the team.

The Broadcom supplied teaming support is provided by three individual software components that work together and are supported as a package. When one component is upgraded, all the other components must be upgraded to the supported versions. [Table 3](#) describes the four software components and their associated files for supported operating systems.

**Table 3: Broadcom Teaming Software Component**

<b>Software Component</b>	<b>Broadcom Name</b>	<b>Network Adapter/Operating System</b>	<b>System Architecture</b>	<b>Windows File Name</b>
	Virtual Bus Driver (VBD)	BCM5706, BCM5708, BCM5709	32-bit	bxvbdx.sys
		BCM5706, BCM5708, BCM5709	64-bit	bxvbda.sys
		BCM57710, BCM57711, BCM57712, BCM57840	32-bit	evbdx.sys
		BCM57710, BCM57711, BCM57712, BCM57840	64-bit	evbda.sys
Miniport Driver	Broadcom Base Driver	Windows Server 2012	64-bit	bxnd60a.sys
		Windows Server 2008 (NDIS 6.0)	32-bit	bxnd60x.sys
		Windows Server 2008 (NDIS 6.0)	64-bit	bxnd60a.sys
		Windows Server 2008 R2 (NDIS 6.0)	64-bit	bxnd60a.sys
Intermediate Driver	Broadcom Advanced Server Program (BASP)	Windows Server 2008	32-bit, 64-bit	basps.sys
		Windows Server 2008 R2	64-bit	basps.sys
Configuration User Interface	Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS)	Windows Server 2008	–	bacs.exe
		Windows Server 2008 R2	–	bacs.exe
		Windows Server 2012	–	bacs.exe



## HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- [Repeater Hub](#)
- [Switching Hub](#)
- [Router](#)

The various teaming modes described in this document place certain restrictions on the networking equipment used to connect clients to teamed systems. Each type of network interconnect technology has an effect on teaming as described in the following sections.

### Repeater Hub

A Repeater Hub allows a network administrator to extend an Ethernet network beyond the limits of an individual segment. The repeater regenerates the input signal received on one port onto all other connected ports, forming a single collision domain. This means that when a station attached to a repeater sends an Ethernet frame to another station, every station within the same collision domain will also receive that message. If two stations begin transmitting at the same time, a collision occurs, and each transmitting station must retransmit its data after waiting a random amount of time.

The use of a repeater requires that each station participating within the collision domain operate in half-duplex mode. Although half-duplex mode is supported for Gigabit Ethernet adapters in the IEEE 802.3 specification, half-duplex mode is not supported by the majority of Gigabit Ethernet adapter manufacturers. Therefore, half-duplex mode is not considered here.

Teaming across hubs is supported for troubleshooting purposes (such as connecting a network analyzer) for SLB teams only.

### Switching Hub

Unlike a repeater hub, a switching hub (or more simply a switch) allows an Ethernet network to be broken into multiple collision domains. The switch is responsible for forwarding Ethernet packets between hosts based solely on Ethernet MAC addresses. A physical network adapter that is attached to a switch may operate in half-duplex or full-duplex mode.

To support Generic Trunking and 802.3ad Link Aggregation, a switch must specifically support such functionality. If the switch does not support these protocols, it may still be used for Smart Load Balancing.



**NOTE:** All modes of network teaming are supported across switches when operating as a stackable switch.

### Router

A router is designed to route network traffic based on Layer 3 or higher protocols, although it often also works as a Layer 2 device with switching capabilities. The teaming of ports connected directly to a router is not supported.

## TEAMING SUPPORT BY PROCESSOR

All team types are supported by the IA-32, AMD-64, and EM64T processors.

## CONFIGURING TEAMING

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite utility is used to configure teaming in the supported operating system environments.

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) utility is designed to run on 32-bit and 64-bit Windows family of operating systems. BACS is used to configure load balancing and fault tolerance teaming, and VLANs. In addition, it displays the MAC address, driver version, and status information about each network adapter. BACS also includes a number of diagnostics tools such as hardware diagnostics, cable testing, and a network topology test.

## SUPPORTED FEATURES BY TEAM TYPE

[Table 4](#) provides a feature comparison across the team types. Use this table to determine the best type of team for your application. The teaming software supports up to eight ports in a single team and up to 16 teams in a single system. These teams can be any combination of the supported teaming types, but each team must be on a separate network or subnet.

**Table 4: Comparison of Team Types**

<i>Type of Team</i>	<i>Fault Tolerance</i>	<i>Load Balancing</i>	<i>Switch-Dependent Static Trunking</i>	<i>Switch-Independent Dynamic Link Aggregation (IEEE 802.3ad)</i>
<i>Function</i>	<i>SLB with Standby<sup>a</sup></i>	<i>SLB</i>	<i>Generic Trunking</i>	<i>Link Aggregation</i>
Number of ports per team (same broadcast domain)	2–8	2–8	2–8	2–8
Number of teams	16	16	16	16
Adapter fault tolerance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Switch link fault tolerance (same broadcast domain)	Yes	Yes	Switch-dependent	Switch-dependent
TX load balancing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
RX load balancing	No	Yes	Yes (performed by the switch)	Yes (performed by the switch)
Requires compatible switch	No	No	Yes	Yes
Heartbeats to check connectivity	No	No	No	No
Mixed media (adapters with different media)	Yes	Yes	Yes (switch-dependent)	Yes

**Table 4: Comparison of Team Types (Cont.)**

<b>Type of Team</b>	<b>Fault Tolerance</b>	<b>Load Balancing</b>	<b>Switch-Dependent Static Trunking</b>	<b>Switch-Independent Dynamic Link Aggregation (IEEE 802.3ad)</b>
<b>Function</b>	<b>SLB with Standby<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>SLB</b>	<b>Generic Trunking</b>	<b>Link Aggregation</b>
Mixed speeds (adapters that do not support a common speed(s), but can operate at different speeds)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Mixed speeds (adapters that support a common speed(s), but can operate at different speeds)	Yes	Yes	No (must be the same speed)	Yes
Load balances TCP/IP	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mixed vendor teaming	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes <sup>b</sup>
Load balances non-IP	No	Yes (IPX outbound traffic only)	Yes	Yes
Same MAC address for all team members	No	No	Yes	Yes
Same IP address for all team members	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Load balancing by IP address	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Load balancing by MAC address	No	Yes (used for no-IP/IPX)	Yes	Yes
Allows TOE functionality to co-exist when all team members support TOE <sup>c</sup>	Yes	Yes	No	No

<sup>a</sup> SLB with one primary and one standby member.

<sup>b</sup> Requires at least one Broadcom adapter in the team.

<sup>c</sup> TOE functionality can only be achieved with SLB teams that consist of all Broadcom TOE-enabled adapters.

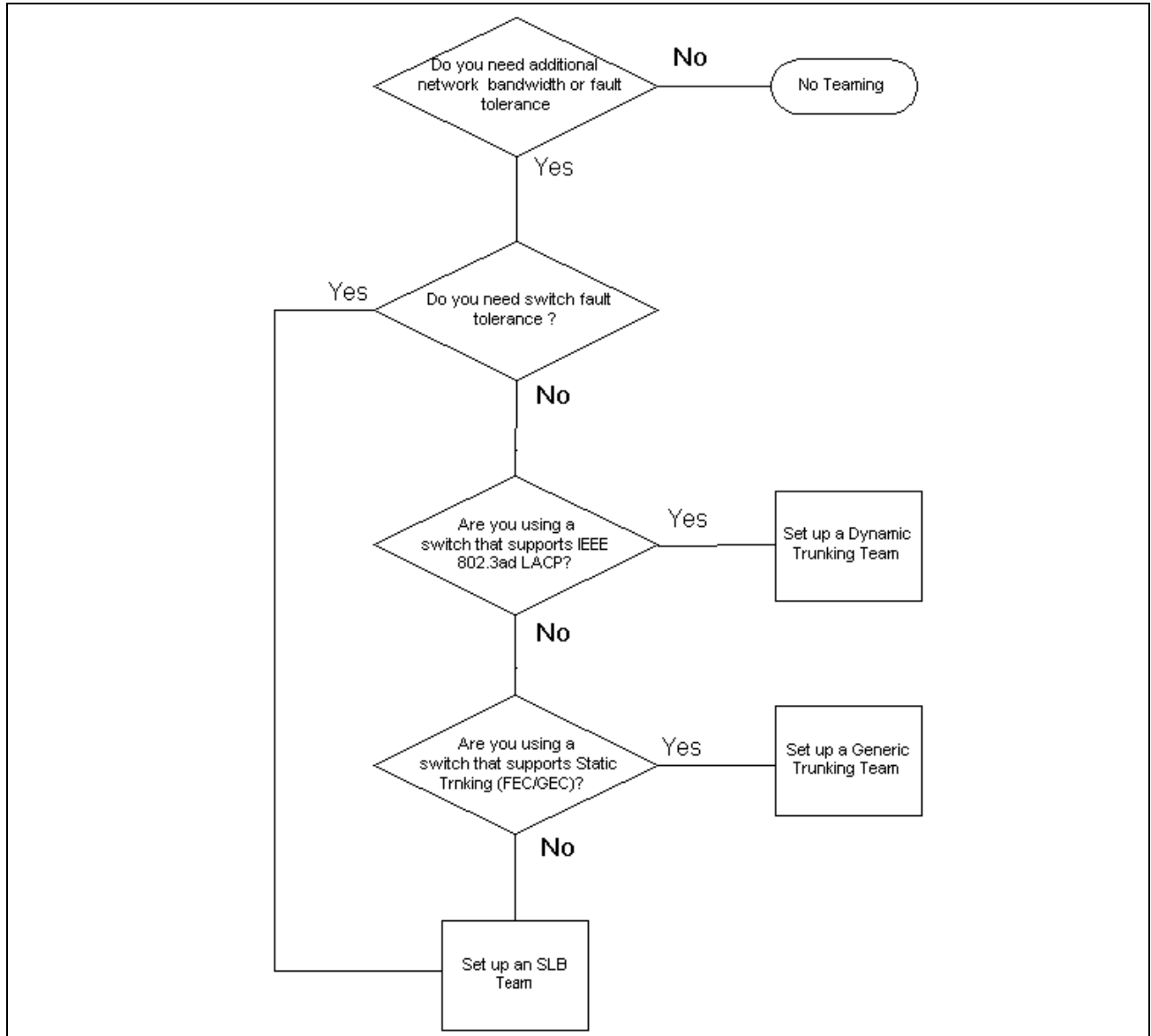




### SELECTING A TEAM TYPE

The following flow chart provides the decision flow when planning for Layer 2 teaming. For TOE teaming, only Smart Load Balancing™ and Failover type team is supported. The primary rationale for teaming is the need for additional network bandwidth and fault tolerance. Teaming offers link aggregation and fault tolerance to meet both of these requirements. Preference teaming should be selected in the following order: Link Aggregation as the first choice, Generic Trunking as the second choice, and SLB teaming as the third choice when using unmanaged switches or switches that do not support the first two options. if switch fault tolerance is a requirement, then SLB is the only choice (see [Figure 1](#)).

Figure 1: Process for Selecting a Team Type



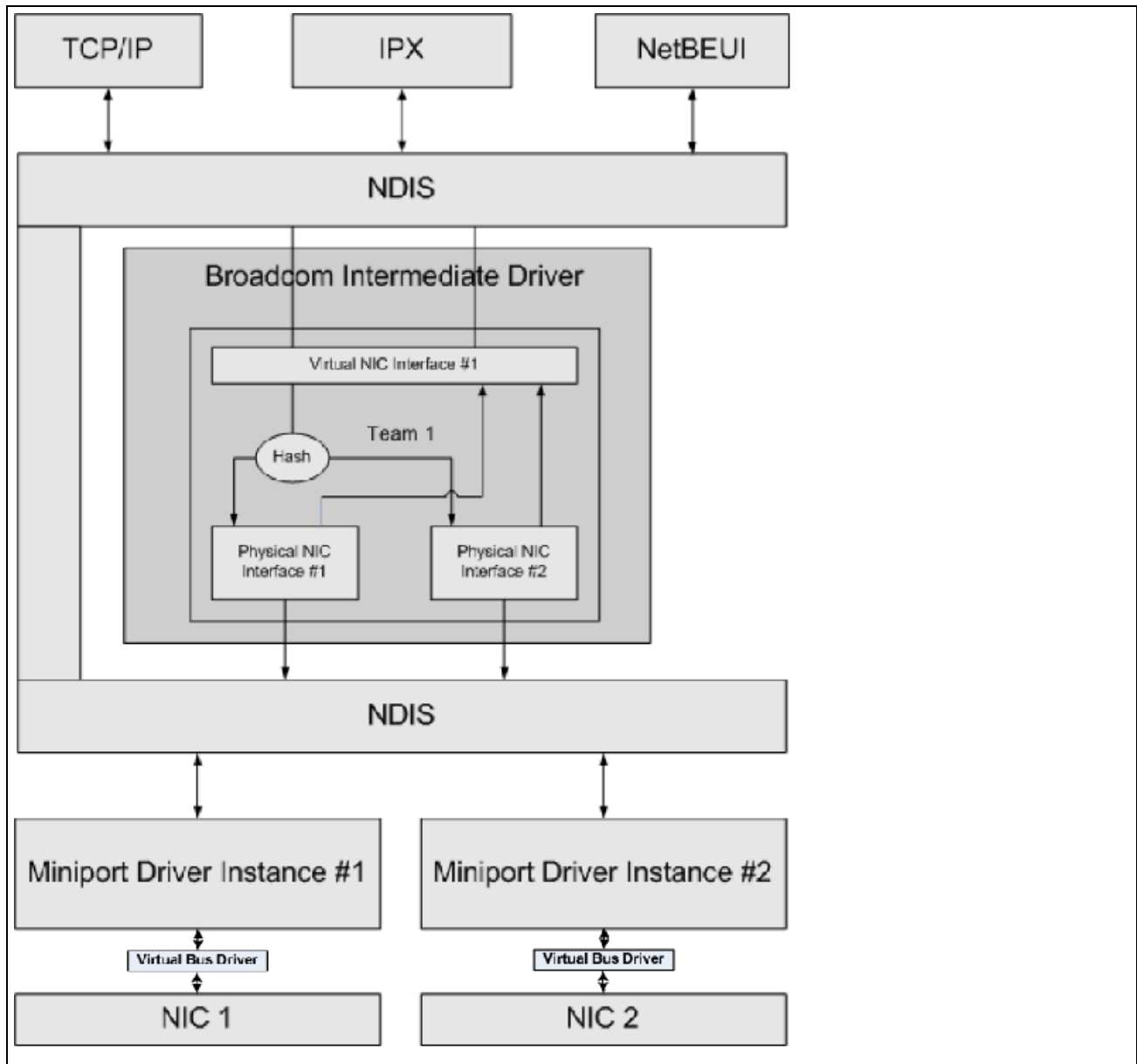
## TEAMING MECHANISMS

- [Architecture](#)
- [Types of Teams](#)
- [Attributes of the Features Associated with Each Type of Team](#)
- [Speeds Supported for Each Type of Team](#)

### ARCHITECTURE

The Broadcom Advanced Server Program is implemented as an NDIS intermediate driver (see [Figure 2](#)). It operates below protocol stacks such as TCP/IP and IPX and appears as a virtual adapter. This virtual adapter inherits the MAC Address of the first port initialized in the team. A Layer 3 address must also be configured for the virtual adapter. The primary function of BASP is to balance inbound (for SLB) and outbound traffic (for all teaming modes) among the physical adapters installed on the system selected for teaming. The inbound and outbound algorithms are independent and orthogonal to each other. The outbound traffic for a particular session can be assigned to a given port while its corresponding inbound traffic can be assigned to a different port.

**Figure 2: Intermediate Driver**



**Outbound Traffic Flow**

The Broadcom Intermediate Driver manages the outbound traffic flow for all teaming modes. For outbound traffic, every packet is first classified into a flow, and then distributed to the selected physical adapter for transmission. The flow classification involves an efficient hash computation over known protocol fields. The resulting hash value is used to index into an Outbound Flow Hash Table. The selected Outbound Flow Hash Entry contains the index of the selected physical adapter responsible for transmitting this flow. The source MAC address of the packets will then be modified to the MAC address of the selected physical adapter. The modified packet is then passed to the selected physical adapter for transmission.



The outbound TCP and UDP packets are classified using Layer 3 and Layer 4 header information. This scheme improves the load distributions for popular Internet protocol services using well-known ports such as HTTP and FTP. Therefore, BASP performs load balancing on a TCP session basis and not on a packet-by-packet basis.

In the Outbound Flow Hash Entries, statistics counters are also updated after classification. The load-balancing engine uses these counters to periodically distribute the flows across teamed ports. The outbound code path has been designed to achieve best possible concurrency where multiple concurrent accesses to the Outbound Flow Hash Table are allowed.

For protocols other than TCP/IP, the first physical adapter will always be selected for outbound packets. The exception is Address Resolution Protocol (ARP), which is handled differently to achieve inbound load balancing.

### **Inbound Traffic Flow (SLB Only)**

The Broadcom intermediate driver manages the inbound traffic flow for the SLB teaming mode. Unlike outbound load balancing, inbound load balancing can only be applied to IP addresses that are located in the same subnet as the load-balancing server. Inbound load balancing exploits a unique characteristic of Address Resolution Protocol (RFC0826), in which each IP host uses its own ARP cache to encapsulate the IP Datagram into an Ethernet frame. BASP carefully manipulates the ARP response to direct each IP host to send the inbound IP packet to the desired physical adapter. Therefore, inbound load balancing is a plan-ahead scheme based on statistical history of the inbound flows. New connections from a client to the server will always occur over the primary physical adapter (because the ARP Reply generated by the operating system protocol stack will always associate the logical IP address with the MAC address of the primary physical adapter).

Like the outbound case, there is an Inbound Flow Head Hash Table. Each entry inside this table has a singly linked list and each link (Inbound Flow Entries) represents an IP host located in the same subnet.

When an inbound IP Datagram arrives, the appropriate Inbound Flow Head Entry is located by hashing the source IP address of the IP Datagram. Two statistics counters stored in the selected entry are also updated. These counters are used in the same fashion as the outbound counters by the load-balancing engine periodically to reassign the flows to the physical adapter.

On the inbound code path, the Inbound Flow Head Hash Table is also designed to allow concurrent access. The link lists of Inbound Flow Entries are only referenced in the event of processing ARP packets and the periodic load balancing. There is no per packet reference to the Inbound Flow Entries. Even though the link lists are not bounded; the overhead in processing each non-ARP packet is always a constant. The processing of ARP packets, both inbound and outbound, however, depends on the number of links inside the corresponding link list.

On the inbound processing path, filtering is also employed to prevent broadcast packets from looping back through the system from other physical adapters.

### **Protocol Support**

ARP and IP/TCP/UDP flows are load balanced. If the packet is an IP protocol only, such as ICMP or IGMP, then all data flowing to a particular IP address will go out through the same physical adapter. If the packet uses TCP or UDP for the L4 protocol, then the port number is added to the hashing algorithm, so two separate L4 flows can go out through two separate physical adapters to the same IP address.

For example, assume the client has an IP address of 10.0.0.1. All IGMP and ICMP traffic will go out the same physical adapter because only the IP address is used for the hash. The flow would look something like this:

IGMP -----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

ICMP -----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

If the server also sends an TCP and UDP flow to the same 10.0.0.1 address, they can be on the same physical adapter as IGMP and ICMP, or on completely different physical adapters from ICMP and IGMP. The stream may look like this:

IGMP -----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

ICMP -----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

TCP-----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

UDP-----> PhysAdatper1 -----> 10.0.0.1

Or the streams may look like this:

IGMP -----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

ICMP -----> PhysAdapter1 -----> 10.0.0.1

TCP-----> PhysAdapter2 -----> 10.0.0.1

UDP-----> PhysAdatper3 -----> 10.0.0.1

The actual assignment between adapters may change over time, but any protocol that is not TCP/UDP based goes over the same physical adapter because only the IP address is used in the hash.

## Performance

Modern network interface cards provide many hardware features that reduce CPU utilization by offloading certain CPU intensive operations (see [Teaming and Other Advanced Networking Properties](#)). In contrast, the BASP intermediate driver is a purely software function that must examine every packet received from the protocol stacks and react to its contents before sending it out through a particular physical interface. Though the BASP driver can process each outgoing packet in near constant time, some applications that may already be CPU bound may suffer if operated over a teamed interface. Such an application may be better suited to take advantage of the failover capabilities of the intermediate driver rather than the load balancing features, or it may operate more efficiently over a single physical adapter that provides a particular hardware feature such as Large Send Offload.

## TYPES OF TEAMS

### Switch-Independent

The Broadcom Smart Load Balancing type of team allows two to eight physical adapters to operate as a single virtual adapter. The greatest benefit of the SLB type of team is that it operates on any IEEE compliant switch and requires no special configuration.

#### *Smart Load Balancing and Failover*

SLB provides for switch-independent, bidirectional, fault-tolerant teaming and load balancing. Switch independence implies that there is no specific support for this function required in the switch, allowing SLB to be compatible with all switches. Under SLB, all adapters in the team have separate MAC addresses. The load-balancing algorithm operates on Layer 3 addresses of the source and destination nodes, which enables SLB to load balance both incoming and outgoing traffic.

The BASP intermediate driver continually monitors the physical ports in a team for link loss. In the event of link loss on any port, traffic is automatically diverted to other ports in the team. The SLB teaming mode supports switch fault tolerance by allowing teaming across different switches- provided the switches are on the same physical network or broadcast domain.

### **Network Communications**

The following are the key attributes of SLB:

- Failover mechanism – Link loss detection.
- Load Balancing Algorithm – Inbound and outbound traffic are balanced through a Broadcom proprietary mechanism based on L4 flows.
- Outbound Load Balancing using MAC Address - No.
- Outbound Load Balancing using IP Address - Yes
- Multivendor Teaming – Supported (must include at least one Broadcom Ethernet adapter as a team member).

### **Applications**

The SLB algorithm is most appropriate in home and small business environments where cost is a concern or with commodity switching equipment. SLB teaming works with unmanaged Layer 2 switches and is a cost-effective way of getting redundancy and link aggregation at the server. Smart Load Balancing also supports teaming physical adapters with differing link capabilities. In addition, SLB is recommended when switch fault tolerance with teaming is required.

### **Configuration Recommendations**

SLB supports connecting the teamed ports to hubs and switches if they are on the same broadcast domain. It does not support connecting to a router or Layer 3 switches because the ports must be on the same subnet.

## Switch-Dependent

### *Generic Static Trunking*

This mode supports a variety of environments where the adapter link partners are statically configured to support a proprietary trunking mechanism. This mode could be used to support Lucent's *Open Trunk*, Cisco's *Fast EtherChannel* (FEC), and Cisco's *Gigabit EtherChannel* (GEC). In the static mode, as in generic link aggregation, the switch administrator needs to assign the ports to the team, and this assignment cannot be altered by the BASP, as there is no exchange of the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) frame.

With this mode, all adapters in the team are configured to receive packets for the same MAC address. Trunking operates on Layer 2 addresses and supports load balancing and failover for both inbound and outbound traffic. The BASP driver determines the load-balancing scheme for outbound packets, using Layer 4 protocols previously discussed, whereas the team link partner determines the load-balancing scheme for inbound packets.

The attached switch must support the appropriate trunking scheme for this mode of operation. Both the BASP and the switch continually monitor their ports for link loss. In the event of link loss on any port, traffic is automatically diverted to other ports in the team.

### Network Communications

The following are the key attributes of Generic Static Trunking:

- Failover mechanism – Link loss detection
- Load Balancing Algorithm – Outbound traffic is balanced through Broadcom proprietary mechanism based L4 flows. Inbound traffic is balanced according to a switch specific mechanism.
- Outbound Load Balancing using MAC Address – No
- Outbound Load Balancing using IP Address - Yes
- Multivendor teaming – Supported (Must include at least one Broadcom Ethernet adapter as a team member)

### Applications

Generic trunking works with switches that support Cisco Fast EtherChannel, Cisco Gigabit EtherChannel, Extreme Networks Load Sharing and Bay Networks or IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation static mode. Since load balancing is implemented on Layer 2 addresses, all higher protocols such as IP, IPX, and NetBEUI are supported. Therefore, this is the recommended teaming mode when the switch supports generic trunking modes over SLB.

### Configuration Recommendations

Static trunking supports connecting the teamed ports to switches if they are on the same broadcast domain and support generic trunking. It does not support connecting to a router or Layer 3 switches since the ports must be on the same subnet.

### *Dynamic Trunking (IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation)*

This mode supports link aggregation through static and dynamic configuration via the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP). With this mode, all adapters in the team are configured to receive packets for the same MAC address. The MAC address of the first adapter in the team is used and cannot be substituted for a different MAC address. The BASP driver determines the load-balancing scheme for outbound packets, using Layer 4 protocols previously discussed, whereas the team's link partner determines the load-balancing scheme for inbound packets. Because the load balancing is implemented on Layer 2, all higher protocols such as IP, IPX, and NetBEUI are supported. The attached switch must support the 802.3ad Link Aggregation standard for this mode of operation. The switch manages the inbound traffic to the adapter while the BASP manages the outbound traffic. Both the BASP and the switch continually monitor their ports for link loss. In the event of link loss on any port, traffic is automatically diverted to other ports in the team.

### **Network Communications**

The following are the key attributes of Dynamic Trunking:

- Failover mechanism – Link loss detection
- Load Balancing Algorithm – Outbound traffic is balanced through a Broadcom proprietary mechanism based on L4 flows. Inbound traffic is balanced according to a switch specific mechanism.
- Outbound Load Balancing using MAC Address - No
- Outbound Load Balancing using IP Address - Yes
- Multivendor teaming – Supported (Must include at least one Broadcom Ethernet adapter as a team member)

### **Applications**

Dynamic trunking works with switches that support IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation dynamic mode using LACP. Inbound load balancing is switch dependent. In general, the switch traffic is load balanced based on L2 addresses. In this case, all network protocols such as IP, IPX, and NetBEUI are load balanced. Therefore, this is the recommended teaming mode when the switch supports LACP, except when switch fault tolerance is required. SLB is the only teaming mode that supports switch fault tolerance.

### **Configuration Recommendations**

Dynamic trunking supports connecting the teamed ports to switches as long as they are on the same broadcast domain and supports IEEE 802.3ad LACP trunking. It does not support connecting to a router or Layer 3 switches since the ports must be on the same subnet.

### **LiveLink™**

LiveLink™ is a feature of BASP that is available for the Smart Load Balancing (SLB) and SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) types of teaming. The purpose of LiveLink is to detect link loss beyond the switch and to route traffic only through team members that have a live link. This function is accomplished through the teaming software. The teaming software periodically probes (issues a link packet from each team member) one or more specified target network device(s). The probe target(s) responds when it receives the link packet. If a team member does not detect the response within a specified amount of time, this indicates that the link has been lost, and the teaming software discontinues passing traffic through that team member. Later, if that team member begins to detect a response from a probe target, this indicates that the link has been restored, and the teaming software automatically resumes passing traffic through that team member. LiveLink works only with TCP/IP.

LiveLink™ functionality is supported in both 32-bit and 64-bit Windows operating systems. For similar functionality in Linux operating systems, see the Channel Bonding information in your Red Hat documentation.





## ATTRIBUTES OF THE FEATURES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH TYPE OF TEAM

The attributes of the features associated with each type of team are summarized in [Table 5](#).

**Table 5: Attributes**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Attribute</b>
<b>Smart Load Balancing™</b>	
User interface	Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS)
Number of teams	Maximum 16
Number of adapters per team	Maximum 8
Hot replace	Yes
Hot add	Yes
Hot remove	Yes
Link speed support	Different speeds
Frame protocol	IP
Incoming packet management	BASP
Outgoing packet management	BASP
LiveLink support	Yes
Failover event	Loss of link
Failover time	<500 ms
Fallback time	1.5 s <sup>b</sup> (approximate)
MAC address	Different
Multivendor teaming	Yes
<b>Generic Trunking</b>	
User interface	Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS)
Number of teams	Maximum 16
Number of adapters per team	Maximum 8
Hot replace	Yes
Hot add	Yes
Hot remove	Yes
Link speed support	Different speeds <sup>a</sup>
Frame protocol	All
Incoming packet management	Switch
Outgoing packet management	BASP
Failover event	Loss of link only
Failover time	<500 ms
Fallback time	1.5 s <sup>b</sup> (approximate)
MAC address	Same for all adapters
Multivendor teaming	Yes
<b>Dynamic Trunking</b>	
User interface	Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS)
Number of teams	Maximum 16
Number of adapters per team	Maximum 8

**Table 5: Attributes (Cont.)**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Attribute</b>
Hot replace	Yes
Hot add	Yes
Hot remove	Yes
Link speed support	Different speeds
Frame protocol	All
Incoming packet management	Switch
Outgoing packet management	BASP
Failover event	Loss of link only
Failover time	<500 ms
Fallback time	1.5 s <sup>b</sup> (approximate)
MAC address	Same for all adapters
Multivendor teaming	Yes

<sup>a</sup> Some switches require matching link speeds to correctly negotiate between trunk connections.

<sup>b</sup> Make sure that Port Fast or Edge Port is enabled.

## SPEEDS SUPPORTED FOR EACH TYPE OF TEAM

The various link speeds that are supported for each type of team are listed in [Table 6](#). Mixed speed refers to the capability of teaming adapters that are running at different link speeds.

**Table 6: Link Speeds in Teaming**

<b>Type of Team</b>	<b>Link Speed</b>	<b>Traffic Direction</b>	<b>Speed Support</b>
SLB	10/100/1000/10000	Incoming/outgoing	Mixed speed
FEC	100	Incoming/outgoing	Same speed
GEC	1000	Incoming/outgoing	Same speed
IEEE 802.3ad	10/100/1000/10000	Incoming/outgoing	Mixed speed

## TEAMING AND OTHER ADVANCED NETWORKING PROPERTIES

- [Checksum Offload](#)
- [IEEE 802.1p QoS Tagging](#)
- [Large Send Offload](#)
- [TCP Offload Engine \(TOE\)](#)
- [Jumbo Frames](#)
- [IEEE 802.1Q VLANs](#)
- [Wake On LAN](#)
- [Preboot Execution Environment](#)

Before creating a team, adding or removing team members, or changing advanced settings of a team member, make sure each team member has been configured similarly. Settings to check include VLANs and QoS Packet Tagging, Jumbo Frames, and the various offloads. Advanced adapter properties and teaming support are listed in [Table 7](#).

**Table 7: Advanced Adapter Properties and Teaming Support**

<b>Adapter Properties</b>	<b>Supported by Teaming Virtual Adapter</b>
Checksum Offload	Yes
IEEE 802.1p QoS Tagging	No
Large Send Offload	Yes <sup>a</sup>
TCP Offload Engine (TOE)	Yes <sup>b, c</sup>
Jumbo Frames	Yes <sup>b</sup>
IEEE 802.1Q VLANs	Yes <sup>c</sup>
Wake on LAN	No <sup>d</sup>
Preboot Execution environment (PXE)	Yes <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All adapters on the team must support this feature. Some adapters may not support this feature if ASF/IPMI is also enabled.

<sup>b</sup> Must be supported by all adapters in the team.

<sup>c</sup> Only for Broadcom adapters.

<sup>d</sup> See [Wake On LAN](#).

<sup>e</sup> As a PXE sever only, not as a client.

A team does not necessarily inherit adapter properties; rather various properties depend on the specific capability. For instance, an example would be flow control, which is a physical adapter property and has nothing to do with BASP, and will be enabled on a particular adapter if the miniport driver for that adapter has flow control enabled.



**NOTE:** All adapters on the team must support the property listed in [Table 7](#) in order for the team to support the property.

## CHECKSUM OFFLOAD

Checksum Offload is a property of the Broadcom network adapters that allows the TCP/IP/UDP checksums for send and receive traffic to be calculated by the adapter hardware rather than by the host CPU. In high-traffic situations, this can allow a system to handle more connections more efficiently than if the host CPU were forced to calculate the checksums. This property is inherently a hardware property and would not benefit from a software-only implementation. An adapter that supports Checksum Offload advertises this capability to the operating system so that the checksum does not need to be calculated in the protocol stack. Checksum Offload is only supported for IPv4 at this time.

## IEEE 802.1P QoS TAGGING

The IEEE 802.1p standard includes a 3-bit field (supporting a maximum of 8 priority levels), which allows for traffic prioritization. The BASP intermediate driver does not support IEEE 802.1p QoS tagging.

## LARGE SEND OFFLOAD

Large Send Offload (LSO) is a feature provided by Broadcom network adapters that prevents an upper level protocol such as TCP from breaking a large data packet into a series of smaller packets with headers appended to them. The protocol stack need only generate a single header for a data packet as large as 64 KB, and the adapter hardware breaks the data buffer into appropriately-sized Ethernet frames with the correctly sequenced header (based on the single header originally provided).

## TCP OFFLOAD ENGINE (TOE)

The TCP/IP protocol suite is used to provide transport services for a wide range of applications for the Internet, LAN, and for file transfer. Without the TCP Offload Engine, the TCP/IP protocol suite runs on the host CPU, consuming a very high percentage of its resources and leaving little resources for the applications. With the use of the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter, the TCP/IP processing can be moved to hardware, freeing the CPU for more important tasks such as application processing.

The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter's TOE functionality allows simultaneous operation of up to 1024 fully offloaded TCP connections for 1-Gbps network adapters and 1880 fully offloaded TCP connections for 10-Gbps network adapters. The TOE support on the adapter significantly reduces the host CPU utilization while preserving the implementation of the operating system stack.

## JUMBO FRAMES

The use of jumbo frames was originally proposed by Alteon Networks, Inc. in 1998 and increased the maximum size of an Ethernet frame to a maximum size of 9000 bytes. Though never formally adopted by the IEEE 802.3 Working Group, support for jumbo frames has been implemented in Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters. The BASP intermediate driver supports jumbo frames, provided that all of the physical adapters in the team also support jumbo frames and the same size is set on all adapters in the team.

## IEEE 802.1Q VLANs

In 1998, the IEEE approved the 802.3ac standard, which defines frame format extensions to support Virtual Bridged Local Area Network tagging on Ethernet networks as specified in the IEEE 802.1Q specification. The VLAN protocol permits

insertion of a tag into an Ethernet frame to identify the VLAN to which a frame belongs. If present, the 4-byte VLAN tag is inserted into the Ethernet frame between the source MAC address and the length/type field. The first 2-bytes of the VLAN tag consist of the IEEE 802.1Q tag type, whereas the second 2 bytes include a user priority field and the VLAN identifier (VID). Virtual LANs (VLANs) allow the user to split the physical LAN into logical subparts. Each defined VLAN behaves as its own separate network, with its traffic and broadcasts isolated from the others, thus increasing bandwidth efficiency within each logical group. VLANs also enable the administrator to enforce appropriate security and quality of service (QoS) policies. The BASP supports the creation of 64 VLANs per team or adapter: 63 tagged and 1 untagged. The operating system and system resources, however, limit the actual number of VLANs. VLAN support is provided according to IEEE 802.1Q and is supported in a teaming environment as well as on a single adapter. Note that VLANs are supported only with homogeneous teaming and not in a multivendor teaming environment. The BASP intermediate driver supports VLAN tagging. One or more VLANs may be bound to a single instance of the intermediate driver.

## **WAKE ON LAN**

Wake on LAN (WOL) is a feature that allows a system to be awakened from a sleep state by the arrival of a specific packet over the Ethernet interface. Because a Virtual Adapter is implemented as a software only device, it lacks the hardware features to implement Wake on LAN and cannot be enabled to wake the system from a sleeping state via the Virtual Adapter. The physical adapters, however, support this property, even when the adapter is part of a team.

## **PREBOOT EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT**

The Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) allows a system to boot from an operating system image over the network. By definition, PXE is invoked before an operating system is loaded, so there is no opportunity for the BASP intermediate driver to load and enable a team. As a result, teaming is not supported as a PXE client, though a physical adapter that participates in a team when the operating system is loaded may be used as a PXE client. Whereas a teamed adapter cannot be used as a PXE client, it can be used for a PXE server, which provides operating system images to PXE clients using a combination of Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP) and the Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP). Both of these protocols operate over IP and are supported by all teaming modes.

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## GENERAL NETWORK CONSIDERATIONS

- [Teaming with Microsoft Virtual Server 2005](#)
- [Teaming Across Switches](#)
- [Spanning Tree Algorithm](#)
- [Layer 3 Routing/Switching](#)
- [Teaming with Hubs \(for troubleshooting purposes only\)](#)
- [Teaming with Microsoft NLB](#)

### TEAMING WITH MICROSOFT VIRTUAL SERVER 2005

The only supported BASP team configuration when using Microsoft Virtual Server 2005 is with a Smart Load Balancing (TM) team-type consisting of a single primary Broadcom adapter and a standby Broadcom adapter. Make sure to unbind or deselect “Virtual Machine Network Services” from each team member prior to creating a team and prior to creating Virtual networks with Microsoft Virtual Server. Additionally, a virtual network should be created in this software and subsequently bound to the virtual adapter created by a team. Directly binding a Guest operating system to a team virtual adapter may not render the desired results.



**NOTE:** As of this writing, Windows Server 2008 is not a supported operating system for Microsoft Virtual Server 2005; thus, teaming may not function as expected with this combination.

### TEAMING ACROSS SWITCHES

SLB teaming can be configured across switches. The switches, however, must be connected together. Generic Trunking and Link Aggregation do not work across switches because each of these implementations requires that all physical adapters in a team share the same Ethernet MAC address. It is important to note that SLB can only detect the loss of link between the ports in the team and their immediate link partner. SLB has no way of reacting to other hardware failures in the switches and cannot detect loss of link on other ports.

#### Switch-Link Fault Tolerance

The diagrams below describe the operation of an SLB team in a switch fault tolerant configuration. We show the mapping of the ping request and ping replies in an SLB team with two active members. All servers (Blue, Gray and Red) have a continuous ping to each other. [Figure 3](#) is a setup without the interconnect cable in place between the two switches. [Figure 4](#) has the interconnect cable in place, and [Figure 5](#) is an example of a failover event with the Interconnect cable in place. These scenarios describe the behavior of teaming across the two switches and the importance of the interconnect link.

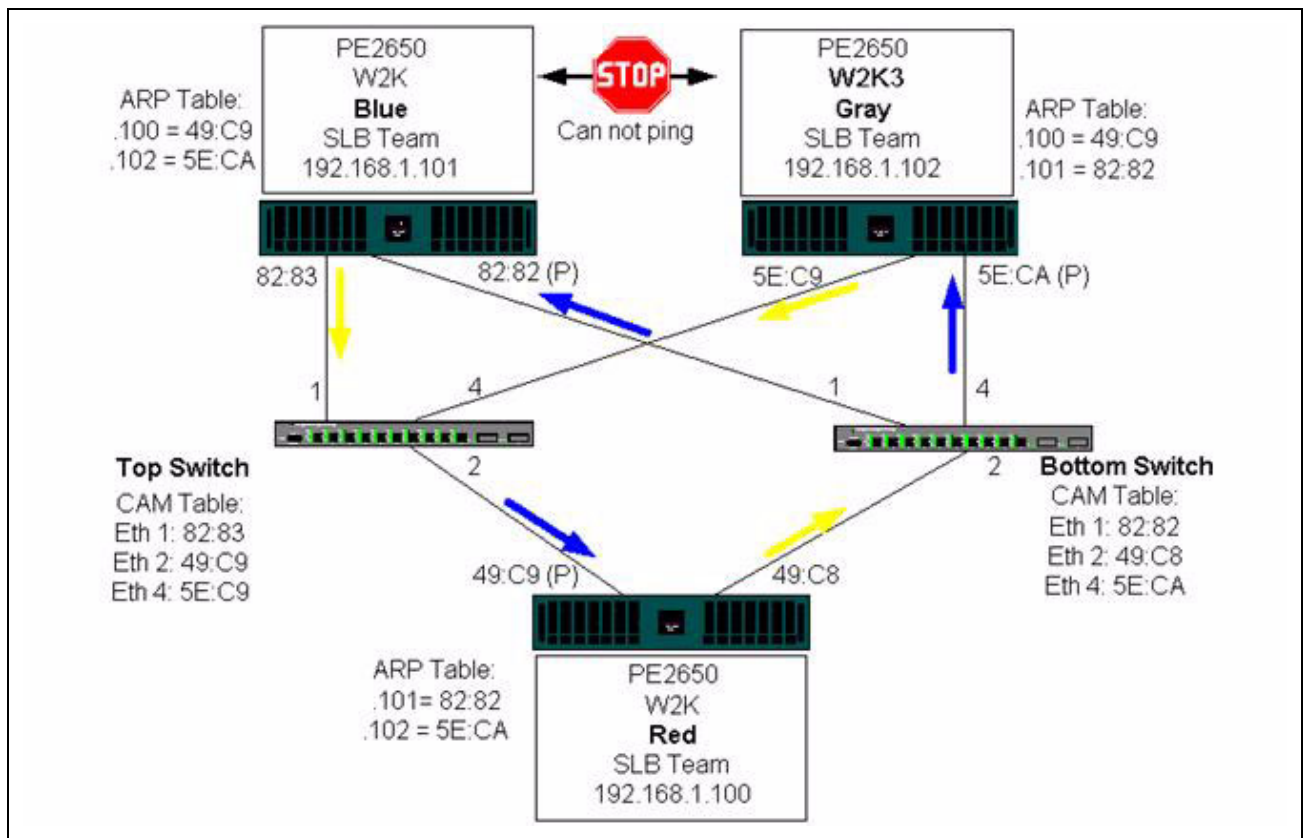
The diagrams show the secondary team member sending the ICMP echo requests (yellow arrows) while the primary team member receives the respective ICMP echo replies (blue arrows). This illustrates a key characteristic of the teaming software. The load balancing algorithms do not synchronize how frames are load balanced when sent or received. In other words, frames for a given conversation can go out and be received on different interfaces in the team. This is true for all

types of teaming supported by Broadcom. Therefore, an interconnect link must be provided between the switches that connect to ports in the same team.

In the configuration without the interconnect, an ICMP Request from Blue to Gray goes out port 82:83 destined for Gray port 5E:CA, but the Top Switch has no way to send it there because it cannot go along the 5E:C9 port on Gray. A similar scenario occurs when Gray attempts to ping Blue. An ICMP Request goes out on 5E:C9 destined for Blue 82:82, but cannot get there. Top Switch does not have an entry for 82:82 in its CAM table because there is no interconnect between the two switches. Pings, however, flow between Red and Blue and between Red and Gray.

Furthermore, a failover event would cause additional loss of connectivity. Consider a cable disconnect on the Top Switch port 4. In this case, Gray would send the ICMP Request to Red 49:C9, but because the Bottom switch has no entry for 49:C9 in its CAM Table, the frame is flooded to all its ports but cannot find a way to get to 49:C9.

Figure 3: Teaming Across Switches Without an Interswitch Link



The addition of a link between the switches allows traffic from/to Blue and Gray to reach each other without any problems. Note the additional entries in the CAM table for both switches. The link interconnect is critical for the proper operation of the team. As a result, it is highly advisable to have a link aggregation trunk to interconnect the two switches to ensure high availability for the connection.

Figure 4: Teaming Across Switches With Interconnect

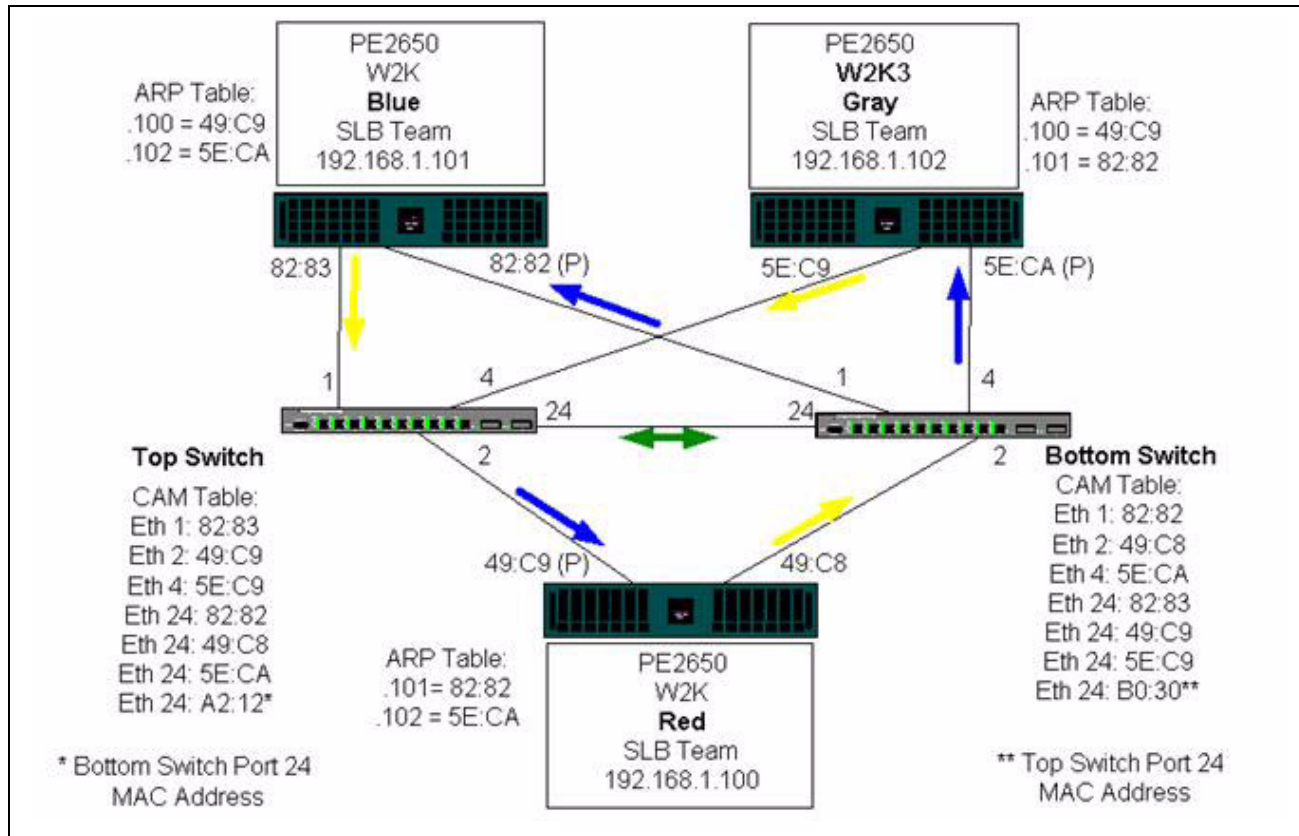
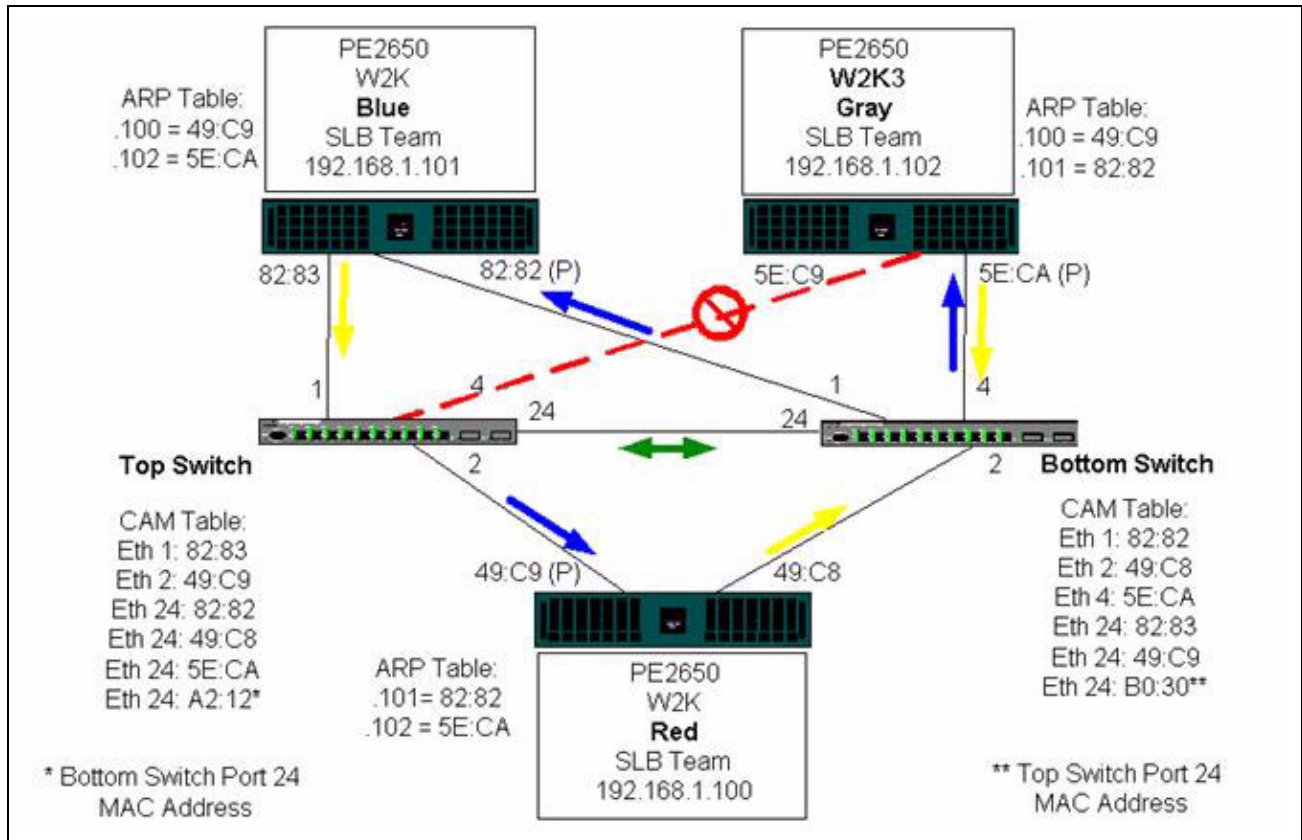




Figure 5 represents a failover event in which the cable is unplugged on the Top Switch port 4. This is a successful failover with all stations pinging each other without loss of connectivity.

Figure 5: Failover Event



## SPANNING TREE ALGORITHM

- [Topology Change Notice \(TCN\)](#)
- [Port Fast/Edge Port](#)

In Ethernet networks, only one active path may exist between any two bridges or switches. Multiple active paths between switches can cause loops in the network. When loops occur, some switches recognize stations on both sides of the switch. This situation causes the forwarding algorithm to malfunction allowing duplicate frames to be forwarded. Spanning tree algorithms provide path redundancy by defining a tree that spans all of the switches in an extended network and then forces certain redundant data paths into a standby (blocked) state. At regular intervals, the switches in the network send and receive spanning tree packets that they use to identify the path. If one network segment becomes unreachable, or if spanning tree costs change, the spanning tree algorithm reconfigures the spanning tree topology and re-establishes the link by activating the standby path. Spanning tree operation is transparent to end stations, which do not detect whether they are connected to a single LAN segment or a switched LAN of multiple segments.

Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) is a Layer 2 protocol designed to run on bridges and switches. The specification for STP is defined in IEEE 802.1d. The main purpose of STP is to ensure that you do not run into a loop situation when you have redundant paths in your network. STP detects/disables network loops and provides backup links between switches or bridges. It allows the device to interact with other STP compliant devices in your network to ensure that only one path exists between any two stations on the network.

After a stable network topology has been established, all bridges listen for hello BPDUs (Bridge Protocol Data Units) transmitted from the root bridge. If a bridge does not get a hello BPDU after a predefined interval (Max Age), the bridge assumes that the link to the root bridge is down. This bridge then initiates negotiations with other bridges to reconfigure the network to re-establish a valid network topology. The process to create a new topology can take up to 50 seconds. During this time, end-to-end communications are interrupted.

The use of Spanning Tree is not recommended for ports that are connected to end stations, because by definition, an end station does not create a loop within an Ethernet segment. Additionally, when a teamed adapter is connected to a port with Spanning Tree enabled, users may experience unexpected connectivity problems. For example, consider a teamed adapter that has a lost link on one of its physical adapters. If the physical adapter were to be reconnected (also known as fallback), the intermediate driver would detect that the link has been reestablished and would begin to pass traffic through the port. Traffic would be lost if the port was temporarily blocked by the Spanning Tree Protocol.

### Topology Change Notice (TCN)

A bridge/switch creates a forwarding table of MAC addresses and port numbers by learning the source MAC address that received on a particular port. The table is used to forward frames to a specific port rather than flooding the frame to all ports. The typical maximum aging time of entries in the table is 5 minutes. Only when a host has been silent for 5 minutes would its entry be removed from the table. It is sometimes beneficial to reduce the aging time. One example is when a forwarding link goes to blocking and a different link goes from blocking to forwarding. This change could take up to 50 seconds. At the end of the STP re-calculation a new path would be available for communications between end stations. However, because the forwarding table would still have entries based on the old topology, communications may not be reestablished until after 5 minutes when the affected ports entries are removed from the table. Traffic would then be flooded to all ports and re-learned. In this case it is beneficial to reduce the aging time. This is the purpose of a topology change notice (TCN) BPDU. The TCN is sent from the affected bridge/switch to the root bridge/switch. As soon as a bridge/switch detects a topology change (a link going down or a port going to forwarding) it sends a TCN to the root bridge via its root port. The root bridge then advertises a BPDU with a Topology Change to the entire network. This causes every bridge to reduce the MAC table aging time to 15 seconds for a specified amount of time. This allows the switch to re-learn the MAC addresses as soon as STP re-converges.

Topology Change Notice BPDUs are sent when a port that was forwarding changes to blocking or transitions to forwarding. A TCN BPDU does not initiate an STP recalculation. It only affects the aging time of the forwarding table entries in the switch. It will not change the topology of the network or create loops. End nodes such as servers or clients trigger a topology change when they power off and then power back on.

### **Port Fast/Edge Port**

To reduce the effect of TCNs on the network (for example, increasing flooding on switch ports), end nodes that are powered on/off often should use the Port Fast or Edge Port setting on the switch port they are attached to. Port Fast or Edge Port is a command that is applied to specific ports and has the following effects:

- Ports coming from link down to link up will be put in the forwarding STP mode instead of going from listening to learning and then to forwarding. STP is still running on these ports.
- The switch does not generate a Topology Change Notice when the port is going up or down.

## **LAYER 3 ROUTING/SWITCHING**

The switch that the teamed ports are connected to must not be a Layer 3 switch or router. The ports in the team must be in the same network.

### **TEAMING WITH HUBS (FOR TROUBLESHOOTING PURPOSES ONLY)**

- [Hub Usage in Teaming Network Configurations](#)
- [SLB Teams](#)
- [SLB Team Connected to a Single Hub](#)
- [Generic and Dynamic Trunking \(FEC/GEC/IEEE 802.3ad\)](#)

SLB teaming can be used with 10/100 hubs, but it is only recommended for troubleshooting purposes, such as connecting a network analyzer in the event that switch port mirroring is not an option.

#### **Hub Usage in Teaming Network Configurations**

Although the use of hubs in network topologies is functional in some situations, it is important to consider the throughput ramifications when doing so. Network hubs have a maximum of 100 Mbps half-duplex link speed, which severely degrades performance in either a Gigabit or 100 Mbps switched-network configuration. Hub bandwidth is shared among all connected devices; as a result, when more devices are connected to the hub, the bandwidth available to any single device connected to the hub is reduced in direct proportion to the number of devices connected to the hub.

It is not recommended to connect team members to hubs; only switches should be used to connect to teamed ports. An SLB team, however, can be connected directly to a hub for troubleshooting purposes. Other team types can result in a loss of connectivity if specific failures occur and should not be used with hubs.

#### **SLB Teams**

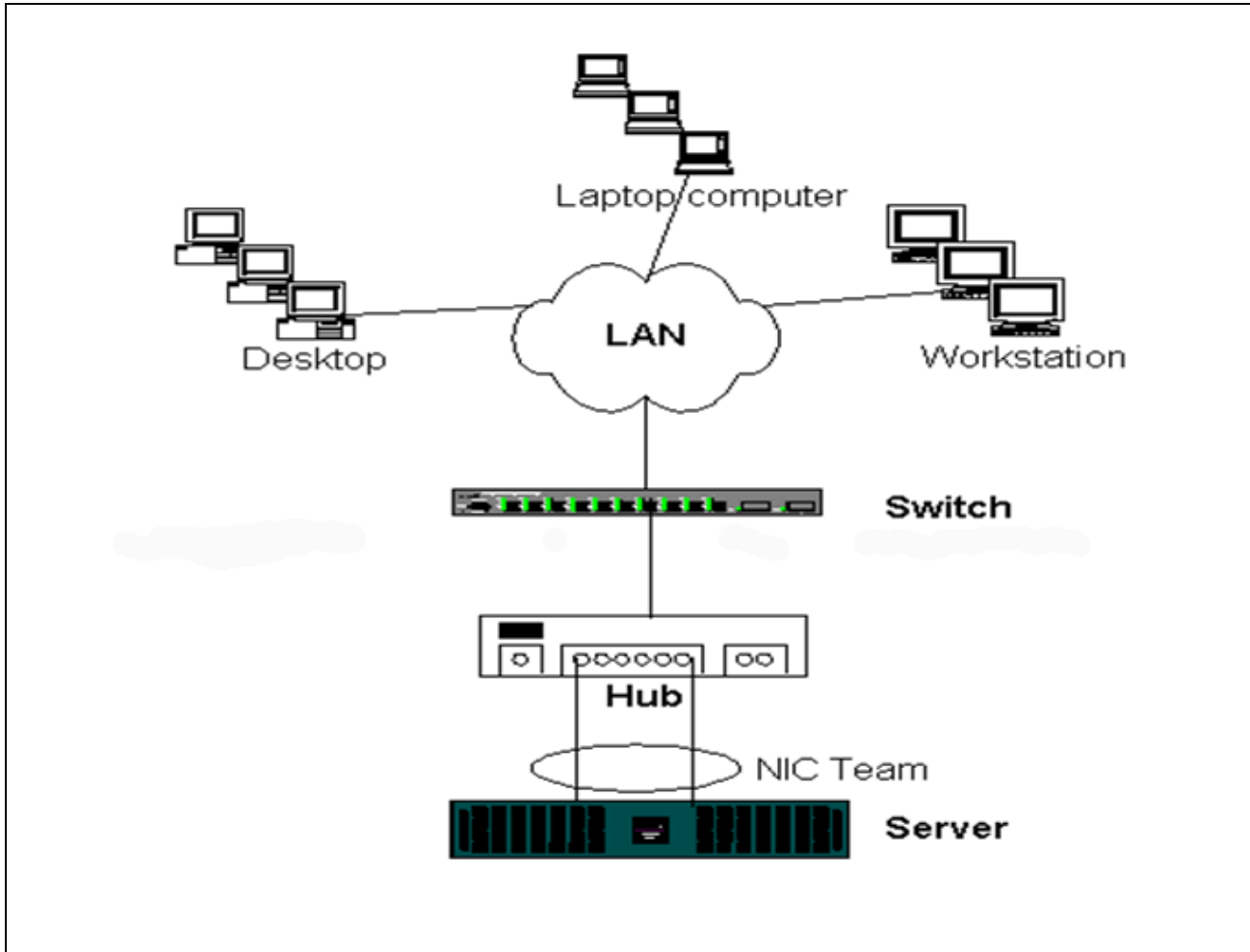
SLB teams are the only teaming type not dependant on switch configuration. The server intermediate driver handles the load balancing and fault tolerance mechanisms with no assistance from the switch. These elements of SLB make it the only team type that maintains failover and fallback characteristics when team ports are connected directly to a hub.



**SLB Team Connected to a Single Hub**

SLB teams configured as shown in [Figure 6](#) maintain their fault tolerance properties. Either server connection could potentially fail, and network functionality is maintained. Clients could be connected directly to the hub, and fault tolerance would still be maintained; server performance, however, would be degraded.

**Figure 6: Team Connected to a Single Hub**



**Generic and Dynamic Trunking (FEC/GEC/IEEE 802.3ad)**

FEC/GEC and IEEE 802.3ad teams cannot be connected to any hub configuration. These team types must be connected to a switch that has also been configured for this team type.

**TEAMING WITH MICROSOFT NLB**

Teaming *does not* work in Microsoft’s Network Load Balancing (NLB) unicast mode, only in multicast mode. Due to the mechanism used by the NLB service, the recommended teaming configuration in this environment is Failover (SLB with a standby NIC) as load balancing is managed by NLB. The TOE functionality in teaming will not operate in NLB.



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## APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

- [Teaming and Clustering](#)
- [Teaming and Network Backup](#)

### TEAMING AND CLUSTERING

- [Microsoft Cluster Software](#)
- [High-Performance Computing Cluster](#)
- [Oracle](#)

#### Microsoft Cluster Software

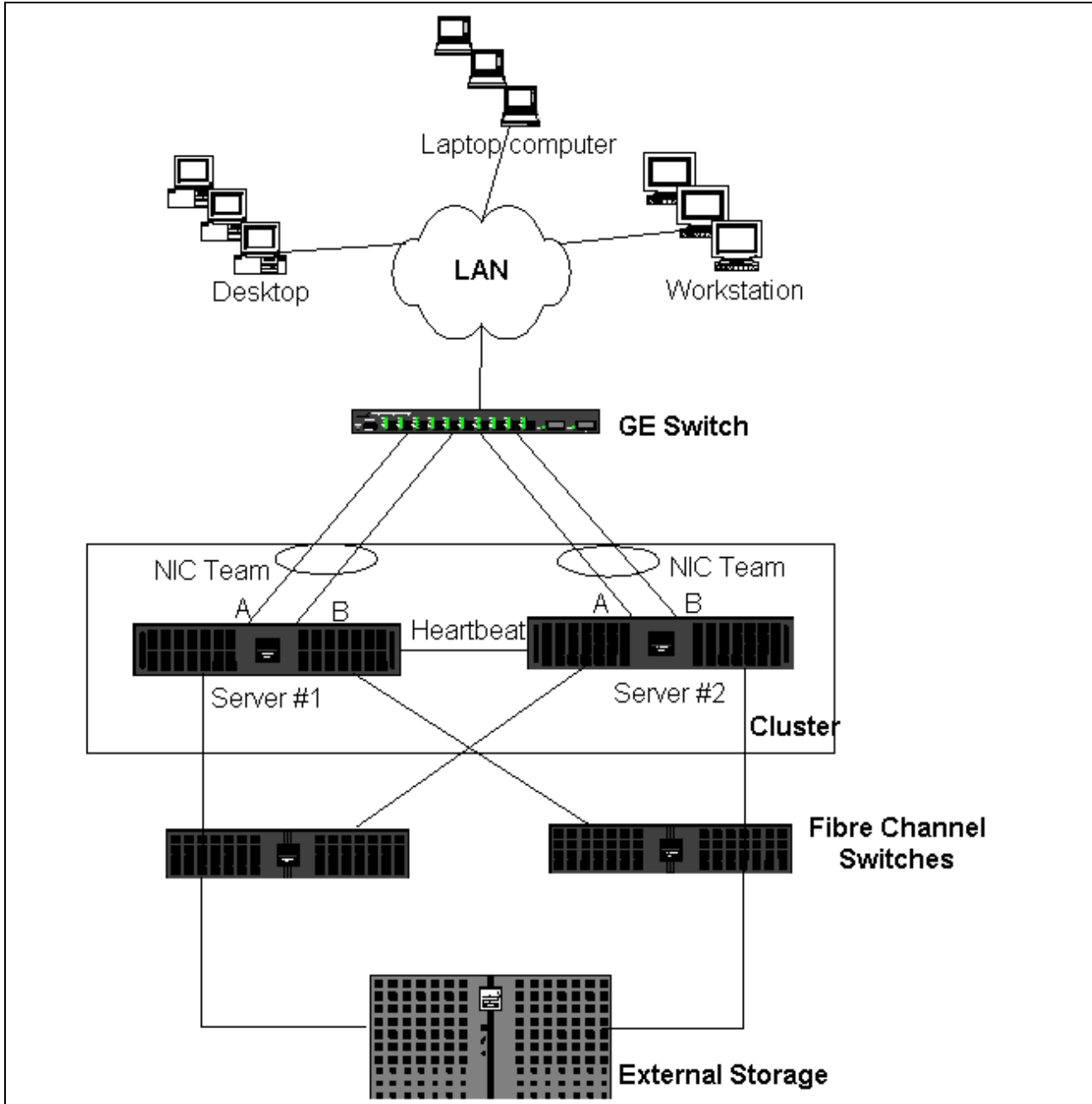
In each cluster node, it is strongly recommended that customers install at least two network adapters (on-board adapters are acceptable). These interfaces serve two purposes. One adapter is used exclusively for intra-cluster *heartbeat* communications. This is referred to as the *private adapter* and usually resides on a separate private subnetwork. The other adapter is used for client communications and is referred to as the *public adapter*.

Multiple adapters may be used for each of these purposes: private, intracluster communications and public, external client communications. All Broadcom teaming modes are supported with Microsoft Cluster Software for the public adapter only. Private network adapter teaming is not supported. Microsoft indicates that the use of teaming on the private interconnect of a server cluster is not supported because of delays that could possibly occur in the transmission and receipt of heartbeat packets between the nodes. For best results, when you want redundancy for the private interconnect, disable teaming and use the available ports to form a second private interconnect. This achieves the same end result and provides dual, robust communication paths for the nodes to communicate over.

For teaming in a clustered environment, customers are recommended to use the same brand of adapters.

Figure 7 shows a 2-node Fibre-Channel cluster with three network interfaces per cluster node: one private and two public. On each node, the two public adapters are teamed, and the private adapter is not. Teaming is supported across the same switch or across two switches. Figure 8 shows the same 2-node Fibre-Channel cluster in this configuration.

Figure 7: Clustering With Teaming Across One Switch



**NOTE:** Microsoft Network Load Balancing is not supported with Microsoft Cluster Software.

## High-Performance Computing Cluster

Gigabit Ethernet is typically used for the following three purposes in high-performance computing cluster (HPCC) applications:

- **Inter-Process Communications (IPC):** For applications that do not require low-latency, high-bandwidth interconnects (such as Myrinet, InfiniBand), Gigabit Ethernet can be used for communication between the compute nodes.
- **I/O:** Ethernet can be used for file sharing and serving the data to the compute nodes. This can be done simply using an NFS server or using parallel file systems such as PVFS.
- **Management & Administration:** Ethernet is used for out-of-band (ERA) and in-band (OMSA) management of the nodes in the cluster. It can also be used for job scheduling and monitoring.

In our current HPCC offerings, only one of the on-board adapters is used. If Myrinet or IB is present, this adapter serves I/O and administration purposes; otherwise, it is also responsible for IPC. In case of an adapter failure, the administrator can use the Felix package to easily configure adapter 2. Adapter teaming on the host side is neither tested nor supported in HPCC.

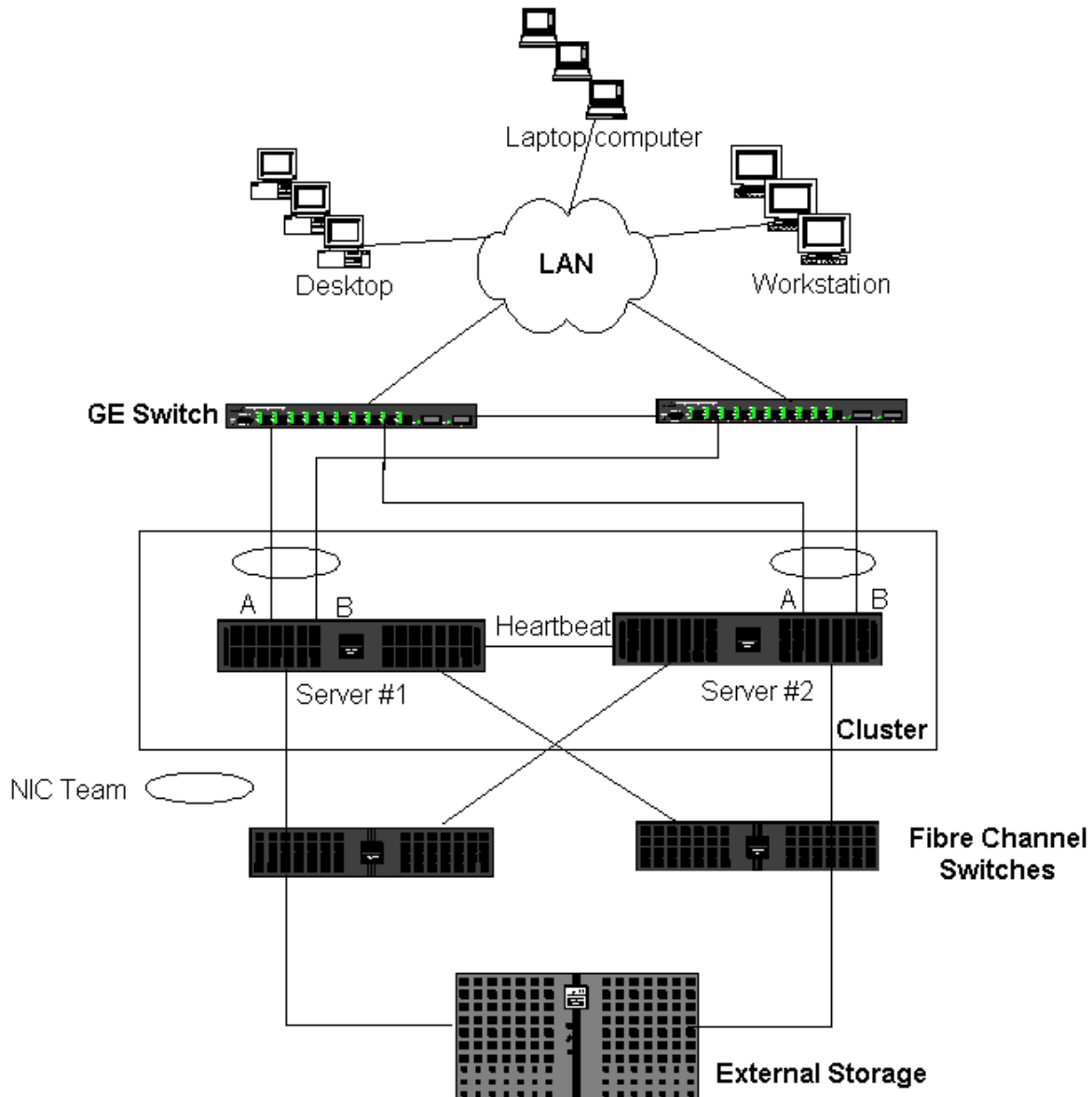
### *Advanced Features*

PXE is used extensively for the deployment of the cluster (installation and recovery of compute nodes). Teaming is typically not used on the host side and it is not a part of our standard offering. Link aggregation is commonly used between switches, especially for large configurations. Jumbo frames, although not a part of our standard offering, may provide performance improvement for some applications due to reduced CPU overhead.

Oracle

In our Oracle Solution Stacks, we support adapter teaming in both the private network (interconnect between RAC nodes) and public network with clients or the application layer above the database layer.

Figure 8: Clustering With Teaming Across Two Switches



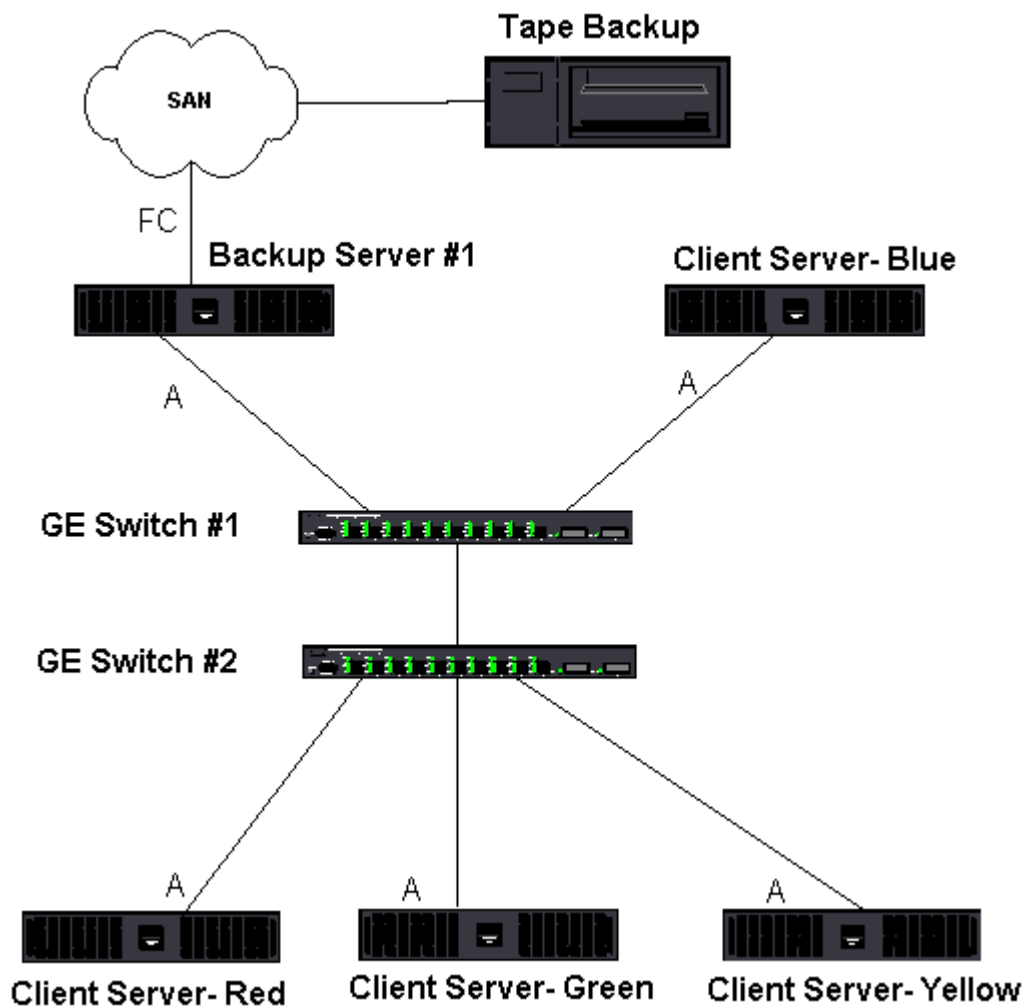


**TEAMING AND NETWORK BACKUP**

- [Load Balancing and Failover](#)
- [Fault Tolerance](#)

When you perform network backups in a nonteamed environment, overall throughput on a backup server adapter can be easily impacted due to excessive traffic and adapter overloading. Depending on the number of backup servers, data streams, and tape drive speed, backup traffic can easily consume a high percentage of the network link bandwidth, thus impacting production data and tape backup performance. Network backups usually consist of a dedicated backup server running with tape backup software such as NetBackup, Galaxy or Backup Exec. Attached to the backup server is either a direct SCSI tape backup unit or a tape library connected through a fiber channel storage area network (SAN). Systems that are backed up over the network are typically called clients or remote servers and usually have a tape backup software agent installed. [Figure 9](#) shows a typical 1 Gbps nonteamed network environment with tape backup implementation.

**Figure 9: Network Backup without Teaming**



Because there are four client servers, the backup server can simultaneously stream four backup jobs (one per client) to a multidrive autoloader. Because of the single link between the switch and the backup server; however, a 4-stream backup can easily saturate the adapter and link. If the adapter on the backup server operates at 1 Gbps (125 MB/s), and each client is able to stream data at 20 MB/s during tape backup, the throughput between the backup server and switch will be at 80 MB/s (20 MB/s x 4), which is equivalent to 64% of the network bandwidth. Although this is well within the network bandwidth range, the 64% constitutes a high percentage, especially if other applications share the same link.

## Load Balancing and Failover

As the number of backup streams increases, the overall throughput increases. Each data stream, however, may not be able to maintain the same performance as a single backup stream of 25 MB/s. In other words, even though a backup server can stream data from a single client at 25 MB/s, it is not expected that four simultaneously-running backup jobs will stream at 100 MB/s (25 MB/s x 4 streams). Although overall throughput increases as the number of backup streams increases, each backup stream can be impacted by tape software or network stack limitations.

For a tape backup server to reliably use adapter performance and network bandwidth when backing up clients, a network infrastructure must implement teaming such as load balancing and fault tolerance. Data centers will incorporate redundant switches, link aggregation, and trunking as part of their fault tolerant solution. Although teaming device drivers will manipulate the way data flows through teamed interfaces and failover paths, this is transparent to tape backup applications and does not interrupt any tape backup process when backing up remote systems over the network. [Figure 10](#) shows a network topology that demonstrates tape backup in a Broadcom teamed environment and how smart load balancing can *load balance* tape backup data across teamed adapters.

There are four paths that the client-server can use to send data to the backup server, but only one of these paths will be designated during data transfer. One possible path that Client-Server Red can use to send data to the backup server is:

Example Path: Client-Server Red sends data through Adapter A, Switch 1, Backup Server Adapter A.

The designated path is determined by two factors:

- Client-Server ARP cache; which points to the backup server MAC address. This is determined by the Broadcom intermediate driver inbound load balancing algorithm.
- The physical adapter interface on Client-Server Red will be used to transmit the data. The Broadcom intermediate driver outbound load balancing algorithm determines this (see [Outbound Traffic Flow](#) and [Inbound Traffic Flow \(SLB Only\)](#)).

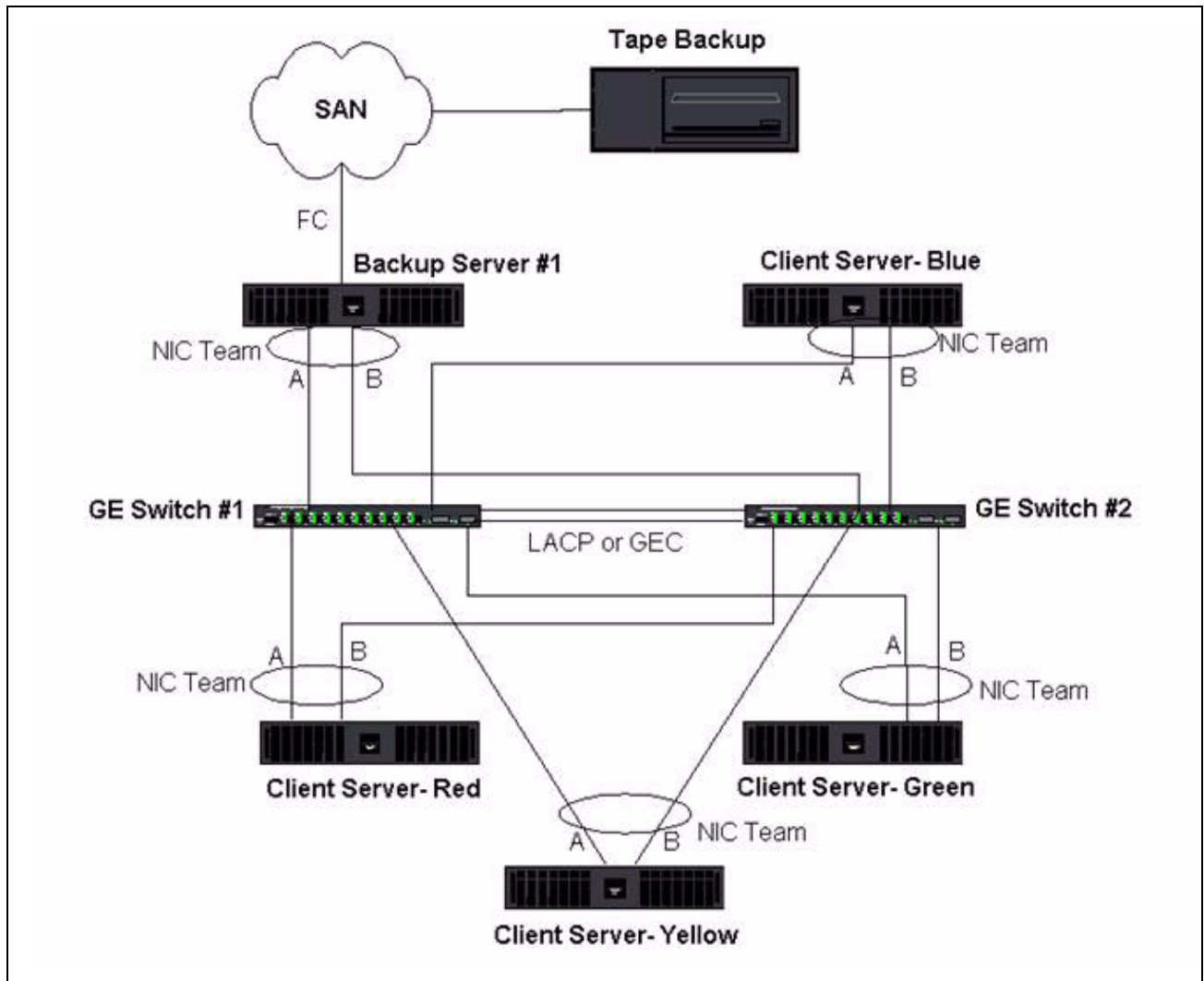
The teamed interface on the backup server transmits a gratuitous address resolution protocol (G-ARP) to Client-Server Red, which in turn, causes the client server ARP cache to get updated with the Backup Server MAC address. The load balancing mechanism within the teamed interface determines the MAC address embedded in the G-ARP. The selected MAC address is essentially the destination for data transfer from the client server. On Client-Server Red, the SLB teaming algorithm will determine which of the two adapter interfaces will be used to transmit data. In this example, data from Client Server Red is received on the backup server Adapter A interface. To demonstrate the SLB mechanisms when additional load is placed on the teamed interface, consider the scenario when the backup server initiates a second backup operation: one to Client-Server Red, and one to Client-Server Blue. The route that Client-Server Blue uses to send data to the backup server is dependant on its ARP cache, which points to the backup server MAC address. Because Adapter A of the backup server is already under load from its backup operation with Client-Sever Red, the Backup Server invokes its SLB algorithm to *inform* Client-Server Blue (through an G-ARP) to update its ARP cache to reflect the backup server Adapter B MAC address. When Client-Server Blue needs to transmit data, it uses either one of its adapter interfaces, which is determined by its own SLB algorithm. What is important is that data from Client-Server Blue is received by the Backup Server Adapter B interface, and not by its Adapter A interface. This is important because with both backup streams running simultaneously, the backup server must *load balance* data streams from different clients. With both backup streams running, each adapter interface on the backup server is processing an equal load, thus load-balancing data across both adapter interfaces.

The same algorithm applies if a third and fourth backup operation is initiated from the backup server. The teamed interface on the backup server transmits a unicast G-ARP to backup clients to inform them to update their ARP cache. Each client then transmits backup data along a route to the target MAC address on the backup server.

**Fault Tolerance**

If a network link fails during tape backup operations, all traffic between the backup server and client stops and backup jobs fail. If, however, the network topology was configured for both Broadcom SLB and switch fault tolerance, then this would allow tape backup operations to continue without interruption during the link failure. All failover processes within the network are transparent to tape backup software applications. To understand how backup data streams are directed during network failover process, consider the topology in Figure 10. Client-Server Red is transmitting data to the backup server through Path 1, but a link failure occurs between the backup server and the switch. Because the data can no longer be sent from Switch #1 to the Adapter A interface on the backup server, the data is redirected from Switch #1 through Switch #2, to the Adapter B interface on the backup server. This occurs without the knowledge of the backup application because all fault tolerant operations are handled by the adapter team interface and trunk settings on the switches. From the client server perspective, it still operates as if it is transmitting data through the original path.

**Figure 10: Network Backup With SLB Teaming Across Two Switches**



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## TROUBLESHOOTING TEAMING PROBLEMS

- [Teaming Configuration Tips](#)
- [Troubleshooting Guidelines](#)

When running a protocol analyzer over a virtual adapter teamed interface, the MAC address shown in the transmitted frames may not be correct. The analyzer does not show the frames as constructed by BASP and shows the MAC address of the team and not the MAC address of the interface transmitting the frame. It is suggested to use the following process to monitor a team:

- Mirror all uplink ports from the team at the switch.
- If the team spans two switches, mirror the interlink trunk as well.
- Sample all mirror ports independently.
- On the analyzer, use an adapter and driver that does not filter QoS and VLAN information.

### TEAMING CONFIGURATION TIPS

When troubleshooting network connectivity or teaming functionality issues, ensure that the following information is true for your configuration.

1. Although mixed-speed SLB teaming is supported, it is recommended that all adapters in a team be the same speed (either all Gigabit Ethernet or all Fast Ethernet). For speeds of 10 Gbps, it is highly recommended that all adapters in a team be the same speed.
2. If LiveLink is not enabled, disable Spanning Tree Protocol or enable an STP mode that bypasses the initial phases (for example, Port Fast, Edge Port) for the switch ports connected to a team.
3. All switches that the team is directly connected to must have the same hardware revision, firmware revision, and software revision to be supported.
4. To be teamed, adapters should be members of the same VLAN. In the event that multiple teams are configured, each team should be on a separate network.
5. Do not assign a Locally Administered Address on any physical adapter that is a member of a team.
6. Verify that power management is disabled on all physical members of any team.
7. Remove any static IP address from the individual physical team members before the team is built.
8. A team that requires maximum throughput should use LACP or GEC\FEC. In these cases, the intermediate driver is only responsible for the outbound load balancing while the switch performs the inbound load balancing.
9. Aggregated teams (802.3ad \ LACP and GEC\FEC) must be connected to only a single switch that supports IEEE 802.3a, LACP or GEC/FEC.
10. It is not recommended to connect any team to a hub, as hubs only support half duplex. Hubs should be connected to a team for troubleshooting purposes only. Disabling the device driver of a network adapter participating in an LACP or GEC/FEC team may have adverse affects with network connectivity. Broadcom recommends that the adapter first be physically disconnected from the switch before disabling the device driver in order to avoid a network connection loss.
11. Verify the base (Miniport) and team (intermediate) drivers are from the same release package. The mixing of base and teaming drivers from different releases is not supported.
12. Test the connectivity to each physical adapter prior to teaming.
13. Test the failover and fallback behavior of the team before placing into a production environment.
14. When moving from a nonproduction network to a production network, it is strongly recommended to test again for failover



and fallback.

15. Test the performance behavior of the team before placing into a production environment.
16. Network teaming is not supported when running iSCSI traffic via Microsoft iSCSI initiator or iSCSI offload. MPIO should be used instead of Broadcom network teaming for these ports.
17. For information on iSCSI boot and iSCSI offload restrictions, see [iSCSI Protocol](#).

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDELINES

Before you call for support, make sure you have completed the following steps for troubleshooting network connectivity problems when the server is using adapter teaming.

1. Make sure the link light is ON for every adapter and all the cables are attached.
2. Check that the matching base and intermediate drivers belong to the same release and are loaded correctly.
3. Check for a valid IP Address using the Windows ipconfig command.
4. Check that STP is disabled or Edge Port/Port Fast is enabled on the switch ports connected to the team or that LiveLink is being used.
5. Check that the adapters and the switch are configured identically for link speed and duplex.
6. If possible, break the team and check for connectivity to each adapter independently to confirm that the problem is directly associated with teaming.
7. Check that all switch ports connected to the team are on the same VLAN.
8. Check that the switch ports are configured properly for Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static type of teaming and that it matches the adapter teaming type. If the system is configured for an SLB type of team, make sure the corresponding switch ports *are not* configured for Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static types of teams.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:** Under what circumstances is traffic not load balanced? Why is all traffic not load balanced evenly across the team members?

**Answer:** The bulk of traffic does not use IP/TCP/UDP or the bulk of the clients are in a different network. The receive load balancing is not a function of traffic load, but a function of the number of clients that are connected to the server.

**Question:** What network protocols are load balanced when in a team?

**Answer:** Broadcom's teaming software only supports IP/TCP/UDP traffic. All other traffic is forwarded to the primary adapter.

**Question:** Which protocols are load balanced with SLB and which ones are not?

**Answer:** Only IP/TCP/UDP protocols are load balanced in both directions: send and receive. IPX is load balanced on the transmit traffic only.

**Question:** Can I team a port running at 100 Mbps with a port running at 1000 Mbps?

**Answer:** Mixing link speeds within a team is only supported for Smart Load Balancing™ teams and 802.3ad teams.

**Question:** Can I team a fiber adapter with a copper Gigabit Ethernet adapter?

**Answer:** Yes with SLB, and yes if the switch allows for it in FEC/GEC and 802.3ad.

**Question:** What is the difference between adapter load balancing and Microsoft's Network Load Balancing (NLB)?

**Answer:** Adapter load balancing is done at a network session level, whereas NLB is done at the server application level.



**Question:** Can I connect the teamed adapters to a hub?

**Answer:** Teamed ports can be connected to a hub for troubleshooting purposes only. However, this practice is not recommended for normal operation because the performance would be degraded due to hub limitations. Connect the teamed ports to a switch instead.

**Question:** Can I connect the teamed adapters to ports in a router?

**Answer:** No. All ports in a team must be on the same network; in a router, however, each port is a separate network by definition. All teaming modes require that the link partner be a Layer 2 switch.

**Question:** Can I use teaming with Microsoft Cluster Services?

**Answer:** Yes. Teaming is supported on the public network only, not on the private network used for the heartbeat link.

**Question:** Can PXE work over a virtual adapter (team)?

**Answer:** A PXE client operates in an environment before the operating system is loaded; as a result, virtual adapters have not been enabled yet. If the physical adapter supports PXE, then it can be used as a PXE client, whether or not it is part of a virtual adapter when the operating system loads. PXE servers may operate over a virtual adapter.

**Question:** Can WOL work over a virtual adapter (team)?

**Answer:** Wake-on-LAN functionality operates in an environment before the operating system is loaded. WOL occurs when the system is off or in standby, so no team is configured.

**Question:** What is the maximum number of ports that can be teamed together?

**Answer:** Up to eight ports can be assigned to a team.

**Question:** What is the maximum number of teams that can be configured on the same server?

**Answer:** Up to 16 teams can be configured on the same server.

**Question:** Why does my team lose connectivity for the first 30 to 50 seconds after the Primary adapter is restored (fallback)?

**Answer:** Because Spanning Tree Protocol is bringing the port from blocking to forwarding. You must enable Port Fast or Edge Port on the switch ports connected to the team or use LiveLink to account for the STP delay.

**Question:** Can I connect a team across multiple switches?

**Answer:** Smart Load Balancing can be used with multiple switches because each physical adapter in the system uses a unique Ethernet MAC address. Link Aggregation and Generic Trunking cannot operate across switches because they require all physical adapters to share the same Ethernet MAC address.

**Question:** How do I upgrade the intermediate driver (BASP)?

**Answer:** The intermediate driver cannot be upgraded through the Local Area Connection Properties. It must be upgraded using the Setup installer.

**Question:** How can I determine the performance statistics on a virtual adapter (team)?

**Answer:** In Broadcom Advanced Control Suite, click the Statistics tab for the virtual adapter.

**Question:** Can I configure NLB and teaming concurrently?

**Answer:** Yes, but only when running NLB in a multicast mode (NLB is not supported with MS Cluster Services).

**Question:** Should both the backup server and client servers that are backed up be teamed?

**Answer:** Because the backup server is under the most data load, it should always be teamed for link aggregation and failover. A fully redundant network, however, requires that both the switches and the backup clients be teamed for fault tolerance and link aggregation.

**Question:** During backup operations, does the adapter teaming algorithm load balance data at a byte-level or a session-level?

**Answer:** When using adapter teaming, data is only load balanced at a session level and not a byte level to prevent out-of-order frames. Adapter teaming load balancing does not work the same way as other storage load balancing mechanisms such as EMC PowerPath.

**Question:** Is there any special configuration required in the tape backup software or hardware to work with adapter teaming?

**Answer:** No special configuration is required in the tape software to work with teaming. Teaming is transparent to tape backup applications.

**Question:** How do I know what driver I am currently using?

**Answer:** In all operating systems, the most accurate method for checking the driver revision is to physically locate the driver file and check the properties.

**Question:** Can SLB detect a switch failure in a Switch Fault Tolerance configuration?

**Answer:** No. SLB can only detect the loss of link between the teamed port and its immediate link partner. SLB cannot detect link failures on other ports.

**Question:** Why does my team lose connectivity for the first 30 to 50 seconds after the primary adapter is restored (fall-back after a failover)?

**Answer:** During a fall-back event, link is restored causing Spanning Tree Protocol to configure the port for blocking until it determines that it can move to the forwarding state. You must enable Port Fast or Edge Port on the switch ports connected to the team to prevent the loss of communications caused by STP.

**Question:** Where do I monitor real time statistics for an adapter team in a Windows server?

**Answer:** Use the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) to monitor general, IEEE 802.3 and custom counters.

**Question:** What features are not supported on a multivendor team?

**Answer:** TOE, VLAN tagging, and RSS are not supported on a multivendor team.

## APPENDIX A: EVENT LOG MESSAGES

- [Windows System Event Log Messages](#)
- [Base Driver \(Physical Adapter/Miniport\)](#)
- [Intermediate Driver \(Virtual Adapter/Team\)](#)
- [Virtual Bus Driver \(VBD\)](#)

### WINDOWS SYSTEM EVENT LOG MESSAGES

The known base and intermediate Windows System Event Log status messages for the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters are listed in [Table 8](#) and [Table 9](#). As a Broadcom adapter driver loads, Windows places a status code in the system event viewer. There may be up to two classes of entries for these event codes depending on whether both drivers are loaded (one set for the base or miniport driver and one set for the intermediate or teaming driver).

### BASE DRIVER (PHYSICAL ADAPTER/MINIPOINT)

The base driver is identified by source **L2ND**. [Table 8](#) lists the event log messages supported by the base driver, explains the cause for the message, and provides the recommended action.



**Note:** In [Table 8](#), message numbers 1 through 17 apply to both NDIS 5.x and NDIS 6.x drivers, message numbers 18 through 23 apply only to the NDIS 6.x driver.

*Table 8: Base Driver Event Log Messages*

<i>Message Number</i>	<i>Severity</i>	<i>Message</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>Corrective Action</i>
1	Error	Failed to allocate memory for the device block. Check system memory resource usage.	The driver cannot allocate memory from the operating system.	Close running applications to free memory.
2	Error	Failed to allocate map registers.	The driver cannot allocate map registers from the operating system.	Unload other drivers that may allocate map registers.
3	Error	Failed to access configuration information. Reinstall the network driver.	The driver cannot access PCI configuration space registers on the adapter.	For add-in adapters: reseat the adapter in the slot, move the adapter to another PCI slot, or replace the adapter.
4	Warning	The network link is down. Check to make sure the network cable is properly connected.	The adapter has lost its connection with its link partner.	Check that the network cable is connected, verify that the network cable is the right type, and verify that the link partner (for example, switch or hub) is working correctly.
5	Informational	The network link is up.	The adapter has established a link.	No action is required.



**Table 8: Base Driver Event Log Messages (Cont.)**

<b>Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
6	Informational	Network controller configured for 10Mb half-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
7	Informational	Network controller configured for 10Mb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
8	Informational	Network controller configured for 100Mb half-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
9	Informational	Network controller configured for 100Mb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
10	Informational	Network controller configured for 1Gb half-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
11	Informational	Network controller configured for 1Gb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
12	Informational	Network controller configured for 2.5Gb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
13	Error	Medium not supported.	The operating system does not support the IEEE 802.3 medium.	Reboot the operating system, run a virus check, run a disk check (chkdsk), and reinstall the operating system.
14	Error	Unable to register the interrupt service routine.	The device driver cannot install the interrupt handler.	Reboot the operating system; remove other device drivers that may be sharing the same IRQ.
15	Error	Unable to map IO space.	The device driver cannot allocate memory-mapped I/O to access driver registers.	Remove other adapters from the system, reduce the amount of physical memory installed, and replace the adapter.
16	Informational	Driver initialized successfully.	The driver has successfully loaded.	No action is required.
17	Informational	NDIS is resetting the miniport driver.	The NDIS layer has detected a problem sending/receiving packets and is resetting the driver to resolve the problem.	Run Broadcom Advanced Control Suite diagnostics; check that the network cable is good.
18	Error	Unknown PHY detected. Using a default PHY initialization routine.	The driver could not read the PHY ID.	Replace the adapter.



**Table 8: Base Driver Event Log Messages (Cont.)**

<b>Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
19	Error	This driver does not support this device. Upgrade to the latest driver.	The driver does not recognize the installed adapter.	Upgrade to a driver version that supports this adapter.
20	Error	Driver initialization failed.	Unspecified failure during driver initialization.	Reinstall the driver, update to a newer driver, run Broadcom Advanced Control Suite diagnostics, or replace the adapter.
21	Informational	Network controller configured for 10Gb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
22	Error	Network controller failed initialization because it cannot allocate system memory.	Insufficient system memory prevented the initialization of the driver.	Increase system memory.
23	Error	Network controller failed to exchange the interface with the bus driver.	The driver and the bus driver are not compatible.	Update to the latest driver set, ensuring the major and minor versions for both NDIS and the bus driver are the same.

## INTERMEDIATE DRIVER (VIRTUAL ADAPTER/TEAM)

The intermediate driver is identified by source **BLFM**, regardless of the base driver revision. [Table 9](#) lists the event log messages supported by the intermediate driver, explains the cause for the message, and provides the recommended action.

**Table 9: Intermediate Driver Event Log Messages**

<b>System Event Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
1	Informational	Event logging enabled for Broadcom Advanced Server Program driver.	–	No action is required.
2	Error	Unable to register with NDIS.	The driver cannot register with the NDIS interface.	Unload other NDIS drivers.
3	Error	Unable to instantiate the management interface.	The driver cannot create a device instance.	Reboot the operating system.
4	Error	Unable to create symbolic link for the management interface.	Another driver has created a conflicting device name.	Unload the conflicting device driver that uses the name <i>BIf</i> .
5	Informational	Broadcom Advanced Server Program Driver has started.	The driver has started.	No action is required.
6	Informational	Broadcom Advanced Server Program Driver has stopped.	The driver has stopped.	No action is required.
7	Error	Could not allocate memory for internal data structures.	The driver cannot allocate memory from the operating system.	Close running applications to free memory.
8	Warning	Could not bind to adapter.	The driver could not open one of the team physical adapters.	Unload and reload the physical adapter driver, install an updated physical adapter driver, or replace the physical adapter.
9	Informational	Successfully bind to adapter.	The driver successfully opened the physical adapter.	No action is required.
10	Warning	Network adapter is disconnected.	The physical adapter is not connected to the network (it has not established link).	Check that the network cable is connected, verify that the network cable is the right type, and verify that the link partner (switch or hub) is working correctly.
11	Informational	Network adapter is connected.	The physical adapter is connected to the network (it has established link).	No action is required.
12	Error	Broadcom Advanced Program Features Driver is not designed to run on this version of Operating System.	The driver does not support the operating system on which it is installed.	Consult the driver release notes and install the driver on a supported operating system or update the driver.
13	Informational	Hot-standby adapter is selected as the primary adapter for a team without a load balancing adapter.	A standby adapter has been activated.	Replace the failed physical adapter.



**Table 9: Intermediate Driver Event Log Messages (Cont.)**

<b>System Event Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
14	Informational	Network adapter does not support Advanced Failover.	The physical adapter does not support the Broadcom NIC Extension (NICE).	Replace the adapter with one that does support NICE.
15	Informational	Network adapter is enabled via management interface.	The driver has successfully enabled a physical adapter through the management interface.	No action is required.
16	Warning	Network adapter is disabled via management interface.	The driver has successfully disabled a physical adapter through the management interface.	No action is required.
17	Informational	Network adapter is activated and is participating in network traffic.	A physical adapter has been added to or activated in a team.	No action is required.
18	Informational	Network adapter is deactivated and is no longer participating in network traffic.	The driver does not recognize the installed adapter.	No action is required.
19	Informational	The LiveLink feature in BASP connected the link for the network adapter.	The connection with the remote target(s) for the LiveLink-enabled team member has been established or restored	No action is required.
20	Informational	The LiveLink feature in BASP disconnected the link for the network adapter.	The LiveLink-enabled team member is unable to connect with the remote target(s).	No action is required.

## VIRTUAL BUS DRIVER (VBD)

*Table 10: Virtual Bus Driver (VBD) Event Log Messages*

<i>Message Number</i>	<i>Severity</i>	<i>Message</i>	<i>Cause</i>	<i>Corrective Action</i>
1	Error	Failed to allocate memory for the device block. Check system memory resource usage.	The driver cannot allocate memory from the operating system.	Close running applications to free memory.
2	Informational	The network link is down. Check to make sure the network cable is properly connected.	The adapter has lost its connection with its link partner.	Check that the network cable is connected, verify that the network cable is the right type, and verify that the link partner (for example, switch or hub) is working correctly.
3	Informational	The network link is up.	The adapter has established a link.	No action is required.
4	Informational	Network controller configured for 10Mb half-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
5	Informational	Network controller configured for 10Mb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
6	Informational	Network controller configured for 100Mb half-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
7	Informational	Network controller configured for 100Mb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
8	Informational	Network controller configured for 1Gb half-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
9	Informational	Network controller configured for 1Gb full-duplex link.	The adapter has been manually configured for the selected line speed and duplex settings.	No action is required.
10	Error	Unable to register the interrupt service routine.	The device driver cannot install the interrupt handler.	Reboot the operating system; remove other device drivers that may be sharing the same IRQ.
11	Error	Unable to map IO space.	The device driver cannot allocate memory-mapped I/O to access driver registers.	Remove other adapters from the system, reduce the amount of physical memory installed, and replace the adapter.
12	Informational	Driver initialized successfully.	The driver has successfully loaded.	No action is required.



*Table 10: Virtual Bus Driver (VBD) Event Log Messages*

<b>Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>	<b>Cause</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>
13	Error	Driver initialization failed.	Unspecified failure during driver initialization.	Reinstall the driver, update to a newer driver, run Broadcom Advanced Control Suite diagnostics, or replace the adapter.
14	Error	This driver does not support this device. Upgrade to the latest driver.	The driver does not recognize the installed adapter.	Upgrade to a driver version that supports this adapter.
15	Error	This driver fails initialization because the system is running out of memory.	Insufficient system memory prevented the initialization of the driver.	Increase system memory.

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- [VLAN Overview](#)
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## VLAN OVERVIEW

Virtual LANs (VLANs) allow you to split your physical LAN into logical parts, to create logical segmentation of workgroups, and to enforce security policies for each logical segment. Each defined VLAN behaves as its own separate network with its traffic and broadcasts isolated from the others, increasing bandwidth efficiency within each logical group. Up to 64 VLANs (63 tagged and 1 untagged) can be defined for each Broadcom adapter on your server, depending on the amount of memory available in your system.

VLANs can be added to a team to allow multiple VLANs with different VLAN IDs. A virtual adapter is created for each VLAN added.

Although VLANs are commonly used to create individual broadcast domains and/or separate IP subnets, it is sometimes useful for a server to have a presence on more than one VLAN simultaneously. Broadcom adapters support multiple VLANs on a per-port or per-team basis, allowing very flexible network configurations.

Figure 1: Example of Servers Supporting Multiple VLANs with Tagging

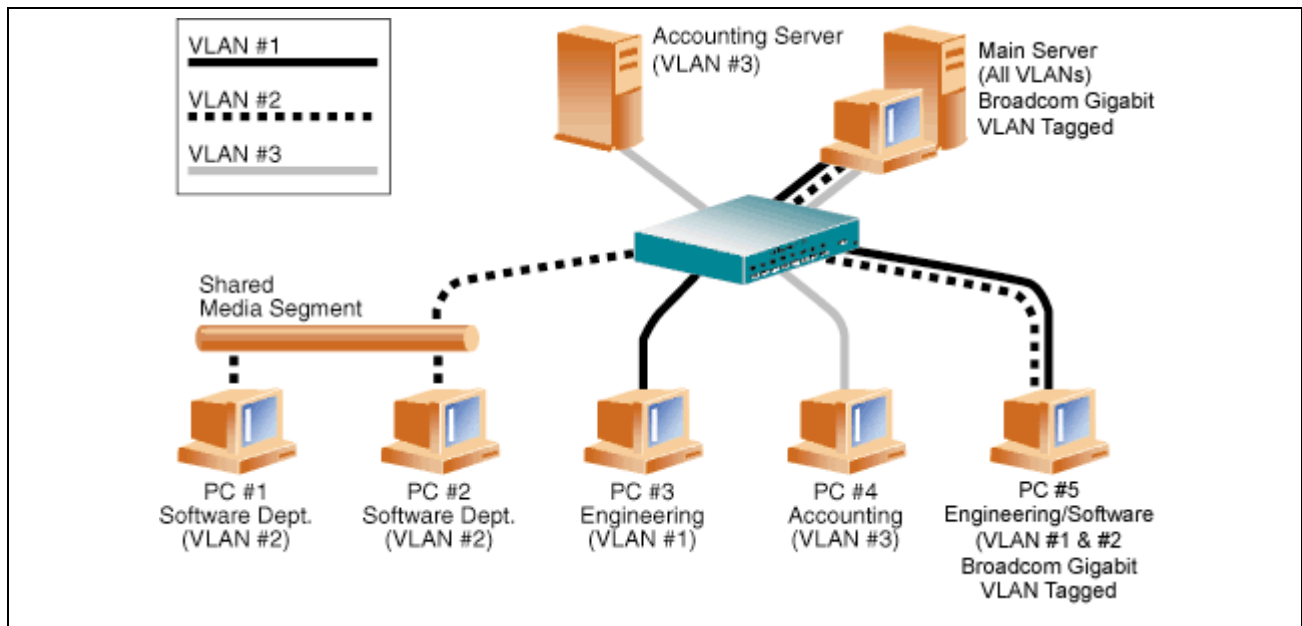


Figure 1 shows an example network that uses VLANs. In this example network, the physical LAN consists of a switch, two servers, and five clients. The LAN is logically organized into three different VLANs, each representing a different IP subnet. The features of this network are described in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1: Example VLAN Network Topology**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Description</b>
VLAN #1	An IP subnet consisting of the Main Server, PC #3, and PC #5. This subnet represents an engineering group.
VLAN #2	Includes the Main Server, PCs #1 and #2 via shared media segment, and PC #5. This VLAN is a software development group.
VLAN #3	Includes the Main Server, the Accounting Server and PC #4. This VLAN is an accounting group.
Main Server	A high-use server that needs to be accessed from all VLANs and IP subnets. The Main Server has a Broadcom adapter installed. All three IP subnets are accessed via the single physical adapter interface. The server is attached to one of the switch ports, which is configured for VLANs #1, #2, and #3. Both the adapter and the connected switch port have tagging turned on. Because of the tagging VLAN capabilities of both devices, the server is able to communicate on all three IP subnets in this network, but continues to maintain broadcast separation between all of them.
Accounting Server	Available to VLAN #3 only. The Accounting Server is isolated from all traffic on VLANs #1 and #2. The switch port connected to the server has tagging turned off.
PCs #1 and #2	Attached to a shared media hub that is then connected to the switch. PCs #1 and #2 belong to VLAN #2 only, and are logically in the same IP subnet as the Main Server and PC #5. The switch port connected to this segment has tagging turned off.
PC #3	A member of VLAN #1, PC #3 can communicate only with the Main Server and PC #5. Tagging is not enabled on PC #3 switch port.
PC #4	A member of VLAN #3, PC #4 can only communicate with the servers. Tagging is not enabled on PC #4 switch port.
PC #5	A member of both VLANs #1 and #2, PC #5 has a Broadcom adapter installed. It is connected to switch port #10. Both the adapter and the switch port are configured for VLANs #1 and #2 and have tagging enabled.



**NOTE:** VLAN tagging is only required to be enabled on switch ports that create trunk links to other switches, or on ports connected to tag-capable end-stations, such as servers or workstations with Broadcom adapters.



## ADDING VLANS TO TEAMS

Each team supports up to 64 VLANs (63 tagged and 1 untagged). Note that only Broadcom adapters and Alteon® AceNIC adapters can be part of a team with VLANs. With multiple VLANs on an adapter, a server with a single adapter can have a logical presence on multiple IP subnets. With multiple VLANs in a team, a server can have a logical presence on multiple IP subnets and benefit from load balancing and failover. For instructions on adding a VLAN to a team, see [Adding a VLAN](#) for Windows operating systems.



**NOTE:** Adapters that are members of a failover team can also be configured to support VLANs. Because VLANs are not supported for an Intel LOM, if an Intel LOM is a member of a failover team, VLANs cannot be configured for that team.

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## CIM

The Common Information Model (CIM) is an industry standard defined by the Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF). Microsoft implements CIM on Windows server platforms. Broadcom support CIM on Windows Server and Linux platforms.



**NOTE:** For information on installing a CIM provider on Linux-based systems, see [Linux Management Application Installation](#).

Broadcom's implementation of CIM will provide various classes to provide information to users through CIM client applications. Note that Broadcom CIM data provider will provide data only, and users can choose their preferred CIM client software to browse the information exposed by Broadcom CIM provider.

Broadcom CIM provider provides information through `BRCM_NetworkAdapter` and `BRCM_ExtraCapacityGroup` classes. `BRCM_NetworkAdapter` class provides network adapter information pertaining to a group of adapters including Broadcom and other vendors' controllers. `BRCM_ExtraCapacityGroup` class provides team configuration for the Broadcom Advanced Server Program. Current implementation will provide team information and information of physical network adapters in the team.

Broadcom Advanced Server Program provides events through event logs. Users can use the "Event Viewer" provided by Windows server platforms, or use CIM to inspect or monitor these events. Broadcom CIM provider will also provide event information through the CIM generic event model. These events are `__InstanceCreationEvent`, `__InstanceDeletionEvent` and `__InstanceModificationEvent`, and are defined by CIM. CIM requires the client application to register the events from the client application, using queries as examples shown below in order to receive events properly.

```
SELECT * FROM __InstanceModificationEvent
where TargetInstance ISA "BRCM_NetworkAdapter"
SELECT * FROM __InstanceModificationEvent
where TargetInstance ISA "BRCM_ExtraCapacityGroup"
SELECT * FROM __InstanceCreationEvent
where TargetInstance ISA "BRCM_NetworkAdapter"
SELECT * FROM __InstanceDeletionEvent
where TargetInstance ISA "BRCM_NetworkAdapter"
SELECT * FROM __InstanceCreationEvent
where TargetInstance ISA "BRCM_ActsAsSpare"
SELECT * FROM __InstanceDeletionEvent
where TargetInstance ISA "BRCM_ActsAsSpare"
```

For detailed information about these events, see the CIM documentation at [http://www.dmtf.org/sites/default/files/standards/documents/DSP0004V2.3\\_final.pdf](http://www.dmtf.org/sites/default/files/standards/documents/DSP0004V2.3_final.pdf).

Broadcom also implements the Storage Management Initiative-Specification (SMI-S), which defines CIM management profiles for storage systems.

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## SNMP

### BASP SUBAGENT

The BASP subagent, `baspmgmt.dll`, is designed for the Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 SNMP service. It is required to install the SNMP service before installing the BASP subagent.

The BASP subagent allows an SNMP manager software to actively monitor the configurations and performance of the Broadcom Advanced Server features. The subagent also provides an alarm trap to an SNMP manager to inform the manager of any changes to the conditions of the BASP component.

The BASP subagent allows monitoring of the configurations and statistics for the BASP teams, the physical NIC adapters participating in a team, and the virtual NIC adapters created as the result of teaming. Non-teamed NIC adapters are not monitored at this time. The BASP configuration data includes information such as team IDs, physical/virtual/VLAN/team adapter IDs, physical/virtual/VLAN/team/ adapter descriptions, and MAC addresses of the adapters.

The statistics include detailed information such as data packets transmitted and received for the physical/virtual/VLAN/team adapters.

The alarm trap forwards information about the changes in configuration of the physical adapters participating in a team, such as physical adapter link up/down, and adapter installed/removed events.

To monitor this information, an SNMP manager must load the Broadcom BASP MIB database files to allow monitoring of the information described above. These files, which are shown below, are included with the driver source media.

- `baspcfg.mib`
- `baspmat.mib`
- `basptrap.mib`

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## HBA API

Broadcom supports the Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) Common HBA API on Windows and Linux operating systems. The Common HBA API is an application program interface for the management of Fibre Channel Host Bus Adapters.

## **BASP EXTENSIBLE-AGENT**

The Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller Extended Information SNMP extensible-agent (bcmif.dll) is designed for Windows Server 2008 SNMP service.

The extensible-agent allows the SNMP manager software to actively monitor the configurations of the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter. It is intended to supplement the information already provided by the standard SNMP Management Network Interface information.

The extensible-agent provides in-depth information about a Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter such as:

- MAC address
- Bound IP address
- IP subnet mask
- Physical link status
- Adapter state
- Line speed
- Duplex mode
- Memory range
- Interrupt setting
- Bus number
- Device number
- Function number

To monitor this information, a SNMP manager needs to load the Broadcom Extended information MIB file to allow monitoring of the information described above. This file, bcmif.mib, is included on the installation CD.

The monitored workstation requires the installation of the Broadcom Extended Information SNMP extensible-agent, bcmif.dll, and requires the Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SNMP service to be installed and loaded.

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# Installing the Hardware: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [Overview](#)
- [System Requirements](#)
- [Safety Precautions](#)
- [Preinstallation Checklist](#)
- [Installation of the Add-In NIC](#)



**NOTE: Service Personnel:** This product is intended only for installation in a Restricted Access Location (RAL).

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## OVERVIEW

This section applies to Broadcom NetXtreme II add-in network interface cards.

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## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Before you install a Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter, verify that your system meets the following hardware and operating system requirements:

### HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- IA32- or EMT64-based computer that meets operating system requirements
- One open PCI Express slot. Depending on the PCI Express support on your adapter, the slot may be of type PCI Express 1.0a x1, PCI Express 1.0a x4, or PCI Express Gen2 x8.
- 128-MB RAM (minimum)

### OPERATING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

#### General

- PCI Express v1.0a, x1 (or greater) Host Interface

#### Microsoft Windows

One of the following versions of Microsoft Windows:

- Windows Server 2008 family
- Windows Server 2008 R2 family



- Windows Server 2012 family

## Linux

Although the adapter driver should work with many Linux kernel versions and distributions, it has only been tested on 2.4x kernels (starting from 2.4.24) and 2.6.x kernels. The driver may not compile on kernels older than 2.4.24. Testing is concentrated on i386 and x86\_64 architectures. Only limited testing has been done on other architectures. Minor changes to some source files and Makefile may be needed on some kernels.



**NOTE:** Support for the 2.4.21 kernels is provided in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3.

## VMware ESX

- VMware ESX
- VMware ESX 3.5
- VMware ESX 4.0
- VMware ESX 4.1
- VMware ESXi 5.0
- VMware ESXi 5.1

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## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



**CAUTION!** The adapter is being installed in a system that operates with voltages that can be lethal. Before you open the case of your system, observe the following precautions to protect yourself and to prevent damage to the system components.

- Remove any metallic objects or jewelry from your hands and wrists.
- Make sure to use only insulated or nonconducting tools.
- Verify that the system is powered OFF and is unplugged before you touch internal components.
- Install or remove adapters in a static-free environment. The use of a properly grounded wrist strap or other personal antistatic devices and an antistatic mat is strongly recommended.

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## PREINSTALLATION CHECKLIST

1. Verify that your system meets the hardware and software requirements listed under [System Requirements](#).
2. Verify that your system is using the latest BIOS.



**NOTE:** If you acquired the adapter software on a disk, verify the path to the adapter driver files.

1. If your system is active, shut it down.
2. When system shutdown is complete, turn off the power and unplug the power cord.
3. Remove the adapter from its shipping package and place it on an antistatic surface.
4. Check the adapter for visible signs of damage, particularly on the edge connector. Never attempt to install a damaged

adapter.





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## INSTALLATION OF THE ADD-IN NIC

The following instructions apply to installing the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter (add-in NIC) in most systems. Refer to the manuals that were supplied with your system for details about performing these tasks on your particular system.

### INSTALLING THE ADD-IN NIC

1. Review [Safety Precautions](#) and [Preinstallation Checklist](#). Before you install the adapter, ensure that the system power is OFF, the power cord is unplugged from the power outlet, and that you are following proper electrical grounding procedures.
2. Open the system case and select the slot based on the adapter, which may be of type PCIe 1.0a x1, PCIe 1.0a x4, PCIe Gen2 x8, or other appropriate slot. A lesser width adapter can be seated into a greater width slot (x1 in a x4), but a greater width adapter cannot be seated into a lesser width slot (x4 in a x1). If you do not know how to identify a PCI Express slot, refer to your system documentation.
3. Remove the blank cover-plate from the slot that you selected.
4. Align the adapter connector edge with the PCI Express connector slot in the system.
5. Applying even pressure at both corners of the card, push the adapter card into the slot until it is firmly seated. When the adapter is properly seated, the adapter port connectors are aligned with the slot opening, and the adapter faceplate is flush against the system chassis.



**CAUTION!** Do not use excessive force when seating the card, as this may damage the system or the adapter. If you have difficulty seating the adapter, remove it, realign it, and try again.

6. Secure the adapter with the adapter clip or screw.
7. Close the system case and disconnect any personal antistatic devices.

### CONNECTING THE NETWORK CABLES

The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter has either an RJ-45 connector used for attaching the system to an Ethernet copper-wire segment or a fiber optic connector for attaching the system to an Ethernet fiber optic segment.



**NOTE:** This section does not apply to blade servers.

#### Copper Wire



**NOTE:** The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter supports Automatic MDI Crossover (MDIX), which eliminates the need for crossover cables when connecting machines back-to-back. A straight-through Category 5 cable allows the machines to communicate when connected directly together.

1. Select an appropriate cable. [Table 1](#) lists the copper cable requirements for connecting to 10/100/1000BASE-T and 10GBASE-T ports:

**Table 1: 10/100/1000BASE-T and 10GBASE-T Cable Specifications**

<b>Port Type</b>	<b>Connector</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Maximum Distance</b>
10BASE-T	RJ-45	Category 3, 4, or 5 unshielded twisted pairs (UTP)	100m (328 ft)
100/1000BASE-T <sup>1</sup>	RJ-45	Category 5 <sup>2</sup> UTP	100m (328 ft)
10GBASE-T	RJ-45	Category 6 <sup>3</sup> UTP Category 6A <sup>3</sup> UTP	50m (164 ft) 100m (328 ft)

<sup>1</sup> 1000BASE-T signaling requires four twisted pairs of Category 5 balanced cabling, as specified in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 and ANSI/EIA/TIA-568-B.

<sup>2</sup> Category 5 is the minimum requirement. Category 5e and Category 6 are fully supported.

<sup>3</sup> 10GBASE-T signaling requires four twisted pairs of Category 6 or Category 6A (augmented Category 6) balanced cabling, as specified in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 and ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.

2. Connect one end of the cable to the RJ-45 connector on the adapter.
3. Connect the other end of the cable to an RJ-45 Ethernet network port.

**Fiber Optic**

1. Select an appropriate cable. [Table 2](#) lists the fiber optic cable requirements for connecting to 1000/2500BASE-X ports:

**Table 2: 1000/2500BASE-X Fiber Optic Specifications**

<b>Port Type</b>	<b>Connector</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Maximum Distance</b>
1000BASE-X	Small form factor (SFF) transceiver with LC™ connection system (Infineon p/n V23818-K305-L57)	Multimode fiber (MMF) System optimized for 62.5/50 µm graded index fiber	550m (1804 ft)
2500BASE-X <sup>1</sup>	Small form factor (SFF) transceiver with LC™ connection system (Finisar p/n FTLF8542E2KNV)	Multimode fiber (MMF) System optimized for 62.5/50 µm graded index fiber	550m (1804 ft)

<sup>1</sup> Electricals leveraged from IEEE 802.3ae-2002 (XAUI). 2500BASE-X is term used by Broadcom to describe 2.5 Gbit/s (3.125GBd) operation. LC is a trademark of Lucent Technologies.

2. Connect one end of the cable to the fiber optic connector on the adapter.
3. Connect the other end of the cable to an fiber optic Ethernet network port.



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- [Setting Up MBA in a Server Environment](#)

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## OVERVIEW

Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters support Preboot Execution Environment (PXE), Remote Program Load (RPL), iSCSI, and Bootstrap Protocol (BootP). Multi-Boot Agent (MBA) is a software module that allows your network computer to boot with the images provided by remote servers across the network. The Broadcom MBA driver complies with the PXE 2.1 specification and is released with both monolithic and split binary images. This provides flexibility to users in different environments where the motherboard may or may not have built-in base code.

The MBA module operates in a client/server environment. A network consists of one or more boot servers that provide boot images to multiple computers through the network. The Broadcom implementation of the MBA module has been tested successfully in the following environments:

- **Linux Red Hat PXE Server.** Broadcom PXE clients are able to remotely boot and use network resources (NFS mount, and so forth) and to perform Linux installations. In the case of a remote boot, the Linux universal driver binds seamlessly with the Broadcom Universal Network Driver Interface (UNDI) and provides a network interface in the Linux remotely-booted client environment.
- **Intel APITEST.** The Broadcom PXE driver passes all API compliance test suites.
- **MS-DOS UNDI.** The MS-DOS Universal Network Driver Interface (UNDI) seamlessly binds with the Broadcom UNDI to provide a network adapter driver interface specification (NDIS2) interface to the upper layer protocol stack. This allows computers to connect to network resources in an MS-DOS environment.
- **Windows Deployment Service (WDS).** To extend functionalities beyond basic network connectivity when loading an operating system through WDS, see [Using the NetXtreme II Monolithic Driver](#).
- **Automated Deployment Service (ADS).** To extend functionalities beyond basic network connectivity when loading an operating system through ADS, see [Using the NetXtreme II Monolithic Driver](#).

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## SETTING UP MBA IN A CLIENT ENVIRONMENT

Setting up MBA in a client environment involves the following steps:

1. Enabling the MBA driver.
2. Configuring the MBA driver.
3. Setting up the BIOS for the boot order.

### ENABLING THE MBA DRIVER

To enable or disable the MBA driver:

1. Insert the installation CD in the CD-ROM drive and boot up in DOS mode.



**NOTE:** The `uxdiag.exe` file is on the installation CD.

2. Type:

```
uxdiag -mba [ 0-disable | 1-enable ] -c devnum
```

where

*devnum* is the specific device(s) number (0,1,2, ...) to be programmed.

### CONFIGURING THE MBA DRIVER

This section pertains to configuring the MBA driver on add-in NIC models of the Broadcom network adapter. For configuring the MBA driver on LOM models of the Broadcom network adapter, check your system documentation.

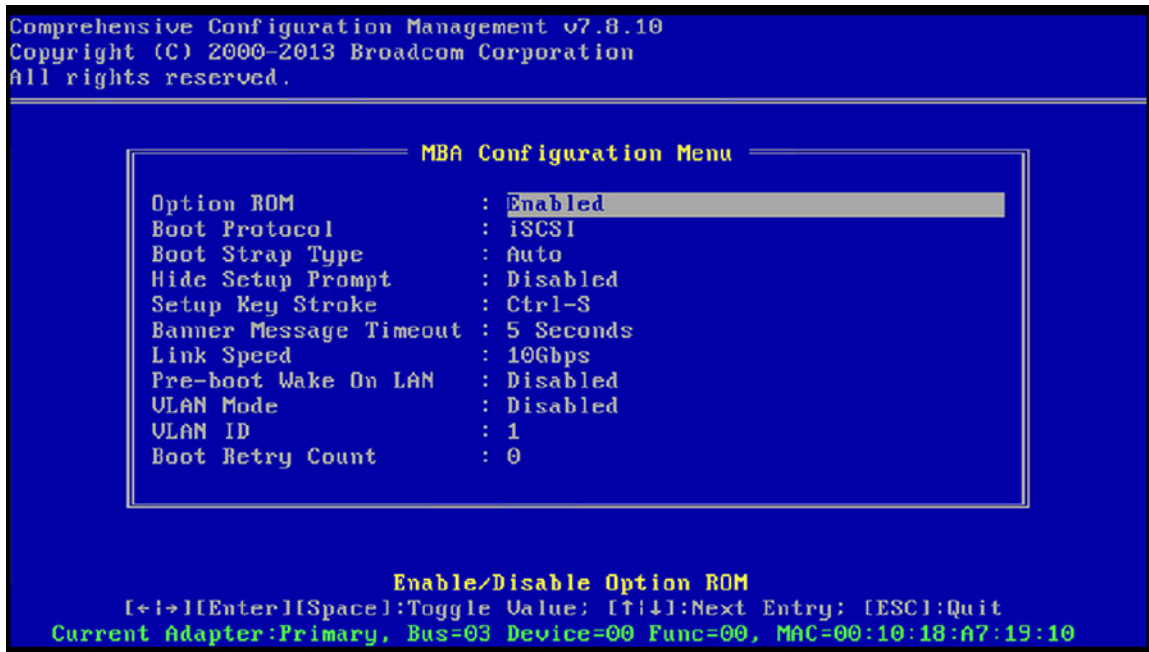
1. Insert the installation CD in the CD-ROM drive and boot up in DOS mode.



**NOTE:** You can use Broadcom's Comprehensive Configuration Management (CCM) utility or the uEFI to configure the MBA driver one adapter at a time as described below. Or you can use the MS-DOS based [User Diagnostics](#) application to simultaneously configure the MBA driver for multiple adapters.

#### Using CCM

1. Restart your system.
2. Press **CTRL+s** within 4 seconds after you are prompted to do so. A list of adapters displays.
  - a. Select the adapter to configure and press **Enter**. The Main Menu displays.
  - b. Select **MBA Configuration** to display the MBA Configuration menu.



- Use the UP ARROW and DOWN ARROW keys to move to the Boot Protocol menu item. Then use the RIGHT ARROW or LEFT ARROW key to select the boot protocol of choice if other boot protocols besides Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) are available. If available, other boot protocols include Remote Program Load (RPL), iSCSI, and Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP).



**NOTE:** For iSCSI boot-capable LOMs, the boot protocol is set via the BIOS. See your system documentation for more information.



**NOTE:** If you have multiple adapters in your system and you are unsure which adapter you are configuring, press **CTRL+F6**, which causes the port LEDs on the adapter to start blinking.

- Use the UP ARROW, DOWN ARROW, LEFT ARROW, and RIGHT ARROW keys to move to and change the values for other menu items, as desired.
- Press **F4** to save your settings.
- Press **ESC** when you are finished.

### Using uEFI

- Restart your system.
- Enter the System Setup or Device Setting configuration menu.
- Select the device on which you want to change MBA settings.
- Select **MBA Configuration Menu**.
- Use the drop-down menu to select the boot protocol of choice, if boot protocols other than Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) are available. If available, other boot protocols include iSCSI, FCoE, and Bootstrap Protocol (BOOTP).



**NOTE:** For iSCSI boot-capable LOMs, the boot protocol is set via the BIOS. See your system documentation for more information.

6. Use the UP ARROW, DOWN ARROW, LEFT ARROW, and RIGHT ARROW keys to move to and change the values for other menu items, as desired.
7. Select **Back** to go to Main menu
8. Select **Finish** to save and exit.

## SETTING UP THE BIOS

To boot from the network with the MBA, make the MBA enabled adapter the first bootable device under the BIOS. This procedure depends on the system BIOS implementation. Refer to the user manual for the system for instructions.

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## SETTING UP MBA IN A SERVER ENVIRONMENT

### RED HAT LINUX PXE SERVER

The Red Hat Enterprise Linux distribution has PXE Server support. It allows users to remotely perform a complete Linux installation over the network. The distribution comes with the boot images *boot kernel* (*vmlinuz*) and *initial ram disk* (*initrd*), which are located on the Red Hat disk#1:

```
/images/pxeboot/vmlinuz  
/images/pxeboot/initrd.img
```

Refer to the Red Hat documentation for instructions on how to install PXE Server on Linux.

The *Initrd.img* file distributed with Red Hat Enterprise Linux, however, does not have a Linux network driver for the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters. This version requires a driver disk for drivers that are not part of the standard distribution. You can create a driver disk for the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter from the image distributed with the installation CD. Refer to the Linux *Readme.txt* file for more information.

### MS-DOS UNDI/INTEL APITEST

To boot in MS-DOS mode and connect to a network for the MS-DOS environment, download the Intel PXE PDK from the Intel website. This PXE PDK comes with a TFTP/ProxyDHCP/Boot server. The PXE PDK can be downloaded from Intel at <http://downloadcenter.intel.com/SearchResult.aspx?lang=eng&ProductFamily=Network+Connectivity&ProductLine=Boot+Agent+Software&ProductProduct=Intel%20ae+Boot+Agent>.

# iSCSI Protocol: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [iSCSI Boot](#)
- [iSCSI Crash Dump](#)
- [iSCSI Offload in Windows Server](#)

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## iSCSI BOOT

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet adapters support iSCSI boot to enable network boot of operating systems to diskless systems. iSCSI boot allows a Windows, Linux, or VMware operating system boot from an iSCSI target machine located remotely over a standard IP network.

For both Windows and Linux operating systems, iSCSI boot can be configured to boot with two distinctive paths: non-offload (also known as Microsoft/Open-iSCSI initiator) and offload (Broadcom's offload iSCSI driver or HBA). Configuration of the path is set with the **HBA Boot Mode** option located on the **General Parameters** screen of the iSCSI Configuration utility. See [Table 1](#) for more information on all **General Parameters** screen configuration options.

## SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS FOR iSCSI BOOT

The Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet adapters support iSCSI boot on the following operating systems:

- Windows Server 2008 and later 32-bit and 64-bit (supports offload and non-offload paths)
- Linux RHEL 5.5 and later, SLES 11.1 and later (supports offload and non-offload paths)
- SLES 10.x and SLES 11 (only supports non-offload path)

## iSCSI BOOT SETUP

The iSCSI boot setup consists of:

- [Configuring the iSCSI Target](#)
- [Configuring iSCSI Boot Parameters](#)
- [Preparing the iSCSI Boot Image](#)
- [Booting](#)

### Configuring the iSCSI Target

Configuring the iSCSI target varies by target vendors. For information on configuring the iSCSI target, refer to the documentation provided by the vendor. The general steps include:

1. Create an iSCSI target.
2. Create a virtual disk.
3. Map the virtual disk to the iSCSI target created in step 1.
4. Associate an iSCSI initiator with the iSCSI target.
5. Record the iSCSI target name, TCP port number, iSCSI Logical Unit Number (LUN), initiator Internet Qualified Name (IQN), and CHAP authentication details.
6. After configuring the iSCSI target, obtain the following:
  - Target IQN
  - Target IP address
  - Target TCP port number
  - Target LUN
  - Initiator IQN
  - CHAP ID and secret

### Configuring iSCSI Boot Parameters

Configure the Broadcom iSCSI boot software for either static or dynamic configuration. Refer to [Table 1](#) for configuration options available from the General Parameters screen.

[Table 1](#) lists parameters for both IPv4 and IPv6. Parameters specific to either IPv4 or IPv6 are noted.



**NOTE:** Availability of IPv6 iSCSI boot is platform/device dependent.

**Table 1: Configuration Options**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Description</b>
TCP/IP parameters via DHCP	This option is specific to IPv4. Controls whether the iSCSI boot host software acquires the IP address information using DHCP (Enabled) or use a static IP configuration (Disabled).
IP Autoconfiguration	This option is specific to IPv6. Controls whether the iSCSI boot host software will configure a stateless link-local address and/or stateful address if DHCPv6 is present and used (Enabled). Router Solicit packets are sent out up to three times with 4 second intervals in between each retry. Or use a static IP configuration (Disabled).



**Table 1: Configuration Options**

<b>Option</b>	<b>Description</b>
iSCSI parameters via DHCP	Controls whether the iSCSI boot host software acquires its iSCSI target parameters using DHCP (Enabled) or through a static configuration (Disabled). The static information is entered through the iSCSI Initiator Parameters Configuration screen.
CHAP Authentication	Controls whether the iSCSI boot host software uses CHAP authentication when connecting to the iSCSI target. If CHAP Authentication is enabled, the CHAP ID and CHAP Secret are entered through the iSCSI Initiator Parameters Configuration screen.
DHCP Vendor ID	Controls how the iSCSI boot host software interprets the Vendor Class ID field used during DHCP. If the Vendor Class ID field in the DHCP Offer packet matches the value in the field, the iSCSI boot host software looks into the DHCP Option 43 fields for the required iSCSI boot extensions. If DHCP is disabled, this value does not need to be set.
Link Up Delay Time	Controls how long the iSCSI boot host software waits, in seconds, after an Ethernet link is established before sending any data over the network. The valid values are 0 to 255. As an example, a user may need to set a value for this option if a network protocol, such as Spanning Tree, is enabled on the switch interface to the client system.
Use TCP Timestamp	Controls if the TCP Timestamp option is enabled or disabled.
Target as First HDD	Allows specifying that the iSCSI target drive will appear as the first hard drive in the system.
LUN Busy Retry Count	Controls the number of connection retries the iSCSI Boot initiator will attempt if the iSCSI target LUN is busy.
IP Version	This option specific to IPv6. Toggles between the IPv4 or IPv6 protocol. All IP settings will be lost when switching from one protocol version to another.
HBA Boot Mode	Set to disable when the host OS is configured for software initiator mode and to enable for HBA mode. This option is available on NetXtreme II adapters. ( <b>Note:</b> This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.)

## MBA Boot Protocol Configuration

### To configure the boot protocol

1. Restart your system.
2. From the PXE banner, select **CTRL+S**. The MBA Configuration Menu appears (see [Broadcom Boot Agent](#)).
3. From the MBA Configuration Menu, use the **UP ARROW** or **DOWN ARROW** to move to the **Boot Protocol** option. Use the **LEFT ARROW** or **RIGHT ARROW** to change the **Boot Protocol** option to **iSCSI**.
4. Select **iSCSI Boot Configuration** from **Main Menu**.



**NOTE:** If iSCSI boot firmware is not programmed in the NetXtreme II network adapter, selecting **iSCSI Boot Configuration** will not have any effect.

### iSCSI Boot Configuration

- [Static iSCSI Boot Configuration](#)
- [Dynamic iSCSI Boot Configuration](#)

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## Static iSCSI Boot Configuration

In a static configuration, you must enter data for the system's IP address, the system's initiator IQN, and the target parameters obtained in [Configuring the iSCSI Target](#). For information on configuration options, see [Table 1](#).

### To configure the iSCSI boot parameters using static configuration

1. From the **General Parameters Menu** screen, set the following:
  - **TCP/IP parameters via DHCP:** Disabled. (For IPv4.)
  - **IP Autoconfiguration:** Disabled. (For IPv6, non-offload.)
  - **iSCSI parameters via DHCP:** Disabled
  - **CHAP Authentication:** Disabled
  - **DHCP Vendor ID:** BCM ISAN
  - **Link Up Delay Time:** 0
  - **Use TCP Timestamp:** Enabled
  - **Target as First HDD:** Disabled
  - **LUN Busy Retry Count:** 0
  - **IP Version:** IPv6. (For IPv6, non-offload.)
  - **HBA Boot Mode:** Disabled (**Note:** This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.)
2. Select **ESC** to return to the **Main** menu.
3. From the **Main** menu, select **Initiator Parameters**.
4. From the **Initiator Parameters** screen, type values for the following:
  - IP Address (unspecified IPv4 and IPv6 addresses should be "0.0.0.0" and ":", respectively)
  - Subnet Mask Prefix
  - Default Gateway
  - Primary DNS
  - Secondary DNS
  - iSCSI Name (corresponds to the iSCSI initiator name to be used by the client system)



**NOTE:** Carefully enter the IP address. There is no error-checking performed against the IP address to check for duplicates or incorrect segment/network assignment.

5. Select **ESC** to return to the **Main** menu.
6. From the **Main** menu, select **1st Target Parameters**.
7. From the **1st Target Parameters** screen, enable **Connect** to connect to the iSCSI target. Type values for the following using the values used when configuring the iSCSI target:
  - IP Address
  - TCP Port
  - Boot LUN
  - iSCSI Name
8. Select **ESC** to return to the **Main** menu.
9. Select **ESC** and select **Exit and Save Configuration**.
10. Select **F4** to save your MBA configuration.
11. If necessary, return to the iSCSI Boot Configuration Utility to configure a second iSCSI target.

## Dynamic iSCSI Boot Configuration

In a dynamic configuration, you only need to specify that the system's IP address and target/initiator information are provided by a DHCP server (see IPv4 and IPv6 configurations in [Configuring the DHCP Server to Support iSCSI Boot](#)). For IPv4, with the exception of the initiator iSCSI name, any settings on the Initiator Parameters, 1st Target Parameters, or 2nd Target Parameters screens are ignored and do not need to be cleared. For IPv6, with the exception of the CHAP ID and Secret, any settings on the Initiator Parameters, 1st Target Parameters, or 2nd Target Parameters screens are ignored and do not need to be cleared. For information on configuration options, see [Table 1](#).



**NOTE:** When using a DHCP server, the DNS server entries are overwritten by the values provided by the DHCP server. This occurs even if the locally provided values are valid and the DHCP server provides no DNS server information. When the DHCP server provides no DNS server information, both the primary and secondary DNS server values are set to 0.0.0.0. When the Windows OS takes over, the Microsoft iSCSI initiator retrieves the iSCSI Initiator parameters and configures the appropriate registries statically. It will overwrite whatever is configured. Since the DHCP daemon runs in the Windows environment as a user process, all TCP/IP parameters have to be statically configured before the stack comes up in the iSCSI Boot environment.

If DHCP Option 17 is used, the target information is provided by the DHCP server, and the initiator iSCSI name is retrieved from the value programmed from the Initiator Parameters screen. If no value was selected, then the controller defaults to the name:

```
iqn.1995-05.com.broadcom.<11.22.33.44.55.66>.iscsiboot
```

where the string 11.22.33.44.55.66 corresponds to the controller's MAC address.

If DHCP option 43 (IPv4 only) is used, then any settings on the Initiator Parameters, 1st Target Parameters, or 2nd Target Parameters screens are ignored and do not need to be cleared.

### To configure the iSCSI boot parameters using dynamic configuration

1. From the **General Parameters Menu** screen, set the following:
  - **TCP/IP parameters via DHCP:** Enabled. (For IPv4.)
  - **IP Autoconfiguration:** Enabled. (For IPv6, non-offload.)
  - **iSCSI parameters via DHCP:** Enabled
  - **CHAP Authentication:** Disabled
  - **DHCP Vendor ID:** BCM ISAN
  - **Link Up Delay Time:** 0
  - **Use TCP Timestamp:** Enabled
  - **Target as First HDD:** Disabled
  - **LUN Busy Retry Count:** 0
  - **IP Version:** IPv6. (For IPv6, non-offload.)
  - **HBA Boot Mode:** Disabled. (**Note:** This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.)
2. Select **ESC** to return to the **Main** menu.



**NOTE:** Information on the **Initiator Parameters**, and **1st Target Parameters** screens are ignored and do not need to be cleared.

3. Select **Exit and Save Configurations**.

## Enabling CHAP Authentication

Ensure that CHAP authentication is enabled on the target.

### To enable CHAP authentication

1. From the **General Parameters** screen, set **CHAP Authentication** to Enabled.
2. From the **Initiator Parameters** screen, type values for the following:
  - CHAP ID (up to 128 bytes)
  - CHAP Secret (if authentication is required, and must be 12 characters in length or longer)
3. Select **ESC** to return to the **Main** menu.
4. From the **Main** menu, select **1st Target Parameters**.
5. From the **1st Target Parameters** screen, type values for the following using the values used when configuring the iSCSI target:
  - CHAP ID (optional if two-way CHAP)
  - CHAP Secret (optional if two-way CHAP, and must be 12 characters in length or longer)
6. Select **ESC** to return to the **Main** menu.
7. Select **ESC** and select **Exit and Save Configuration**.

## Configuring the DHCP Server to Support iSCSI Boot

The DHCP server is an optional component and it is only necessary if you will be doing a dynamic iSCSI Boot configuration setup (see [Dynamic iSCSI Boot Configuration](#)).

Configuring the DHCP server to support iSCSI boot is different for IPv4 and IPv6.

- [DHCP iSCSI Boot Configurations for IPv4](#)
- [DHCP iSCSI Boot Configuration for IPv6](#)

### DHCP iSCSI Boot Configurations for IPv4

The DHCP protocol includes a number of options that provide configuration information to the DHCP client. For iSCSI boot, Broadcom adapters support the following DHCP configurations:

- [DHCP Option 17, Root Path](#)
- [DHCP Option 43, Vendor-Specific Information](#)

#### DHCP Option 17, Root Path

Option 17 is used to pass the iSCSI target information to the iSCSI client.

The format of the root path as defined in IETF RFC 4173 is:

```
"iscsi:"<servername>":"<protocol>":"<port>":"<LUN>":"<targetname>"
```

The parameters are defined below.

**Table 2: DHCP Option 17 Parameter Definition**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Definition</b>
"iscsi:"	A literal string



**Table 2: DHCP Option 17 Parameter Definition**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<servername>	The IP address or FQDN of the iSCSI target
": "	Separator
<protocol>	The IP protocol used to access the iSCSI target. Currently, only TCP is supported so the protocol is 6.
<port>	The port number associated with the protocol. The standard port number for iSCSI is 3260.
<LUN>	The Logical Unit Number to use on the iSCSI target. The value of the LUN must be represented in hexadecimal format. A LUN with an ID OF 64 would have to be configured as 40 within the option 17 parameter on the DHCP server.
<targetname>	The target name in either IQN or EUI format (refer to RFC 3720 for details on both IQN and EUI formats). An example IQN name would be "iqn.1995-05.com.broadcom:iscsi-target".

### DHCP Option 43, Vendor-Specific Information

DHCP option 43 (vendor-specific information) provides more configuration options to the iSCSI client than DHCP option 17. In this configuration, three additional suboptions are provided that assign the initiator IQN to the iSCSI boot client along with two iSCSI target IQNs that can be used for booting. The format for the iSCSI target IQN is the same as that of DHCP option 17, while the iSCSI initiator IQN is simply the initiator's IQN.



**NOTE:** DHCP Option 43 is supported on IPv4 only.

The suboptions are listed below.

**Table 3: DHCP Option 43 Suboption Definition**

<b>Suboption</b>	<b>Definition</b>
201	First iSCSI target information in the standard root path format "iscsi:"<servername>": "<protocol>": "<port>": "<LUN>": "<targetname>"
202	Second iSCSI target information in the standard root path format "iscsi:"<servername>": "<protocol>": "<port>": "<LUN>": "<targetname>"
203	iSCSI initiator IQN

Using DHCP option 43 requires more configuration than DHCP option 17, but it provides a richer environment and provides more configuration options. Broadcom recommends that customers use DHCP option 43 when performing dynamic iSCSI boot configuration.

### Configuring the DHCP Server

Configure the DHCP server to support option 17 or option 43.



**NOTE:** If using Option 43, you also need to configure Option 60. The value of Option 60 should match the **DHCP Vendor ID** value. The **DHCP Vendor ID** value is BRCM ISAN, as shown in **General Parameters** of the iSCSI Boot Configuration menu.

## DHCP iSCSI Boot Configuration for IPv6

The DHCPv6 server can provide a number of options, including stateless or stateful IP configuration, as well s information to the DHCPv6 client. For iSCSI boot, Broadcom adapters support the following DHCP configurations:

- [DHCPv6 Option 16, Vendor Class Option](#)
- [DHCPv6 Option 17, Vendor-Specific Information](#)



**NOTE:** The DHCPv6 standard Root Path option is not yet available. Broadcom suggests using Option 16 or Option 17 for dynamic iSCSI Boot IPv6 support.

### DHCPv6 Option 16, Vendor Class Option

DHCPv6 Option 16 (vendor class option) must be present and must contain a string that matches your configured **DHCP Vendor ID** parameter. The **DHCP Vendor ID** value is BCM ISAN, as shown in **General Parameters** of the iSCSI Boot Configuration menu.

The content of Option 16 should be <2-byte length> <DHCP Vendor ID>.

### DHCPv6 Option 17, Vendor-Specific Information

DHCPv6 Option 17 (vendor-specific information) provides more configuration options to the iSCSI client. In this configuration, three additional suboptions are provided that assign the initiator IQN to the iSCSI boot client along with two iSCSI target IQNs that can be used for booting.

The suboptions are listed below.

**Table 4: DHCP Option 17 Suboption Definition**

<i>Suboption</i>	<i>Definition</i>
201	First iSCSI target information in the standard root path format "iscsi:" [ <i>&lt;servername&gt;</i> ] ":"<protocol>":"<port>":"<LUN>":"<targetname>"
202	Second iSCSI target information in the standard root path format "iscsi:" [ <i>&lt;servername&gt;</i> ] ":"<protocol>":"<port>":"<LUN>":"<targetname>"
203	iSCSI initiator IQN



**NOTE:** In [Table 4](#), the brackets [ ] are required for the IPv6 addresses.

The content of option 17 should be <2-byte Option Number 201|202|203> <2-byte length> <data>.

## Configuring the DHCP Server

Configure the DHCP server to support Option 16 and Option 17.



**NOTE:** The format of DHCPv6 Option 16 and Option 17 are fully defined in RFC 3315.

## Preparing the iSCSI Boot Image

- [Windows Server 2008 R2 and SP2 iSCSI Boot Setup](#)
- [Windows Server 2012 iSCSI Boot Setup](#)
- [Linux iSCSI Boot Setup](#)
- [Injecting \(Slipstreaming\) Broadcom Drivers into Windows Image Files](#)

### Windows Server 2008 R2 and SP2 iSCSI Boot Setup

Windows Server 2008 R2 and Windows Server 2008 SP2 support booting as well as installing in either the offload or non-offload paths.

The following procedure prepares the image for installation and booting in either the offload or non-offload path. The following procedure references Windows Server 2008 R2 but is common to both the Windows Server 2008 R2 and SP2.

Required CD/ISO image:

- Windows Server 2008 R2 x64 with the Broadcom drivers injected. See [Injecting \(Slipstreaming\) Broadcom Drivers into Windows Image Files](#). Also refer to the Microsoft knowledge base topic KB974072 at [support.microsoft.com](http://support.microsoft.com).



#### NOTES:

- The Microsoft procedure injects only the eVBD and NDIS drivers. Broadcom recommends that all drivers (eVBD, VBD, BXND, OIS, FCoE, and NetXtreme I NDIS) be injected.
- Refer to the *silent.txt* file for the specific driver installer application for instructions on how to extract the individual Windows NetXtreme II drivers.

Other software required:

- Bindview.exe (Windows Server 2008 R2 only; see KB976042)

Procedure:

1. Remove any local hard drives on the system to be booted (the “remote system”).
2. Load the latest Broadcom MBA and iSCSI boot images onto NVRAM of the adapter.
3. Configure the BIOS on the remote system to have the Broadcom MBA as the first bootable device, and the CDROM as the second device.
4. Configure the iSCSI target to allow a connection from the remote device. Ensure that the target has sufficient disk space to hold the new O/S installation.
5. Boot up the remote system. When the Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) banner displays, press **Ctrl+S** to enter the PXE menu.
6. At the PXE menu, set **Boot Protocol** to **iSCSI**.
7. Enter the iSCSI target parameters.
8. Set **HBA Boot Mode** to **Enabled** or **Disabled**. (**Note:** This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.)
9. Save the settings and reboot the system.  
The remote system should connect to the iSCSI target and then boot from the DVDROM device.
10. Boot to DVD and begin installation.

11. Answer all the installation questions appropriately (specify the Operating System you want to install, accept the license terms, etc.).

When the **Where do you want to install Windows?** window appears, the target drive should be visible. This is a drive connected via the iSCSI boot protocol, located in the remote iSCSI target.

12. Select **Next** to proceed with Windows Server 2008 R2 installation.

A few minutes after the Windows Server 2008 R2 DVD installation process starts, a system reboot will follow. After the reboot, the Windows Server 2008 R2 installation routine should resume and complete the installation.

13. Following another system restart, check and verify that the remote system is able to boot to the desktop.

14. After Windows Server 2008 R2 is booted up, load all drivers and run Bindview.exe.

- a. Select **All Services**.
- b. Under **WFP Lightweight Filter** you should see **Binding paths** for the AUT. Right-click and disable them. When done, close out of the application.

15. Verify that the OS and system are functional and can pass traffic by pinging a remote system's IP, etc.

### Windows Server 2012 iSCSI Boot Setup

Windows Server 2012 supports booting as well as installing in either the offload or non-offload paths. Broadcom requires the use of a "slipstream" DVD with the latest Broadcom drivers injected. See [Injecting \(Slipstreaming\) Broadcom Drivers into Windows Image Files](#). Also refer to the Microsoft knowledge base topic KB974072 at [support.microsoft.com](http://support.microsoft.com).



**NOTE:** The Microsoft procedure injects only the eVBD and NDIS drivers. Broadcom recommends that all drivers (eVBD, VBD, BXND, OIS, FCoE, and NetXtreme I NDIS) be injected.

The following procedure prepares the image for installation and booting in either the offload or non-offload path:

1. Remove any local hard drives on the system to be booted (the "remote system").
2. Load the latest Broadcom MBA and iSCSI boot images into the NVRAM of the adapter.
3. Configure the BIOS on the remote system to have the Broadcom MBA as the first bootable device and the CDROM as the second device.
4. Configure the iSCSI target to allow a connection from the remote device. Ensure that the target has sufficient disk space to hold the new O/S installation.
5. Boot up the remote system. When the Preboot Execution Environment (PXE) banner displays, press **Ctrl+S** to enter the PXE menu.
6. At the PXE menu, set **Boot Protocol** to **iSCSI**.
7. Enter the iSCSI target parameters.
8. Set **HBA Boot Mode** to **Enabled** or **Disabled**. (**Note:** This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.)
9. Save the settings and reboot the system.

The remote system should connect to the iSCSI target and then boot from the DVDROM device.

10. Boot from DVD and begin installation.

11. Answer all the installation questions appropriately (specify the Operating System you want to install, accept the license terms, etc.).

When the **Where do you want to install Windows?** window appears, the target drive should be visible. This is a drive connected via the iSCSI boot protocol, located in the remote iSCSI target.



12. Select **Next** to proceed with Windows Server 2012 installation.

A few minutes after the Windows Server 2012 DVD installation process starts, a system reboot will occur. After the reboot, the Windows Server 2012 installation routine should resume and complete the installation.

13. Following another system restart, check and verify that the remote system is able to boot to the desktop.
14. After Windows Server 2012 boots to the OS, Broadcom recommends running the driver installer to complete the Broadcom drivers and application installation.

### Linux iSCSI Boot Setup

Linux iSCSI boot is supported on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5.5 and later and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP1 and later in both the offload and non-offload paths. Note that SLES 10.x and SLES 11 have support only for the non-offload path.

1. For driver update, obtain the latest Broadcom Linux driver CD.
2. Configure the iSCSI Boot Parameters for DVD direct install to target by disabling the Boot from target option on the network adapter.
3. Configure to install via the non-offload path by setting HBA Boot Mode to **Disabled** in the NVRAM Configuration. (**Note:** This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.). Note that, for RHEL6.2 and SLES11SP2 and newer, installation via the offload path is supported. For this case, set the HBA Boot Mode to **Enabled** in the NVRAM Configuration.
4. Change the boot order as follows:
  - a. Boot from the network adapter.
  - b. Boot from the CD/DVD driver.
5. Reboot the system.
6. System will connect to iSCSI target, then will boot from CD/DVD drive.
7. Follow the corresponding OS instructions.
  - a. RHEL 5.5 — Type “linux dd” at “boot:” prompt and press enter
  - b. SuSE 11.X — Choose **installation** and type **withiscsi=1 netsetup=1** at the boot option. If driver update is desired, choose **YES** for the F6 driver option.
8. If driver update is desired, follow the instructions to load the driver CD; otherwise skip this step.
9. At the “networking device” prompt, choose the desired network adapter port and press **OK**.
10. At “configure TCP/IP prompt”, configure the way the system acquire IP address and press **OK**.
11. If static IP was chosen, you need to enter IP information for iscsi initiator.
12. (RHEL) Choose to “skip” media testing.
13. Continue installation as desired. A drive will be available at this point. After file copying is done, remove CD/DVD and reboot the system.
14. When the system reboots, enable “boot from target” in iSCSI Boot Parameters and continue with installation until it is done.

At this stage, the initial installation phase is complete. The rest of the procedure pertains to creating a new customized initrd for any new components update:

15. Update iscsi initiator if desired. You will first need to remove the existing initiator using **rpm -e**.
16. Make sure all runlevels of network service are on:

```
chkconfig network on
```
17. Make sure 2,3 and 5 runlevels of iscsi service are on.

```
chkconfig -level 235 iscsi on
```
18. For Red Hat 6.0, make sure Network Manager service is stopped and disabled.



19. Install iscsiuiio if desired (not required for SuSE 10).
20. Install linux-nx2 package if desired.
21. Install bibt package.
22. Remove ifcfg-eth\*.
23. Reboot.
24. For SUSE 11.1, follow the remote DVD installation workaround shown below.
25. After the system reboots, log in, change to the /opt/bcm/bibt folder, and run iscsi\_setup.sh script to create the offload and/or the non-offload initrd image.
26. Copy the initrd image(s), offload and/or non-offload, to the /boot folder.
27. Change the grub menu to point to the new initrd image.
28. To enable CHAP, you need to modify iscsid.conf (Red Hat only).
29. Reboot and change CHAP parameters if desired.
30. Continue booting into the iSCSI Boot image and select one of the images you created (non-offload or offload). Your choice should correspond with your choice in the iSCSI Boot parameters section. If HBA Boot Mode was enabled in the iSCSI Boot Parameters section, you have to boot the offload image. SLES 10.x and SLES 11 do not support offload.
31. For IPv6, you can now change the IP address for both the initiator and the target to the desired IPv6 address in the NVRAM configuration.

#### SUSE 11.1 Remote DVD installation workaround

1. Create a new file called boot.open-iscsi with the content shown below.
2. Copy the file you just created to /etc/init.d/ folder and overwrite the existing one.

Content of the new boot.open-iscsi file:

```
#!/bin/bash
#
# /etc/init.d/iscsi
#
### BEGIN INIT INFO
# Provides:          iscsiboot
# Required-Start:
# Should-Start:      boot.multipath
# Required-Stop:
# Should-Stop:       $null
# Default-Start:     B
# Default-Stop:
# Short-Description: iSCSI initiator daemon root-fs support
# Description:       Starts the iSCSI initiator daemon if the
#                    root-filesystem is on an iSCSI device
#
### END INIT INFO

ISCSIADM=/sbin/iscsiadm
ISCSIUIO=/sbin/iscsiuiio
CONFIG_FILE=/etc/iscsid.conf
DAEMON=/sbin/iscsid
ARGS="-c $CONFIG_FILE"

# Source LSB init functions
. /etc/rc.status
```



```

#
# This service is run right after booting. So all targets activated
# during mkinitrd run should not be removed when the open-iscsi
# service is stopped.
#
iscsi_load_iscsiuio()
{
    TRANSPORT=`$ISCSIADM -m session 2> /dev/null | grep "bnx2i"`
    if [ "$TRANSPORT" ] ; then
        echo -n "Launch iscsiuiio "
        startproc $ISCSIUIO
    fi
}

iscsi_mark_root_nodes()
{
    $ISCSIADM -m session 2> /dev/null | while read t num i target ; do
        ip=${i%:*}
        STARTUP=`$ISCSIADM -m node -p $ip -T $target 2> /dev/null | grep "node.conn\[0\].startup"
| cut -d' ' -f3`
        if [ "$STARTUP" -a "$STARTUP" != "onboot" ] ; then
            $ISCSIADM -m node -p $ip -T $target -o update -n node.conn[0].startup -v onboot
        fi
    done
}

# Reset status of this service
rc_reset

# We only need to start this for root on iSCSI
if ! grep -q iscsi_tcp /proc/modules ; then
    if ! grep -q bnx2i /proc/modules ; then
        rc_failed 6
        rc_exit
    fi
fi

case "$1" in
    start)
        echo -n "Starting iSCSI initiator for the root device: "
        iscsi_load_iscsiuio
        startproc $DAEMON $ARGS
        rc_status -v
        iscsi_mark_root_nodes
        ;;
    stop|restart|reload)
        rc_failed 0
        ;;
    status)
        echo -n "Checking for iSCSI initiator service: "
        if checkproc $DAEMON ; then
            rc_status -v
        else
            rc_failed 3
            rc_status -v
        fi
    *)
        rc_status -v
    esac

```

```
fi
;;
*)
echo "Usage: $0 {start|stop|status|restart|reload}"
exit 1
;;
esac
rc_exit
```

### Removing Inbox Drivers from Windows OS Image

1. Create a temporary folder, such as D:\temp.
2. Create the following two subfolders in the temporary folder:
  - Win2008R2Copy
  - Win2008R2Mod
3. Copy all the contents from the DVD installation media into the Win2008R2Copy folder.
4. Open the Windows AIK command prompt in elevated mode from All program, and then run the following command:  
`attrib -r D:\Temp\Win2008R2Copy\sources\boot.wim`
5. Run the following command to mount the boot.wim image:  
`dism /Mount-WIM /WimFile:D:\Temp\Win2008R2Copy\sources\boot.wim /index:1 /MountDir:D:\Temp\Win2008R2Mod`
6. The Boot.wim image was mounted in the Win2008R2Mod folder. Find all the instances of the files listed below in the subfolders of the Win2008R2Mod folder, and then delete them.

List of files to be deleted.

- netevbda.inf
- netevbda.pnf
- evbda.sys
- netbxnda.inf
- netbxnda.pnf
- bxnd60a.sys
- bxvbda.sys
- netbvda.inf
- netbvda.pnf

To easily find all the instances of the files to be deleted, run the following command:

```
dir /s D:\Temp\Win2008R2Mod\filename
```

7. Run the following command to unmount the Boot.wim image:  
`dism /unmount-wim /Mountdir:D:\Temp\Win2008R2Mod /commit`
8. Repeat steps 5 to 7, but set the index = 2 for the command in step 5.

In this example, index 2 is specified for the standard edition. For other editions, change the index accordingly.

## Injecting (Slipstreaming) Broadcom Drivers into Windows Image Files

To inject Broadcom drivers into the Windows image files, you must obtain the following correct Broadcom driver packages for the applicable Windows Server version (2008R2, 2008SP2, 2012, or 2012R2) from the following location:

[http://www.broadcom.com/support/ethernet\\_nic/netxtremeii10.php](http://www.broadcom.com/support/ethernet_nic/netxtremeii10.php)



**NOTE:** Refer to the *silent.txt* file for the specific driver installer application for instructions on how to extract the individual Windows NetXtreme II drivers.

- EVBDA
- BXND60a
- BXOIS
- BXFCOE

Then, you place these driver packages to a working directory. For example, copy the driver packages to the following directories:

- C:\Temp\evbda
- C:\Temp\bxnd60a
- C:\Temp\bxois
- C:\Temp\bxfcoc

Finally, you inject these drivers into the Windows Image (WIM) files and install the applicable Windows Server version from the updated images.

The detailed steps are provided below:



**NOTE:** The file and folder names used in this procedure are examples only. You can specify your own file and folder names for your slipstream project.

1. For Windows Server 2008 R2 and SP2, install the Windows Automated Installation Kit (AIK).  
—or—  
For Windows Server 2012 and 2012 R2, install the Windows Assessment and Deployment Kit (ADK).
2. Use the following commands to create a temporary directory and set it as the current directory for all later steps:  

```
md C:\Temp\x  
cd /d C:\Temp\x
```
3. Use the following commands to create two subdirectories:  

```
md src  
md mnt
```
4. Use the following command to copy the original DVD into the src subdirectory.  

```
xcopy N:\ .\src /e /c /i /f /h /k /y /q
```

Note that in this example, the installation DVD is in the N: drive.
5. Open a Deployment and Imaging Tools command prompt in elevated mode. Then, set c:\Temp\x as the current directory.  
Note that you will use this command prompt window in all subsequent steps.
6. Enter the following commands:

```
attrib -r .\src\sources\boot.wim
attrib -r .\src\sources\install.wim
```

7. Enter run the following command to mount the boot.wim image:

```
dism /mount-wim /wimfile:.\src\sources\boot.wim /index:2 /mountdir:.\mnt
```

Note that you must always use “2” for the index value.

8. Enter the following commands to add the below drivers to the currently mounted image:

```
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\evbda\evbda.inf
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\bxnd60a\bxnd60a.inf
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\bxfoe\bxfoe.inf
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\bxois\bxois.inf
```

9. Enter the following command to unmount the boot.wim image:

```
dism /unmount-wim /mountdir:.\mnt /commit
```

10. Enter the following command to determine the index of the desired SKU in the install.wim image:

```
dism /get-wiminfo /wimfile:.\src\sources\install.wim
```

For example, in Windows Server 2012, index 2 is identified as “Windows Server 2012 SERVERSTANDARD.”

11. Enter the following command to mount the install.wim image:

```
dism /mount-wim /wimfile:.\src\sources\install.wim /index:X /mountdir:.\mnt
```

Note that X is a placeholder for the index value that you obtained in step 10.

12. Enter the following commands to add these drivers to the currently mounted image:

```
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\evbd\evbd.inf
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\bxnd60a\bxnd60a.inf
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\bxfoe\bxfoe.inf
dism /image:.\mnt /add-driver /driver:C:\Temp\bxois\bxois.inf
```

13. Enter the following command to unmount the install.wim image:

```
dism /unmount-wim /mountdir:.\mnt /commit
```

14. Enter the following command to create an .iso file:

```
oscdimg -e -h -m -n -lslipstream -bootdata:2#p0,e,b"c:\Program Files\Windows
AIK\Tools\PETools\amd64\boot\etfsboot.com"#pEF,e,b"c:\Program Files\Windows
AIK\Tools\PETools\amd64\boot\efisys.bin" c:\temp\x\src c:\temp\Win20xxMOD.iso
```

Note that Platform is a placeholder for the architecture of the operating system that you want to install, such as amd64 or x86. Also, xx in the file names is a placeholder for the Windows Server OS version (2012, 2008R2, 2008SP2.)

15. Using a DVD-burning application, burn the .iso file you created to a DVD.

16. Use the DVD that you created in step 15 to install the applicable Windows Server version.

## Booting

After that the system has been prepared for an iSCSI boot and the operating system is present on the iSCSI target, the last step is to perform the actual boot. The system will boot to Windows or Linux over the network and operate as if it were a local disk drive.

1. Reboot the server.
2. Select **CTRL+S**.
3. To boot through an offload path, set the HBA Boot Mode to **Enabled**. To boot through a non-offload path, set the HBA Boot Mode to **Disabled**. (**Note:** This parameter cannot be changed when the adapter is in Multi-Function mode.)

If CHAP authentication is needed, enable CHAP authentication after determining that booting is successful (see [Enabling CHAP Authentication](#)).

## OTHER iSCSI BOOT CONSIDERATIONS

There are several other factors that should be considered when configuring a system for iSCSI boot.

### Changing the Speed & Duplex Settings in Windows Environments

Changing the Speed & Duplex settings on the boot port using Windows Device Manager when performing iSCSI boot via the offload path is not supported. Booting via the NDIS path is supported. The Speed & Duplex settings can be changed using the BACS management utility for iSCSI boot via the offload and NDIS paths.

### Virtual LANs

Virtual LAN (VLAN) tagging is not supported for iSCSI boot with the Microsoft iSCSI Software Initiator.

### The 'dd' method of creating an iSCSI boot image

In the case when installation directly to a remote iSCSI target is not an option, an alternate way to create such an image is to use the 'dd' method. With this method, you install the image directly to a local hard drive and then create an iSCSI boot image for the subsequent boot:

1. Install Linux OS on your local hard drive and ensure that the Open-iSCSI initiator is up to date.
2. Ensure that all Runlevels of network service are on.
3. Ensure that the 2, 3, and 5 Runlevels of iSCSI service are on.
4. Update iscsiui. You can get the iscsiui package from the Broadcom CD. This step is not needed for SuSE 10.
5. Install the linux-nx2 package on your Linux system. You can get this package from Broadcom CD.
6. Install bibt package on you Linux system. You can get this package from Broadcom CD.
7. Delete all ifcfg-eth\* files.
8. Configure one port of the network adapter to connect to iSCSI Target (for instructions, see [Configuring the iSCSI Target](#)).
9. Connect to the iSCSI Target.
10. Use the DD command to copy from the local hard drive to iSCSI Target.
11. When DD is done, execute the sync command a couple of times, log out, and then log in to iSCSI Target again.
12. Run the fsck command on all partitions created on the iSCSI Target.
13. Change to the /OPT/bcm/bibt folder and run the iscsi\_setup.sh script to create the initrd images. Option 0 will create a non-offload image and option 1 will create an offload image. The lscsi\_script.sh script will create the non-offload image only on SuSE 10 as offload is not supported on SuSE 10.
14. Mount the /boot partition on the iSCSI Target.
15. Copy the initrd images you created in step 13 from your local hard drive to the partition mounted in step 14.
16. On the partition mounted in step 14, edit the grub menu to point to the new initrd images.
17. Unmount the /boot partition on the iSCSI Target.
18. (Red Hat Only) To enable CHAP, you need to modify the CHAP section of the iscsid.conf file on the iSCSI Target. Edit the iscsid.conf file with one-way or two-way CHAP information as desired.
19. Shut down the system and disconnect the local hard drive. Now you are ready to iSCSI boot the iSCSI Target.
20. Configure iSCSI Boot Parameters, including CHAP parameters if desired (see [Configuring the iSCSI Target](#)).
21. Continue booting into the iSCSI Boot image and choose one of the images you created (non-offload or offload). Your choice should correspond with your choice in the iSCSI Boot parameters section. If HBA Boot Mode was enabled in the iSCSI Boot Parameters section, you have to boot the offload image. SuSE 10.x and SLES 11 do not support offload.

## TROUBLESHOOTING iSCSI BOOT

The following troubleshooting tips are useful for iSCSI boot.

**Problem:** A system blue screen occurs when iSCSI boots Windows Server 2008 R2 through the adapter's NDIS path with the initiator configured using a link-local IPv6 address and the target configured using a router-configured IPv6 address.

**Solution:** This is a known Windows TCP/IP stack issue.

**Problem:** The Broadcom iSCSI Crash Dump utility will not work properly to capture a memory dump when the link speed for iSCSI boot is configured for 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps.

**Solution:** The iSCSI Crash Dump utility is supported when the link speed for iSCSI boot is configured for 1 Gbps or 10 Gbps. 10 Mbps or 100 Mbps is not supported.

**Problem:** An iSCSI target is not recognized as an installation target when you try to install Windows Server 2008 by using an IPv6 connection.

**Solution:** This is a known third-party issue. See Microsoft Knowledge Base KB 971443, <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/971443>.

**Problem:** When switching iSCSI boot from the Microsoft standard path to Broadcom iSCSI offload, the booting fails to complete.

**Solution:** Install or upgrade the Broadcom Virtual Bus Device (VBD) driver to 5.0.x, along with the OIS driver, prior to switching the iSCSI boot path.

**Problem:** The iSCSI configuration utility will not run.

**Solution:** Ensure that the iSCSI Boot firmware is installed in the NVRAM.

**Problem:** A system blue screen occurs when installing the Broadcom drivers through Windows Plug-and-Play (PnP).

**Solution:** Install the drivers through the Setup installer.

**Problem:** For static IP configuration when switching from Layer 2 iSCSI boot to Broadcom iSCSI HBA, then you will receive an IP address conflict.

**Solution:** Change the IP address of the network property in the OS.

**Problem:** After configuring the iSCSI boot LUN to 255, a system blue screen appears when performing iSCSI boot.

**Solution:** Although Broadcom's iSCSI solution supports a LUN range from 0 to 255, the Microsoft iSCSI software initiator does not support a LUN of 255. Configure a LUN value from 0 to 254.

**Problem:** NDIS miniports with Code 31 yellow-bang after L2 iSCSI boot install.

**Solution:** Run the T7.4 installer.

**Problem:** Unable to update inbox driver if a non-inbox hardware ID present.

**Solution:** Create a custom slipstream DVD image with supported drivers present on the install media.



**Problem:** In Windows Server 2012, toggling between iSCSI HBA offload mode and iSCSI software initiator boot can leave the machine in a state where the HBA offload miniport bxois will not load.

**Solution:** Manually edit [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\bxois\StartOverride] from 3 to 0. Modify the registry key before toggling back from NDIS to HBA path in CCM.



**NOTE:** Microsoft recommends against this method. **Toggling the boot path from NDIS to HBA or vice versa after installation is completed is not recommended.**

**Problem:** Installing Windows onto an iSCSI target via iSCSI boot fails when connecting to a 1 Gbps switch port.

**Solution:** This is a limitation relating to adapters that use SFP+ as the physical connection. SFP+ defaults to 10 Gbps operation and does not support autonegotiation.

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## iSCSI CRASH DUMP

If you will use the Broadcom iSCSI Crash Dump utility, it is important to follow the installation procedure to install the iSCSI Crash Dump driver. See [Using the Installer](#) for more information.

## **ISCSI OFFLOAD IN WINDOWS SERVER**

iSCSI traffic may be segregated offload is a technology that offloads iSCSI protocol processing overhead from host processors to the iSCSI host bus adapter to increase network performance and throughput while helping to optimize server processor utilization.

This section covers Windows iSCSI offload for the NetXtreme II family of network adapters. For Linux iSCSI offload, see [Linux iSCSI Offload](#).

### **ISCSI OFFLOAD LIMITATIONS**

The bnx2i driver for iSCSI does not operate on a stand-alone PCI device. It shares the same PCI device with the networking driver (bnx2 and bnx2x). The networking driver alone supports layer 2 networking traffic. Offloaded iSCSI operations require both the networking driver and the bnx2i driver.

iSCSI operations will be interrupted when the networking driver brings down or resets the device. This scenario requires proper handling by the networking and bnx2i drivers, as well as the userspace iscsid daemon that keeps track of all iSCSI sessions. Offloaded iSCSI connections take up system and on-chip resources that must be freed up before the device can be reset. iscsid running in userspace is generally less predictable, as it can run slowly and take a long time to disconnect and reconnect iSCSI sessions during network reset, especially when the number of connections is large. Broadcom cannot guarantee that iSCSI sessions will always recover in every conceivable scenario when the networking device is repeatedly being reset. Broadcom recommends that administrator-administered network device resets, such as MTU change, ring size change, device shutdown, hot-unplug, and so forth, be kept at a minimum while there are active offloaded iSCSI sessions running on that shared device. On the other hand, link-related changes do not require device reset and are safe to be performed at any time.

To help alleviate some of the above issues, install the latest open-iscsi utilities by upgrading your Red Hat Network subscription.

## CONFIGURING iSCSI OFFLOAD

With the proper iSCSI offload licensing, you can configure your iSCSI-capable NetXtreme II network adapter to offload iSCSI processing from the host processor. The following process enables your system to take advantage of Broadcom's iSCSI offload feature.

- [Installing Broadcom Drivers and Management Applications](#)
- [Installing the Microsoft iSCSI Initiator](#)
- [Configuring Broadcom iSCSI Using BACS](#)
- [Configure Microsoft Initiator to Use Broadcom's iSCSI Offload](#)

### Installing Broadcom Drivers and Management Applications

1. Install the Windows drivers. See [Windows Driver Software](#).
2. Install the management applications. See [Installing Management Applications](#).

### Installing the Microsoft iSCSI Initiator

For Windows Server 2008 and later, the iSCSI initiator is included in-box. To download the iSCSI initiator from Microsoft, go to <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?displaylang=en&id=18986> and locate the direct link for your system.

### Configuring Broadcom iSCSI Using BACS

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) is used to manage all of Broadcom's network adapters and advanced features. For more information, see [Using Broadcom Advanced Control Suite 4](#).

1. Open BACS.
2. Select the Broadcom NetXtreme II C-NIC iSCSI adapter. If the C-NIC iSCSI adapter is not present, then select the VBD device and enable iSCSI offload by selecting **iSCSI Offload Engine** from the **Resource Reservations** area of the Configuration tab. See [Viewing Resource Reservations](#).
3. Select the Configuration tab.
4. DHCP is the default for IP address assignment, but this can be changed to static IP address assignment, if this is the preferred method of IP address assignment.



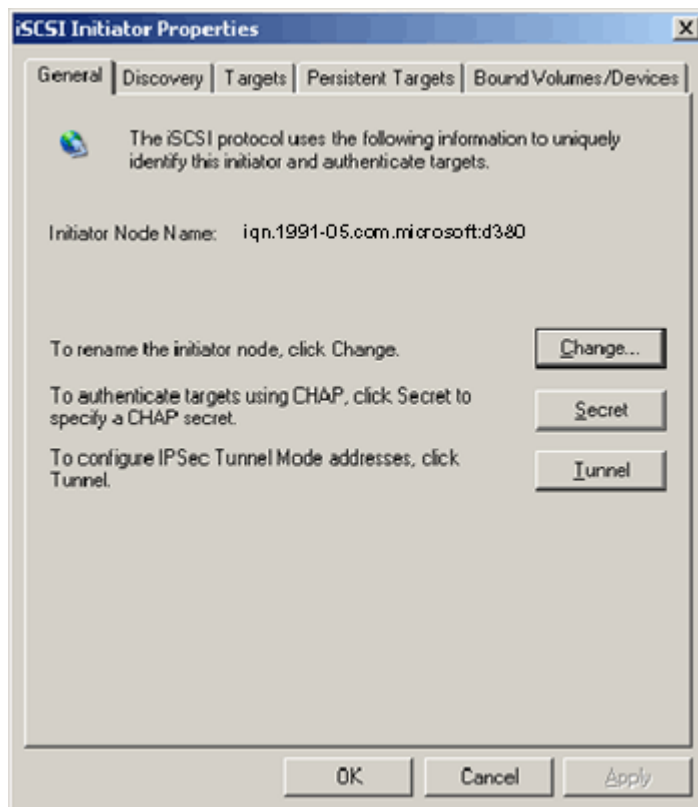
**NOTE:** The IP address assignment method cannot be changed if the adapter was used for boot.

5. Select **Apply** and close BACS.

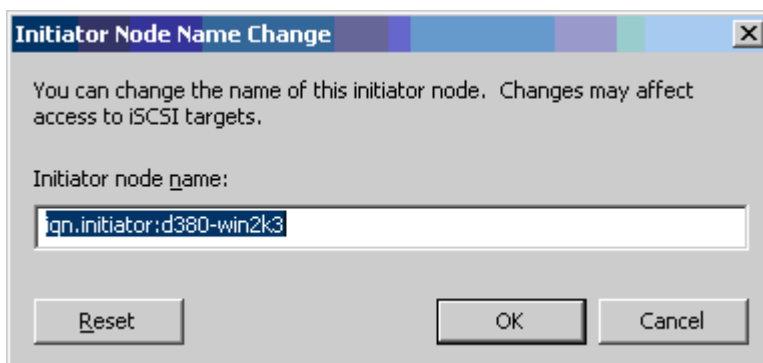
## Configure Microsoft Initiator to Use Broadcom's iSCSI Offload

Now that the IP address has been configured for the iSCSI adapter, you need to use Microsoft Initiator to configure and add a connection to the iSCSI target using Broadcom iSCSI adapter. See Microsoft's user guide for more details on Microsoft Initiator.

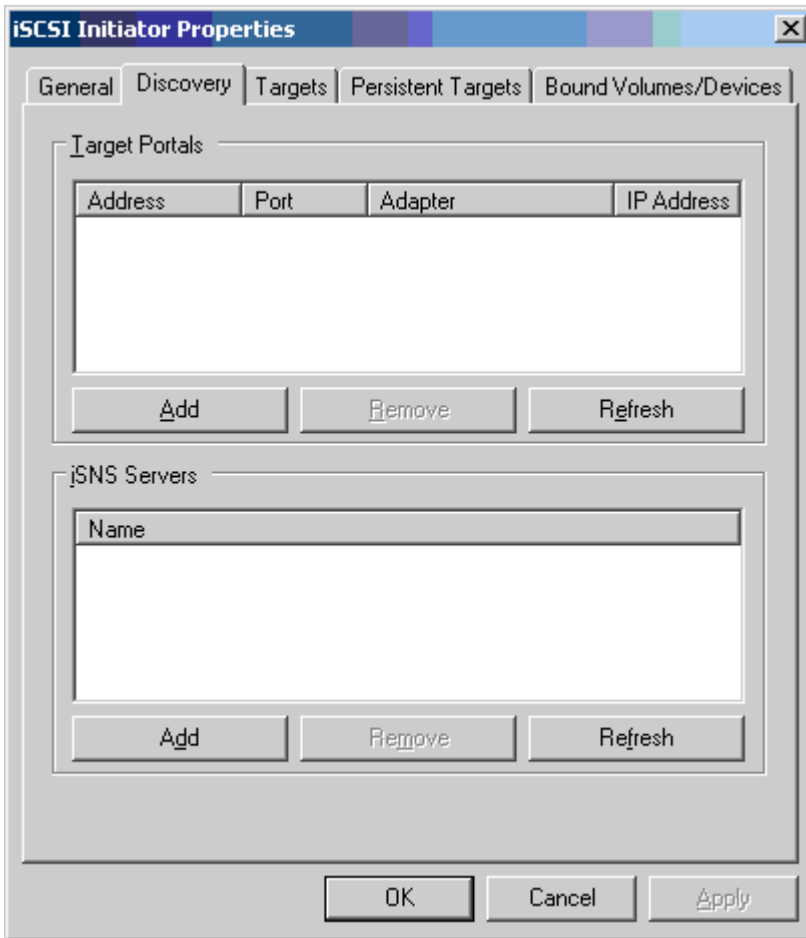
1. Open Microsoft Initiator.
2. Configure the initiator IQN name according to your setup. To change, click on **Change**.



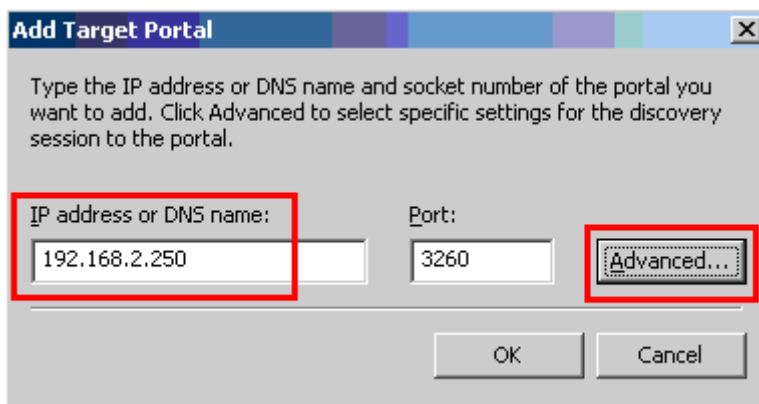
3. Enter the initiator IQN name.



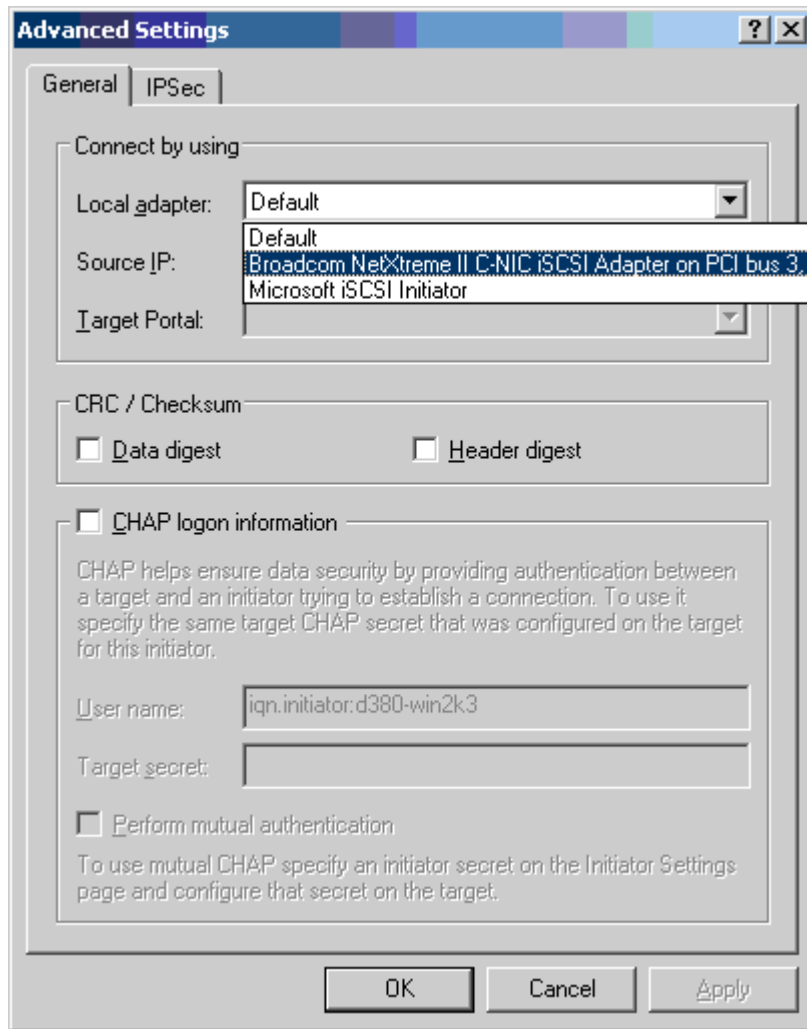
4. Select the Discovery tab and click **Add** to add a target portal.



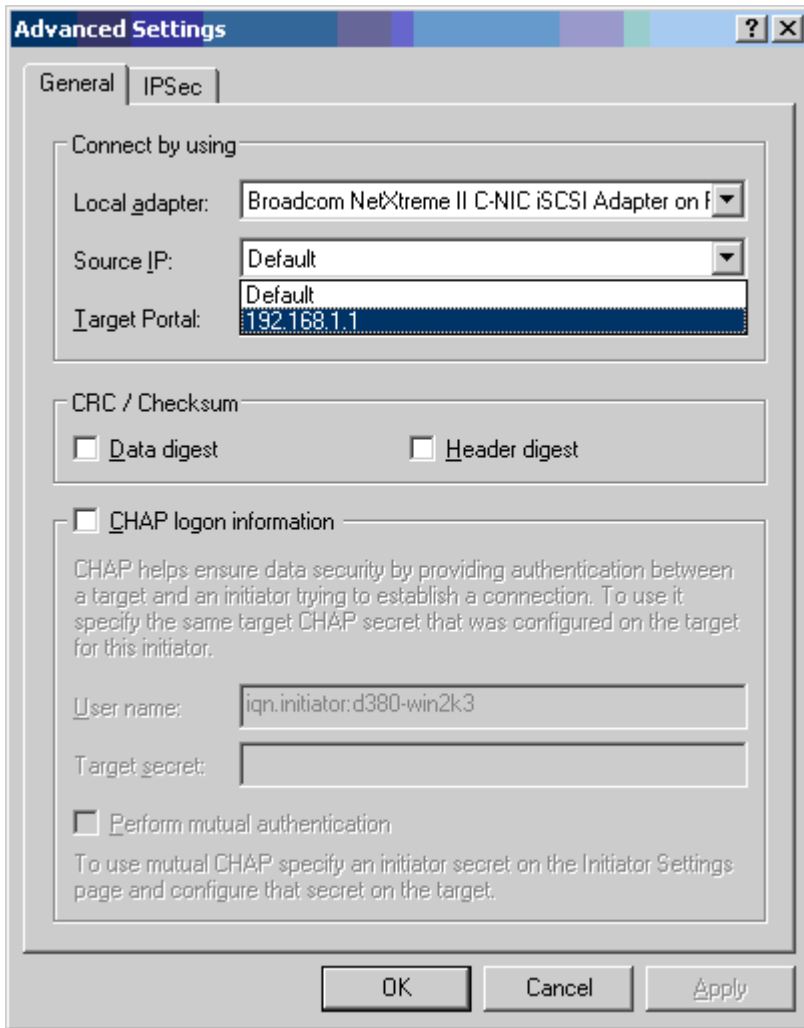
- 5. Enter the IP address of the target and click **Advanced**.



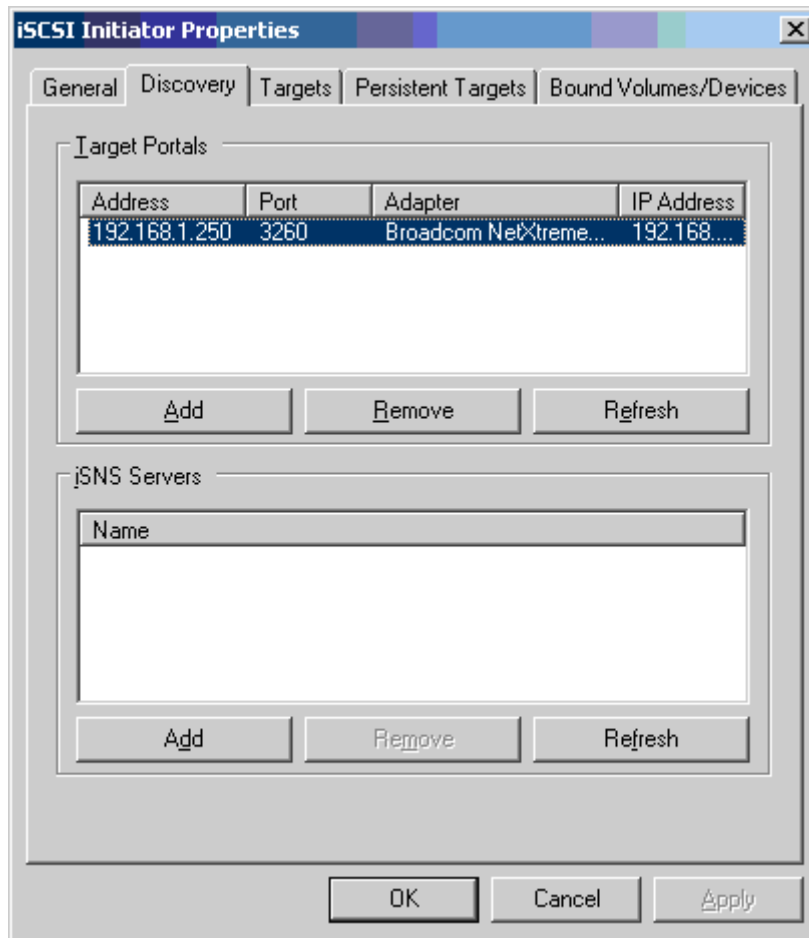
- 6. From the General tab, select Broadcom NetXtreme II C-NIC iSCSI Adapter from **Local adapter**.



7. Select the IP address for the adapter from **Source IP**.

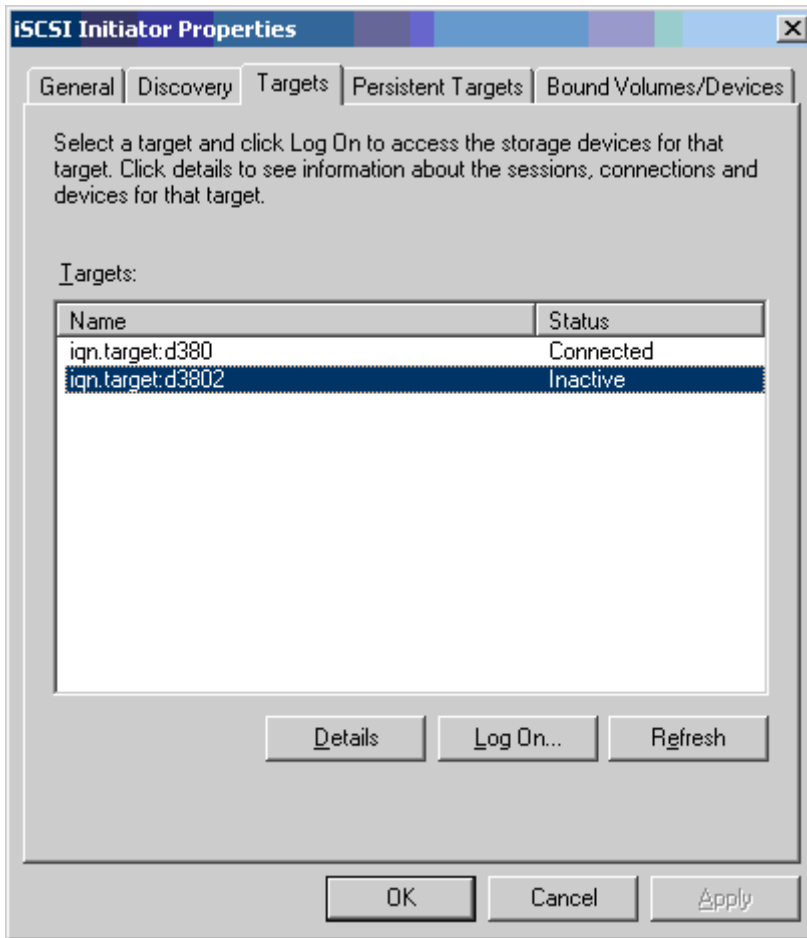


8. Click **OK** to close Advanced setting and then **OK** to add the target portal.

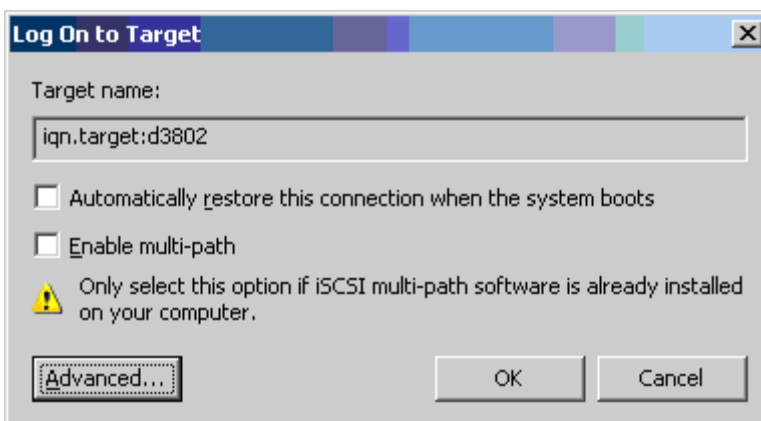


- From the Targets tab, select the target and click **Log On** to log into your iSCSI target using the Broadcom iSCSI adapter.



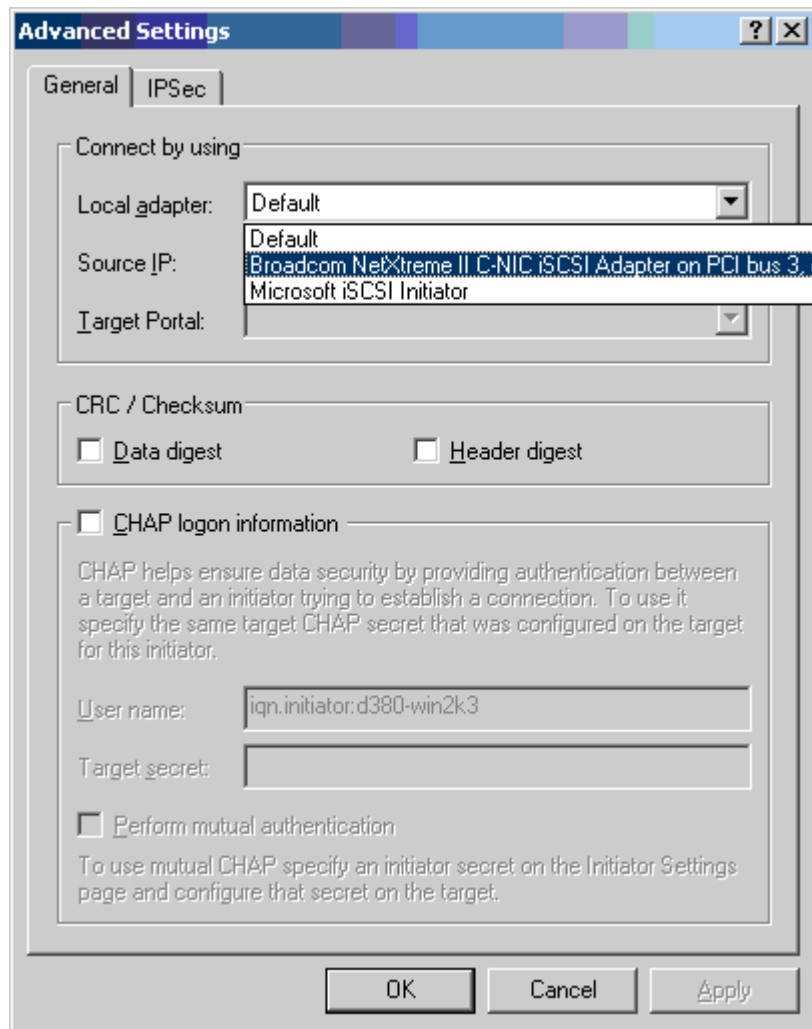


10. Click on **Advanced**.



11. On the General tab, select the Broadcom NetXtreme II C-NIC iSCSI adapter from **Local adapter**.

12. Click **OK** to close Advanced settings.



13. Click **OK** to close the Microsoft Initiator.

14. To format your iSCSI partition, use Disk Manager.



#### NOTES:

- Teaming does not support iSCSI adapters.
- Teaming does not support NDIS adapters that are in the boot path.
- Teaming supports NDIS adapters that are not in the iSCSI boot path, but only for the SLB team type.

## ISCSI OFFLOAD FAQs

**Q:** How do I assign an IP address for iSCSI offload?

**A:** Use the Configurations tab in Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS).

**Q:** What tools should be used to create the connection to the target?

**A:** Use Microsoft iSCSI Software Initiator (version 2.08 or later).

**Q:** How do I know that the connection is offloaded?

**A:** Use Microsoft iSCSI Software Initiator. From a command line, type `iscsicli sessionlist`. From **Initiator Name**, an iSCSI offloaded connection will display an entry beginning with "B06BDRV...". A non-offloaded connection will display an entry beginning with "Root...".

**Q:** What configurations should be avoided?

**A:** The IP address should not be the same as the LAN.

**Q:** Why does the install fail when attempting to complete an iSCSI offload install using Windows Server 2008 R2 for BCM5709 (1 GbE) adapters?

**A:** There is a conflict with the internal inbox driver.

## EVENT LOG MESSAGES

Table 5 lists the offload iSCSI driver event log messages.

## OFFLOAD iSCSI (OIS) DRIVER

**Table 5: Offload iSCSI (OIS) Driver Event Log Messages**

<b>Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>
1	Error	Initiator failed to connect to the target. Target IP address and TCP Port number are given in dump data.
2	Error	The initiator could not allocate resources for an iSCSI session.
3	Error	Maximum command sequence number is not serially greater than expected command sequence number in login response. Dump data contains Expected Command Sequence number followed by Maximum Command Sequence number.
4	Error	MaxBurstLength is not serially greater than FirstBurstLength. Dump data contains FirstBurstLength followed by MaxBurstLength.
5	Error	Failed to setup initiator portal. Error status is given in the dump data.
6	Error	The initiator could not allocate resources for an iSCSI connection
7	Error	The initiator could not send an iSCSI PDU. Error status is given in the dump data.
8	Error	Target or discovery service did not respond in time for an iSCSI request sent by the initiator. iSCSI Function code is given in the dump data. For details about iSCSI Function code please refer to iSCSI User's Guide.
9	Error	Target did not respond in time for a SCSI request. The CDB is given in the dump data.
10	Error	Login request failed. The login response packet is given in the dump data.
11	Error	Target returned an invalid login response packet. The login response packet is given in the dump data.
12	Error	Target provided invalid data for login redirect. Dump data contains the data returned by the target.
13	Error	Target offered an unknown AuthMethod. Dump data contains the data returned by the target.
14	Error	Target offered an unknown digest algorithm for CHAP. Dump data contains the data returned by the target.
15	Error	CHAP challenge given by the target contains invalid characters. Dump data contains the challenge given.
16	Error	An invalid key was received during CHAP negotiation. The key=value pair is given in the dump data.
17	Error	CHAP Response given by the target did not match the expected one. Dump data contains the CHAP response.
18	Error	Header Digest is required by the initiator, but target did not offer it.
19	Error	Data Digest is required by the initiator, but target did not offer it.
20	Error	Connection to the target was lost. The initiator will attempt to retry the connection.
21	Error	Data Segment Length given in the header exceeds MaxRecvDataSegmentLength declared by the target.
22	Error	Header digest error was detected for the given PDU. Dump data contains the header and digest.
23	Error	Target sent an invalid iSCSI PDU. Dump data contains the entire iSCSI header.

**Table 5: Offload iSCSI (OIS) Driver Event Log Messages**

<b>Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>
24	Error	Target sent an iSCSI PDU with an invalid opcode. Dump data contains the entire iSCSI header.
25	Error	Data digest error was detected. Dump data contains the calculated checksum followed by the given checksum.
26	Error	Target trying to send more data than requested by the initiator.
27	Error	Initiator could not find a match for the initiator task tag in the received PDU. Dump data contains the entire iSCSI header.
28	Error	Initiator received an invalid R2T packet. Dump data contains the entire iSCSI header.
29	Error	Target rejected an iSCSI PDU sent by the initiator. Dump data contains the rejected PDU.
30	Error	Initiator could not allocate a work item for processing a request.
31	Error	Initiator could not allocate resource for processing a request.
32	Information	Initiator received an asynchronous logout message. The Target name is given in the dump data.
33	Error	Challenge size given by the target exceeds the maximum specified in iSCSI specification.
34	Information	A connection to the target was lost, but Initiator successfully reconnected to the target. Dump data contains the target name.
35	Error	Target CHAP secret is smaller than the minimum size (12 bytes) required by the specification.
36	Error	Initiator CHAP secret is smaller than the minimum size (12 bytes) required by the specification. Dump data contains the given CHAP secret.
37	Error	FIPS service could not be initialized. Persistent logons will not be processed.
38	Error	Initiator requires CHAP for logon authentication, but target did not offer CHAP.
39	Error	Initiator sent a task management command to reset the target. The target name is given in the dump data.
40	Error	Target requires logon authentication via CHAP, but Initiator is not configured to perform CHAP.
41	Error	Target did not send AuthMethod key during security negotiation phase.
42	Error	Target sent an invalid status sequence number for a connection. Dump data contains Expected Status Sequence number followed by the given status sequence number.
43	Error	Target failed to respond in time for a login request.
44	Error	Target failed to respond in time for a logout request.
45	Error	Target failed to respond in time for a login request. This login request was for adding a new connection to a session.
46	Error	Target failed to respond in time for a SendTargets command.
47	Error	Target failed to respond in time for a SCSI command sent through a WMI request.
48	Error	Target failed to respond in time to a NOP request.
49	Error	Target failed to respond in time to a Task Management request.
50	Error	Target failed to respond in time to a Text Command sent to renegotiate iSCSI parameters.
51	Error	Target failed to respond in time to a logout request sent in response to an asynchronous message from the target.
52	Error	Initiator Service failed to respond in time to a request to configure IPSec resources for an iSCSI connection.



**Table 5: Offload iSCSI (OIS) Driver Event Log Messages**

<b>Message Number</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Message</b>
53	Error	Initiator Service failed to respond in time to a request to release IPSec resources allocated for an iSCSI connection.
54	Error	Initiator Service failed to respond in time to a request to encrypt or decrypt data.
55	Error	Initiator failed to allocate resources to send data to target.
56	Error	Initiator could not map an user virtual address to kernel virtual address resulting in I/O failure.
57	Error	Initiator could not allocate required resources for processing a request resulting in I/O failure.
58	Error	Initiator could not allocate a tag for processing a request resulting in I/O failure.
59	Error	Target dropped the connection before the initiator could transition to Full Feature Phase.
60	Error	Target sent data in SCSI Response PDU instead of Data_IN PDU. Only Sense Data can be sent in SCSI Response.
61	Error	Target set DataPduInOrder to NO when initiator requested YES. Login will be failed.
62	Error	Target set DataSequenceInOrder to NO when initiator requested YES. Login will be failed.
63	Error	Cannot reset the target or LUN. Will attempt session recovery.
64	Information	Attempt to bootstrap Windows using iSCSI NIC Boot (iBF).
65	Error	Booting from iSCSI, but could not set any NIC in Paging Path.
66	Error	Attempt to disable the Nagle Algorithm for iSCSI connection failed.
67	Information	If Digest support selected for iSCSI Session, will use Processor support for Digest computation.
68	Error	After receiving an async logout from the target, attempt to relogin the session failed. Error status is given in the dump data.
69	Error	Attempt to recover an unexpected terminated session failed. Error status is given in the dump data.
70	Error	Error occurred when processing iSCSI logon request. The request was not retried. Error status is given in the dump data.
71	Information	Initiator did not start a session recovery upon receiving the request. Dump data contains the error status.
72	Error	Unexpected target portal IP types. Dump data contains the expected IP type.

# Installing Management Applications: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

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## OVERVIEW

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite version 4 (BACS4) is a management application for configuring the NetXtreme II family of adapters, also known as Converge Network Adapters (CNAs). BACS4 software operates on Windows and Linux server and client operating systems. This chapter describes how to install the BACS4 management application.

There are two main components of the BACS4 utility: the provider component and the client software.

A provider is installed on a server, or “managed host”, that contains one or more CNAs. The provider collects information on the CNAs and makes it available for retrieval from a management PC on which the client software is installed. The client software enables viewing information from the providers and configuring the CNAs. The BACS client software includes a graphical user interface (GUI) and a command line interface (CLI).

## COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

A communication protocol enables exchanging information between provider and the client software. These are proprietary or open-source implementations of the Web-Based Enterprise Management (WBEM) and Common Information Model (CIM) standards from the Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF). Network administrators can choose the best option based on the prevailing standard on their network.

The following table shows the available options based on the operating systems installed on the managed host and the client.

<i>If the client uses:</i>	<i>And the managed host uses:</i>	<i>BACS can use these communication protocols:</i>
Windows	Windows	WMI WS-MAN (WinRM)
Windows	Linux	CIM-XML (OpenPegasus) WS-MAN (OpenPegasus)
Linux	Windows	WS-MAN (WinRM)
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***If the client uses:*                      *And the managed host uses:*    *BACS can use these communication protocols:***

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- WMI = Windows Management Instrumentation.
  - WS-MAN = Web Service-Management. WinRM is a Windows-based implementation and OpenPegasus is an open-source implementation of the that operates on Linux.
  - CIM-XML = An XML-based version of OpenPegasus.
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If your network includes a mix of Windows and Linux clients accessing Windows and Linux servers, then WS-MAN is a suitable choice. If Linux is the only OS installed on the servers, then CIM-XML is an option. If the network includes only Windows servers and clients, WMI is an option. WMI is very simple to configure but is supported only on the Windows OS.

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## INSTALLATION TASKS

BACS installation includes installing the provider component on the managed host and the client software on the management station. The installation process differs based on the combination of operating systems installed on the client and managed host and on the selected communication protocol. The following sections list each task in the overall process and provide links to the specific steps for each task, as found in [Detailed Procedures](#).

### WS-MAN

The following steps install the WS-MAN protocol for communication between the client and managed host (server). WS-MAN is supported on both Windows and Linux clients and servers.

#### Windows Server

On Windows servers, configure the WinRM service as follows:

1. [Install the WinRM Software Component on Server.](#)
2. [Perform Basic Configuration on the Server.](#)
3. [Perform User Configuration on the Server.](#)
4. [Perform HTTP Configuration on the Server.](#)
5. [Perform HTTPS Configuration on the Server \(to use HTTPS rather than HTTP\)](#)
  - a. [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server.](#)
  - b. [Install the Self-Signed Certificate on Windows Server.](#)
6. [Configure WinRM HTTPS/SSL on the Server.](#)
7. Perform [Additional Server Configuration](#), if required.
8. Follow the procedure for [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).

#### Windows Client

On the Windows client, perform following configuration steps.

1. [Perform HTTP Configuration \(if you plan to use HTTP\).](#)
2. [Perform HTTPS Configuration \(if you plan to use HTTPS\).](#)
3. [Configure WinRM HTTPS/SSL.](#)
4. Following the procedure for [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).



**Linux Server**

On Linux server, use the following steps to install OpenPegasus. There are two options available with respect to OpenPegasus: installing from the Inbox RPM or installing from source. The Inbox OpenPegasus is only available on the Red Hat OS. For SLES11, the only option is to use the source RPM. WS-MAN is not supported with the Inbox RPM. If you plan to use WS-MAN then you must install OpenPegasus from source.

1. [Install OpenPegasus From the Inbox RPM \(Red Hat Only\)](#) or [Install OpenPegasus From Source \(Red Hat and SuSE\)](#).
2. [Start CIM Server on the Server](#).
3. [Configure OpenPegasus on the Server](#).
4. [Install Broadcom CMPI Provider](#).
5. Perform additional configuration, if required, such as firewall configuration. See [Perform Linux Firewall Configuration, If Required](#).
6. Follow the procedure for [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).

**Linux Client**

To use HTTP, no special configuration is required on the Linux client system. Only the BACS management application must be installed. Perform the following configuration steps:

1. [Configure HTTPS on Linux Client](#).
2. Follow the procedure for [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).

**CIM-XML**

CIM-XML is supported only when the server uses the Linux OS. Note that for CIM-XML on the Red Hat Linux OS, two installation options are available with respect to OpenPegasus: installing from the Inbox RPM or installing from source. The Inbox OpenPegasus is only available on the Red Hat OS. For SLES11, the only option is to use the source RPM. WS-MAN is not supported with the Inbox RPM. If you plan to use WS-MAN then you must install OpenPegasus from source.

1. [Install OpenPegasus From the Inbox RPM \(Red Hat Only\)](#) or [Install OpenPegasus From Source \(Red Hat and SuSE\)](#).
2. [Start CIM Server on the Server](#).
3. [Configure OpenPegasus on the Server](#).
4. [Install Broadcom CMPI Provider](#).
5. Perform additional configuration, if required, such as firewall configuration. See [Perform Linux Firewall Configuration, If Required](#).
6. Follow the procedure for [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).

**Linux Client**

To use HTTP, no special configuration is required on the Linux client system. Only the BACS management application must be installed. Perform the following configuration steps:

1. [Configure HTTPS on Linux Client](#).
2. Follow the procedure for [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).

## WMI

The WMI protocol is only supported on Windows OSs. If servers and clients both are running Windows, then WMI can be used.

### Windows Server

1. [Set up Namespace Security Using WMI Control](#).
2. [Grant DCOM Remote Launch and Activate Permission](#) for a user or group.
3. Perform special configuration if necessary. See [Special Configuration for WMI on Different Systems](#).

### Windows Client

No special configuration is required on the Windows client except installing the BACS management application. See [Installing the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite and Related Management Applications](#).

## DETAILED PROCEDURES

This section provides the step-by-step instructions for each installation task. The required tasks for each communication protocol differ, as listed in [Installation Tasks](#). Refer to the appropriate task list to ensure you complete all necessary tasks for the chosen protocol.

### WS-MAN ON WINDOWS SERVER

#### Install the WinRM Software Component on Server

On the following operating systems, WinRM 2.0 is preinstalled:

- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 8.1
- Windows Server 2008 R2
- Windows Server 2012
- Windows 2012 R2

For Windows XP and Windows Server 2008, install Windows Management Framework Core, which includes WinRM 2.0 and Windows Powershell 2.0, from the following link:

<http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?displaylang=en&id=11829>

#### Perform Basic Configuration on the Server

The Windows firewall must be enabled for WinRM to work properly. For detailed information about firewall configuration, see [Additional Server Configuration](#). After the firewall is configured, open a command prompt and run the following command to enable the remote management on the Windows server:

```
winrm quickconfig
```

You can use the following command to view the configuration information for the service:

```
winrm get winrm/config
```

#### Perform User Configuration on the Server

To connect to WinRM, the account must be a member of the local administrators group on the local or remote computer. The output of the `get winrm/config` command will be as follows:

```
RootSDDL = O:NSG:BAD:P(A;;GA;;;BA)S:P(AU;FA;GA;;;WD)(AU;SA;GWGX;;;WD)
```

BA stands for BUILTIN\Administrators.

To add another user group to the WinRM allowed connect list, you can modify the RootSDDL to include the new user group. You will need the SDDL ID for the new group. For example, the following command adds the new user group with SDDL ID S-1-5-21-1866529496-2433358402-1775838904-1021.

```
winrm set winrm/config/Service @{RootSDDL="O:NSG:BAD:P(A;GA;;;BA)(A;;GA;;;S-1-5-21-1866529496-2433358402-1775838904-1021)S:P(AU;FA;GA;;;WD)(AU;SA;GWGX;;;WD) "}
```

## Perform HTTP Configuration on the Server

To use the BACS GUI, you must configure the HTTP protocol, as follows:



**NOTE:** The default HTTP port is 5985 for WinRM 2.0.

1. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
2. Enter **gpedit.msc** to open the local Group Policy editor.
3. Under **Computer Configuration**, open the **Administrative Templates** folder and then open the **Windows Components** folder.
4. Select **Windows Remote Management (WinRM)**.
5. Under **Windows Remote Management (WinRM)**, select **WinRm Client**.
6. Under **WinRM Client**, double-click **Trusted Hosts**.
7. In the **TrustedHostsList**, enter the host names of the clients. If all clients are trusted then enter an asterisk (\*) only.
8. Select **WinRM Service**.
9. Enable **Allow Basic Authentication**.
10. Enable **Allow unencrypted traffic**.
11. Close the **Group Policy** window.
12. From the command prompt, run the following command to configure WinRM with default settings:  
`winrm qc or winrm quickconfig`
13. When the tool displays "**Make these changes[y/n]?**", enter "**y**".
14. Enter one of the following commands to check whether an HTTP listener is created:  
`winrm enumerate winrm/config/listener`  
or  
`winrm e winrm/config/Listener`
15. Enter the following command from the command prompt to test locally.  
`winrm id`

## Perform HTTPS Configuration on the Server (to use HTTPS rather than HTTP)

This step consists of two distinct processes: generating a self-signed certificate, if certificate does not exist, and importing it to a Windows server. If one does not already exist, you must configure a self-signed certificate on the Windows server to enable HTTPS/SSL communication with the BACS GUI on the Windows or Linux client. The Windows and Linux client also must be configured with the self-signed certificate. See [Perform HTTPS Configuration \(if you plan to use HTTPS\)](#) to configure Windows and [Configure HTTPS on Linux Client](#) to configure Linux client.



**NOTE:** The self-signed certificate can be created on any Windows or Linux server. The server does not require BACS to be installed. The self-signed certificate generated on any Windows/Linux server should be copied on the local drive of client.

1. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
2. Enter **gpedit.msc** to open the local Group Policy editor.
3. Under **Computer Configuration**, open the **Administrative Templates** folder and then open the **Windows Components** folder.

4. Select **Windows Remote Management (WinRM)**.
5. Under **Windows Remote Management (WinRM)**, select **WinRm Client**.
6. Under **WinRM Client**, double-click **Trusted Hosts**.
7. In the **TrustedHostsList**, enter the host names of the clients. If all clients are trusted then enter an asterisk (\*) only.
8. Select **WinRM Service**.
9. Enable **Allow Basic Authentication**.

### *Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server*

Openssl on Linux or Windows can be used to generate the self-signed certificate, as follows:

1. Enter the following command to generate a private key:  
`openssl genrsa -des3 -out server.key 1024`
2. You are prompted to enter a passphrase. Be sure to remember the passphrase.
3. Use the following steps to generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR).

During the generation of the CSR, you are prompted for several pieces of information. When prompted for the "Common Name", enter the Windows Server host name or IP address.

Enter the following command (sample responses are shown):

```
openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr
```

If this command does not work, try the following:

```
openssl req -new -key server.key -out server.csr -config openssl.cnf
```

The openssl.cnf file should be placed in the same directory where openssl is placed. Openssl.cnf is located in the folder *C:\Program Files (x86)\GnuWin32\share*.

The following information is requested:

- Country Name (2 letter code) []: **US**
- State or Province Name (full name) []: **California**
- Locality Name (e.g., city) []: **Irvine**
- Organization Name (e.g., company) []: **Broadcom Corporation**
- Organizational Unit Name (e.g., section) []: **Engineering**
- Common Name (e.g., YOUR name) []: Enter the host name or IP address of the Windows server. For IPv6, enter the Common Name in the format [xyxy:xxx:.....:xxx], **including the brackets [ ]**.
- (Optional) Email Address []:

Enter the following additional attributes to be sent with your certificate request:

- A challenge password []: **linux1**
- An optional company name []:

4. Remove the passphrase from the key.

Enter the following commands:

```
cp server.key server.key.org  
openssl rsa -in server.key.org -out server.key
```

5. Generate a self-signed certificate:

To generate a self-signed certificate which is active for 365 days, enter the following command:

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -in server.csr -signkey server.key -out server.crt
```

The following output displays:



```
Signature ok
subject=/C=US/ST=California/L=Irvine/O=Broadcom Corporation/OU=Engineering/CN=MGMTAPP-
LAB3/emailAddress=
Getting Private key
```

6. Enter the following command to verify the generated self-signed certificate.

```
openssl verify server.crt
```

The following output displays:

```
server.crt:/C=US/ST=California/L=Irvine/O=Broadcom Corporation/OU=Engineering/
CN=MGMTAPP- LAB3/emailAddress=
error 18 at 0 depth lookup:self signed certificate
OK
```

Ignore the error message “error 18 at 0 depth lookup:self signed certificate”. This error indicates that this is a self-signed certificate.

7. Convert the certificate from “crt” to “pkcs12” format, as follows:

For a Windows server, the certificate should be in pkcs12 format. Enter the following command:

```
openssl pkcs12 -export -in server.crt -inkey server.key -out hostname.pfx
```

You will be prompted for the following:

```
Enter Export Password:
Verifying - Enter Export Password:
```

Enter the password and be sure to remember it. The password is required when importing the certificate on the Windows server and client.

8. Make a copy of the certificate file `server.crt` and place it on the server where BACS will be installed, so that it can be imported. If you plan to use a Windows or Linux client to connect to the server running BACS, then the certificate also needs to be transferred (copied and pasted) to the client system.

In Linux, the certificate should have the extension “.pem”. The extension “.crt” and “.pem” are the same, so there is no need to use the `openssl` command to convert from .crt to .pem. You can simply copy the file as-is.



**NOTE:** A separate certificate must be generated for an IPv4 address, IPv6 address, and Hostname.

### *Install the Self-Signed Certificate on Windows Server*

Transfer the file `hostname.pfx` you generated on the Windows server before you install the certificate:

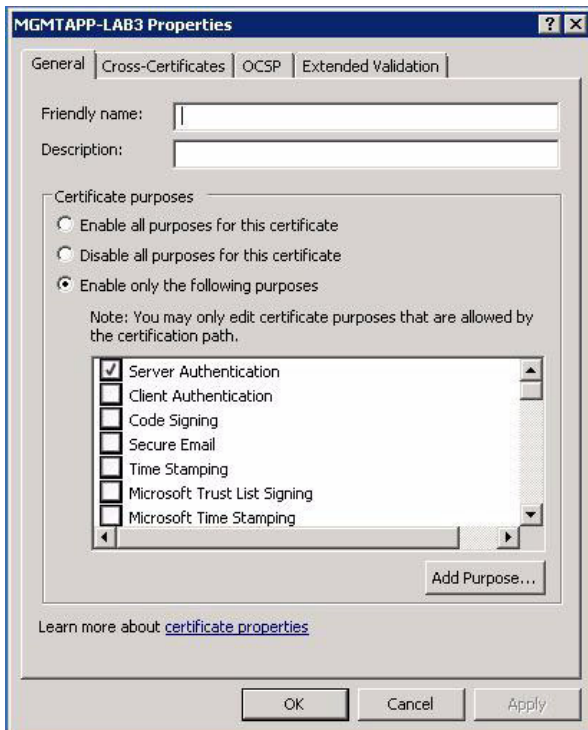
1. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
2. Enter **MMC** and click **OK**.
3. Click **File > Add/Remove Snap-in**.
4. Click **Add**.
5. Select **Certificates** and click **Add**.
6. Select **Computer account**.
7. Click **Next** and then click **Finish**.
8. Click **Close**, then click **OK**.
9. Open the **Certificates (Local Computer)** folder and then open the **Personal** folder.
10. Right-click **Certificates**, select **All Tasks** and then click **Import**.
11. Click **Next** to begin the Certificate Import Wizard.

12. Browse to select **hostname.pfx**.
13. When you are prompted for the password for the private key, enter the same password you created in [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server](#).
14. Follow the instructions, select the defaults, and continue.

The certificate is shown as installed on the right side of the window. The name will be the name you specified while creating a self-signed certificate.

15. Right-click on the certificate and select **Properties**.

A dialog box displays, as follows:



16. Ensure that only **Server Authentication** is enabled, as shown in the figure.
17. Open **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** and then open **Certificates**.
18. Follow the instructions from [Step 11.](#) to [Step 17.](#)



**NOTE:** See [Perform HTTPS Configuration \(if you plan to use HTTPS\)](#) for instructions on importing the self-signed certificate on a client.

### Configure WinRM HTTPS/SSL on the Server

1. Create WinRM Listener, as follows:
  - a. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
  - b. Enter **MMC** and click **OK**.
  - c. Select the self-signed certificate from the Personal store.
 

For example, if the certificate is created with a host name, the host name will appear.
  - d. Double-click the certificate to open it.

- e. Click the **Details** tab.
- f. Scroll down and select the **Thumbprint** field.
- g. Select and copy the thumbprint in the **Details** window so you can insert it in the next step.
- h. Return to the command prompt.
- i. Enter the following command:
 

```
winrm create winrm/config/Listener?Address=*&Transport=
HTTPS @{Hostname="<HostName or IPAddress>";
CertificateThumbprint="<paste from the previous step and remove the spaces>"}
```



#### NOTES:

- If the certificate was generated using the host name, enter the host name. If it was generated using the IP address, enter the IP address. For an IPv6 address, use brackets [ ] around the address.
  - If HTTPS is configured in your system, the listener must be deleted before creating a new HTTPS listener. Use the following command:
 

```
winrm delete winrm/config/Listener?Address=*&Transport=HTTPS
```
- j. The above command creates a listener on the HTTPS port (5986) using any/all network address of the server, and my SelfSSL generated certificate.
  - k. You can use the `winrm` command to modify or set the HTTPS listener, as WinRM listeners can be configured on any user defined port.
  - l. From command prompt, run the following command to verify that the listener(s) that have been configured:
 

```
winrm e winrm/config/listener
```
2. Test HTTPS/SSL connection on the server.
- a. At the command prompt on the server, enter the following command:
 

```
winrs -r:https://yourserver:5986 -u:username -p:password hostname
```
  - b. If setup correctly, the output of the command shows the server host name.
  - c. To check WinRM Service Configuration, run the following command:
 

```
winrm get winrm/config/service
```

### Additional Server Configuration

If necessary, modify the firewall rules as follows:

#### *Windows Server 2008 R2*

1. From the **Administrative Tools** menu, open **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security**.
2. Right-click **Inbound Rules** and select **New Rule**.  
The new rule wizard opens.
3. Select **Port** and click **Next**.
4. On the **Protocol and Ports** screen, select **TCP** and enter the specific port, for example, 5985 for HTTP or 5986 for HTTPS.
5. Click **Next**.
6. On the **Action** screen, select **Allow the connection** and click **Next**.
7. For **Profile**, you can select all three profiles if your server is in a workgroup.
8. Specify a name for the rule and click **Finish**.
9. Ensure that the new rule and is enabled (the green check box is selected).



*Windows XP*

1. Click **Start > Control Panel**, and then double-click **Windows Firewall**.
2. Click the **Exceptions** tab
3. Click **Add Port**.
4. Enter a meaningful **Name**, for example “WinRM rule” and port number, for example, 5985 for HTTP or 5986 for HTTPS.
5. Click **OK**.

*Useful WinRM Commands*

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>winrm quickconfig</code> or <code>winrm qc</code>	Configures WinRM with default settings
<code>winrm enumerate winrm/config/Listener</code> or <code>winrm e winrm/config/Listener</code>	Helps to check which service listener are enabled and listening on which port and IP Address.
<code>winrm get winrm/config/Service</code>	Checks WinRM Service Configuration.
<code>winrm delete winrm/config/Listener?Address=*&amp;Transport=HTTPS</code>	Deletes a Listener (in this case deleting a HTTPS listener).

*Useful WinRM Websites*

- <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa384372%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>
- <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/968929>
- <http://blogs.technet.com/b/jonjor/archive/2009/01/09/winrm-windows-remote-management-troubleshooting.aspx>
- <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2019527>
- <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc782312%28WS.10%29.aspx>
- <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa384295%28v=VS.85%29.aspx>



## WS-MAN—WINDOWS CLIENT

### Perform HTTP Configuration (if you plan to use HTTP)

1. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
2. Enter **gpedit.msc** to open the local Group Policy editor.
3. Under **Computer Configuration**, open the **Administrative Templates** folder and then open the **Windows Components** folder.
4. Select **Windows Remote Management (WinRM)**.
5. Under **Windows Remote Management (WinRM)**, select **WinRm Client**.
6. Under **WinRM Client**, double-click **Trusted Hosts**.
7. In the **TrustedHostsList**, enter the host names of the clients and click **OK**. If all clients are trusted then enter an asterisk (\*) only.
8. Select **WinRM Service**.
9. Enable **Allow Basic Authentication** and click **OK**.
10. Run the following command from the command prompt to test the connection:  
`winrm id -remote:<remote machine Hostname or IP Address>`

### Perform HTTPS Configuration (if you plan to use HTTPS)

After you generate a self-signed certificate, as described in [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server](#), you can import the certificate on the client to facilitate a connection between server and client. Ensure that all steps mentioned in section [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server](#) are completed, including copying *hostname.pfx* at the location from where client can access it, before you proceed with the following steps.

1. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
2. Enter **MMC** and click **OK**.
3. Click **File** and select **Add/Remove Snap-in**.
4. Click **Add**.
5. Select **Certificates** and click **Add**.
6. Select **Computer account** and click **Next**.
7. Click **Finish**.
8. Click **Close** and then click **OK**.
9. Under **Certificates (Local Computer)**, right-click on **Trusted Root Certification Authorities**, select **All Tasks**, and select **Import**.
10. Click **Next** to begin the Certificate Import Wizard.
11. Browse to select the .pfx file you generated in [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server](#). Change the selection in the **Files of type** list to **Personal Information Exchange (\*.pfxas, \*.p12)**, select the *hostname.pfx* file and click **Open**.
12. Enter the password you assigned to the private key and click **Next**.

### Configure WinRM HTTPS/SSL

You can run `winrm` from a client to retrieve information from the server using WinRM HTTPS connection. Use the following steps to test the WinRM HTTPS/SSL connection from client:

1. To retrieve the server operating system information, enter the following command.  

```
winrm e wmi/root/cimv2/Win32_OperatingSystem -r:https://yourservername  
-u:username -p:password -skipCAcheck
```
2. To retrieve the server WinRM identity information, enter the following command.  

```
winrm id -r:https://yourservername -u:username -p:password -skipCAcheck
```
3. To enumerate Windows services on the server, enter the following command.  

```
winrm e wmicimv2/Win32_service -r:https://yourservername -u:username -p:password -skipCAcheck
```



**NOTE:** It is important to use `-skipCAcheck` switch in the `winrm` command line testing, as the certificate is self-generated and not imported on the client. Otherwise, the following error message displays: `WSManFault`.

The next section explains how to export and import the self-signed certificate.

## WS-MAN AND CIM-XML—LINUX SERVER

There are two options available for installing OpenPegasus: install from an Inbox RPM or install from the source. The Inbox OpenPegasus is available only on the Red Hat Linux OS. For the SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 (SLES11) OS, you must use the source RPM. If you plan to use WS-MAN then you must install OpenPegasus from source.



**NOTE:** The Inbox RPM does not support the WS-MAN communication protocol. To use WS-MAN, you must install OpenPegasus from source.

### Install OpenPegasus From the Inbox RPM (Red Hat Only)

In Red Hat Linux, an Inbox OpenPegasus RPM is available as `tog-pegasus-<version>.<arch>.rpm`.

1. Use the following command to install `tog-pegasus`:  

```
rpm -ivh tog-openpegasus-<version>.<arch>.rpm
```
2. Use the following command to start Pegasus:  

```
/etc/init.d/tog-pegasus start
```



**NOTE:** If your system has “Red Hat Security Enhancement for `tog-pegasus`” enabled, disable it before connecting to BACS. See `/usr/share/doc/tog-pegasus-2.5.2/README.RedHat.Security` for details. To disable it, remove the line from `/etc/pam.d/wbem`.



**NOTE:** On SuSE Linux, the Inbox OpenPegasus RPM is not available. OpenPegasus must be installed from source, as described in the following section.

Note that in inbox Pegasus, HTTP is not enabled by default. After Inbox OpenPegasus is installed successfully, if no further configuration is required, then follow the instructions in [Install Broadcom CMPI Provider](#). To enable HTTP, see [Enable HTTP](#).



**NOTE:** After the server is rebooted, the CIM server must be manually restarted to enable the client to reconnect to the server. This is a known limitation of Red Hat v6.2 Inbox RPM.

## Install OpenPegasus From Source (Red Hat and SuSE)

The OpenPegasus source can be downloaded from [www.openpegasus.org](http://www.openpegasus.org).



### NOTES:

- If not already installed, download and install the openssl and libopenssl-devel rpm. This step is optional and required only if you are planning to use HTTPS to connect the client to the managed host.
- In some cases, if OpenPegasus installation fails, openssl must be installed with the `-fPIC` option:  
`./config no-threads --fPIC`. This installs openssl and the include files to `/usr/local/ssl`. Set the OPENSSL\_HOME path to `/usr/local/ssl` and continue with the OpenPegasus installation.

### Set the Environment Variable

Set the environment variables for building OpenPegasus as follows.

Environment Variable	Description
PEGASUS_ROOT	The location of the Pegasus source tree
PEGASUS_HOME	The location for the built executable, repository; e.g., \$PEGASUS_HOME/bin, PEGASUS_HOME/lib, \$PEGASUS_HOME/repository, and \$PEGASUS_HOME/mof subdirectories.
PATH	\$PATH:\$PEGASUS_HOME/bin
PEGASUS_ENABLE_CMPI_PROVIDER_MANAGER	True
PEGASUS_CIM_SCHEMA	"CIM222"
PEGASUS_PLATFORM	For Linux 32 bit systems: "LINUX_IX86_GNU" For Linux 64 bit systems: "LINUX_X86_64_GNU"
PEGASUS_HAS_SSL	Optional. Set to "true" for HTTPS support.
PEGASUS_ENABLE_PROTOCOL_WSMAN	Optional. Set to "true" for WSMAN protocol support.

### Additional Settings

The \$PEGASUS\_HOME variable must be set up in the shell environment, and \$PEGASUS\_HOME/bin needs to be appended to the \$PATH environment.

### Examples

- `export PEGASUS_PLATFORM="LINUX_X86_64_GNU"`
- `export PEGASUS_CIM_SCHEMA="CIM222"`
- `export PEGASUS_ENABLE_CMPI_PROVIDER_MANAGER=true`
- `export PEGASUS_ROOT="/share/pegasus-2.10-src"`
- `export PEGASUS_HOME="/pegasus"`
- `export PATH=$PATH:$PEGASUS_HOME/bin`

For SSL Support, add the following environment variable:

- `export PEGASUS_HAS_SSL=true`

For WS-MAN Support, add the following environment variable:



- `export PEGASUS_ENABLE_PROTOCOL_WSMAN=true`

CIM-XML and WSMAN in OpenPegasus use the same ports for HTTP or HTTPS. The default port numbers for HTTP and HTTPS are 5989 and 5989, respectively.



**NOTE:** You can add these exports at the end of the `.bash_profile`. This file is located in the `/root` directory.

- The environment variables will be set when a user logs in using PuTTY.
- On the Linux system itself, for each terminal where the environment variables are not set, run the following command:  

```
source /root/.bash_profile
```
- When you logout and login, the environment variables will be set.

### Build and install OpenPegasus

From `$PEGASUS_ROOT` (the location of the Pegasus source root directory), run the following:

```
make clean
make
make repository
```



**NOTE:** Whenever OpenPegasus is built from source, all configurations are reset to the default values. If you are rebuilding OpenPegasus, you must redo the configuration as described in [Configure OpenPegasus on the Server](#).

### Start CIM Server on the Server

Use the `cimserver` command to start CIM server. To stop CIM server, use the command `cimserver -s`.

To check whether OpenPegasus has been installed properly, enter the following command:

```
cimcli ei -n root/PG_Interop PG_ProviderModule
```



**NOTE:** For OpenPegasus compiled from source, `PEGASUS_HOME` must be defined when you start CIM server. Otherwise, CIM server will not load the repository properly. Consider setting `PEGASUS_HOME` in the `.bash_profile` file.

### Configure OpenPegasus on the Server

Use the `cimconfig` command to configure OpenPegasus, as shown in the following table:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>cimconfig -l</code>	List all valid property names.
<code>cimconfig -l -c</code>	List all valid property names and its value
<code>cimconfig -g &lt;property name&gt;</code>	Query a particular property.
<code>cimconfig -s &lt;property name&gt;=&lt;value&gt; -p</code>	Set a particular property.
<code>cimconfig --help</code>	Find out more about the command.

CIM server must be started before running `cimconfig`, and must be restarted for configuration changes to take effect.

### *Enable Authentication*

The following OpenPegasus properties have to be set as described in this section. Otherwise, the Broadcom CIM Provider will not work properly. Ensure the following are set before launching BACS and connecting to the provider.

Start CIM server if it is not already started. Then, set the following:

- `cimconfig -s enableAuthentication=true -p`
- `cimconfig -s enableNamespaceAuthorization=false -p`
- `cimconfig -s httpAuthType=Basic -p`
- `cimconfig -s passwordFilePath=cimserver.passwd -p`
- `cimconfig -s forceProviderProcesses=false -p`

If you want root user to connect remotely:

- `cimconfig -s enableRemotePrivilegedUserAccess=true -p`

User configuration with privilege: The Linux system users are used for OpenPegasus authentication. The systems users have to be added to OpenPegasus using `cimuser` to connect via BACS:

- `cimuser -a -u <username> -w <password>`

Example: `cimuser -a -u root -w linux1`

### *Enable HTTP*

1. If CIM server is not started, start it.
2. Use the following command to set up an HTTP port (optional):  
`cimconfig -s httpPort=5988 -p`  
This property is not available for Inbox OpenPegasus.
3. Use the following command to enable HTTP connection:  
`cimconfig -s enableHttpConnection=true -p`
4. Use the `cimserver -s` and `cimserver` commands, respectively, to stop and restart CIM server for the new configuration to take effect.

### *Enable HTTPS*

1. If CIM server is not started, start it.
2. Set up HTTPS port with the following command (optional):  
`cimconfig -s httpsPort=5989 -p`

This property is not available for inbox OpenPegasus.

3. Enable HTTPS connection with 'the following command:  
`cimconfig -s enableHttpsConnection=true -p`
4. Use the `cimserver -s` and `cimserver` commands, respectively, to stop and restart CIM server for the new configuration to take effect.

## Install Broadcom CMPI Provider

Ensure that OpenPegasus is installed properly before installing CMPI Provider.

### *Install*

Enter following command to install Broadcom CMPI Provider.

```
% rpm -i BRCM_CMPIProvider-{version}.{arch}.rpm
```

### *Uninstall*

Enter following command to uninstall Broadcom CMPI Provider:

```
% rpm -e BRCM_CMPIProvider
```

## Perform Linux Firewall Configuration, If Required

Follow these procedures to open the appropriate ports in the firewall:

### *RedHat*

1. Click **System**, select **Administration**, and then select **Firewall**.
2. Select **Other Ports**.
3. In the Port and Protocol Dialog box, select **User Defined**.
4. In the **Port/Port Range** field, add the port number.
5. In the **Protocol** field, add the protocol as TCP or UDP, etc.
6. Click **Apply** for the firewall rules to take effect.

### **Example:**

- For CIM-XML over HTTP, the port number is 5988 and protocol is TCP.
- For CIM-XML over HTTPs, the port number is 5989 and protocol is TCP.

### *SuSE*

1. Click **Compute** and then click **YaST**.
2. Select **Security & Users** on the left pane.
3. On the right pane, double-click **Firewall**.
4. Select **Custom Rules** on the left pane.
5. On the right pane click **Add**.
6. Enter the following values:
  - **Source Network:** 0/0 (means all)
  - **Protocol:** TCP (or the appropriate protocol)
  - **Destination Port:** <Port Number> or <Range of Port Numbers>
  - **Source Port:** Leave blank.
7. Click **Next** and then click **Finish** for the firewall rules to take effect.

### **Example:**

For CIM-XML, use the following values:

- **Source Network:** 0/0 (means all)
- **Protocol:** TCP
- **Destination Port:** 5988:5989
- **Source Port:** Leave blank.

## WS-MAN AND CIM-XML—LINUX CLIENT

No special software components are required on the Linux client system to use the HTTP except installing the BACS management application. However, for WS-MAN installations, you can optionally configure the HTTPS protocol for use with BACS.

### Configure HTTPS on Linux Client

#### *Import Self-Signed Certificate on Linux Client*

1. On Linux distributions, make note the following certificate directory:
  - For all SuSE versions, the certificate directory is `/etc/ssl/certs`.
  - For RedHat, the certificate directory can be different for each version. For some versions, it is `/etc/ssl/certs` or `/etc/pki/tls/certs`. For other versions, find out the certificate directory.
2. Copy `hostname.pem`, which you created in [Generate a Self-Signed Certificate for Windows/Linux Server](#), into the certificate directory of the Linux client. For example, if the certificate directory is `/etc/ssl/certs`, copy `hostname.pem` to `/etc/ssl/certs`.
  - a. Change directory to `/etc/ssl/certs`.
  - b. Create a hash value by running the following command:

```
openssl x509 -noout -hash -in hostname.pem
```

A value such as the following will be returned.  
100940db
  - c. Create a symbolic link to the hash value by running the following command:

```
ln -s hostname.pem 100940db.0
```

#### *Test HTTPS/SSL Connection from Linux Client*

Use the following command to test whether the certificate is installed correctly on Linux:

```
# curl -v --capath /etc/ssl/certs https://Hostname or IPAddress:5986/wsman
```

If this fails, then the certificate is not installed correctly and an error message displays, indicating to take corrective action.

### Install BACS Management Application

1. Download the latest BACS management application RPM package.
2. Install the RPM package as:

```
rpm -i BACS-{version}.{arch}.rpm
```

To uninstall BACS management application issue following command.

```
rpm -e BACS
```



## WMI—WINDOWS

Perform the steps in the following two sections only to configure WMI on the Windows server.

### Set up Namespace Security Using WMI Control

The WMI Control provides one way to manage namespace security. You can start the WMI Control from the command prompt using this command:

```
wmimgmt
```

On Windows 9x or Windows NT4 computers that have WMI installed, use this command instead:

```
wbemcntl.exe
```

Alternatively, you can access the WMI Control and the Security tab as follows:

1. Right-click on **My Computer** and click **Manage**.
2. Double-click **Services and Applications** and then double-click **WMI Control**.
3. Right-click **WMI Control** and then click **Properties**.
4. In WMI Control Properties, click the **Security** tab.
5. A folder named Root with a plus sign (+) next to it should now be visible. Expand this tree as necessary to locate the namespace for which you want to set permissions.
6. Click **Security**.

A list of users and their permissions appears. If the user is on the list, modify the permissions as appropriate. If the user is not on the list, click **Add** and add the user from the location (local machine, domain, etc.) where the account resides.



**NOTES:** You can add these exports at the end of the .bash\_profile. This file is located in the /root directory.

- To view and set namespace security, the user must have Read Security and Edit Security permissions. Administrators have these permissions by default, and can assign the permissions to other user accounts as required.
- If this user needs to access the namespace remotely, you must select the Remote Enable permission.
- By default, user permissions set on a namespace apply only to that namespace. If you want the user to have access to a namespace and all subnamespaces in the tree below it, or in subnamespaces only, click **Advanced**. Click **Edit** and specify the scope of access in the dialog box that displays.

### Grant DCOM Remote Launch and Activate Permission

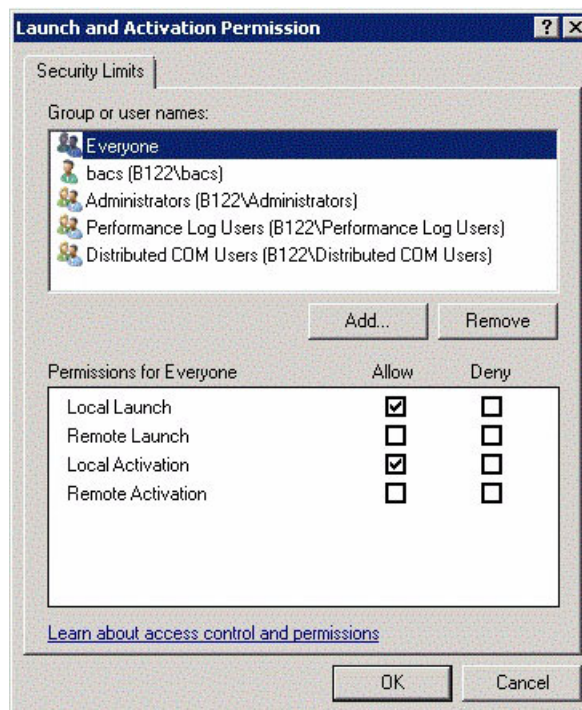
In the Windows domain environment, the Domain Administrator account has the necessary privilege level to access the WMI component for BACS management and, therefore, no special configuration is needed. In a large enterprise, however, a user who is accessing the local or remote host using the BACS4 client GUI may not always have the domain administrator account privilege. It is necessary to configure WMI security access on the remote host to allow the user to connect to it using the BACS4 client GUI.

This configuration can be easily done using the following procedure. If you do not have sufficient privileges to configure security for WMI access, contact your Network Administrator.

1. Click **Start** (or press the Windows logo key) and select **Run**.
2. Enter **DCOMCNFG**, and then click **OK**.
3. The Component Services dialogue box displays.

4. Open **Component Services** and then open **Computers**.
5. Right-click **My Computer** and click **Properties**.
6. In **My Computer Properties**, click the **COM Security** tab.
7. Under **Launch and Activation Permissions**, click **Edit Limits**.
8. Follow these steps if your name or your group does not appear in the **Groups or user names** list.
  - a. In the Launch Permission dialog box, click **Add**.
  - b. In the Select Users, Computers, or Groups dialog box, add your name and the group in the **Enter the object names to select** box, and then click **OK**.
  - c. In the Launch Permission dialog box, select your user and group in the **Group or user names** list.
  - d. In the **Permissions for User** area, select **Allow** for **Remote Launch** and **Remote Activation**, and then click **OK**.

**Figure 1: Launch and Activation Permission**



For more information, see [Securing a Remote WMI Connection](#) on the Microsoft Developer Network site.

**Special Configuration for WMI on Different Systems**

- On a Windows XP Pro or Windows 2003 Server computer, ensure that remote logons are not being coerced to the GUEST account (referred to as “ForceGuest”, which is enabled by default on computers that are not attached to a domain). Open the Local Security Policy editor by clicking **Start > Run** and entering **secpol.msc**. Open the **Local Policies** node and select **Security Options**. Then, scroll down to the setting titled **Network access: Sharing and security model for local accounts**. If this is set to **Guest only**, change it to **Classic** and restart the computer.
- In Windows Vista and Windows 7, in order to let all users in the administrator group connect using the WMI namespace, the user might need to change the LocalAccountTokenFilterPolicy as needed.

## INSTALLING THE BROADCOM ADVANCED CONTROL SUITE AND RELATED MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

- [Installing on a Windows System](#)
- [Installing on a Linux System](#)

### INSTALLING ON A WINDOWS SYSTEM

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) software and related management applications can be installed from the installation CD or by using the silent install option.

The following are installed when running the installer:

- **Control Suite.** Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS). If selected, a GUI and a CLI client are installed.
- **BASP.** Broadcom Advanced Server Program. This is a Broadcom intermediate NDIS driver to configure VLAN, Team, Load Balancing etc.
- **SNMP.** The Simple Network Management Protocol subagent. This feature allows the SNMP manager to monitor the Broadcom Network Adapters.
- **CIM Provider.** Common Information Model provider. This component presents the network adapter information to WMI based management applications. Select this component on a host which has Broadcom adapter installed and which you want to manage using the GUI client.



#### NOTES:

- Ensure that the Broadcom network adapter(s) is physically installed in the system before installing BACS.
- Before you begin the installation, close all applications, windows, or dialog boxes.
- To use the TCP/IP Offload Engine (TOE), you must have Windows Server 2008 or Windows Server 2008 R2. You must also have a license key preprogrammed in the hardware. If supported, for iSCSI, you only need a license key.
- BASP is not available on Windows Small Business Server (SBS) 2008.

### Using the Installer

#### To install the management applications

1. Insert the installation CD into the CD or DVD drive.
2. On the installation CD, open the MgmtApps folder, select IA32 or x64, and then double-click **Setup.exe** to open the InstallShield Wizard.
3. Click **Next** to continue.
4. After you review the license agreement, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement** and then click **Next** to continue.
5. Select the features you want installed.
6. Click **Next**.
7. Click **Install**.
8. Click **Finish** to close the wizard.

After successful installation, you can start the GUI from Windows Start menu.

## Using Silent Installation



### NOTES:

- All commands are case sensitive.
- User must "Run as Administrator" for Vista when using "msiexec" for "silent" install/uninstall(s).
- For detailed instructions and information about unattended installs, refer to the silent.txt file in the MgmtApps folder.

### To perform a silent install (or upgrade) from within the installer source folder

Type the following:

```
setup /s /v/qn
```

If performing a silent upgrade, your system may reboot automatically. To suppress the reboot, type the following:

```
setup /s /v"/qn REBOOT=ReallySuppress"
```

### To perform a silent install and create a log file

Type the following:

```
setup /s /v"/qn /L f:\ia32\1testlog.txt"
```

The 1testlog.txt log file will be created at f:\ia32.

### To perform a silent uninstall from any folder on the hard drive

```
msiexec /x "{26E1BFB0-E87E-4696-9F89-B467F01F81E5}" /qn
```



### NOTES:

- The hexadecimal number above may differ from your current installer. Check the Key name corresponding with the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) application in HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall for the correct hexadecimal number.
- After performing a silent uninstall, it is necessary to reboot the system before reinstalling this installer. If a reboot is not performed, BASP will not install correctly.

### To perform a silent install by feature on IA32 platforms

Use ADDSOURCE to include any of the features listed below.



**NOTE:** CHM32 or CHM64 installs the BACS help file and must be included when installing the BACS feature.

```
setup /s /v"/qn ADDSOURCE=BACSi32,CHM32,BASPi32,SNMPi32,CIMi32"
```

### To perform a silent install by feature on AMD64/EM64T platforms

Type the following:

```
setup /s /v"/qn ADDSOURCE=BACSa64,CHMa64,BASPa64,SNMPa64"
```



**To perform a silent install from within a batch file**

To perform a silent install from within a batch file and wait for the install to complete before continuing with the next command line, type the following:

```
start /wait setup /s /w /v/qn
```

**INSTALLING ON A LINUX SYSTEM**

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) software can be installed on a Linux system using the Linux RPM package. This installation includes a BACS GUI and a CLI client.

**Before you begin:**

- Ensure that the Broadcom network adapter(s) is physically installed and the appropriate device driver for the NIC is installed on the system to be managed by this utility.
- Ensure that the CIM provider is installed properly on the system that is to be managed by this utility. See
- For managing iSCSI on Linux hosts, ensure that the open-iscsi and sg utilities are installed on the Linux host.

**To install BACS**

1. Download the latest BACS management application RPM package.
2. Install the RPM package using the following command:  
% rpm -i BACS-{version}.{arch}.rpm

**To Use BACS**

- To use the GUI, on XWindow, double-click the BACS4 desktop icon, or access the BACS program from the task bar under **System Tools**.
- To use BACS CLI, refer to the file BACSCLI\_Readme.txt provided with the release files.

**To remove BACS**

To uninstall the RPM package, use the following command:

```
% rpm -e BACS
```

## MANAGING MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS (WINDOWS)

### MODIFYING THE MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

To modify the management applications:

1. In Control Panel, double-click **Add or Remove Programs**.
2. Click **Broadcom Management Programs** and then click **Change**.
3. Click **Next** to continue.
4. Click **Modify** to change program features.
5. Click **Next** to continue.
6. Click on an icon to change how a feature is installed.
7. Click **Next**.
8. Click **Install**.
9. Click **Finish** to close the wizard.
10. Reboot your system to complete the modification of the management applications.

### REPAIRING MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

To repair the management applications:

1. In Control Panel, double-click **Add or Remove Programs**.
2. Click **Broadcom Management Programs**, and then click **Change**.
3. Click **Next** to continue.
4. Click **Repair** to repair errors in installed applications.
5. Click **Next** to continue.
6. Click **Install**.
7. Click **Finish** to close the wizard.

### REMOVING MANAGEMENT APPLICATIONS

To remove all management applications:

1. In Control panel, double-click Add or Remove Programs.
2. Click **Broadcom Management Programs**, and then click **Remove**.
3. Reboot your system to complete the removal of management applications.

To remove the management application using the CLI:

Enter following command:

```
rpm -e BACS
```

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# NDIS2 Driver Software: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [Overview](#)
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- [Installing the NDIS2 Driver Software for Use on MS-DOS Platforms](#)
- [Using Keywords for the Drivers](#)

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## OVERVIEW

Two drivers are discussed in this section:

- BXND20X: Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet driver
- BNX2EV: Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet driver

The examples used in this section refer to the BXND20X driver, but also apply to the BNX2EV driver.

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## PREINSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Before you can successfully install the NDIS2 driver software, the Broadcom network adapter must be physically installed in the server. Networking software that is appropriate to the operating system (such as Microsoft LAN Manager 2.2 for MS-DOS) must already be running on your server.

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## INSTALLING THE NDIS2 DRIVER SOFTWARE FOR USE ON MS-DOS PLATFORMS

The NDIS2 driver software can be run from an MS-DOS startup disk using Microsoft Network Client 3.0 or from the hard disk using Microsoft LAN Manager 2.2.

### CREATING A STARTUP DISK TO RUN MICROSOFT NETWORK CLIENT

To perform this installation you must have the following items

- Windows NT Server 4.0 CD-ROM
- A blank MS-DOS system disk (3.5" high-density floppy disk)
- Access to the Broadcom NDIS2 driver file (BXND20X.dos). This file is located on the driver source media.



#### NOTES:

- Windows NT Server 4.0 users. When running Setup for Microsoft Network Client v3.0 for MS-DOS, click any network card from the list (NE2000 Compatible, for example) to create the startup disk.
- After creating the startup disk, follow the instructions in [Modifying the Startup Disk](#).

### To create a startup disk

1. Create a folder called NCADMIN in the root of the C drive.
2. Copy the NCADMIN.CN\_, NCADMIN.EX\_, and NCADMIN.HL\_ files from the I386 folder on the Windows NT Server 4.0 CD-ROM.
3. Open a command prompt window and change the directory to C:\NCADMIN.
4. Type `expand -r ncadmin.*` and press **ENTER**.
5. Close the command prompt window by typing `exit` and then pressing **ENTER**.
6. Start Windows Explorer.
7. Open the NCADMIN folder and double-click **ncadmin.exe**.
8. Follow the on-screen instructions to make the network startup disk (choose **NE2000 Compatible** from the list of adapters).

### Modifying the Startup Disk

#### To modify the startup disk

1. Edit A:\Net\Protocol.ini with Notepad or a similar text editor.
  - a. Change `DriverName=$` to `DriverName=BXND20X$`.
  - b. Remove all other parameter entries under the [MS\$NE2CLONE] or equivalent section such as `IOBASE=0x300` or `INTERRUPT=3`, and so on.

#### Example Protocol.ini file for IP

```
[network.setup]
version=0x3110
netcard=ms$ne2clone,1,MS$NE2CLONE,1
transport=tcpip,TCPIP
lana0=ms$ne2clone,1,tcpip
[MS$NE2CLONE]
DriverName=BXND20X$
[protman]
DriverName=PROTMAN$
PRIORITY=MS$NDISHLP
[tcpip]
NBSessions=6
DefaultGateway=0
SubNetMask=255 0 0 0
IPAddress=192 168 0 1
DisableDHCP=0
DriverName=TCPIP$
BINDINGS=MS$NE2CLONE
LANABASE=0
```



**Example Protocol.ini file for IPX**

```
[network.setup]
version=0x3110
netcard=ms$ne2clone,1,MS$NE2CLONE,1
transport=ms$ndishlp,MS$NDISHLP
transport=ms$nwlink,MS$NWLINK
lana0=ms$ne2clone,1,ms$nwlink
lana1=ms$ne2clone,1,ms$ndishlp
[MS$NE2CLONE]
DriverName=BXND20X$
[protman]
DriverName=PROTMAN$
PRIORITY=MS$NDISHLP
[MS$NDISHLP]
DriverName=ndishlp$
BINDINGS=ms$ne2clone
[ms$nwlink]
DriverName=nwlink$
FRAME=Ethernet_802.2
BINDINGS=MS$NE2CLONE
LANABASE=0
```

**Example Protocol.ini file for NetBEUI**

```
[network.setup]
version=0x3110
netcard=ms$ne2clone,1,MS$NE2CLONE,1
transport=ms$ndishlp,MS$NDISHLP
transport=ms$netbeui,MS$NETBEUI
lana0=ms$ne2clone,1,ms$ndishlp
lana1=ms$ne2clone,1,ms$netbeui
[MS$NE2CLONE]
DriverName=BXND20X$
[protman]
DriverName=PROTMAN$
PRIORITY=MS$NDISHLP
[MS$NDISHLP]
DriverName=ndishlp$
BINDINGS=MS$NE2CLONE
[MS$NETBEUI]
DriverName=netbeui$
SESSIONS=10
NCBS=12
BINDINGS=MS$NE2CLONE
LANABASE=0
```

2. Edit A:\Net\System.ini.
  - a. Change netcard= to netcard=BXND20X.dos.
  - b. Check for references to C:\NET and change C:\NET to A:\NET if necessary.

#### Example System.ini file

```
[network]
sizeworkbuf=1498
filesharing=no
printsharing=no
autologon=yes
computername=MYPC
lanroot=A:\NET
username=USER1
workgroup=WORKGROUP
reconnect=yes
dospophotkey=N
lmlogon=0
logondomain=
preferredredir=basic
autostart=basic
maxconnections=8
[network drivers]
netcard=BXND20X.dos
transport=ndishlp.sys,*netbeui
devdir=A:\NET
LoadRMDrivers=yes
```

3. Copy **BXND20X.dos** to A:\Net.
4. Create the appropriate Autoexec.bat file in drive A for the chosen protocol as shown below.

#### For TCP/IP

```
path=a:\net
a:\net\net initialize
a:\net\netbind.com
a:\net\umb.com
a:\net\tcptsr.exe
a:\net\tinyrfc.exe
a:\net\nmtsr.exe
a:\net\emsbfr.exe
a:\net\net start basic
net use z: \\SERVERNAME\SHARENAME
```

#### For IPX

```
SET PATH=A:\NET
A:\NET\net initialize
A:\NET\nwlink
A:\NET\NET START BASIC
net use z: \\SERVERNAME\SHARENAME
```

#### For NetBEUI

```
SET PATH=A:\NET
A:\NET\NET START BASIC
net use z: \\SERVERNAME\SHARENAME
```

5. Create a Config.sys file on the startup disk in drive A as shown below.
 

```
files=30
device=a:\net\ifshlp.sys
```

```
lastdrive=z
```

## INSTALLING THE DOS NDIS2 DRIVER SOFTWARE ON THE HARD DISK

### To install the DOS NDIS2 Driver Software on the hard disk

1. Verify that the system has Microsoft LAN Manager 2.2 installed, with a protocol such as NetBEUI configured.
2. Create a folder on your hard disk to store the NDIS 2.01 driver.  
**Example:** C:\LANMAN
3. Copy the **BXND20X.dos** file to this folder.  
Edit the **Config.sys** file by adding the following lines:  
DEVICE = C:\LANMAN\PROTMAN.DOS  
DEVICE = C:\LANMAN\BXND20X.DOS  
DEVICE = C:\LANMAN\NETBEUI.DOS
4. Edit the **Autoexec.bat** file by adding the following lines:  
C:\ LANMAN\NETBIND.EXE  
C:\LANMAN\NET START WORKSTATION  
C:\LANMAN\NET USE *drive letter:* \\*server name*\*resource name*
5. Edit the **Protocol.ini** file (located in C:\LANMAN) to configure the driver to bind with NetBEUI or any other protocols.

#### Example:

```
[PROTOCOL MANAGER]
DriverName = PROTMAN$
[NETBEUI_XIF]
DriverName = netbeui$
BINDINGS = BXND20X
[BXND20X]
DriverName = "BXND20X$"
```

6. Restart the computer to complete the installation.



**NOTE:** The driver loads during system configuration and displays the Broadcom banner, controller name, MAC address, IRQ number, detected line speed, and the controller BusNum and DevNum. If the driver fails to load, an *initialization fail* message is displayed.

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## USING KEYWORDS FOR THE DRIVERS

The Protocol.ini file contains certain keywords that are used by the BXND20X.dos AND BXND20X.dos drivers. These keywords are listed below:

**BusNum.** Specifies the number of the PCI bus on which the network adapter is located. Requires a decimal number having a value ranging from 0 to 255.

**DevNum.** Specifies the device number assigned to the network adapter when it is configured by the PCI BIOS. Requires a decimal number having a value ranging from 0 to 255.

**FuncNum** or **PortNum.** Specifies the PCI function or port number assigned to the network controller. Requires a decimal number having a value ranging from 0 to 7.



**NOTE:** These keywords, **BusNum**, **DevNum**, and **FuncNum** (or **PortNum**) are needed when multiple adapters are installed in the server and when a specific controller must be loaded in a certain order. These keywords are used concurrently and are included for manufacturing purposes. Do not use them unless you are familiar with how to configure PCI devices. A PCI device scan utility is needed to find this information.

**LineSpeed.** Specifies the speed of the network connection in Mbit/s. Requires the decimal number 10, 100, or 1000. Technically, a line speed of 1000 Mbit/s cannot be forced and is achievable only through auto-negotiation. For the sake of simplicity, the driver performs auto-negotiation when the line speed is set to a value of 1000.



**NOTE:** LineSpeed is not available with the Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet driver.

**Duplex.** Specifies the duplex mode of the network adapter. Requires a setting of either **Half** or **Full**. When this keyword is used, the **LineSpeed** keyword must also be used. If neither keyword is used, the network adapter defaults to auto-negotiation mode.



**NOTE:** LineSpeed is not available with the Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet driver.

**NodeAddress.** Specifies the network address used by the network adapter. If a multicast address or a broadcast address is specified, the adapter uses the default MAC address.

Example:

```
[BXND20X]
DriverName = "BXND20X$"
BusNum = 3
DevNum = 14
PortNum = 2
LineSpeed = 1000
Duplex = Full
NodeAddress = 001020304050
```

**FixChecksumOff.** Turns off the driver's workaround for the TCP/IP stack to recognize the 1s complemented version of the checksum.

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**AcceptAllMC.** Informs the driver to deliver all multicast packets to the upper protocol.



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## INTRODUCTION

This section discusses the Linux drivers for the Broadcom NetXtreme II network adapters.

**Table 1: Broadcom NetXtreme II Linux Drivers**

<b>Linux Driver</b>	<b>Description</b>
bnx2	Linux driver for the NetXtreme II 1 Gb network adapters.
bnx2x	Linux driver for the NetXtreme II 10 Gb network adapters. This driver directly controls the hardware and is responsible for sending and receiving Ethernet packets on behalf of the Linux host networking stack. This driver also receives and processes device interrupts, both on behalf of itself (for L2 networking) and on behalf of the bnx2fc (FCoE) and cnic drivers.
cnic	The cnic driver provides the interface between Broadcom's upper layer protocol (e.g., storage) drivers and Broadcom's NetXtreme II 1 Gb and 10 Gb network adapters. The CNIC module works with the bnx2 and bnx2x network drives in the downstream and the bnx2fc (FCoE) and bnx2i (iSCSI) drivers in the upstream.
bnx2i	Linux iSCSI HBA driver to enable iSCSI offload on the NetXtreme II 1 Gb and 10 Gb network adapters.
bnx2fc	Linux FCoE kernel mode driver used to provide a translation layer between the Linux SCSI stack and the Broadcom FCoE firmware/hardware. In addition, the driver interfaces with the networking layer to transmit and receive encapsulated FCoE frames on behalf of open-fcoe's libfc/libfcoe for FIP/device discovery.

## LIMITATIONS

- [bnx2 Driver](#)
- [bnx2x Driver](#)
- [bnx2i Driver](#)

### BNX2 DRIVER

The current version of the driver has been tested on 2.4.x kernels (starting from 2.4.24) and all 2.6.x kernels. The driver may not compile on kernels older than 2.4.24.



**NOTE:** Support for the 2.4.21 kernels is provided in Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3.

Testing is concentrated on i386 and x86\_64 architectures. Only limited testing has been done on other architectures. Minor changes to some source files and Makefile may be needed on some kernels. Additionally, the Makefile will not compile the cnic driver on kernels older than 2.6.16. iSCSI offload is only supported on 2.6.16 and newer kernels.



**NOTE:** For Broadcom NetXtreme II BCM5708 devices with a silicon revision prior to B2, the open source bnx2 driver does not support the reporting and configuration of NetXtreme II WOL settings via ethtool. For silicon revisions of B2 or later, the bnx2 driver reports support for Magic Packet WOL via ethtool. Enabling support via ethtool is mandatory to successfully wake the system. To determine the silicon revision of your Broadcom NetXtreme II device, use the `lspci` command, where “10” = revision B0, “11” = revision B1, and “12” = revision B2.

### BNX2X DRIVER

The current version of the driver has been tested on 2.6.x kernels starting from 2.6.9. The driver may not compile on kernels older than 2.6.9. Testing is concentrated on i386 and x86\_64 architectures. Only limited testing has been done on some other architectures. Minor changes to some source files and Makefile may be needed on some kernels.

### BNX2I DRIVER

The current version of the driver has been tested on 2.6.x kernels, starting from 2.6.18 kernel. The driver may not compile on older kernels. Testing is concentrated on i386 and x86\_64 architectures, Red Hat EL5, and SUSE 11 SP1 distributions.



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## PACKAGING

The Linux drivers are released in the following packaging formats:

### DKMS Packages

- `netxtreme2-version.dkms.noarch.rpm`
- `netxtreme2-version.dkms.src.rpm`

### KMP Packages

- SLES
  - `broadcom-netxtreme2-kmp-[kernel]-version.i586.rpm`
  - `broadcom-netxtreme2-kmp-[kernel]-version.x86_64.rpm`
- Red Hat
  - `kmod-kmp-netxtreme2-{kernel}-version.i686.rpm`
  - `kmod-kmp-netxtreme2-{kernel}-version.x86_64.rpm`

The Broadcom Advanced Control Suite management utility is also distributed as an RPM package (`BACS-{version}.{arch}.rpm`). See [Installing on a Linux System](#) for information on installing Linux BACS.

### Source Packages

Identical source files to build the driver are included in both RPM and TAR source packages. The supplemental tar file contains additional utilities such as patches and driver diskette images for network installation.

The following is a list of included files:

- **`netxtreme2-version.src.rpm`**: RPM package with NetXtreme II `bnx2/bnx2x/cnic/bnx2fc/bnx2i/libfc/libfcoe` driver source.
- **`netxtreme2-version.tar.gz`**: tar zipped package with NetXtreme II `bnx2/bnx2x/cnic/bnx2fc/bnx2i/libfc/libfcoe` driver source.
- **`iscsiuio-version.tar.gz`**: iSCSI user space management tool binary.
- **`open-fcoe-*.brcm.<subvert>.<arch>.rpm`**: open-fcoe userspace management tool binary RPM for SLES11 SP2 and legacy versions.
- **`fcoe-utils-*.brcm.<subver>.<arch>.rpm`**: open-fcoe userspace management tool binary RPM for RHEL 6.4 and legacy versions.

The Linux driver has a dependency on open-fcoe userspace management tools as the front-end to control FCoE interfaces. The package name of the open-fcoe tool is `fcoe-utils` for RHEL 6.4 and `open-fcoe` for SLES11 SP2 and legacy versions.

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## INSTALLING LINUX DRIVER SOFTWARE

- [Installing the Source RPM Package](#)
- [Building the Driver from the Source TAR File](#)



**NOTE:** If a bnx2/bnx2x/bnx2i driver is loaded and the Linux kernel is updated, the driver module must be recompiled if the driver module was installed using the source RPM or the TAR package.

### INSTALLING THE SOURCE RPM PACKAGE

The following are guidelines for installing the driver source RPM Package.

#### Prerequisites:

- Linux kernel source
- C compiler

#### Procedure:

1. Install the source RPM package:  
`rpm -ivh netxtreme2-<version>.src.rpm`
2. Change the directory to the RPM path and build the binary RPM for your kernel:

For RHEL:

```
cd ~/rpmbuild
rpmbuild -bb SPECS/netxtreme2.spec
```

For SLES:

```
cd /usr/src/packages
rpmbuild -bb SPECS/netxtreme2.spec
```

3. Install the newly compiled RPM:  
`rpm -ivh RPMS/<arch>/netxtreme2-<version>.<arch>.rpm`

Note that the `--force` option may be needed on some Linux distributions if conflicts are reported.

4. Install the open-fcoe utility.

For RHEL 6.4 and legacy versions, either of the following:

```
yum install fcoe-utils-<version>.rhel.64.brcm.<subver>.<arch>.rpm
```

-or-

```
rpm -ivh fcoe-utils-<version>.rhel.64.brcm.<subver>.<arch>.rpm
```

For SLES11 SP2:

```
rpm -ivh open-fcoe-<version>.sles.sp2.brcm.<subver>.<arch>.rpm
```

For RHEL 6.4 and SLES11 SP2 and legacy versions, the version of fcoe-utils/open-fcoe included in your distribution is sufficient and no out of box upgrades are provided.

Where available, installation with yum will automatically resolve dependencies. Otherwise, required dependencies can be located on your O/S installation media.



5. For SLES, turn on the fcoe and lldpad services.

For SLES11 SP1:

```
chkconfig lldpad on
chkconfig fcoe on
```

For SLES11 SP2:

```
chkconfig boot.lldpad on
chkconfig boot.fcoe on
```

6. Inbox drivers are included with all of the supported operating systems. The simplest means to ensure the newly installed drivers are loaded is to reboot.

7. After rebooting, create configuration files for all FCoE ethX interfaces:

```
cd /etc/fcoe
cp cfg-ethx cfg-<ethX FCoE interface name>
```



**NOTE:** Note that your distribution might have a different naming scheme for Ethernet devices. (i.e., pXpX or emX instead of ethX).

8. Modify /etc/fcoe/cfg-<interface> by setting DCB\_REQUIRED=yes to DCB\_REQUIRED=no.

9. Turn on all ethX interfaces.

```
ifconfig <ethX> up
```

10. For SLES, use YaST to configure your Ethernet interfaces to automatically start at boot by setting a static IP address or enabling DHCP on the interface.

11. Disable lldpad on Broadcom CNA interfaces. This is required because Broadcom utilizes an offloaded DCBX client.

```
lldptool set-lldp -i <ethX> adminStatus=disasbled
```

12. Make sure /var/lib/lldpad/lldpad.conf is created and each <ethX> block does not specify "adminStatus" or if specified, it is set to 0 ("adminStatus=0") as below.

```
lldp :
{
  eth5 :
  {
    tlvid00000001 :
    {
      info = "04BC305B017B73";
    };
    tlvid00000002 :
    {
      info = "03BC305B017B73";
    };
  };
};
```

13. Restart lldpad service to apply new settings

For SLES11 SP1, RHEL 6.4 and legacy versions:

```
service lldpad restart
```

For SLES11 SP2:

```
rclldpad restart
```

14. Restart fcoe service to apply new settings

For SLES11 SP1, RHEL 6.4, and legacy versions:

```
service fcoe restart
```

For SLES11 SP2:



```
rcfcoe restart
```

## INSTALLING THE KMP PACKAGE



**NOTE:** The examples in this procedure refer to the bnx2x driver, but also apply to the bnx2 and bnx2i drivers.

1. Install the KMP package:

```
rpm -ivh <file>
rmmmod bnx2x
```

2. Load the driver

## BUILDING THE DRIVER FROM THE SOURCE TAR FILE



**NOTE:** The examples used in this procedure refer to the bnx2 driver, but also apply to the bnx2x driver.

1. Create a directory and extract the TAR files to the directory:

```
tar xvzf netxtreme2-version.tar.gz
```

2. Build the driver bnx2.ko (or bnx2.o) as a loadable module for the running kernel:

```
cd netxtreme2-version
make
```

3. Test the driver by loading it (first unload the existing driver, if necessary):

```
rmmmod bnx2
insmod bnx2.o
modprobe crc32 && insmod bnx2.o
or, for Linux 2.6 kernels:
rmmmod bnx2
insmod bnx2.ko
```

Verify that your network adapter supports iSCSI by checking the message log. If the message “bnx2i: dev eth0 does not support iSCSI” appears in the message log after loading the bnx2i driver, then iSCSI is not supported. This message may not appear until the interface is opened, as with:

```
ifconfig eth0 up
```

4. Load the cnic driver (if applicable):

```
insmod cnic.ko
```

5. Install the driver and man page:

```
make install
```



**NOTE:** See the RPM instructions above for the location of the installed driver.

6. Install the user daemon (brcm\_iscsiui).

Refer to [Load and Run Necessary iSCSI Software Components](#) for instructions on loading the software components required to use the Broadcom iSCSI offload feature.



To configure the network protocol and address after building the driver, refer to the manuals supplied with your operating system.

Verify that your network adapter supports iSCSI by checking the message log. If the message “bnx2i: dev eth0 does not support iSCSI” appears in the message log after loading the bnx2i driver, then iSCSI is not supported. This message may not appear until the interface is opened, as with:

```
ifconfig eth0 up
```

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## **LOAD AND RUN NECESSARY iSCSI SOFTWARE COMPONENTS**

The Broadcom iSCSI Offload software suite consists of three kernel modules and a user daemon. Required software components can be loaded either manually or through system services.

1. Unload the existing driver, if necessary:

Manual:

```
rmmmod bnx2i
```

2. Load the iSCSI driver:

Manual:

```
insmod bnx2i.ko
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2i
```

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## UNLOADING/REMOVING THE LINUX DRIVER

- [Unloading/Removing the Driver from an RPM Installation](#)
- [Removing the Driver from a TAR Installation](#)

### UNLOADING/REMOVING THE DRIVER FROM AN RPM INSTALLATION

**NOTES:**

- The examples used in this procedure refer to the bnx2 driver, but also apply to the bnx2x driver.
- On 2.6 kernels, it is not necessary to bring down the eth# interfaces before unloading the driver module.
- If the cnic driver is loaded, unload the cnic driver before unloading the bnx2 driver.
- Prior to unloading the bnx2i driver, disconnect all active iSCSI sessions to targets.

To unload the driver, use ifconfig to bring down all eth# interfaces opened by the driver, and then type the following:

```
rmmod bnx2
```



**NOTE:** The above command will also remove bnx2, bnx2x, and cnic modules.

If the driver was installed using RPM, do the following to remove it:

```
rpm -e netxtreme2
```

### REMOVING THE DRIVER FROM A TAR INSTALLATION



**NOTE:** The examples used in this procedure refer to the bnx2 driver, but also apply to the bnx2x and bnx2i drivers.

If the driver was installed using make install from the tar file, the bnx2.o or bnx2.ko driver file has to be manually deleted from the operating system. See [Installing the Source RPM Package](#) for the location of the installed driver.

## UNINSTALLING BACS

### RPM Package

Use the following command:

```
% rpm -e BACS
```

## PATCHING PCI FILES (OPTIONAL)



**NOTE:** The examples used in this procedure refer to the bnx2 driver, but also apply to the bnx2x and bnx2i drivers.

For hardware detection utilities such as Red Hat kudzu to properly identify bnx2 supported devices, a number of files containing PCI vendor and device information may need to be updated.

Apply the updates by running the scripts provided in the supplemental tar file. For example, on Red Hat Enterprise Linux, apply the updates by doing the following:

```
./patch_pcitbl.sh /usr/share/hwdata/pcitable pci.updates
/usr/share/hwdata/pcitable.new bnx2
./patch_pciids.sh /usr/share/hwdata/pci.ids pci.updates
/usr/share/hwdata/pci.ids.new
```

Next, the old files can be backed up and the new files can be renamed for use.

```
cp /usr/share/hwdata/pci.ids /usr/share/hwdata/old.pci.ids
cp /usr/share/hwdata/pci.ids.new /usr/share/hwdata/pci.ids
cp /usr/share/hwdata/pcitable /usr/share/hwdata/old.pcitabl
cp /usr/share/hwdata/pcitable.new /usr/share/hwdata/pcitabl
```

## NETWORK INSTALLATIONS

For network installations through NFS, FTP, or HTTP (using a network boot disk or PXE), a driver disk that contains the bnx2/bnx2x driver may be needed. The driver disk images for the most recent Red Hat and SuSE versions are included. Boot drivers for other Linux versions can be compiled by modifying the Makefile and the make environment. Further information is available from the Red Hat website, <http://www.redhat.com>.

## SETTING VALUES FOR OPTIONAL PROPERTIES

Optional properties exist for the different drivers:

- [bnx2 Driver](#)
- [bnx2x Driver](#)
- [bnx2i Driver](#)

### BNX2 DRIVER

#### disable\_msi

The **disable\_msi** optional property can be supplied as a command line argument to the insmod or modprobe command. The property can also be set in modprobe.conf. See the man page for more information. All other driver settings can be queried and changed using the ethtool utility. See the ethtool man page for more information. The ethtool settings do not



persist across a reboot or module reload. The ethtool commands can be put in a startup script such as /etc/rc.local to preserve the settings across a reboot.



**NOTE:** Some combinations of property values may conflict and result in failures. The driver cannot detect all such conflicting combinations.

This property is used to disable Message Signal Interrupts (MSI), and the property is valid only on 2.6 kernels that support MSI. On 2.4 kernels, this property cannot be used. By default, the driver enables MSI if it is supported by the kernel. It runs an interrupt test during initialization to determine if MSI is working. If the test passes, the driver enables MSI. Otherwise, it uses legacy INTx mode.

```
insmod bnx2.ko disable_msi=1
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2 disable_msi=1
```

## BNX2X DRIVER

### disable\_tpa

The **disable\_tpa** parameter can be supplied as a command line argument to disable the Transparent Packet Aggregation (TPA) feature. By default, the driver will aggregate TCP packets. Use **disable\_tpa** to disable the advanced TPA feature.

Set the **disable\_tpa** parameter to 1 as shown below to disable the TPA feature on all NetXtreme II network adapters in the system. The parameter can also be set in modprobe.conf. See the man page for more information.

```
insmod bnx2x.ko disable_tpa=1
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2x disable_tpa=1
```

### int\_mode

The **int\_mode** parameter is used to force using an interrupt mode.

Set the **int\_mode** parameter to 1 to force using the legacy INTx mode on all NetXtreme II adapters in the system.

```
insmod bnx2x.ko int_mode=1
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2x int_mode=1
```

Set the **int\_mode** parameter to 2 to force using MSI mode on all NetXtreme II adapters in the system.

```
insmod bnx2x.ko int_mode=2
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2x int_mode=2
```

Set the **int\_mode** parameter to 3 to force using MSI-X mode on all NetXtreme II adapters in the system.





**dropless\_fc**

The **dropless\_fc** parameter can be used to enable a complementary flow control mechanism on BCM57711/BCM57712 adapters. The default flow control mechanism is to send pause frames when the on-chip buffer (BRB) is reaching a certain level of occupancy. This is a performance targeted flow control mechanism. On BCM57711/BCM57712 adapters, one can enable another flow control mechanism to send pause frames, where one of the host buffers (when in RSS mode) are exhausted.

This is a "zero packet drop" targeted flow control mechanism.

Set the **dropless\_fc** parameter to 1 to enable the dropless flow control mechanism feature on all BCM57711/BCM57712 NetXtreme II adapters in the system.

```
insmod bnx2x.ko dropless_fc=1
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2x dropless_fc=1
```

**disable\_iscsi\_ooo**

The **disable\_iscsi\_ooo** parameter is to disable the allocation of the iSCSI TCP Out-of-Order (OOO) reception resources, specifically for VMware for low-memory systems.

**multi\_mode**

The optional parameter **multi\_mode** is for use on systems that support multi-queue networking. Multi-queue networking on the receive side depends only on MSI-X capability of the system, multi-queue networking on the transmit side is supported only on kernels starting from 2.6.27. By default, **multi\_mode** parameter is set to 1. Thus, on kernels up to 2.6.26, the driver will allocate on the receive side one queue per-CPU and on the transmit side only one queue. On kernels starting from 2.6.27, the driver will allocate on both receive and transmit sides, one queue per-CPU. In any case, the number of allocated queues will be limited by number of queues supported by hardware.

The **multi\_mode** optional parameter can also be used to enable SAFC (Service Aware Flow Control) by differentiating the traffic to up to 3 CoS (Class of Service) in the hardware according to the VLAN PRI value or according to the IP DSCP value (least 3 bits).

**num\_queues**

The optional parameter **num\_queues** may be used to set the number of queues when **multi\_mode** is set to 1 and interrupt mode is MSI-X. If interrupt mode is different than MSI-X (see **int\_mode**), the number of queues will be set to 1, discarding the value of this parameter.

**pri\_map**

The optional parameter **pri\_map** is used to map the VLAN PRI value or the IP DSCP value to a different or same CoS in the hardware. This 32-bit parameter is evaluated by the driver as an 8 value of 4 bits each. Each nibble sets the desired hardware queue number for that priority. For example, set **pri\_map** to 0x11110000 to map priority 0 to 3 to CoS 0 and map priority 4 to 7 to CoS 1.

**qs\_per\_cos**

The optional parameter **qs\_per\_cos** is used to specify how many queues will share the same CoS. This parameter is evaluated by the driver up to 3 values of 8 bits each. Each byte sets the desired number of queues for that CoS. The total number of queues is limited by the hardware limit. For example, set **qs\_per\_cos** to 0x10101 to create a total of three queues, one per CoS. In another example, set **qs\_per\_cos** to 0x404 to create a total of 8 queues, divided into 2 CoS, 4 queues in each CoS.

### cos\_min\_rate

The optional parameter **cos\_min\_rate** is used to determine the weight of each CoS for round-robin scheduling in transmission. This parameter is evaluated by the driver as up to 3 values of 8 bits each. Each byte sets the desired weight for that CoS. The weight ranges from 0 to 100. For example, set **cos\_min\_rate** to 0x101 for fair transmission rate between 2 CoS. In another example, set the **cos\_min\_rate** to 0x30201 to give CoS the higher rate of transmission. To avoid using the fairness algorithm, omit setting **cos\_min\_rate** or set it to 0.

Set the **multi\_mode** parameter to 2 as shown below to differentiate the traffic according to the VLAN PRI value.

```
insmod bnx2x.ko multi_mode=2 pri_map=0x11110000 qs_per_cos=0x404
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2x multi_mode=2 pri_map=0x11110000 qs_per_cos=0x404
```

Set the **multi\_mode** parameter to 4 as shown below to differentiate the traffic according to the IP DSCP value.

```
insmod bnx2x.ko multi_mode=4 pri_map=0x22221100 qs_per_cos=0x10101 cos_min_rate=0x30201
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2x multi_mode=4 pri_map=0x22221100 qs_per_cos=0x10101 cos_min_rate=0x30201
```

## BNX2I DRIVER

Optional parameters **en\_tcp\_dack**, **error\_mask1**, and **error\_mask2** can be supplied as command line arguments to the `insmod` or `modprobe` command for `bnx2i`.

### error\_mask1 and error\_mask2

"Config FW iSCSI Error Mask #", use to configure certain iSCSI protocol violation to be treated either as a warning or a fatal error. All fatal iSCSI protocol violations will result in session recovery (ERL 0). These are bit masks.

Defaults: All violations will be treated as errors.



**CAUTION!** Do not use **error\_mask** if you are not sure about the consequences. These values are to be discussed with Broadcom development team on a case-by-case basis. This is just a mechanism to work around iSCSI implementation issues on the target side and without proper knowledge of iSCSI protocol details, users are advised not to experiment with these parameters.

### en\_tcp\_dack

"Enable TCP Delayed ACK", enables/disables TCP delayed ACK feature on offloaded iSCSI connections.

Defaults: TCP delayed ACK is ENABLED. For example:



```
insmod bnx2i.ko en_tcp_dack=0
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2i en_tcp_dack=0
```

**time\_stamps**

"Enable TCP TimeStamps", enables/disables TCP time stamp feature on offloaded iSCSI connections.

Defaults: TCP time stamp option is DISABLED. For example:

```
insmod bnx2i.ko time_stamps=1
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2i time_stamps=1
```

**sq\_size**

"Configure SQ size", used to choose send queue size for offloaded connections and SQ size determines the maximum SCSI commands that can be queued. SQ size also has a bearing on the number of connections that can be offloaded; as QP size increases, the number of connections supported will decrease. With the default values, the BCM5706/BCM5708 adapter can offload 28 connections.

Defaults: 128

Range: 32 to 128

Note that Broadcom validation is limited to a power of 2; for example, 32, 64, 128.

**rq\_size**

"Configure RQ size", used to choose the size of asynchronous buffer queue size per offloaded connections. RQ size is not required greater than 16 as it is used to place iSCSI ASYNC/NOP/REJECT messages and SCSI sense data.

Defaults: 16

Range: 16 to 32

Note that Broadcom validation is limited to a power of 2; for example, 16, 32.

**event\_coal\_div**

"Event Coalescing Divide Factor", performance tuning parameter used to moderate the rate of interrupt generation by the iscsi firmware.

Defaults: 1

Valid values: 1, 2, 4, 8

**last\_active\_tcp\_port**

“Last active TCP port used”, status parameter used to indicate the last TCP port number used in the iSCSI offload connection.

Defaults: N/A

Valid values: N/A

Note: This is a read-only parameter.

### **ooo\_enable**

“Enable TCP out-of-order feature”, enables/disables TCP out-of-order rx handling feature on offloaded iSCSI connections.

Defaults: TCP out-of-order feature is ENABLED. For example:

```
insmod bnx2i.ko ooo_enable=1
```

or

```
modprobe bnx2i ooo_enable=1
```

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## **DRIVER DEFAULTS**

- [bnx2 Driver](#)
- [bnx2x Driver](#)

### **BNX2 DRIVER**

**Speed:** Autonegotiation with all speeds advertised

**Flow Control:** Autonegotiation with RX and TX advertised

**MTU:** 1500 (range is 46–9000)

**RX Ring Size:** 255 (range is 0–4080)

**RX Jumbo Ring Size:** 0 (range 0–16320) adjusted by the driver based on MTU and RX Ring Size

**TX Ring Size:** 255 (range is (MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS+1)–255). MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS varies on different kernels and different architectures. On a 2.6 kernel for x86, MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS is 18.

**Coalesce RX Microseconds:** 18 (range is 0–1023)

**Coalesce RX Microseconds IRQ:** 18 (range is 0–1023)

**Coalesce RX Frames:** 6 (range is 0–255)

**Coalesce RX Frames IRQ:** 6 (range is 0–255)

**Coalesce TX Microseconds:** 80 (range is 0–1023)



**Coalesce TX Microseconds IRQ:** 80 (range is 0–1023)

**Coalesce TX Frames:** 20 (range is 0–255)

**Coalesce TX Frames IRQ:** 20 (range is 0–255)

**Coalesce Statistics Microseconds:** 999936 (approximately 1 second) (range is 0–16776960 in increments of 256)

**MSI:** Enabled (if supported by the 2.6 kernel and the interrupt test passes)

**TSO:** Enabled (on 2.6 kernels)

**WoL:** Initial setting based on NVRAM's setting

## BNX2X DRIVER

**Speed:** Autonegotiation with all speeds advertised

**Flow control:** Autonegotiation with RX and TX advertised

**MTU:** 1500 (range is 46–9000)

**RX Ring Size:** 4078 (range is 0–4078)

**TX Ring Size:** 4078 (range is (MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS+4)–4078). MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS varies on different kernels and different architectures. On a 2.6 kernel for x86, MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS is 18.

**Coalesce RX Microseconds:** 25 (range is 0–3000)

**Coalesce TX Microseconds:** 50 (range is 0–12288)

**Coalesce Statistics Microseconds:** 999936 (approximately 1 second) (range is 0–16776960 in increments of 256)

**MSI-X:** Enabled (if supported by the 2.6 kernel and the interrupt test passes)

**TSO:** Enabled

**WoL:** Disabled

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## DRIVER MESSAGES

The following are the most common sample messages that may be logged in the `/var/log/messages` file. Use `dmesg -n <level>` to control the level at which messages appear on the console. Most systems are set to level 6 by default. To see all messages, set the level higher.

- [bnx2 and bnx2x Driver](#)
- [bnx2i Driver](#)

## BNX2 AND BNX2X DRIVER



**NOTE:** The examples used in this procedure refer to the bnx2 driver, but also apply to the bnx2x driver.

### Driver Sign on

```
Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Driver  
bnx2 v1.6.3c (July 23, 2007)
```

### CNIC Driver Sign on (bnx2 only)

```
Broadcom NetXtreme II cnic v1.1.19 (Sep 25, 2007)
```

### NIC Detected

```
eth#: Broadcom NetXtreme II BCM5708 1000Base-T (B0)  
PCI-X 64-bit 133MHz found at mem f6000000, IRQ 16, node addr 0010180476ae
```

```
cnic: Added CNIC device: eth0
```

### Link Up and Speed Indication

```
bnx2: eth# NIC Link is Up, 1000 Mbps full duplex
```

### Link Down Indication

```
bnx2: eth# NIC Link is Down
```

### MSI enabled successfully (bnx2 only)

```
bnx2: eth0: using MSI
```

### MSI-X enabled successfully (bnx2x only)

```
bnx2x: eth0: using MSI-X
```

## BNX2I DRIVER

### BNX2I Driver signon

```
Broadcom NetXtreme II iSCSI Driver bnx2i v2.1.1D (May 12, 2010)
```

### Network port to iSCSI transport name binding

```
bnx2i: netif=eth2, iscsi=bcm570x-050000  
bnx2i: netif=eth1, iscsi=bcm570x-030c00
```

### Driver completes handshake with iSCSI offload-enabled CNIC device

```
bnx2i [05:00.00]: ISCSI_INIT passed
```



**NOTE:** This message is displayed only when the user attempts to make an iSCSI connection.

### Driver detects iSCSI offload is not enabled on the CNIC device

```
bnx2i: iSCSI not supported, dev=eth3
bnx2i: bnx2i: LOM is not enabled to offload iSCSI connections, dev=eth0
bnx2i: dev eth0 does not support iSCSI
```

**Exceeds maximum allowed iSCSI connection offload limit**

```
bnx2i: alloc_ep: unable to allocate iscsi cid
bnx2i: unable to allocate iSCSI context resources
```

**Network route to target node and transport name binding are two different devices**

```
bnx2i: conn bind, ep=0x... ($ROUTE_HBA) does not belong to hba $USER_CHOSEN_HBA
```

where ROUTE\_HBA --> net device on which connection was offloaded based on route information USER\_CHOSEN\_HBA --> HBA to which target node is bound (using iscsi transport name)

**Target cannot be reached on any of the CNIC devices**

```
bnx2i: check route, cannot connect using cnic
```

**Network route is assigned to network interface, which is down**

```
bnx2i: check route, hba not found
```

**Attempting to offload iSCSI connection onto a Jumbo Frame-enabled device**

```
bnx2i: eth# network i/f mtu is set to #mtu
bnx2i: iSCSI HBA can support mtu of 1500
```



**NOTE:** Change **mtu** to **1500** using `ifconfig` and restart the interface in order to offload iSCSI connections.

**SCSI-ML initiated host reset (session recovery)**

```
bnx2i: attempting to reset host, #3
```

**CNIC detects iSCSI protocol violation - Fatal errors**

```
bnx2i: iscsi_error - wrong StatsN rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - hdr digest err
bnx2i: iscsi_error - data digest err
bnx2i: iscsi_error - wrong opcode rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - AHS len > 0 rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid ITT rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - wrong StatsN rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - wrong DataSN rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - pend R2T violation
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U0
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U1
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U2
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U3
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U4
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U5
bnx2i: iscsi_error - ERL0, U
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid resi len
bnx2i: iscsi_error - MRDSL violation
bnx2i: iscsi_error - F-bit not set
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid TTT
```

```

bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid DataSN
bnx2i: iscsi_error - burst len violation
bnx2i: iscsi_error - buf offset violation
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid LUN field
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid R2TSN field
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid cmd len1
bnx2i: iscsi_error - invalid cmd len2
bnx2i: iscsi_error - pend r2t exceeds MaxOutstandingR2T value
bnx2i: iscsi_error - TTT is rsvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - MBL violation
bnx2i: iscsi_error - data seg len != 0
bnx2i: iscsi_error - reject pdu len error
bnx2i: iscsi_error - async pdu len error
bnx2i: iscsi_error - nopin pdu len error
bnx2i: iscsi_error - pend r2t in cleanup
bnx2i: iscsi_error - IP fragments rcvd
bnx2i: iscsi_error - IP options error
bnx2i: iscsi_error - urgent flag error

```

#### CNIC detects iSCSI protocol violation - non-FATAL, warning

```

bnx2i: iscsi_warning - invalid TTT
bnx2i: iscsi_warning - invalid DataSN
bnx2i: iscsi_warning - invalid LUN field

```



**NOTE:** The driver needs to be configured to consider certain violation to treat as warning and not as a critical error.

#### Driver puts a session through recovery

```
conn_err - hostno 3 conn 03fbcd00, iscsi_cid 2 cid a1800
```

#### Reject iSCSI PDU received from the target

```

bnx2i - printing rejected PDU contents
[0]: 1 ffffffff 0 0 0 0 20 0
[8]: 0 7 0 0 0 0 0 0
[10]: 0 0 40 24 0 0 ffffffff80 0
[18]: 0 0 3 ffffffff88 0 0 3 4b
[20]: 2a 0 0 2 ffffffff8c 14 0 0
[28]: 40 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

```

#### Open-iSCSI daemon handing over session to driver

```
bnx2i: conn update - MBL 0x800 FBL 0x800MRDSL_I 0x800 MRDSL_T 0x2000
```



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## TEAMING WITH CHANNEL BONDING

With the Linux drivers, you can team adapters together using the bonding kernel module and a channel bonding interface. For more information, see the Channel Bonding information in your operating system documentation.

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## STATISTICS

Detailed statistics and configuration information can be viewed using the ethtool utility. See the ethtool man page for more information.

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## LINUX ISCSI OFFLOAD

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## OPEN ISCSI USER APPLICATIONS

Install and run the inbox open-iscsi initiator programs from the DVD. Refer to [Packaging](#) for details.

## USER APPLICATION - BRCM\_ISCSIUIO

Install and run the brcm\_iscsiuio daemon before attempting to create iSCSI connections. The driver will not be able to establish connections to the iSCSI target without the daemon's assistance.

1. Install the brcm\_iscsiuio source package

```
# tar -xvzf iscsiuiio-<version>.tar.gz
```
2. CD to the directory where iscsiuiio is extracted

```
# cd iscsiuiio-<version>
```
3. Compile and install

```
# ./configure
# make
# make install
```
4. Check the iscsiuiio version matches with the source package

```
# brcm_iscsiuio -v
```
5. Start brcm\_iscsiuio

```
# brcm_iscsiuio
```



## BIND ISCSI TARGET TO BROADCOM NX2 ISCSI TRANSPORT NAME

By default, the open-iscsi daemon connects to discovered targets using software initiator (transport name = 'tcp'). Users who wish to offload iSCSI connection onto CNIC device should explicitly change transport binding of the iSCSI iface. This can be done using the **iscsiadm** CLI utility as follows,

```
iscsiadm -m iface -I <iface_file_name> -n iface.transport_name -v bnx2i -o update
```

where the iface file includes the following information for RHEL 5.4, RHEL 5.5, and SLES 11 SP1:

```
iface.net_ifacename = ethX
iface.iscsi_ifacename = <name of the iface file>
iface.hwaddress = XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX
iface.ipaddress = XX.XX.XX.XX
iface.transport_name = bnx2i
```

Ensure that the iface.hwaddress is in lower case format.

If you wish to switch back to use the software initiator, use the following:

```
iscsiadm -m iface -I <iface_file_name> -n iface.transport_name -v tcp -o update
```

where the iface file includes the following information:

```
iface.net_ifacename = ethX
iface.iscsi_ifacename = <name of the iface file>
iface.transport_name = tcp
```

## VLAN CONFIGURATION FOR ISCSI OFFLOAD (LINUX)

iSCSI traffic on the network may be isolated in a VLAN to segregate it from other traffic. When this is the case, you must make the iSCSI interface on the adapter a member of that VLAN.

### Modifying the iSCSI iface File

To configure the iSCSI VLAN add the VLAN ID in the iface file for iSCSI. In the following example, the VLAN ID is set to 100.

```
#Begin Record 6.2.0-873.2.el6
Iface.iscsi_ifacefile name = <>
Iface.ipaddress = 0.0.0.0
Iface.hwaddress = <>
Iface.trasport_name = bnx2i
Iface.vlan_id = 100
Iface.vlan_priority = 0
Iface.iface_num = 100
Iface.mtu = 0
Iface.port = 0
#END Record
```



**NOTE:** Although not strictly required, Broadcom recommends configuring the same VLAN ID on the iface.iface\_num field for iface file identification purposes.

## Setting the VLAN ID on the Ethernet Interface

If using RHEL5.X versions of Linux, it is recommended that you configure the iSCSI VLAN on the Ethernet interface. **In RHEL6.3, and sles11sp3, it is not necessary to set the VLAN on the Ethernet driver.**

Execute the following commands to set the VLAN ID:

```
Vconfig add ethx <vlan number> — Creates an L2 VLAN interface.  
Ifconfig eth.<VLANID> <static ip> up — Assigns and IP address to the VLAN interface.
```

Use the following command to get detailed information about VLAN interface:

```
# cat /proc/net/vlan/ethx.<vlanid>
```

Preserve the VLAN configuration across reboots by adding it to configuration files. Configure the VLAN interface configuration in `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts`. The configuration filename has a specific format that includes the physical interface, a character, and the VLAN ID.

For example, if the VLAN ID is 100, and the physical interface is `eth0`, then the configuration filename should be `ifcfg-eth0.100`. The following are example settings in the configuration file.

```
"DEVICE=ethX.100  
"BOOTPROTO=static  
"ONBOOT=yes  
"IPADDR=<>  
"NETMASK=<>  
"USERCTL=no  
"NETWORK=<>  
"VLAN=yes
```

Restart the networking service, in order for the changes to take effect, as follows:

```
"Service network restart"
```

## MAKING CONNECTIONS TO ISCSI TARGETS

Refer to `open-iscsi` documentation for a comprehensive list of `iscsiadm` commands. This is a sample list of commands to discovery targets and to create `iscsi` connections to a target.

### Add static entry

```
iscsiadm -m node -p <ipaddr[:port]> -T iqn.2007-05.com.broadcom:target1 -o new -I  
<iface_file_name>
```

### iSCSI target discovery using 'SendTargets'

```
iscsiadm -m discovery --type sendtargets -p <ipaddr[:port]> -I <iface_file_name>
```

### Login to target using 'iscsiadm' command

```
iscsiadm --mode node --targetname <iqn.targetname> --portal <ipaddr[:port]> --login
```

### List all drives active in the system

```
fdisk -l
```



## MAXIMUM OFFLOAD iSCSI CONNECTIONS

With default driver parameters set, which includes 128 outstanding commands, bnx2i can offload the following number of connections:

BCM5706/BCM5708: 28

BCM5709: 43

BCM5771x: 128

This is not a hard limit, but just a simple on-chip resource allocation math. bnx2i will be able to offload > 28 connections on 1G devices by reducing the shared queue size, which in turn limits the maximum outstanding tasks on a connection. See [Setting Values for Optional Properties](#) for information on `sq_size` and `rq_size`. The driver logs the following message to syslog when the maximum allowed connection offload limit is reached - "bnx2i: unable to allocate iSCSI context resources".

## LINUX iSCSI OFFLOAD FAQ

- Not all Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters support iSCSI offload.
- The iSCSI session will not recover after a hot remove and hot plug.
- For MPIO to work properly, iSCSI nopout should be enabled on each iSCSI session. Refer to open-iscsi documentation for procedures on setting up `noop_out_interval` and `noop_out_timeout` values.
- In the scenario where multiple CNIC devices are in the system and the system is booted via Broadcom's iSCSI boot solution, ensure that the `iscsi` node under `/etc/iscsi/nodes` for the boot target is bound to the NIC that is used for booting.

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## OVERVIEW

This file describes how to install the Solaris driver for Broadcom's NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet network adapters. Refer to the 'bnxe' manual page for details on how to configure the driver.

The Solaris driver is released in two formats:

- `BRCMbnxe-version.pkg`: Datastream format
- `BRCMbnxe-version.tar.Z`: Compressed TAR file system format.



**NOTE:** A DU image does not exist at this time because of driver size limitations. Solaris DU diskettes can be used to install the driver into the system both during system installation and/or after the system has been installed and booted.

This driver only works with the GLDv3 Streams interface as it appears in Solaris 10 (Update 4) and later.

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## INSTALLING THE DRIVER

1. Change directory to where `BRCMbnxe-version.pkg` resides.
2. `pkgadd -d BRCMbnxe-version.pkg`

or

1. Copy `BRCMbnxe-X.Y.Z.tar.Z` to `/tmp`.
2. `cd /tmp`  
`uncompress BRCMbnxe-version.tar.Z`

```
tar -xvf BRCMbnxe-version.tar
pkgadd -d /tmp
```

3. Execute `prtconf` to determine instance numbers of the NIC.
4. `ifconfig bnxe[instance_number] plumb`
5. `ifconfig bnxe[instance_number] ip_address netmask .... up`

To make these changes permanent:

1. Use your favorite text editor and create a file named `hostname.bnxe[instance_number]` in the `/etc` directory. Add the IP address of the interface to this file, save, and exit.
2. Add a proper subnet mask to the file `/etc/netmasks`.

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## UPGRADING THE DRIVER

To upgrade the Broadcom driver package to the current version, you must first uninstall the previous driver version from the system. See [Uninstalling Driver](#). Once the previous driver has been removed, you can follow any of the installation methods in this document to install the new driver version.



**NOTE:** Do not install multiple instances of the driver on a single system.

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## UNINSTALLING DRIVER

1. `ifconfig bnxe[instance_number] down`
2. `ifconfig bnxe[instance_number] unplumb`
3. `pkgrm BRCMbnxe`

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## CONFIGURING THE DRIVER

The `bnxe` driver can be configured via the `bnxe.conf` file installed under `/kernel/drv`. When this config file is modified, the system must be either rebooted or the driver unloaded and reconfigured using the `update_drv` admin command.

All configuration can be specified per-instance. The format used is as follows and each line must end with a semicolon:

```
bnxe<#>_<config_item>=X;
```

So for `adv_autoneg_cap`, you would use the following:

```
bnxe0_adv_autoneg_cap=1;
bnxe1_adv_autoneg_cap=0;
bnxe2_adv_autoneg_cap=1;
bnxe3_adv_autoneg_cap=1;
```

If a configuration item is not specified for a specific instance, then the default value will be used. The default value used by all instances can be overridden using:

```
default_<config_item>=X;
```

For boolean values, 1 = TRUE and 0 = FALSE.

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## MEMORY USAGE

The number of RX/TX buffer descriptors specified in the configuration file can have a detrimental affect on memory usage. If the counts are too high, DMA allocations can fail, thereby affecting other drivers loaded on the system. If DMA allocations fail during system initialization and/or boot, then there is a chance the system will not boot. This behavior is an implementation constraint of the Solaris OS. Additionally, it has been seen that the amount of DMA allocation space available on a system running in 32-bit mode is less than when running as 64-bit.

For a single RX descriptor, the following is allocated:

- 1 DMA handle
- 1 DMA memory buffer that is MTU in size
- 1K memory overhead

For a single TX descriptor, the following is allocated:

- 9 DMA handles for sending chained mblks
- 1 DMA memory buffer that is MTU in size
- 1K memory overhead



**NOTE:** The number of DMA handles available in the system scales with the amount of RAM. With more RAM, the descriptor counts can be safely increased.

The default number of RX/TX buffer descriptors is 2048 for each. When using a Broadcom BCM57711 network adapter in multifunction mode, the number of configured descriptors is divided by four, ending up at 512. This is to keep the number of DMA allocations at a minimum. After installation, it is suggested these descriptor counts be increased until stability is guaranteed and the desired performance is reached.

For example, using the default setting of 2048 for the number of both RX and TX descriptors, the approximate amount of memory a single interface would consume is:

### Single Function Mode

- RX: 2048 DMA handles and 5M (MTU=1500) or 21M (MTU=9216) of memory
- TX: 20480 DMA handles and 5M (MTU=1500) or 21M (MTU=9216) of memory
- Total: 22528 DMA handles and 10M (MTU=1500) or 42M (MTU=9216) of memory

### Multifunction Mode (#descs / 4)

- RX: 512 DMA handles and 1M (MTU=1500) or 5M (MTU=9216) of memory
- TX: 5120 DMA handles and 1M (MTU=1500) or 5M (MTU=9216) of memory
- Total: 5335 DMA handles and 2M (MTU=1500) or 10M (MTU=9216) of memory

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## INTERRUPT MANAGEMENT

If you have a system with many interfaces, it is possible to reach the allocation limit of MSIX interrupts. By default, Solaris limits each driver to 2 MSIX allocations, and there is an issue with the `pcplummp` module where only a maximum of 31 MSIX interrupts are available per interrupt priority level.

If your system has four Broadcom BCM57711 network adapter ports, each running in multifunction mode, Solaris will enumerate 16 `bnxe` interfaces. The last interface attached will fail to allocate its second MSIX interrupt and revert to Fixed. This in turn can eventually expose an issue in the system regarding interrupt management resulting in interrupts never being received on the interface that reverted back to Fixed.

To ensure all interfaces are able to allocate their two MSIX interrupts, the workaround is to change the priority levels of specific interfaces. Network drivers are automatically assigned an interrupt priority level of 6, so changing an interface's priority level to 5 is common.

1. First read the `driver.conf` man page for a background primer.

2. Find out the driver instance paths assigned on your system.

```
% grep bnxe /etc/path_to_inst
"/pci@0,0/pci8086,2779@1/pci14e4,1650@0" 0 "bnxe"
"/pci@0,0/pci8086,2779@1/pci14e4,1650@0,1" 1 "bnxe"
```

3. Normally, the name of the driver is the last portion of the path, but you should use the most appropriate PCI ID found in `/etc/driver_aliases`. Depending on how the hardware is layered, there are cases where the name identified in `path_to_inst` will not work. To figure out which name to use, examine the output from `prtconf -v` and match against the IDs specified in the `driver_aliases` file.

```
% grep bnxe /etc/driver_aliases
bnxe "pci14e4,164e"
bnxe "pci14e4,164f"
bnxe "pci14e4,1650"
bnxe "pciex14e4,164e"
bnxe "pciex14e4,164f"
bnxe "pciex14e4,1650"
```

4. The parent of the driver is the entire path leading up to the name.

5. The unit-address is located after the final `@` in the path.

6. Therefore, change both of the `bnxe` interfaces found in `path_to_inst` to interrupt priority 5 and use the following config lines to `bnxe.conf`:

```
name = "pciex14e4,1650" parent = "/pci@0,0/pci8086,2779@1" unit-address = "0" interrupt-
priorities = 5;
name = "pciex14e4,1650" parent = "/pci@0,0/pci8086,2779@1" unit-address = "0,1" interrupt-
priorities = 5;
```

7. After modifying the config, either reboot the system or unplumb all interfaces and run the `update_drv` command.

8. When the system has been reconfigured and the interfaces plumbed back up, verify the new interrupt priority settings by running the following command as root:

```
% echo "::interrupts -d" | mdb -k
```





## FCoE SUPPORT

### OVERVIEW

FCoE is supported on Solaris 11 with limited support on Solaris 10, Update 9. The following features are the differences in Solaris 10, Update 9 when compared to Solaris 11:

- Support does not exist for NPIV in the Solaris 10 Update 9.
- Some of the `fcinfo(1M)` options, which are available in Solaris 11, are not be available in Solaris 10, Update 9. For more information, read the man page `fcinfo(1M)`.
- `brcmfcoeadm(1M)` feature is supported in both Solaris 10 Update 9 and Solaris 11. However, when "delete-fcoe-port" is complete, you need to issue the following two commands to unload the `bnxef` driver before you can re-issue "create-fcoe-port". There is a reaper thread in Solaris 11 that aggressively looks for unused driver modules and unloads the driver. That thread does not exist in Solaris 10 Update 9. Therefore, you have to explicitly look for the driver module ID of the `bnxef` driver by issuing the following command.

```
# modinfo | grep bnxef
249 ffffffff8d63000 486b8 54 1 bnxef (6.4.13)
```

Then issue the `modunload` command to unload the module before "create-fcoe-port" is issued to create a new FCoE port.

```
# modunload -i 249
```

Any time "create-fcoe-port" needs to be issued, the driver must be unloaded, if it is already loaded. If not, the "create-fcoe-port" will fail indicating the driver is busy. This is true when you have two or more instances of `bnxef` loaded, in which case, you should first delete all FCoE ports and then unload the driver. Unloading will occur only when all the instances are deleted.

### SUPPORTED FC/FCOE DEVICES

The `bnxef` Broadcom 10 Gb FCoE driver works with all the major FCoE fabric devices. It is also compatible with all known FC disk devices and tape devices working through the FCoE fabric.

### UNLOADING FCOE DRIVER

Delete all FCoE ports created across the various `bnxe` instances.

1. Delete all the NPIV ports created before deleting FCoE ports.
2. `brcmfcoeadm delete-fcoe-port bnxe<instance_number>`
3. `modinfo | grep bnxef`

The first column for the above command will give the module ID for the `bnxef` driver.

4. `modunload -i <module id>`

The procedure should unload the driver. However, if there are many instances of the FCoE ports created, all the FCoE ports must be deleted before the unload can be attempted.

### CONFIGURING THE FCOE DRIVER

The `bnxef` driver can be configured via the `bnxef.conf` file installed under `/kernel/drv`. When this config file is modified, the system must be either rebooted or use the `update_drv(1M)` command to update the driver configuration.



The details of the configurations parameters are detailed in the `bnxef(7D)` man page. The default parameters should work for all conditions.

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## PACKAGING

The VMware driver is released in the packaging formats shown in [Table 1](#).

*Table 1: VMware Driver Packaging*

<i>Format</i>	<i>Drivers</i>
Compressed tar	<code>bnx2x-version.tar.gz</code>
VMware VIB	<code>vmware-esx-drivers-net-bnx2x-version.x86_64.vib</code>

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## NETWORKING SUPPORT

This section describes the bnx2x VMware ESX driver for the Broadcom NetXtreme II PCIE 10 GbE network adapters.

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## DRIVERS

### DOWNLOAD, INSTALL, AND UPDATE DRIVERS

To download, install, or update the VMware ESX/ESXi driver for NetXtreme II 10 GbE network adapters, see <http://www.vmware.com/support>.

### DRIVER PARAMETERS

Several optional parameters can be supplied as a command line argument to the `vmkload_mod` command. These parameters can also be set via the `esxcfg-module` command. See the man page for more information.

**int\_mode**

The optional parameter **int\_mode** is used to force using an interrupt mode other than MSI-X. By default, the driver will try to enable MSI-X if it is supported by the kernel. If MSI-X is not attainable, then the driver will try to enable MSI if it is supported by the kernel. If MSI is not attainable, then the driver will use the legacy INTx mode.

Set the **int\_mode** parameter to 1 as shown below to force using the legacy INTx mode on all NetXtreme II network adapters in the system.

```
vmkload_mod bnx2x int_mode=1
```

Set the **int\_mode** parameter to 2 as shown below to force using MSI mode on all NetXtreme II network adapters in the system.

```
vmkload_mod bnx2x int_mode=2
```

### **disable\_tpa**

The optional parameter **disable\_tpa** can be used to disable the Transparent Packet Aggregation (TPA) feature. By default, the driver will aggregate TCP packets, but if you would like to disable this advanced feature, it can be done.

Set the **disable\_tpa** parameter to 1 as shown below to disable the TPA feature on all NetXtreme II network adapters in the system.

```
vmkload_mod bnx2x.ko disable_tpa=1
```

Use ethtool to disable TPA (LRO) for a specific network adapter.

### **num\_rx\_queues**

The optional parameter **num\_rx\_queues** may be used to set the number of Rx queues on kernels starting from 2.6.24 when **multi\_mode** is set to 1 and interrupt mode is MSI-X. Number of Rx queues must be equal to or greater than the number of Tx queues (see **num\_tx\_queues** parameter). If the interrupt mode is different than MSI-X (see **int\_mode** parameter), then the number of Rx queues will be set to 1, discarding the value of this parameter.

### **num\_tx\_queues**

The optional parameter **num\_tx\_queues** may be used to set the number of Tx queues on kernels starting from 2.6.27 when **multi\_mode** is set to 1 and interrupt mode is MSI-X. The number of Rx queues must be equal to or greater than the number of Tx queues (see **num\_rx\_queues** parameter). If the interrupt mode is different than MSI-X (see **int\_mode** parameter), then the number of Tx queues will be set to 1, discarding the value of this parameter.

### **pri\_map**

The optional parameter **pri\_map** is used to map the VLAN PRI value or the IP DSCP value to a different or the same CoS in the hardware. This 32-bit parameter is evaluated by the driver as 8 values of 4 bits each. Each nibble sets the desired hardware queue number for that priority.

For example, set the **pri\_map** parameter to 0x22221100 to map priority 0 and 1 to CoS 0, map priority 2 and 3 to CoS 1, and map priority 4 to 7 to CoS 2. In another example, set the **pri\_map** parameter to 0x11110000 to map priority 0 to 3 to CoS 0, and map priority 4 to 7 to CoS 1.

### **qs\_per\_cos**

The optional parameter **qs\_per\_cos** is used to specify the number of queues that will share the same CoS. This parameter is evaluated by the driver up to 3 values of 8 bits each. Each byte sets the desired number of queues for that CoS. The total number of queues is limited by the hardware limit.

For example, set the **qs\_per\_cos** parameter to 0x10101 to create a total of three queues, one per CoS. In another example, set the **qs\_per\_cos** parameter to 0x404 to create a total of 8 queues, divided into only 2 CoS, 4 queues in each CoS.

#### **cos\_min\_rate**

The optional parameter **cos\_min\_rate** is used to determine the weight of each CoS for Round-robin scheduling in transmission. This parameter is evaluated by the driver up to 3 values of 8 bits each. Each byte sets the desired weight for that CoS. The weight ranges from 0 to 100.

For example, set the **cos\_min\_rate** parameter to 0x101 for fair transmission rate between two CoS. In another example, set the **cos\_min\_rate** parameter to 0x30201 to give the higher CoS the higher rate of transmission. To avoid using the fairness algorithm, omit setting the optional parameter **cos\_min\_rate** or set it to 0.

#### **dropless\_fc**

The optional parameter **dropless\_fc** can be used to enable a complementary flow control mechanism on Broadcom network adapters. The default flow control mechanism is to send pause frames when the on-chip buffer (BRB) is reaching a certain level of occupancy. This is a performance targeted flow control mechanism. On Broadcom network adapters, you can enable another flow control mechanism to send pause frames if one of the host buffers (when in RSS mode) is exhausted. This is a "zero packet drop" targeted flow control mechanism.

Set the **dropless\_fc** parameter to 1 as shown below to enable the dropless flow control mechanism feature on all Broadcom network adapters in the system.

```
vmkload_mod bnx2x dropless_fc=1
```

## **DRIVER DEFAULTS**

**Speed:** Autonegotiation with all speeds advertised

**Flow Control:** Autonegotiation with rx and tx advertised

**MTU:** 1500 (range 46–9000)

**Rx Ring Size:** 4078 (range 0–4078)

**Tx Ring Size:** 4078 (range (MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS+4) - 4078). MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS varies on different kernels and different architectures. On a 2.6 kernel for x86, MAX\_SKB\_FRAGS is 18.

**Coalesce RX Microseconds:** 25 (range 0–3000)

**Coalesce TX Microseconds:** 50 (range 0–12288)

**MSI-X:** Enabled (if supported by 2.6 kernel)

**TSO:** Enabled

WoL: Disabled

## UNLOADING AND REMOVING DRIVER

To unload the driver, type the following:

```
vmkload_mod -u bnx2x
```

## DRIVER MESSAGES

The following are the most common sample messages that may be logged in the file `/var/log/messages`. Use `dmesg -n <level>` to control the level at which messages will appear on the console. Most systems are set to level 6 by default. To see all messages, set the level higher.

### Driver Sign On

```
Broadcom NetXtreme II 5771x 10Gigabit Ethernet Driver  
bnx2x 0.40.15 ($DateTime: 2007/11/22 05:32:40 $)
```

### NIC Detected

```
eth0: Broadcom NetXtreme II BCM57710 XGb (A1)  
PCI-E x8 2.5GHz found at mem e8800000, IRQ 16, node addr 001018360012
```

### MSI-X Enabled Successfully

```
bnx2x: eth0: using MSI-X
```

### Link Up and Speed Indication

```
bnx2x: eth0 NIC Link is Up, 10000 Mbps full duplex, receive & transmit flow control ON
```

### Link Down Indication

```
bnx2x: eth0 NIC Link is Down
```

### Memory Limitation

If you see messages in the log file that look like the following, then the ESX host is severely strained. To relieve this, disable NetQueue.

```
Dec 2 18:24:20 ESX4 vmkernel: 0:00:00:32.342 cpu2:4142)WARNING: Heap: 1435: Heap bnx2x  
already at its maximumSize. Cannot expand.  
Dec 2 18:24:20 ESX4 vmkernel: 0:00:00:32.342 cpu2:4142)WARNING: Heap: 1645:  
Heap_Align(bnx2x, 4096/4096 bytes, 4096 align) failed. caller: 0x41800187d654  
Dec 2 18:24:20 ESX4 vmkernel: 0:00:00:32.342 cpu2:4142)WARNING: vmklinux26: alloc_pages:  
Out of memory
```

Disable NetQueue by manually loading the bnx2x vmkernel module via the command.

```
vmkload_mod bnx2x multi_mode=0
```

or to persist the settings across reboots via the command

```
esxcfg-module -s multi_mode=0 bnx2x
```



Reboot the machine for the settings to take place.

### MultiQueue/NetQueue

The optional parameter **num\_queues** may be used to set the number of Rx and Tx queues when **multi\_mode** is set to 1 and interrupt mode is MSI-X. If interrupt mode is different than MSI-X (see **int\_mode** parameter), the number of Rx and Tx queues will be set to 1, discarding the value of this parameter.

If you would like the use of more than 1 queue, force the number of NetQueues to use via the following command:

```
esxcfg-module -s "multi_mode=1 num_queues=<num of queues>" bnx2x
```

Otherwise, allow the bnx2x driver to select the number of NetQueues to use via the following command:

```
esxcfg-module -s "multi_mode=1 num_queues=0" bnx2x
```

The optimal number is to have the number of NetQueues match the number of CPUs on the machine.

## FCoE SUPPORT

This section describes the contents and procedures associated with installation of the VMware software package for supporting Broadcom FCoE C-NICs.

### DRIVERS

**Table 2: Broadcom NetXtreme II FCoE Drivers**

<b>Driver</b>	<b>Description</b>
bnx2x	This driver manages all PCI device resources (registers, host interface queues, etc.) and also acts as the Layer 2 VMware low-level network driver for Broadcom's NetXtreme II 10G device. This driver directly controls the hardware and is responsible for sending and receiving Ethernet packets on behalf of the VMware host networking stack. The bnx2x driver also receives and processes device interrupts, both on behalf of itself (for L2 networking) and on behalf of the bnx2fc (FCoE protocol) and CNIC drivers.
bnx2fc	The Broadcom VMware FCoE driver is a kernel mode driver used to provide a translation layer between the VMware SCSI stack and the Broadcom FCoE firmware/hardware. In addition, the driver interfaces with the networking layer to transmit and receive encapsulated FCoE frames on behalf of open-fcoe's libfc/libfcoe for FIP/device discovery.

### SUPPORTED DISTRIBUTIONS

The FCoE/DCB feature set is supported on VMware ESXi 5.0 and above.

## ISCSI SUPPORT

This following driver is provided to support iSCSI.

**Table 3: Broadcom NetXtreme II iSCSI Driver**

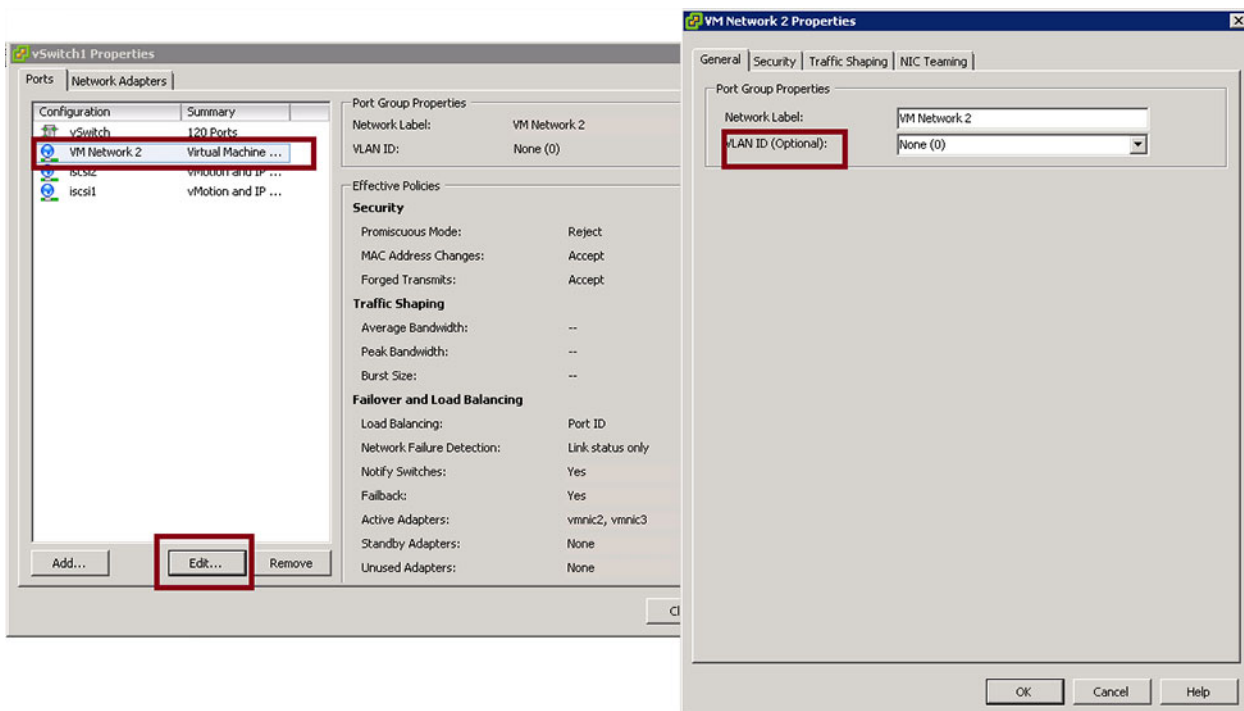
Driver	Description
bnx2i	The bnx2i driver is Broadcom VMware iSCSI HBA driver. Similar to bnx2fc, bnx2i is a kernel mode driver used to provide a translation layer between the VMware SCSI stack and the Broadcom iSCSI firmware/hardware. Bnx2i functions under the open-iscsi framework.

## VLAN CONFIGURATION FOR ISCSI OFFLOAD (LINUX)

iSCSI traffic on the network may be isolated in a VLAN to segregate it from other traffic. When this is the case, you must make the iSCSI interface on the adapter a member of that VLAN.

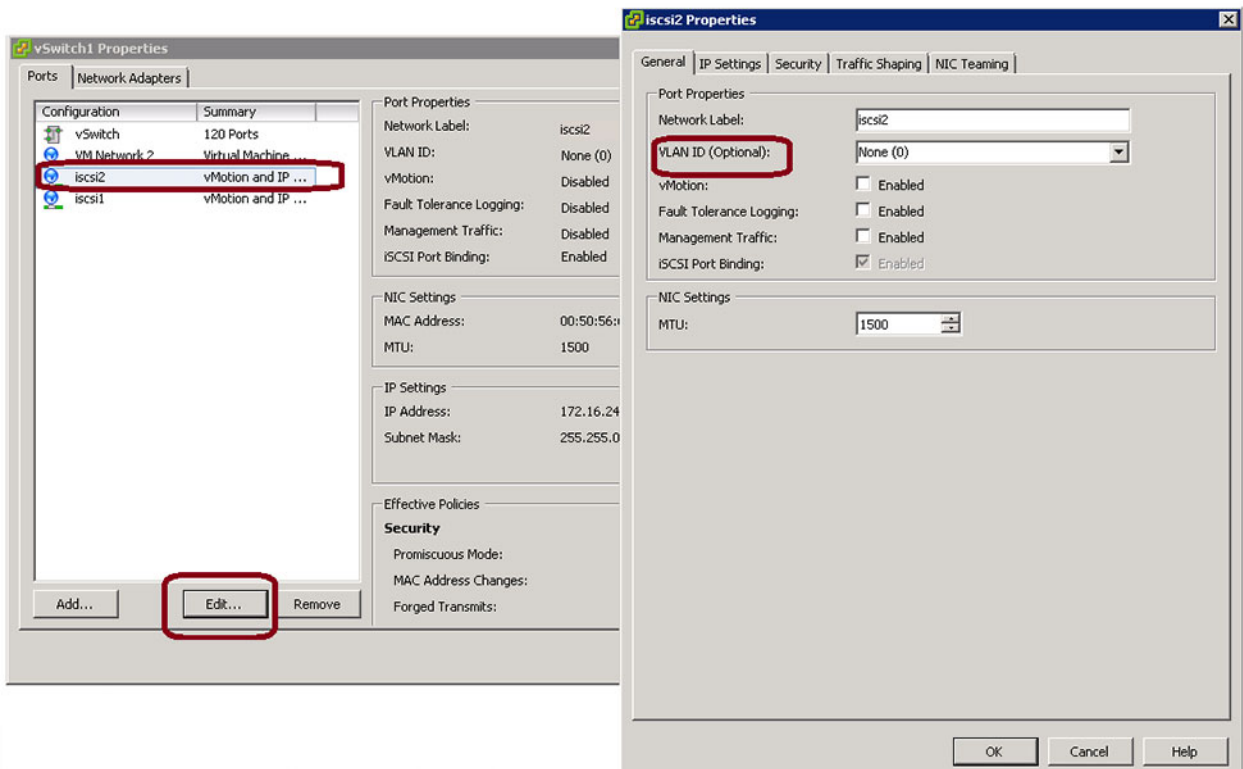
To configure the VLAN using the V-Sphere client (GUI):

1. Click the ESXi/ESX host.
2. Click the Configuration tab.
3. Click the **Networking** link and click **Properties**.
4. Click the virtual switch / portgroups in the Ports tab and click **Edit**.
5. Click the General tab.
6. Assign a VLAN number in VLAN ID (optional).





7. Configure the VLAN on VMKernel.



## ENABLING FCOE

### To enable FCoE hardware offload on the C-NIC

1. Determine the ports that are FCoE-capable:

```
# esxcli fcoe nic list
```

Output example:

```
vmnic4
User Priority: 3
Source MAC: FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF
Active: false
Priority Settable: false
Source MAC Settable: false
VLAN Range Settable: false
```

2. Enable the FCoE interface:

```
# esxcli fcoe nic discover -n vmnicX
```

Where X is the interface number gained from **esxcli fcoe nic list**.

3. Verify that the interface is working:

```
# esxcli fcoe adapter list
```

Output example:

```
vmhba34
Source MAC: bc:30:5b:01:82:39
FCF MAC: 00:05:73:cf:2c:ea
VNPort MAC: 0e:fc:00:47:04:04
Physical NIC: vmnic7
User Priority: 3
VLAN id: 2008
```

The output of this command should show valid:

FCF MAC, VNPort MAC, Priority, and VLAN id for the Fabric that is connected to the C-NIC.

The following command can also be used to verify that the interface is working properly:

```
#esxcfg-scsidevs -a
```

Output example:

```
vmhba34 bnx2fc      link-up   fcoe.1000<mac address>:2000<mac address>  () Software FCoE
vmhba35 bnx2fc      link-up   fcoe.1000<mac address>:2000<mac address>  () Software FCoE
```



**NOTE:** The label "Software FCoE" is a VMware term used to describe initiators that depend on the inbox FCoE libraries and utilities. Broadcom's FCoE solution is a fully state connection-based hardware offload solution designed to significantly reduce the CPU burden encumbered by a non-offload software initiator.

**INSTALLATION CHECK**

To verify the correct installation of the driver and to ensure that the host port is seen by the switch, follow the procedure below.

**To verify the correct installation of the driver**

1. Verify the host port shows up in the switch FLOGI database using the "show flogi database" command for the case of a Cisco FCF and "fcoe -loginshow" command for the case of a Brocade FCF.
2. If the Host WWPN does not appear in the FLOGI database, then provide driver log messages for review.

**LIMITATIONS**

- NPIV is not currently supported with this release on ESX, due to lack of supporting inbox components.
- Non-offload FCoE is not supported with offload-capable Broadcom devices. Only the full hardware offload path is supported.

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# Windows Driver Software: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

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## INSTALLING THE DRIVER SOFTWARE



**NOTE:** These instructions are based on the assumption that your Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter was not factory installed. If your controller was installed at the factory, the driver software has been installed for you.

When Windows first starts after a hardware device (such as a Broadcom NetXtreme II Adapter) has been installed, or after the existing device driver has been removed, the operating system automatically detects the hardware and prompts you to install the driver software for that device.

Both a graphical interactive installation mode (see [Using the Installer](#)) and a command-line silent mode for unattended installation (see [Using Silent Installation](#)) are available.



### NOTES:

- Before installing the driver software, verify that the Windows operating system has been upgraded to the latest version with the latest service pack applied.
- A network device driver must be physically installed before the Broadcom NetXtreme II Controller can be used with your Windows operating system. Drivers are located on the installation CD.
- To use the TCP/IP Offload Engine (TOE), you must have Windows Server 2008 or Windows Server 2008 R2. You must also have a license key preprogrammed in the hardware. If supported, for iSCSI, you only need a license key.
- BACS is not supported on the Server Core installation option for Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2.

## USING THE INSTALLER

If supported and if you will use the Broadcom iSCSI Crash Dump utility, it is important to follow the installation sequence:

- Run the installer
- Install the Microsoft iSCSI Software Initiator along with the patch



**To install the Broadcom NetXtreme II drivers**

1. When the **Found New Hardware Wizard** appears, click **Cancel**.
2. Insert the installation CD into the CD or DVD drive.
3. On the installation CD, open the folder for your operating system, open the DrvInst folder, and then double-click **Setup.exe** to open the InstallShield Wizard.
4. Click **Next** to continue.
5. After you review the license agreement, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement** and then click **Next** to continue.
6. Select how you want to install the NetXtreme II drivers and then click **Next**.
7. Click **Install**.
8. Click **Finish** to close the wizard.
9. The installer will determine if a system restart is necessary. Follow the on-screen instructions.

**USING SILENT INSTALLATION****NOTES:**

- All commands are case sensitive.
- User must "Run as Administrator" for Vista when using "msiexec" for "silent" install/uninstall(s).
- For detailed instructions and information about unattended installs, refer to the silent.txt file in the DrvInst folder.

**To perform a silent install from within the installer source folder**

Type the following:

```
setup /s /v/qn
```

or

```
msiexec /i "BDrv5706.msi" /qn
```

**To perform a silent upgrade from within the installer source folder**

Type the following:

```
setup /s /v/qn
```

**To perform a silent uninstall from within the installer source folder**

Type the following:

```
msiexec /x "BDrv5706.msi" /qn
```

**To perform a silent uninstall from any folder**

```
msiexec /x "{F0DA8A3F-1457-419E-96F4-235DD3EF41E1}" /qn
```



**NOTE:** The hexadecimal number above may differ from your current installer. Check the Key name corresponding

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with the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite 3 (BACS) application in HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall for the correct hexadecimal number.

### To perform a silent reinstall of the same installer

Type the following:

```
setup /s /v"/qn REINSTALL=ALL"
```



**NOTE:** The REINSTALL switch should only be used if the same installer is already installed on the system. If upgrading an earlier version of the installer, use `setup /s /v/qn` as listed above.

### To perform a GUI reinstall of the same installer

Type the following:

```
setup /V"REINSTALL=ALL"
```

If performing a silent upgrade or uninstall, ensure to do a manual reboot afterwards to avoid leaving the system in an inconsistent state.

During silent upgrade or uninstall, your system may reboot automatically. If you wish to suppress the reboot, please append `REBOOT=ReallySuppress` to the end of the corresponding upgrade or uninstall command listed above.

In some circumstances, reboot is required before uninstallation can continue. If you used `REBOOT=ReallySuppress` to suppress the reboot, the uninstallation may be suspended. You will need to reboot manually for the uninstallation to continue.

### To perform a silent install and create a log file at (f:\1testlog.txt)

```
setup /s /v"/qn /L f:\1testlog.txt"
```

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## REMOVING THE DEVICE DRIVERS



**NOTE:** Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 provide the Device Driver Rollback feature to replace a device driver with one that was previously installed. However, the complex software architecture of the NetXtreme II device may present problems if the rollback feature is used on one of the individual components. Therefore, we recommend that changes to driver versions be made only through the use of a driver installer.

### To remove the device drivers

1. In Control Panel, double-click **Add or Remove Programs**.
2. Click **Broadcom NetXtreme II GigE Driver Installer**, and then click **Remove**. Follow the onscreen prompts.
3. Click **Yes** to restart your system.  
- or -
4. Click **No** to restart your system at a later time. Click **OK** to acknowledge that the installation has been suspended. The uninstallation of the driver is postponed until the next restart of your system.

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## USING THE NETXTREME II MONOLITHIC DRIVER

The NetXtreme II, based on its advanced functionalities, uses a software architecture that includes a Virtual Bus Device (VBD) to extend functionalities beyond basic network connectivity. Microsoft, however, does not currently support this architecture when loading an operating system through its Windows Deployment Services (WDS), which was previously known as Remote Installation Services (RIS), or for the deployment agent used in the Automated Deployment Services (ADS). Therefore, a separate driver was created to accommodate these Microsoft deficiencies. This driver is known as the NetXtreme II monolithic driver, but it is sometimes referred to as the "RIS" driver.

The NetXtreme II monolithic driver was developed to work only for the text mode portion of a WDS legacy installation and to establish connectivity with a deployment agent for ADS. It is not intended to be used as a driver loaded in the running state of an operating system. The exception to this would be when used for the Windows Preinstallation Environment (WinPE).

For WDS, this driver is used similarly to any other network adapter driver for supporting network connectivity after the PXE boot to the WDS server. When placed in the I386 or AMD64 directory (depending on the version of the operating system being deployed), the monolithic driver is called to establish that there is driver support for the NetXtreme II adapter included in the WDS legacy image.

For ADS, the driver is placed in the PreSystem directory on the server running ADS to establish connectivity with the deployment agent on remote systems with NetXtreme II adapters when booting from PXE.

While Windows PE 2005 natively supports the VBD architecture, it was found that using the "minint" switch in the startnet.cmd file does not. The minint switch performs a limited scan of the system bus to identify network devices only and, therefore, does not support the VBD architecture. Since only network connectivity is required in Windows PE, the only supported driver is the monolithic driver for the NetXtreme II adapter in this environment as well. Place the b06nd.inf file in the INF directory within the Windows PE image, and place the appropriate driver file (b06nd51a.sys for x64-based builds or b06nd51.sys for x86-based builds) in the driver's directory. If Windows PE is deployed as a flat image from a RIS or WDS server, you must also place both the b06nd.inf and the appropriate driver file in the I386 or AMD64 directory containing the image. If the RIS or WDS server is running Windows 2000 Server and deploying an x86 WinPE image, you may need to include the Windows 2000 monolithic driver file (b06nd50x.sys) in the I386 directory. In cases where adding the Windows 2000 monolithic driver still does not work, apply the following modification to the b06nd.inf file located in the I386 directory as follows:

1. Locate [Manufacturer] header within the file.
2. Review the line below it which reads: %brcm% = broadcom, ntx86, ntamd64, ntia64 or equivalent.
3. Modify that line to read: %brcm% = broadcom.ntx86, ntamd64, ntia64. The change made replaces the comma and space after "broadcom" with a period.
4. Save the file.
5. Restart the RIS service (binlsvc) or WDS services (wdsserver).

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## INSERTING THE NETXTREME II MONOLITHIC DRIVER IN A WINPE 2.0 OR 3.1 IMAGE

Follow these procedures for inserting the NeXtreme II monolithic driver into WinPE images. The instructions differ depending on the WinPE version and the Windows Server OS version system being used.

### WINPE 2.0

The Microsoft Windows Server 2008 method of inserting the NetXtreme II monolithic driver in a WinPe 2.0 image is different from the Windows Server 2008 R2 method, as discussed below.

By default, the monolithic driver is not included in the boot.wim and install.wim files that come with the Microsoft Windows Server 2008/Vista CD. Microsoft's Windows Automated Installation Kit (AIK) allows you to modify the default boot.wim and install.wim files, and create WinPE 2.0 images to include the NetXtreme II monolithic driver in the Windows Server 2008/Vista installation.



**NOTE:** Refer to the *silent.txt* file for the specific driver installer application for instructions on how to extract the individual Windows NetXtreme II drivers.

The NetXtreme II monolithic (or RIS) driver is located at the following location:

[http://www.broadcom.com/support/ethernet\\_nic/netxtremeii10.php?legacy=1](http://www.broadcom.com/support/ethernet_nic/netxtremeii10.php?legacy=1) (evnd for the BCM5771x/BCM578xx)

and

[http://www.broadcom.com/support/ethernet\\_nic/netxtremeii.php?legacy=1](http://www.broadcom.com/support/ethernet_nic/netxtremeii.php?legacy=1) (b06nd for the BCM5706/BCM5708/BCM5709/BCM5716).

#### To insert the monolithic driver into a WinPE 2.0 boot image (Windows Server 2008)

To insert Broadcom's NetXtreme II monolithic driver in a WinPE 2.0 image, download AIK from <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/default.aspx> and install.

After installing AIK, copy the latest monolithic driver to a directory on the local hard drive of the system you installed the AIK. Follow the procedure below to insert the monolithic driver into a WinPE 2.0 boot image.

1. From All Programs, open Windows AIK and select **Windows PE Tools Command prompt**.
2. At the command prompt, run the `copype.cmd` script. The script requires two arguments: hardware architecture and destination location.

```
copype.cmd <arch> <destination>
```

For example: `copype x86 c:\VistaPEx86`



**NOTE:** The directory structure `c:\VistaPEx86` is used throughout this procedure.

3. Mount the base image to a local directory so that you can add or remove packages by typing:

```
imagex /mountrw c:\VistaPEx86\winpe.wim 1 c:\VistaPEx86\mount
```



4. Place the monolithic driver and inf file in c:\drivers\x32\ by typing:  

```
peimg /inf=c:\Drivers\x32\b06nd.inf c:\VistaPE86\mount\windows
```

 AIK inserts the driver into the WinPE 2.0 image.
5. To complete the customization of the image, prepare the image for deployment, type:  

```
peimg /prep c:\VistaPE86\mount\windows
```
6. When asked to continue and have the program prepare the image for deployment, type:  

```
yes
```
7. To commit the changes to the original image file (Winpe.wim), type:  

```
imagex /unmount c:\VistaPE86\mount /commit
```
8. To replace the default Boot.wim file in the \ISO directory with your new custom image, type:  

```
copy c:\VistaPE86\winpe.wim c:\VistaPE86\ISO\sources\boot.wim
```

### To add a device driver to an offline Windows PE image (Windows Server 2008 R2)

This procedure demonstrates how to use the Deployment Image Servicing and Management (DISM) tool to add a device driver (.inf) to an offline Windows PE image. Before running a DISM command, first mount the Windows PE image.

1. Mount the base image by using the DISM tool to a local Windows PE directory. For example:  

```
Dism /Mount-WIM /WimFile:c:\winpe_x86\winpe.wim /index:1 /MountDir:c:\winpe_x86\mount
```



**NOTE:** The directory structure c:\winpe\_x86 is used throughout this procedure.

2. Add the .inf file to the base image by using the **dism** command with the **/Add-Driver** option. For example Driver.inf is the Broadcom driver, evnd.inf is the driver for the 10 Gbps devices, and b06nd.inf is the driver for the 1 Gbps devices.  

```
Dism /image:<path_to_image> /Add-Driver /Driver:c:\winpe_x86\mount\Windows\driver.inf
```
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for each additional device driver.
4. Unmount the image after modifying it.  

```
dism /unmount-wim /Mountdir:c:\winpe_x86\mount /commit
```
5. After unmounting the image, burn it to the designated media.

### To create a bootable CD-ROM

1. On your technician computer, at the command prompt, create an .iso file by typing:  

```
oscdimg -n -bc:\VistaPE86\etfsboot.com c:\VistaPE86\ISO C:\VistaPE86\VistaPE86.iso
```
2. Burn the iso image to a CD.

## WINPE 3.1

### To insert the NetXtreme II monolithic driver into a WinPE 3.1 boot image (Windows server 2008 R2 SP1)

1. Open the WinPE image and mount it:  

```
Dism /Mount-WIM /WimFile:c:\WinPE64\winpe.wim /index:1 /MountDir:c:\WinPE64\mount
```
2. Use the following commands to insert the Broadcom NetXtreme II drivers into the WinPE 3.1 image:
  - eVBD driver:  

```
Dism /image:c:\WinPE64\mount /Add-Driver /Driver:c:\Drivers\x64\evbd.inf
```
  - NetXtreme I NDIS 5.1 driver:  

```
Dism /image:c:\WinPE64\mount /Add-Driver /Driver:c:\Drivers\x64\b57amd64.inf
```
  - NetXtreme II NDIS driver:  

```
Dism /image:c:\WinPE64\mount /Add-Driver /Driver:c:\Drivers\x64\bxnd.inf
```

NetXtreme I NDIS 6.0 driver:

```
DISM /image:c:\WinPE64\mount /Add-Driver /Driver:c:\Drivers\x64\b57nd60a.inf
```

NetXtreme II VBD driver:

```
DISM /image:c:\WinPE64\mount /Add-Driver /Driver:c:\Drivers\x64\bxvbd.inf
```

3. Close the WinPE image and unmount it:

```
DISM /unmount-wim /Mountdir:c:\WinPE64\mount /commit
```

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## CONFIGURING THE SPEED/DUPLEX SETTING FOR THE NETXTREME II MONOLITHIC DRIVER

Since the typical environment where the NetXtreme II monolithic driver is used does not provide the means to configure advanced network adapter properties, the driver file (b06nd.inf) was modified to include a section that allows it to be configured for a specific speed and/or duplex. This provides a more robust connection to the network as it allows the adapter to match the settings of its link partner (e.g., a switch, router, etc.).

### To manually configure the speed and duplex

1. Open the b06nd.inf file with a text editor like Microsoft Notepad or WordPad.
2. Perform a search on the file for "Registry parameters" to locate the section that will allow you to configure the adapter speed/duplex.
3. Once located, notice the following information shown.

```
[params_utp]
hkr, , req_medium,          2, "0"
[params_fiber]
hkr, , req_medium,          2, "65283"
```

These make up two separate sections that can be configured: one for standard RJ-45 copper interfaces (params\_utp) and one for fiber devices (params\_fiber).

4. As described in the file, replace the value above in quotation marks under the correct section, depending upon the network adapter in your system. The available values are shown below.

Options for copper interfaces:

- Auto (1 Gbps is enabled when that speed is supported) = "0"
- 10 Mbps Half Duplex = "65794"
- 10 Mbps Full Duplex = "258"
- 100 Mbps Half Duplex = "66050"
- 100 Mbps Full Duplex = "514"

Options for fiber interfaces:

- Auto (1 Gbps is enabled when that speed is supported) = "0"
- 1 Gbps Full Duplex = "771"
- Auto with 1 Gbps Fallback = "33539"
- Hardware default = "65283"

An example is provided in the file showing how to configure a copper interface for a 10 Mbps Full Duplex connection. The example is shown below.

```
hkr, , req_medium,          2, "258"
```



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## VIEWING OR CHANGING THE PROPERTIES OF THE ADAPTER

To view or change the properties of the Broadcom network adapter

1. In Control Panel, click **Broadcom Control Suite 4**.
2. Click the Advanced section of the **Configurations** tab.

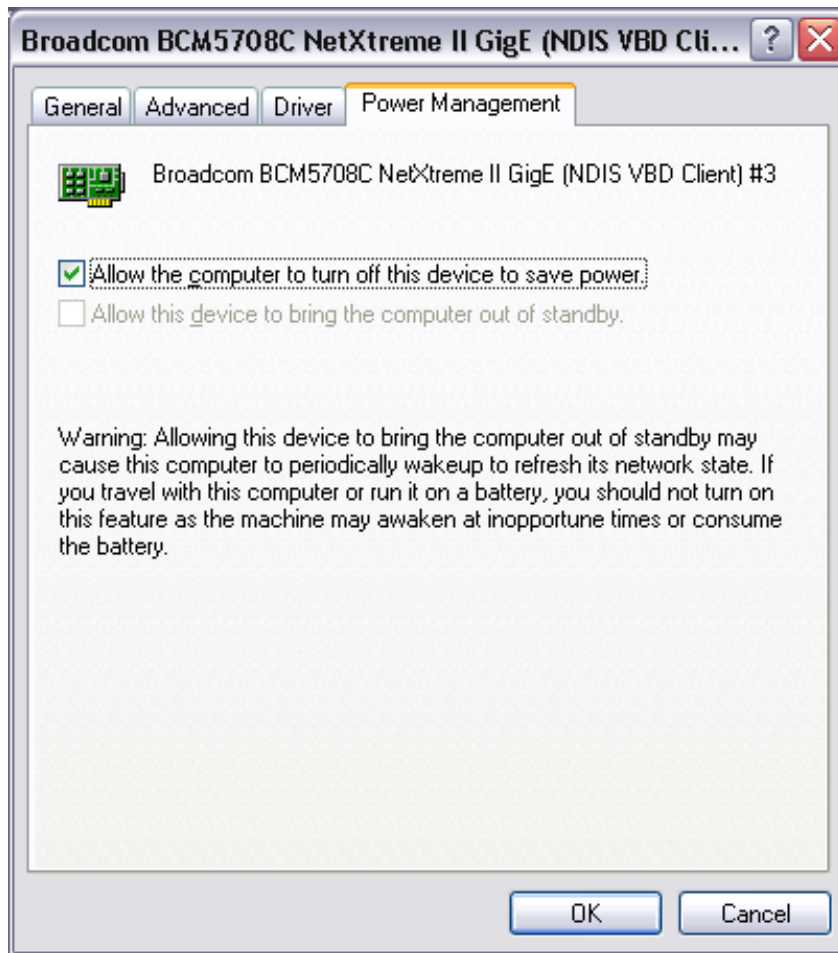
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## SETTING POWER MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

You can set power management options to allow the operating system to turn off the controller to save power or to allow the controller to wake up the computer. If the device is busy doing something (servicing a call, for example) however, the operating system will not shut down the device. The operating system attempts to shut down every possible device only when the computer attempts to go into hibernation. To have the controller stay on at all times, do not click the **Allow the computer to turn off the device to save power** check box.



**NOTE:** Power management options are not available on blade servers.

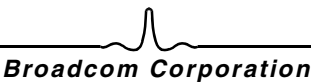


**NOTES:**

- The Power Management tab is available only for servers that support power management.
- To enable Wake on LAN (WOL) when the computer is on standby, click **Allow the device to bring the computer out of standby** box.
- If you select **Only allow management stations to bring the computer out of standby**, the computer can be brought out of standby *only by Magic Packet*.



**CAUTION!** Do not select **Allow the computer to turn off the device to save power** for any adapter that is a member of a team.



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# NIC Partitioning: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [Overview](#)
- [Configuring for NIC Partitioning](#)

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## OVERVIEW

NIC partitioning (NPAR) (also known as vNIC or Virtual NIC by IBM) divides a Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet NIC into multiple virtual NICs by having multiple PCI physical functions per port. Each PCI function is associated with a different virtual NIC. To the OS and the network, each physical function appears as a separate NIC port.



**NOTE:** Link speed cannot be configured for 1 Gbps when NPAR is enabled.

The number of partitions for each port is from one to four; thus, making a dual-port NIC capable of a maximum of eight partitions. Each partition behaves as if it is an independent NIC port.



**NOTE:** On dual-port adapters:

- The 1G ports do not support NPAR.
- On 10G ports, only two functions per port are supported.

Benefits of a partitioned 10G NIC include:

- Reduced cabling and ports when used to replace many 1G NICs.
- Server segmentation with separate subnets/VLANs.
- High server availability with NIC failover and NIC link bandwidth aggregation.
- Server I/O virtualization with a virtual OS and monolithic OS support.
- Changes to the OS is not required.
- SLB type teaming is supported.

## SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS FOR NIC PARTITIONING

The Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet adapters support NIC partitioning on the following operating systems:

- Windows Server 2008 family
- Windows Server 2012 family
- Linux 64-bit, RHEL 5.5 and later, SLES11 SP1 and later
- VMware ESX, ESXi 4.1, ESXi 5.0, and ESXi 5.1.





**NOTE:** 32-bit Linux operating systems have a limited amount of memory space available for Kernel data structures. Therefore, it is recommended that only 64-bit Linux be used when configuring NPAR.

## CONFIGURING FOR NIC PARTITIONING

When NIC partitioning is enabled on an adapter, by default, only TCP Offload Engine (TOE) offloads are configured on each physical function (PF). You must explicitly configure storage offloads on a PF to use FCoE and iSCSI offload functionality on an adapter.

NIC partitioning can be configured using Broadcom's Comprehensive Configuration Management (CCM) utility. Some vendors provide a proprietary utility to configure NPAR. If this is the case, refer to the vendor-provided documentation for information on configuring NPAR on Broadcom NetXtreme II-10 Gigabit Ethernet adapters.



**NOTE:** In NPAR mode, SR-IOV cannot be enabled on any PF on which storage offload (FCoE or iSCSI) is configured. This does not apply to adapters in Single Function (SF) mode.

### To configure a NIC for partitioning using the CCM utility

1. Select the NIC from **Device List**.
2. From the **Main Menu**, select **Device Hardware Configuration**.
3. Change the **Multi-Function Mode** to **NPAR**.
4. Configure the NIC parameters for your configuration based on the options shown in [Table 1](#).

[Table 1](#) lists the configuration parameters available from the **NIC Partitioning Configuration** screen.

**Table 1: Configuration Options**

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Options</i>
Flow Control	Configures the Flow Control mode for this port.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auto</li> <li>• TX Flow Control</li> <li>• RX Flow Control</li> <li>• TX/RX Flow Control</li> <li>• None</li> </ul>
PF#0, PF#2, PF#4, PF#6	Displays the physical function (PF) information regarding the partition(s) on port 0. Select to configure.	See <a href="#">Table 2</a> for configuration options.
PF#1, PF#3, PF#5, PF#7	Displays the physical function (PF) information regarding the partition(s) on port 1. Select to configure.	See <a href="#">Table 2</a> for configuration options.
Reset Configuration to Default	Resets the NIC partition configuration to the factory default settings.	

[Table 2](#) describes the functions available from the **PF# X** screen.

**Table 2: Function Description**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Option</b>
Ethernet Protocol	Enables/disables Ethernet protocol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable</li> <li>• Disable</li> </ul>
iSCSI Offload Protocol	Enables/disables iSCSI protocol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable</li> <li>• Disable</li> </ul>
FCoE Offload protocol	Enables/disables FCoE protocol.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable</li> <li>• Disable</li> </ul>
Bandwidth Weight	Configures the weight or importance of a particular function. There are four functions per port and the weight is used to arbitrate between the functions in case of congestion.	The sum of all weights for the four functions are either 0 or 100.
Maximum Bandwidth	Configures the maximum bandwidth (in percentage) of the physical port link.	
Network MAC Address	Displays the network MAC address.	
iSCSI MAC Address	Displays the iSCSI MAC address.	
FCoE FIP MAC Address	Displays the FCoE MAC address.	
FCoE WWPN	FCoE World Wide Port Name.	
FCoE WWNN	FCoE World Wide Node Name.	

Note: Ensure that the **Network MAC Address** and the **iSCSI MAC Address** are not the same.

Configuring equal **Bandwidth Weight** values for all functions has different effects depending on the actual values used for configuration. For example, when all functions are configured as “0” or “25”, offloads configured on these functions exhibit different bandwidth settings even though, logically, they would be expected to have the same effect. Consider the following example:

Assume that four functions are configured with total six offloads, as follows.

**Function 0**

- Ethernet
- FCoE

**Function 1**

- Ethernet

**Function 2**

- Ethernet

**Function 3**

- Ethernet
- iSCSI

1. If **Bandwidth Weight** is configured as “0” for all four PFs, then all six offloads will share the bandwidth equally. In this case, each offload will be assigned roughly 16.67% of the total bandwidth.
2. If **Bandwidth Weight** is configured as” 25” for all four PFs, then Ethernet & FCoE offloads on function 0 and Ethernet &





iSCSI offloads on function 3 will be assigned roughly 12.5% of the total bandwidth. Ethernet offloads on function 1 and function 2, on the other hand, will be assigned roughly 25% of the total bandwidth.



**NOTE:** Some vendors put restriction on minimum Bandwidth Weight that can be configured for each function. Please refer vendor specific documentation for details.





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## OVERVIEW

In today's data center, multiple networks, including network attached storage (NAS), management, IPC, and storage, are used to achieve the desired performance and versatility. In addition to iSCSI for storage solutions, Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) can now be used with capable Broadcom C-NICs. FCoE is a standard that allows Fibre Channel protocol to be transferred over Ethernet by preserving existing Fibre Channel infrastructures and capital investments by classifying received FCoE and FCoE Initialization Protocol (FIP) frames.

The following FCoE features are supported:

- Receiver classification of FCoE and FIP frames. FIP is the FCoE Initialization Protocol used to establish and maintain connections.
- Receiver CRC offload
- Transmitter CRC offload
- Dedicated queue set for Fibre Channel traffic
- Data Center Bridging (DCB) provides lossless behavior with Priority Flow Control (PFC)
- DCB allocates a share of link bandwidth to FCoE traffic with Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS)

DCB supports storage, management, computing, and communications fabrics onto a single physical fabric that is simpler to deploy, upgrade, and maintain than in standard Ethernet networks. DCB technology allows the capable Broadcom C-NICs to provide lossless data delivery, lower latency, and standards-based bandwidth sharing of data center physical links. The DCB supports FCoE, iSCSI, Network-Attached Storage (NAS), Management, and IPC traffic flows. For more information on DCB, see [Using Data Center Bridging \(DCB\)](#).

## FCoE BOOT FROM SAN

This section describes the install and boot procedures for the Windows, Linux, ESX, and Solaris operating systems.



**NOTE:** FCoE Boot from SAN is not supported on ESXi 5.0. ESX Boot from SAN is supported on ESXi 5.1 and above.

The following section details the BIOS setup and configuration of the boot environment prior to the OS install.

### PREPARING SYSTEM BIOS FOR FCoE BUILD AND BOOT

#### Modify System Boot Order

The Broadcom initiator must be the first entry in the system boot order. The second entry must be the OS installation media. It is important that the boot order be set correctly or else the installation will not proceed correctly. Either the desired boot LUN will not be discovered or it will be discovered but marked offline.

#### Specify BIOS Boot Protocol (if required)

On some platforms, the The boot protocol must be configured through system BIOS configuration. On all other systems the boot protocol is specified through the Broadcom Comprehensive Configuration Management (CCM), and for those systems this step is not required.

## PREPARE BROADCOM MULTIPLE BOOT AGENT FOR FCoE BOOT

1. During POST, press **CTRL+S** at the Broadcom NetXtreme Ethernet Boot Agent banner to invoke the CCM utility.

```
Press Ctrl-S to Configure Device (MAC Address - A4BADB4FF178)

All of the disks from your previous configuration are gone. If this is
an unexpected message, then please power off your system and check your cables
to ensure all disks are present.
Press any key to continue, or 'C' to load the configuration utility.

0 Virtual Drive(s) found on the host adapter.

0 Virtual Drive(s) handled by BIOS

Broadcom NetXtreme Ethernet Boot Agent
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Press Ctrl-S to enter Configuration Menu
```

2. Select the device through which boot is to be configured.



**NOTE:** IMPORTANT: When running in NIC Partitioning (NPAR) mode, FCoE boot is supported only when the first function on each port is assigned an FCoE personality. FCoE boot is not supported when the FCoE personality is assigned to any other function.

```
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----- Device List -----
<01:00:00> BCM5709C - 00:26:B9:32:94:40 MBA:BIOS Built-in
<01:00:01> BCM5709C - 00:26:B9:32:94:42 MBA:BIOS Built-in
<02:00:00> BCM5709C - 00:26:B9:32:94:44 MBA:BIOS Built-in
<02:00:01> BCM5709C - 00:26:B9:32:94:46 MBA:BIOS Built-in
<07:00:00> BCM57712 - 00:10:18:6F:D5:0C MBA:v6.4.19 CCM:v6.4.21
<07:00:01> BCM57712 - 00:10:18:6F:D5:0E MBA:v6.4.19 CCM:v6.4.21

Select Device to Configure
[Enter]:Enter; [f1↓]:Next Entry; [ESC]:Quit Menu
```

3. Ensure DCB/DCBX is enabled on the device. FCoE boot is only supported on DCBX capable configurations. As such, DCB/DCBX must be enabled, and the directly attached link peer must also be DCBX capable with parameters that allow for full DCBX synchronization.

```

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Device Hardware Configuration
Multi-Function Mode : SF
DCB Protocol       : Enabled

Configure NIC Hardware Mode (Read Only)
[+] [Enter] [Space]: Scroll Value; [F1]: Next Entry; [ESC]: Quit
Current Adapter: Primary, Bus=07 Device=00 Func=00, MAC=00:10:18:6F:D5:0C
    
```

- On some platforms, you may need to set the boot protocol through system BIOS configuration in the integrated devices pane as described above.  
For all other devices, set the **Boot Protocol** field to **FCoE** in the MBA Configuration Menu through CCM.

```

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MBA Configuration Menu
Option ROM           : Enabled
Boot Protocol       : FCoE
Boot Strap Type     : Auto
Hide Setup Prompt   : Disabled
Setup Key Stroke    : Ctrl-S
Banner Message Timeout : 5 Seconds
Link Speed          : 10Gbps
Pre-boot Wake On LAN : Disabled
VLAN Mode           : Disabled
VLAN ID             : 0
Boot Retry Count    : 0

Select Boot Protocol
[+] [Enter] [Space]: Scroll Value; [F1]: Next Entry; [ESC]: Quit
Current Adapter: Primary, Bus=07 Device=00 Func=00, MAC=00:10:18:6F:D5:0C
    
```

- Configure the desired boot target and LUN. From the Target Information Menu, select the first available path.



```
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----- Target Information -----
No.1 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.2 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.3 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.4 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.5 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.6 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.7 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.8 Target: Disabled ; WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0

Target Information Summary
[Enter]:Enter; [F14]:Next Entry; [ESC]:Quit Menu
Bus=07 Device=00 Func=00 WWPN:20000010186FD50D WWNN:10000010186FD50D
```

6. Enable the **Connect** field. Enter the target WWPN and Boot LUN information for the target to be used for boot.

```
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----- No.3 Target Parameters -----
Connect : Enabled
WWPN : 5001438004C83BB8
Boot LUN : 1

Enable/Disable Target Establishment
[+][Enter][Space]:Toggle Value; [F14]:Next Entry; [ESC]:Quit
Bus=07 Device=00 Func=00 WWPN:20000010186FD50D WWNN:10000010186FD50D
```



```

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----- Target Information -----
No.1 Target: Enabled | WWPN - 5001438004c83bb8 LUN - 1
No.2 Target: Enabled | WWPN - 5001438004c83bbd LUN - 1
No.3 Target: Disabled | WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.4 Target: Disabled | WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.5 Target: Disabled | WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.6 Target: Disabled | WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.7 Target: Disabled | WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0
No.8 Target: Disabled | WWPN - 0000000000000000 LUN - 0

Target Information Summary
[Enter]:Enter; (F11):Next Entry; [ESC]:Quit Menu
Bus=07 Device=00 Func=00 WWPN:20000010186FD50D WWNN:10000010186FD50D

```

7. Press **ESC** until prompted to exit and save changes.
8. Proceed to OS installation once storage access has been provisioned in the SAN.

## PROVISIONING STORAGE ACCESS IN THE SAN

Storage access consists of zone provisioning and storage selective LUN presentation, each of which is commonly provisioned per initiator WWPN. Two main paths are available for approaching storage access:

- [Pre-Provisioning](#)
- [CTRL+R Method](#)

### Pre-Provisioning

With pre-provisioning, note the initiator WWPN and manually modify fabric zoning and storage selective LUN presentation to allow the appropriate access for the initiator.

The initiator WWPN can be seen at the bottom of the screen in the FCoE boot target configuration window.

The initiator WWPN can also be directly inferred from the FIP MAC address associated with the interface(s) planned for boot. Two MAC addresses are printed on stickers attached to the SFP+ cage on your adapter. The FIP MAC ends in an odd digit. The WWPN is 20:00: + <FIP MAC>. For example, if the FIP MAC is 00:10:18:11:22:33, then the WWPN will be 20:00:00:10:18:11:22:33.

### CTRL+R Method

The **CTRL+R** method allows you to use the boot initiator to bring up the link and login into all available fabrics and targets. Using this method, you can ensure that the initiator is logged into the fabric/target before making provisioning changes, and as such, can provision without manually typing in WWPNs.

1. Configure at least one boot target through CCM as described above.
2. Allow the system to attempt to boot through the selected initiator.
3. Once the initiator boot starts, it will commence with DCBX sync, FIP Discovery, Fabric Login, Target Login, and LUN readiness checks. As each of these phases completes, if the initiator is unable to proceed to the next phase, MBA will



present the option to press **CTRL+R**.

4. Once **CTRL+R** has been activated, the boot initiator will maintain a link in whatever phase has most recently succeeded and allow you time to make the necessary provisioning corrections to proceed to the next phase.
5. If the initiator logs into the fabric, but is unable to log into the target, a **CTRL+R** will pause the boot process and allow you to configure fabric zoning.
6. Once zoning is complete, the initiator will automatically log into all visible targets. If the initiator is unable to discover the designated LUN on the designated target as provisioned in step 1, **CTRL+R** will pause the boot process and allow you to configure selective LUN presentation.
7. The boot initiator will periodically poll the LUN for readiness, and once the user has provisioned access to the LUN, the boot process will automatically proceed.



**NOTE:** This does not preclude the need to put the boot initiator into one-time disabled mode as described in [One-Time Disabled](#).

## ONE-TIME DISABLED

Broadcom's FCoE ROM is implemented as Boot Entry Vector (BEV). In this implementation, the Option ROM only connects to the target once it has been selected by BIOS as the chosen boot device. This is different from other implementations that will connect to the boot device even if another device has been selected by the system BIOS. For OS installation over the FCoE path, it is necessary to instruct the Option ROM to bypass FCoE and skip to CD/DVD installation media. As instructed earlier, the boot order must be configured with Broadcom boot first and installation media second. Furthermore, during OS installation, it is required to bypass the FCoE boot and pass through to the installation media for boot. It is required to do this by one-time disabling the FCoE boot ROM from booting, and not by simply allowing the FCoE ROM to attempt to boot and allowing the BIOS to fail through and boot the installation media. Finally, it is required that the FCoE ROM successfully discover and test the readiness of the desired boot LUN in order for installation to proceed successfully. Failure to allow the boot ROM to discover the LUN and do a coordinated bypass will result in a failure to properly install the O/S to the LUN. In order to affect this coordinated bypass, there are two choices:

- Once the FCoE boot ROM discovers a ready target LUN, it will prompt you to press **CTRL+D** within 4 seconds to **Stop booting from the target**. Press **CTRL+D**, and proceed to boot from the installation media.
- From CCM, set the **Option ROM** setting under MBA settings to **One Time Disabled**. With this setting, the FCoE ROM will load once and automatically bypass once the ready LUN is discovered. On the subsequent reboot after installation, the option ROM will automatically revert to **Enabled**.

Wait through all option ROM banners. Once FCoE Boot is invoked, it will connect to the target, and provide a 4 second window to press **CTRL+D** to invoke the bypass. Press **CTRL+D** to proceed to installation.

```
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FCoE Boot v6.4.20

Starting DCBX process with interface (00:10:18:6F:D5:0F) ... Succeeded
Discovering FC Fabric with interface (00:10:18:6F:D5:0F) ... Succeeded

World Wide Node Name : 10:00:00:10:18:6F:D5:0F
World Wide Port Name : 20:00:00:10:18:6F:D5:0F
Fabric Name          : 10:00:00:05:1E:B0:38:80
FCF MAC Address      : 00:05:1E:B0:38:95
FP MAC Address       : 0E:FC:00:01:1D:01
VLAN ID              : 1003

Fabric Login via interface (00:10:18:6F:D5:0F) ... Succeeded
Login to target [5001438004C838BD:600000:LUN=001] ... Succeeded

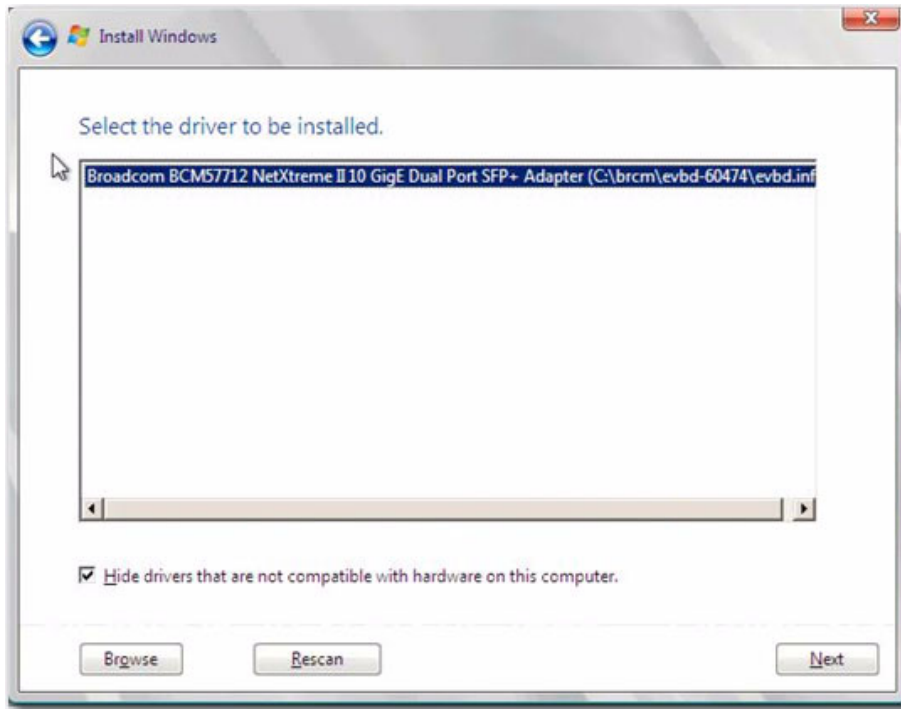
FC Target Drive: HP          HSU300          (Rev: 0005)

Press <Ctrl-D> within 4s to stop booting from the target ... _
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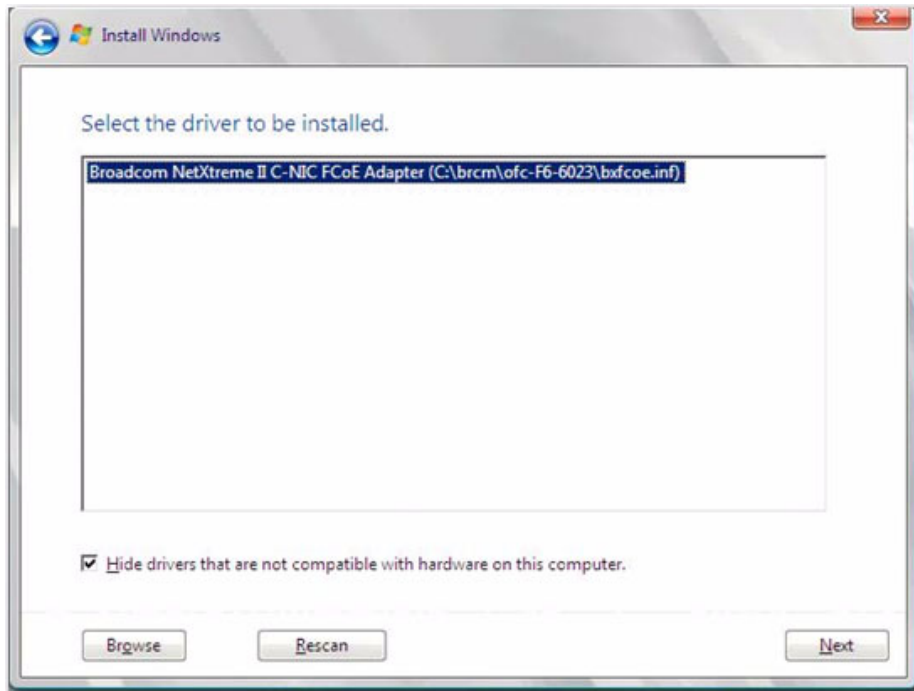
## WINDOWS SERVER 2008 R2 AND WINDOWS SERVER 2008 SP2 FCoE BOOT INSTALLATION

Ensure that no USB flash drive is attached before starting the OS installer. The EVBD and OFC/BXFOE drivers need to be loaded during installation. Go through the normal procedures for OS installation. When no disk devices are found, Windows will prompt you to load additional drivers. At this point, connect a USB flash drive containing the full contents of the provided EVBD and OFC boot driver folders. After all appropriate drivers are loaded, the setup show the target disk(s). Disconnect the USB flash drive before selecting the disk for installation.

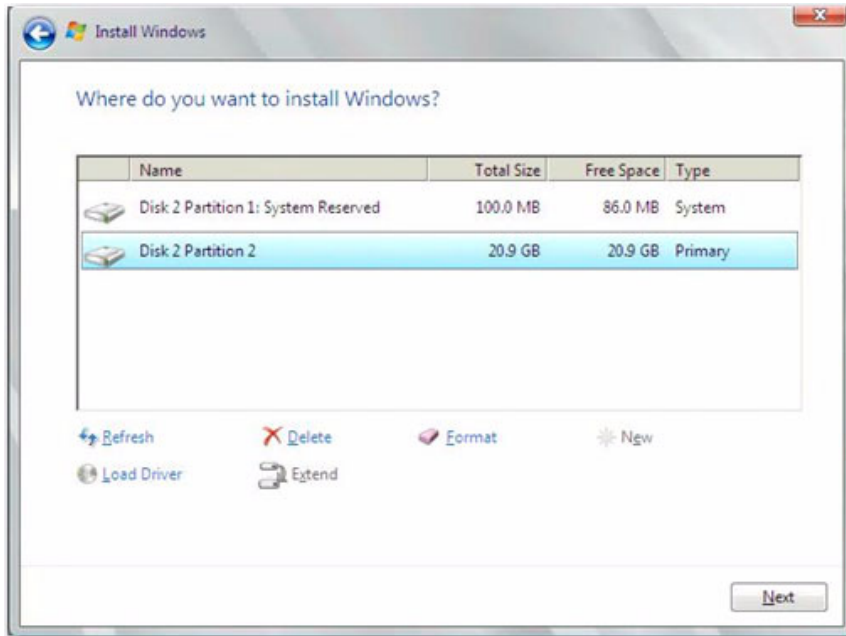
1. Load the EVBD driver first.



2. Then load the bxfcoe (OFC) driver.



3. Select the boot LUN to be installed:



- Continue with the rest of the installation. After installation is complete and booted to SAN, execute the provided Windows driver installer and reboot. Installation is now complete.



**NOTE:** The boot initiator must be configured to point at the desired installation LUN, and the boot initiator must have successfully logged and determined the readiness of the LUN prior to starting installation. If these requirements are not met, the devices will still show up in the drive list above, but upon proceeding with installation Read/Write errors will occur.

## WINDOWS SERVER 2012 FCoE BOOT INSTALLATION

For Windows Server 2012 Boot from SAN installation, Broadcom requires the use of a “slipstream” DVD or iso image with the latest Broadcom drivers injected. See [Injecting \(Slipstreaming\) Broadcom Drivers into Windows Image Files](#) in the iSCSI chapter. Also, refer to the Microsoft Knowledge Base topic KB974072 at [support.microsoft.com](http://support.microsoft.com), which is helpful for Windows Server 2012 FCoE Boot from SAN also. Microsoft’s procedure injects only the eVBD and NDIS drivers. Broadcom strongly recommends that all drivers, especially those bolded, are injected:

- **eVBD**
- VBD
- BXND
- OIS
- **FCoE**
- NetXtreme I NDIS

Once you have a properly slipstreamed iso, you can use that iso for normal Windows Server 2012 installation, without needing USB-provided drivers.



**NOTE:** Refer to the *silent.txt* file for the specific driver installer application for instructions on how to extract the individual Windows NetXtreme II drivers.

## LINUX FCoE BOOT INSTALLATION

Configure the adapter boot parameters and Target Information (press **CTRL+S** and enter the CCM utility) as detailed in [Preparing System BIOS for FCoE Build and Boot](#). Then, use the guidelines in the following sections for FCoE boot installation with the appropriate Linux version.

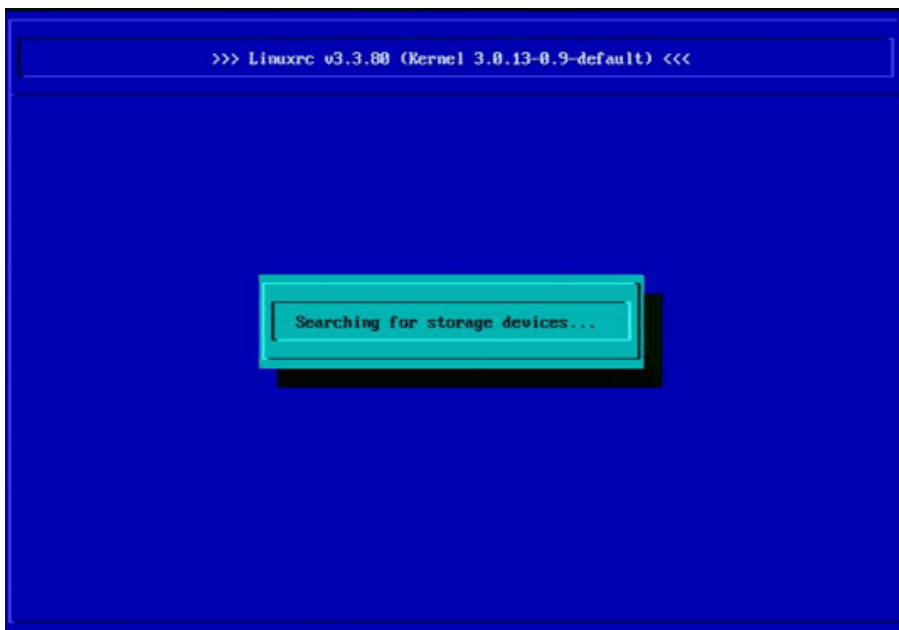
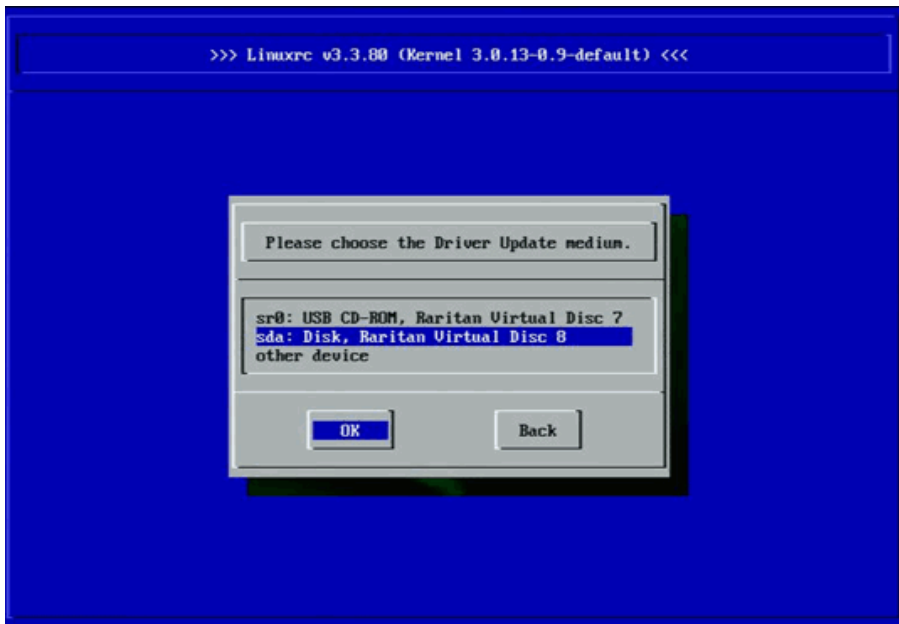
- [SLES11 SP2 Installation](#)
- [RHEL6 Installation](#)

### SLES11 SP2 Installation

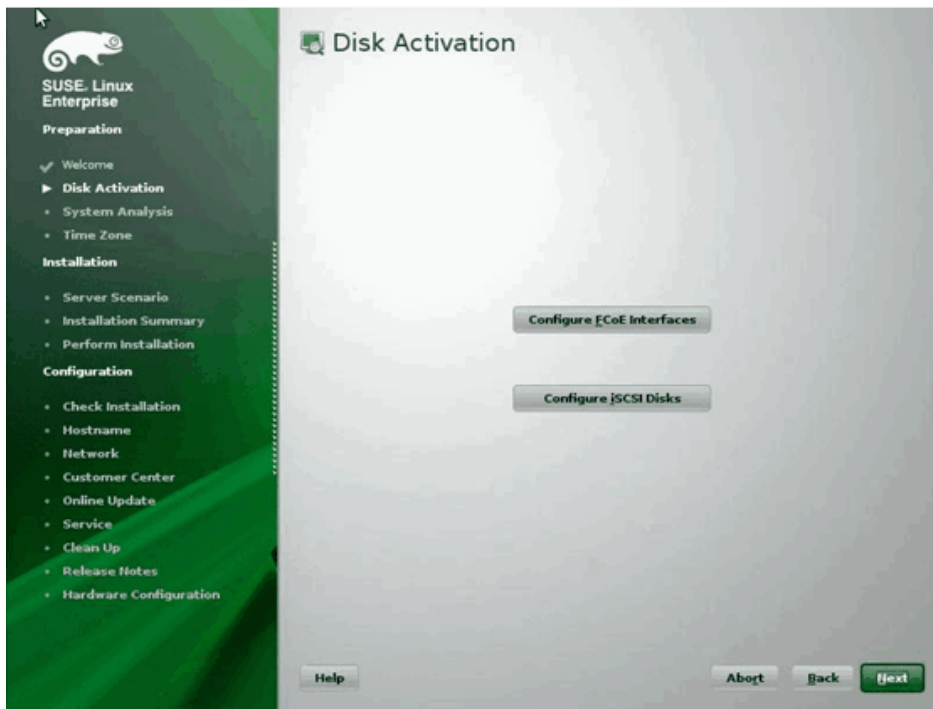
1. Boot from the SLES11 SP2 installation medium and on the installation splash screen press **F6** for driver update disk. Select **Yes**. In boot options, type `withfcoe=1`. Select **Installation** to proceed.



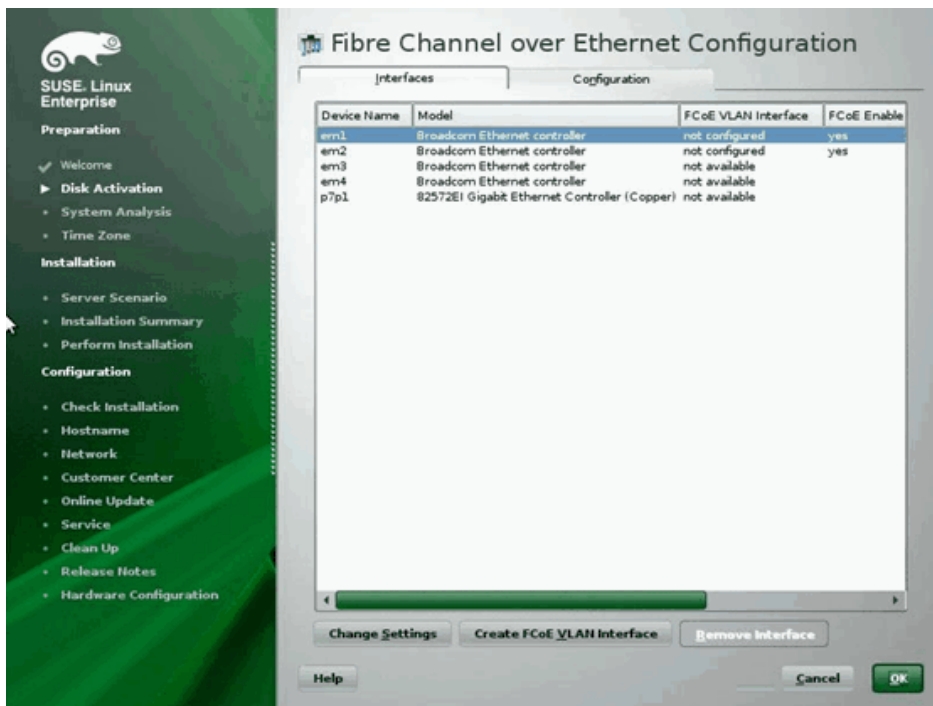
2. Follow the on screen instructions to choose the Driver Update medium and load drivers.



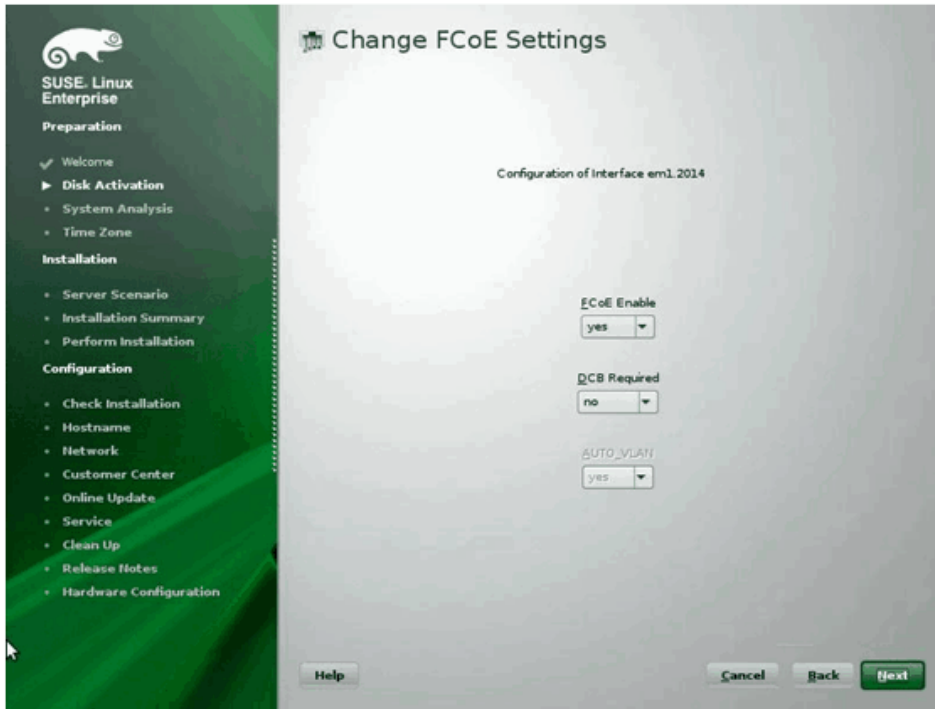
3. Once the driver update is complete, select **Next** to continue with OS installation.
4. When requested, click **Configure FCoE Interfaces**.



5. Ensure **FCoE Enable** is set to **yes** on the 10GbE Broadcom initiator ports you wish to use as the SAN boot path(s).

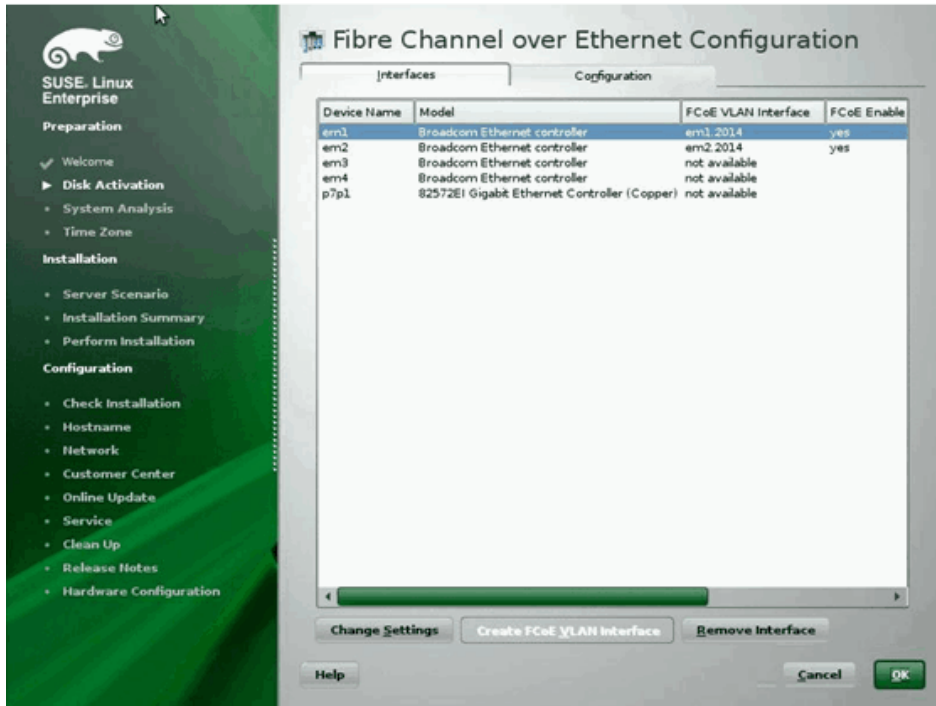


- For each interface to be enabled for FCoE boot, click **Change Settings** and ensure **FCoE Enable** and **AUTO\_VLAN** are set to **yes** and **DCB required** is set to **no**.

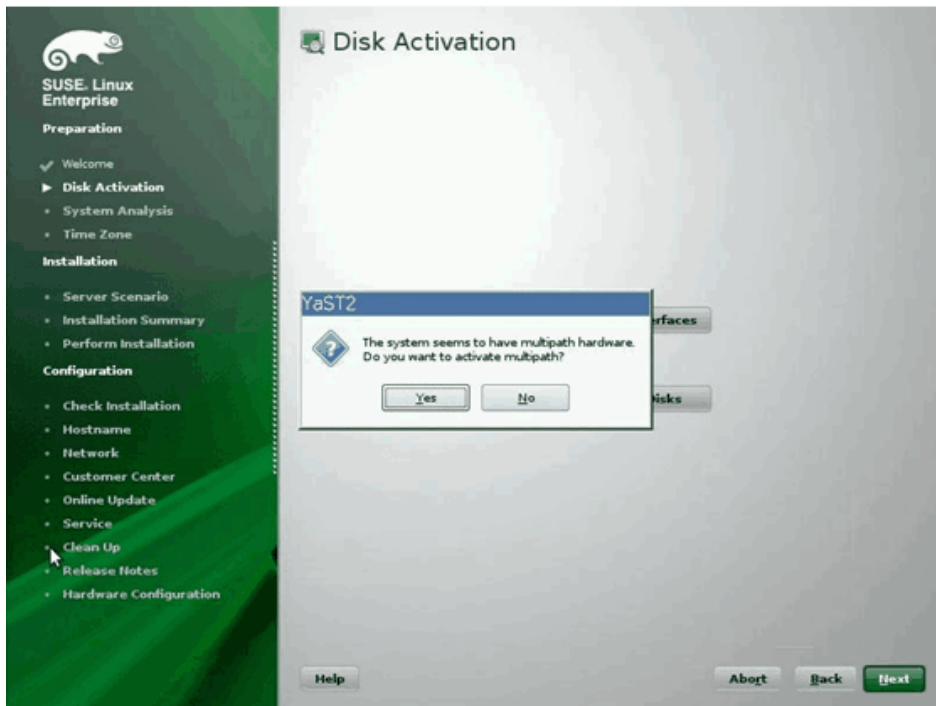


- For each interface to be enabled for FCoE boot, click on **Create FCoE VLAN Interface**. The VLAN interface creation dialog will launch. Click **Yes** to confirm. This will trigger automatic FIP VLAN discovery. If successful, the VLAN will be displayed under **FCoE VLAN Interface**. If no VLAN is visible, check your connectivity and switch configuration.
- Once complete with configuration of all interface, click **OK** to proceed.



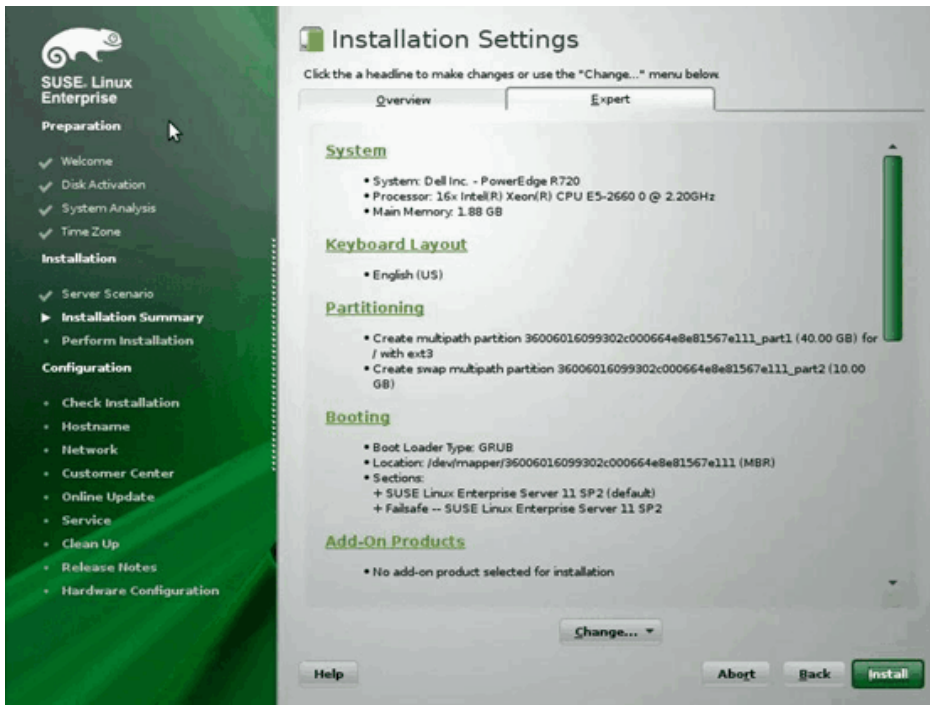


9. Click **Next** to continue installation. YaST2 will prompt to activate multipath. Answer as appropriate.

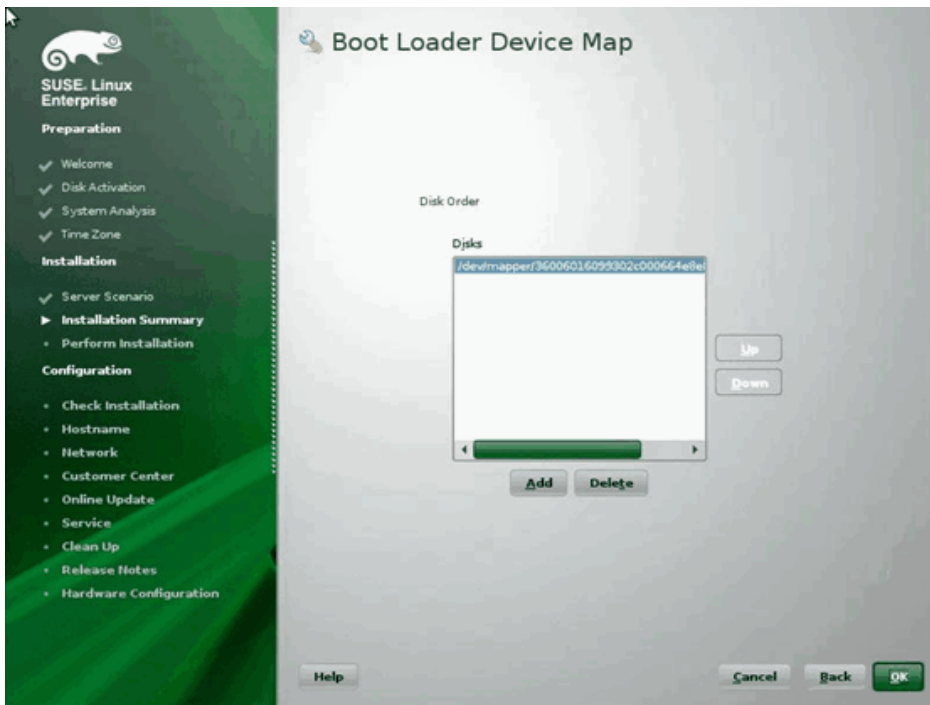


10. Continue installation as usual.

11. Under the **Expert** tab on the Installation Settings screen, select **Bootng**.



12. Select the **Boot Loader Installation** tab and then select **Boot Loader Installation Details**, make sure you have one boot loader entry here. Delete all redundant entries.



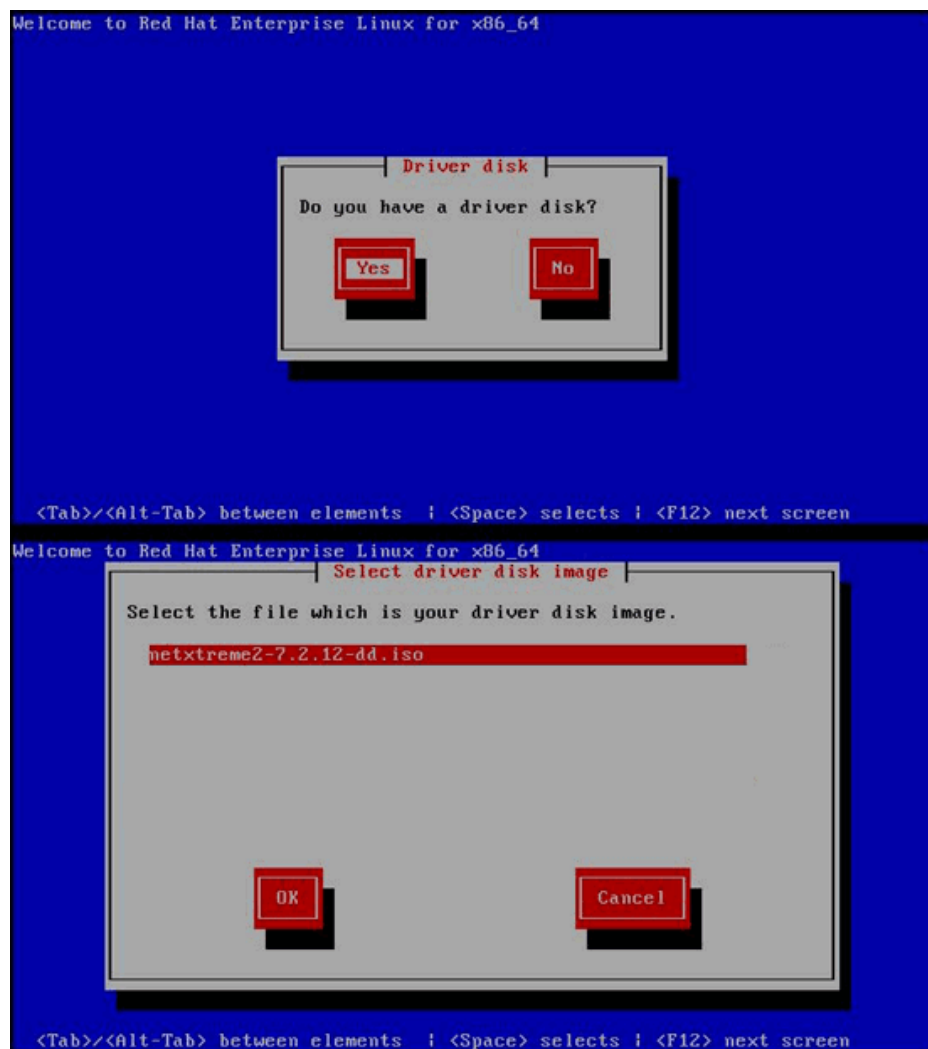
13. Click **OK** to proceed and complete installation.

## RHEL6 Installation

1. Boot from the installation medium.
2. For RHEL6.3, an updated Anaconda image is required for FCoE BFS. That updated image is provided by Red Hat at the following URL <http://rvykydal.fedorapeople.org/updates.823086-fcoe.img>.
3. For RHEL6.3, on the installation splash screen, press **Tab** and add the options **dd updates=<URL\_TO\_ANACONDA\_UPDATE\_IMAGE>** to the boot command line. Please refer to the RedHat Installation Guide Section 28.1.3 ([http://docs.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red\\_Hat\\_Enterprise\\_Linux/6/html/Installation\\_Guide/ap-admin-options.html#sn-boot-options-update](http://docs.redhat.com/docs/en-US/Red_Hat_Enterprise_Linux/6/html/Installation_Guide/ap-admin-options.html#sn-boot-options-update)) for details about installing the Anaconda update image. Press **Enter** to proceed.
4. For RHEL6.4 and above, no updated Anaconda is required. On the installation splash screen press **Tab** and add the option **dd** to the boot command line, as shown in the following screen. Press **Enter** to proceed.



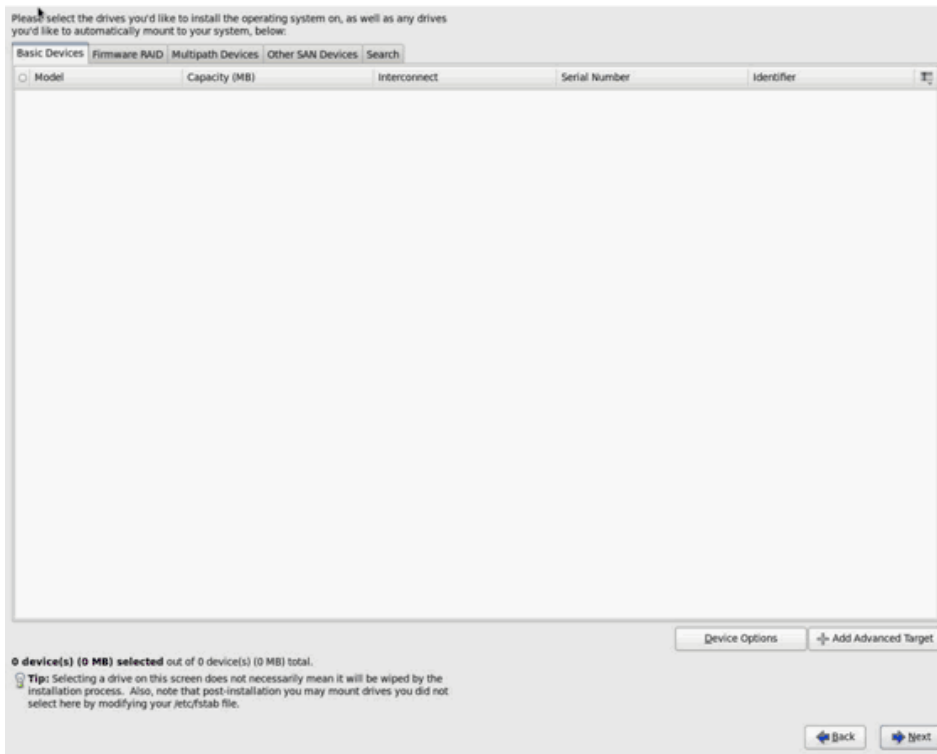
5. When prompted **Do you have a driver disk**, enter **Yes**. Note: RHEL does not allow driver update media to be loaded via the network when installing driver updates for network devices. Use local media.



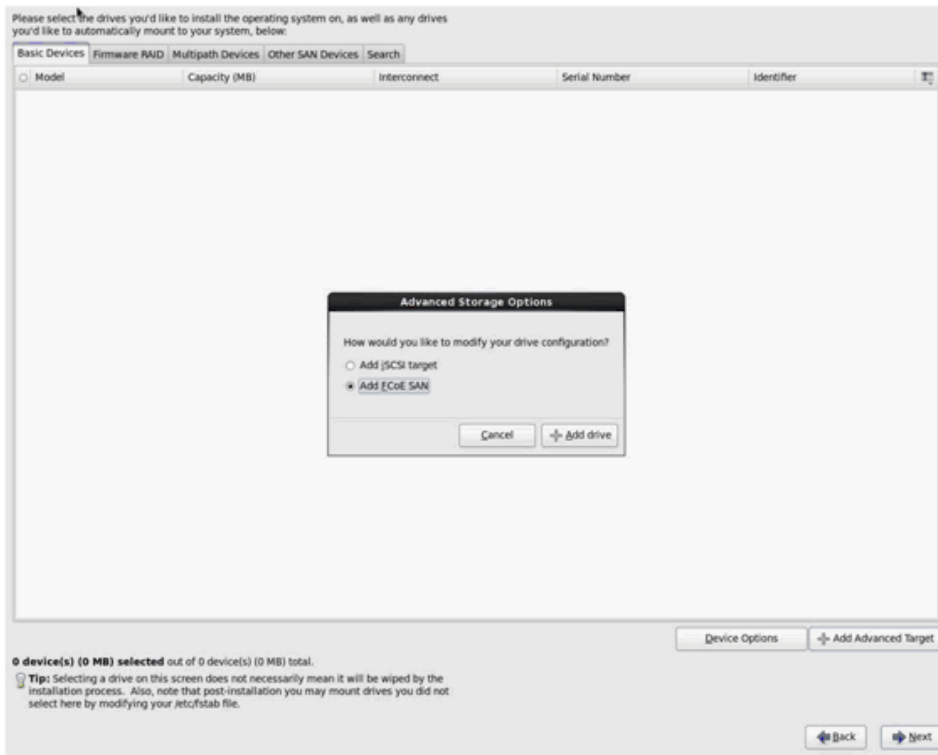
6. Once drivers are loaded, proceed with installation.
7. Select **Specialized Storage Devices** when prompted.



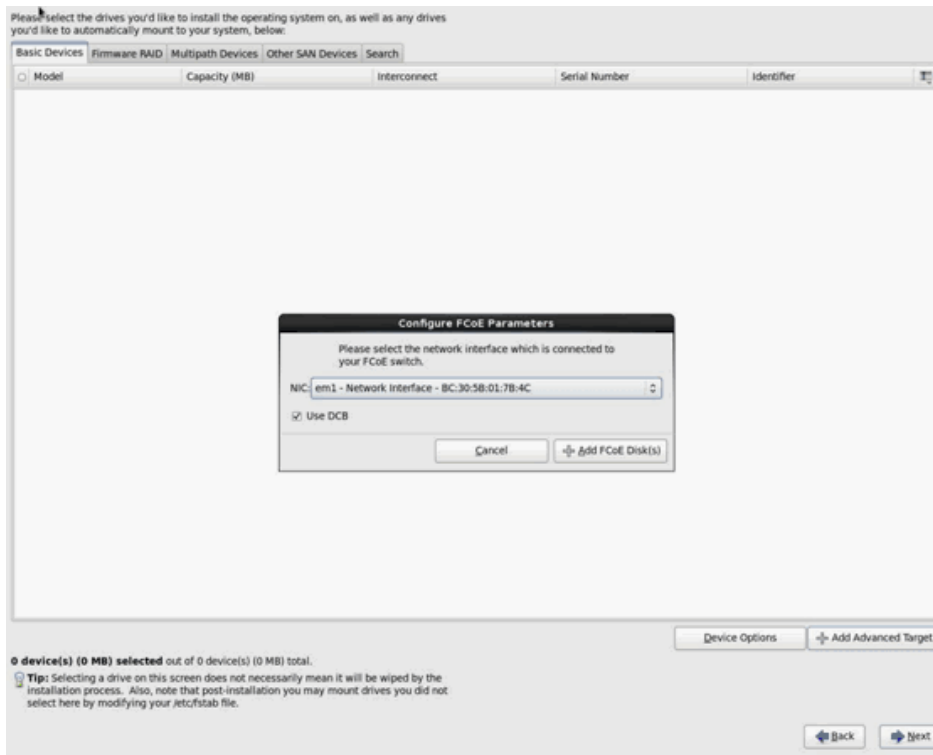
8. Click **Add Advanced Target**.



9. Select **Add FCoE SAN**, and select **Add drive**.

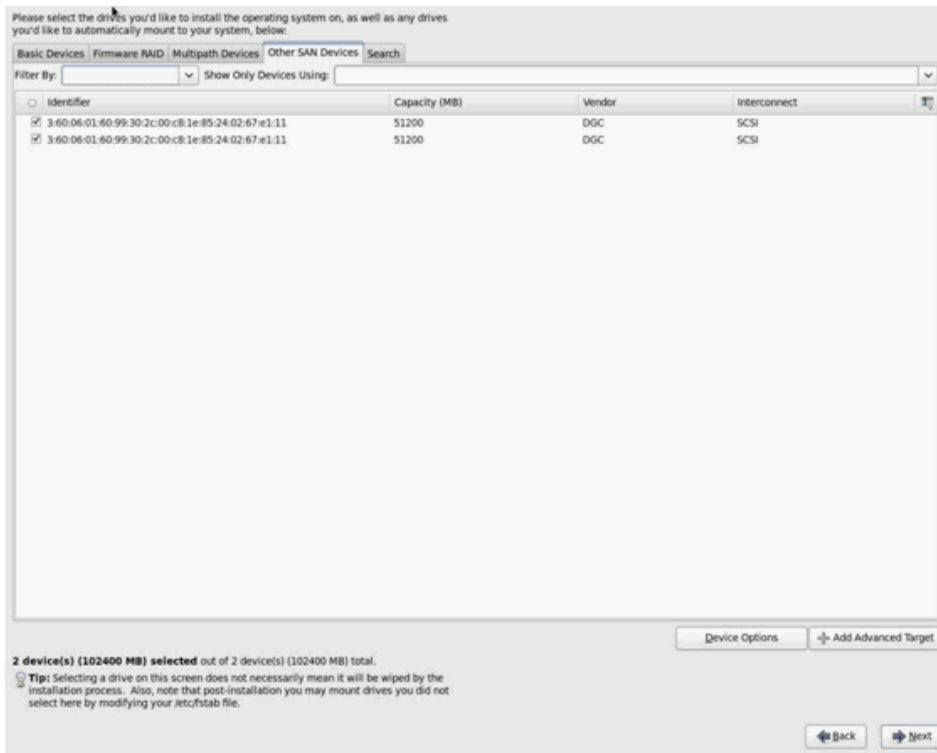


10. For each interface intended for FCoE boot, select the interface, deselect **Use DCB**, select **Use auto vlan**, and then click **Add FCoE Disk(s)**.



11. Repeat steps 8 through 10 for all initiator ports.

12. Confirm all FCoE visible disks are visible under **Multipath Devices** and/or **Other SAN Devices**.



13. Click **Next** to proceed.

14. Click **Next** and complete installation as usual.

Upon completion of installation, the system will reboot.

15. Once booted, ensure all boot path devices are set to start on boot. Set `onboot=yes` under each network interface config file in `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts`.

16. On **RHEL 6.4 only**, edit `/boot/grub/menu.lst`.

- a. Delete all "`fcoe=<INTERFACE>:nodcb`" parameters from the "`kernel /vmlinuz ...`" line. There should be as many `fcoe=` parameters as there were FCoE interfaces configured during installation.
- b. Insert "`fcoe=edd:nodcb`" to the "`kernel /vmlinuz ...`" line.

### Linux: Adding Additional Boot Paths

Both RHEL and SLES require updates to the network configuration when adding new boot through an FCoE initiator that was not configured during installation. The following sections describe this procedure for each supported operating system.

#### *RHEL6.2 and Above*

On RHEL6.2 and above, if the system is configured to boot through an initiator port that has not previously been configured in the OS, the system automatically boots successfully, but will encounter problems during shutdown. All new boot path initiator ports must be configured in the OS before updating pre-boot FCoE boot parameters.

1. Identify the network interface names for the newly added interfaces through `ifconfig -a`.
2. Edit `/boot/grub/menu.lst`.
  - a. Add `ifname=<INTERFACE>:<MAC_ADDRESS>` to the line `kernel /vmlinuz ...` for each new interface. The MAC address must be all lower case and separated by a colon. (e.g., `ifname=em1:00:00:00:00:00:00`)





3. Create a `/etc/fcoe/cfg-<INTERFACE>` file for each new FCoE initiator by duplicating the `/etc/fcoe/cfg-<INTERFACE>` file that was already configured during initial installation.
4. Execute `nm-connection-editor`.
  - a. Open **Network Connection** and choose each new interface.
  - b. Configure each interface as desired, including DHCP settings.
  - c. Click **Apply** to save.
5. For each new interface, edit `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-<INTERFACE>` to add the line `NM_CONTROLLED="no"`. Modifying these files automatically causes a restart to the network service. This may cause the system to appear to hang briefly. It is best to ensure that redundant multipath paths are available before performing this operation.

### *SLES 11 SP2 and Above*

On SLES11 SP2, if the system boots through an initiator that has not been configured as an FCoE interface during installation, the system will fail to boot. To add new boot paths, the system must boot up through the configured FCoE interface.

1. Configure a new FCoE interface that will be added as a new path so it can discover the boot LUN.
  - a. Create a `/etc/fcoe/cfg-<INTERFACE>` file for each new FCoE initiator by duplicating the `/etc/fcoe/cfg-<INTERFACE>` file that was already configured during initial installation.
  - b. Bring up the new interfaces:

```
# ifconfig <INTERFACE> up
```
  - c. Restart FCoE service:

```
# rcfcoe restart
```
2. Run `multipath -l` to make sure the system has a correct number of multipaths to the boot LUN, including new paths.
3. Create a `/etc/sysconfig/network/ifcfg-<INTERFACE>` file for each new interface by duplicating the `/etc/sysconfig/network/ifcfg-<INTERFACE>` file that was already configured during initial installation.
4. Create a new ramdisk to update changes:

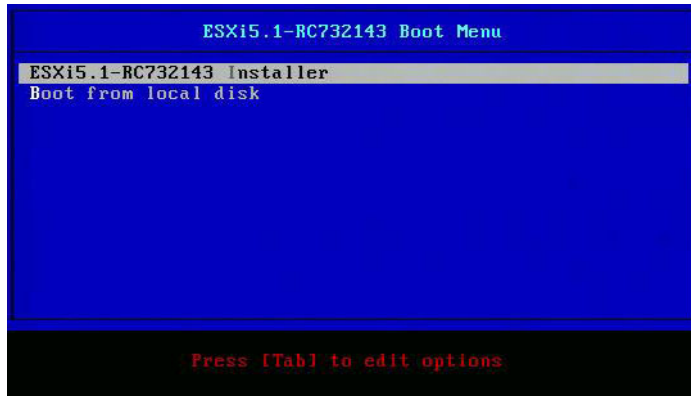
```
# mkinitrd
```



## VMWARE ESXi 5.1 FCoE BOOT INSTALLATION

FCoE Boot from SAN requires that the latest Broadcom NetXtreme II async drivers be included into the ESXi 5.1 install image. Refer to *Image\_builder\_doc.pdf* from VMware on how to slipstream drivers.

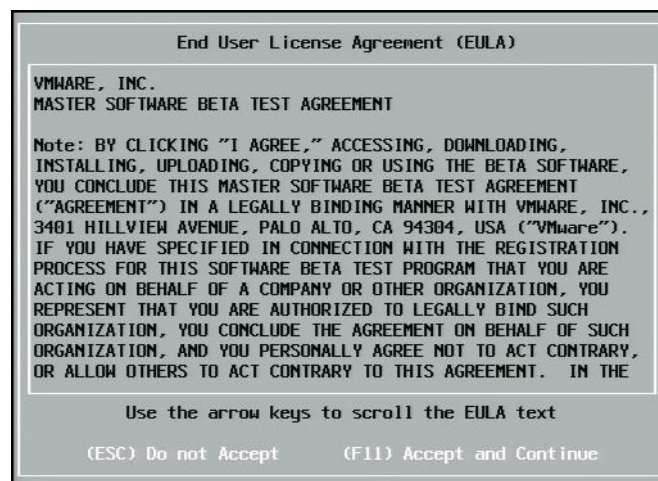
1. Boot from the updated ESXi 5.1 installation image and select **ESXi 5.1 installer** when prompted.



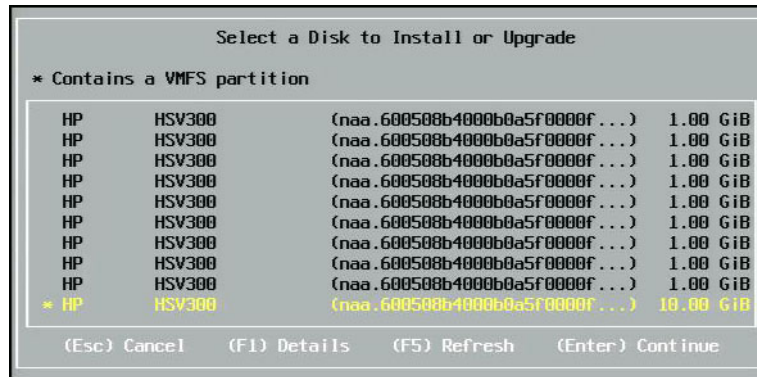
2. Press **Enter** to continue.



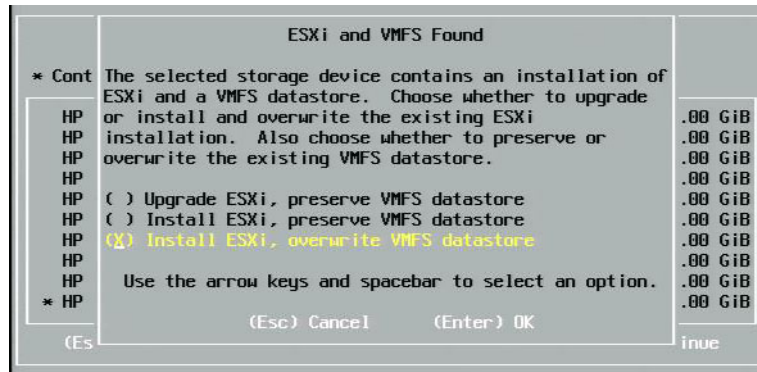
3. Press **F11** to accept the agreement and continue.



4. Select the boot LUN for installation and press **Enter** to continue.



5. Select the desired installation method.



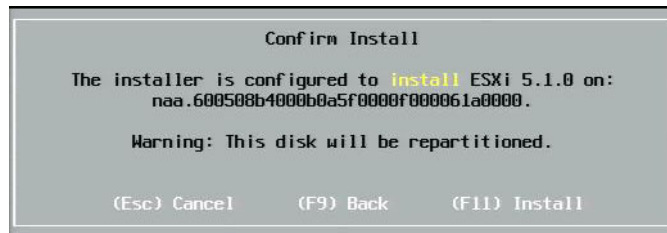
6. Select the keyboard layout.



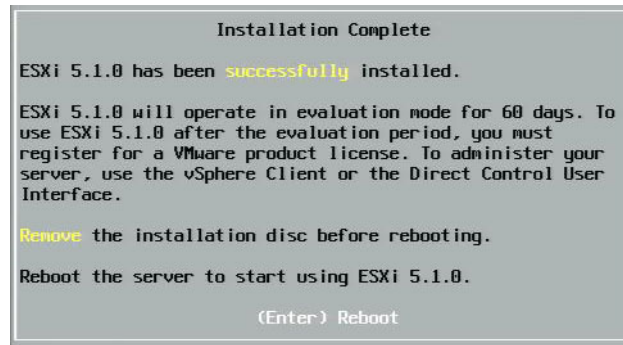
7. Enter a password.



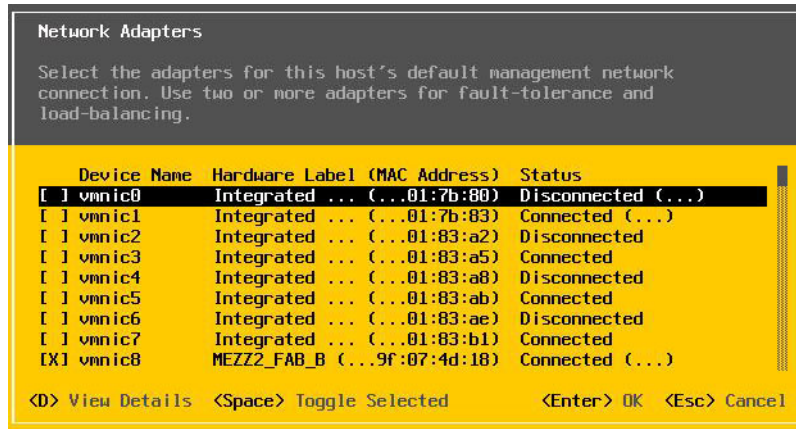
8. Press **F11** to confirm the install.



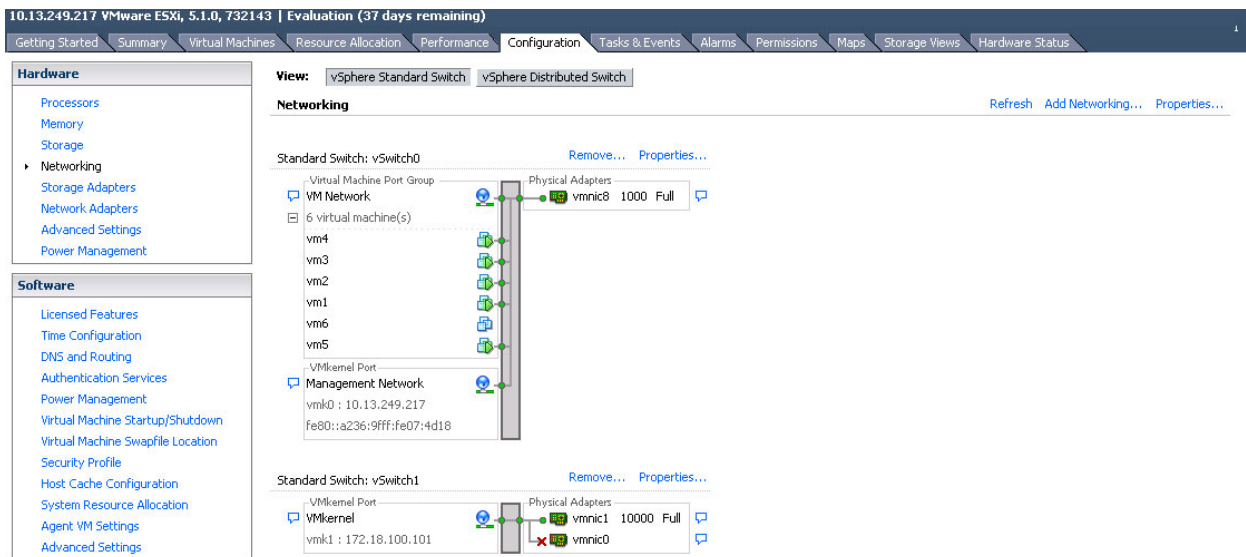
9. Press **Enter** to reboot after installation.



10. On 57800 and 57810 boards, the management network is not vmnic0. After booting, open the GUI console and display the **configure management network > network adapters** screen to select the NIC to be used as the management network device.



- For BCM57800 and BCM57810 boards, the FCoE boot devices need to have a separate vSwitch other than vSwitch0. This allows DHCP to assign the IP address to the management network rather than to the FCoE boot device. To create a vSwitch for the FCoE boot devices, add the boot device vmnics in vSphere Client under Networking.



**NOTE:** ESXi 5.1 has a limitation in that a VLAN ID change for a boot device is not possible. It works only for non-boot devices.

### Configuring FCoE Boot from SAN on VMware

Note that each host must have access only to its own boot LUN — not to the boot LUNs of other hosts. Use storage system software to ensure that the host accesses only the designated LUNs.



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## BOOTING FROM SAN AFTER INSTALLATION

Now that boot configuration and OS installation are complete, you can reboot and test the installation. On this and all future reboots, no other user interactivity is required. Ignore the **CTRL+D** prompt and allow the system to boot through to the FCoE SAN LUN.

At this time, if additional redundant failover paths are desired, you can configure those paths through CCM, and the MBA will automatically failover to secondary paths if the first path is not available. Further, the redundant boot paths will yield redundant paths visible through host MPIO software allowing for a fault tolerant configuration.

```
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FCoE Boot v6.4.20

Starting DCBX process with interface (00:10:18:6F:D5:0F) ... Succeeded
Discovering FC Fabric with interface (00:10:18:6F:D5:0F) ... Succeeded

World Wide Node Name : 10:00:00:10:18:6F:D5:0F
World Wide Port Name : 20:00:00:10:18:6F:D5:0F
Fabric Name          : 10:00:00:05:1E:B0:38:80
FCF MAC Address      : 00:05:1E:B0:38:95
FP MAC Address       : 0E:FC:00:01:1D:01
VLAN ID              : 1003

Fabric Login via interface (00:10:18:6F:D5:0F) ... Succeeded
Login to target [5001438004C83BBD:600000:LUN=001] ... Succeeded

FC Target Drive: HP          HSU300          (Rev: 0005)

Press <Ctrl-D> within 4s to stop booting from the target ... _
```

## DRIVER UPGRADE ON LINUX BOOT FROM SAN SYSTEMS

1. Remove the existing installed NetXtreme II package. Log in as root. Query for the existing NetXtreme II package and remove it using the following commands:  
# rpm -e <NetXtreme II package name>  
For example:  
rpm -e netxtreme2  
or:  
rpm -e netxtreme2-x.y.z-1.x86\_64
2. Install the binary RPM containing the new driver version. Refer to the linux-nx2 package README for instructions on how to prepare a binary driver RPM.
3. Use the following command to update the ramdisk:
  - On RHEL 6.x systems, execute: dracut -force
  - On SLES11spX systems, execute: mkinitrd
4. If you are using different name for the initrd under /boot, be sure to overwrite it with the default, as dracut/mkinitrd updates

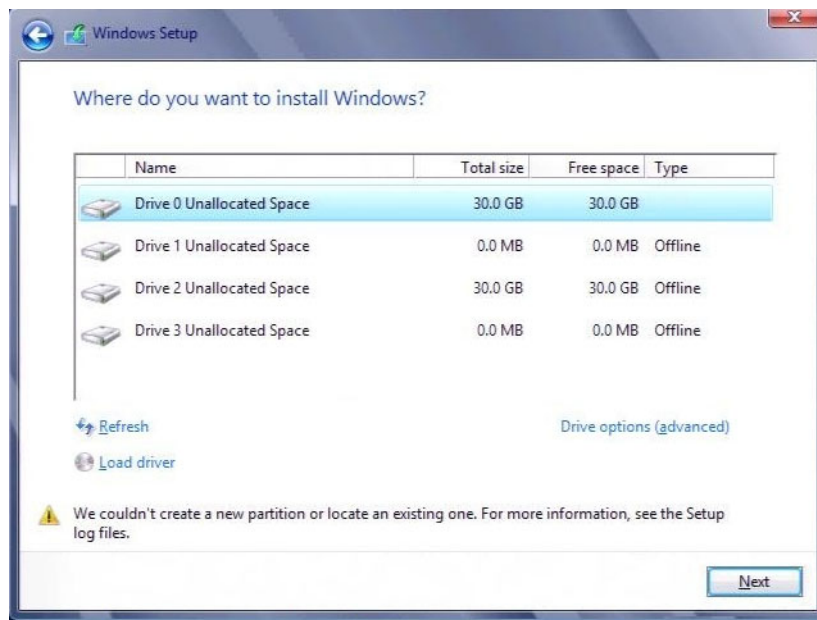
the ramdisk with the default original name.

Also, verify that your appropriate entry for the boot from SAN setup uses the correct or updated initrd name in `/boot/grub/menu.lst`.

- To complete your driver upgrade, reboot the system and select the modified grub boot entry that contains the updated initrd.

## ERRORS DURING WINDOWS FCoE BOOT FROM SAN INSTALLATION

If any USB flash drive is connected while Windows setup is loading files for installation, an error message will appear when you provide the drivers and then select the SAN disk for the installation. The most common error message that Windows OS installer reports is “We couldn't create a new partition or locate an existing one. For more information, see the Setup log files.”



In other cases, the error message may indicate a need to ensure that the disk's controller is enabled in the computer's BIOS menu.

To avoid any of the above error messages, it is necessary to ensure that there is no USB flash drive attached until the setup asks for the drivers. Once you load the drivers and see your SAN disk(s), detach or disconnect the USB flash drive immediately before selecting the disk for further installation.

## CONFIGURING FCoE

By default, DCB is enabled on Broadcom NetXtreme II FCoE-, DCB-compatible C-NICs. Broadcom NetXtreme II FCoE requires a DCB-enabled interface. For Windows operating systems, use either Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) or Broadcom's Comprehensive Configuration Management (CCM) utility to configure the DCB parameters. See [Using Broadcom Advanced Control Suite](#) for more information on BACS.





# Data Center Bridging (DCB): Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [Overview](#)
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- [Data Center Bridging in Windows Server 2012](#)

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## OVERVIEW

Data Center Bridging (DCB) is a collection of IEEE specified standard extensions to Ethernet to provide lossless data delivery, low latency, and standards-based bandwidth sharing of data center physical links. DCB supports storage, management, computing, and communications fabrics onto a single physical fabric that is simpler to deploy, upgrade, and maintain than in standard Ethernet networks. DCB has a standards-based bandwidth sharing at its core, allowing multiple fabrics to coexist on the same physical fabric. The various capabilities of DCB allow for LAN traffic (large number of flows and not latency-sensitive), SAN traffic (large packet sizes and requires lossless performance), and IPC (latency-sensitive messages) to bandwidth share the same physical converged connection and achieve the desired individual traffic performance.

DCB includes the following capabilities:

- Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS)
- Priority-based Flow Control (PFC)
- Data Center Bridging Capability eXchange Protocol (DCBX)

## DCB CAPABILITIES

### ENHANCED TRANSMISSION SELECTION (ETS)

Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS) provides a common management framework for assignment of bandwidth to traffic classes. Each traffic class or priority can be grouped in a Priority Group (PG), and it can be considered as a virtual link or virtual interface queue. The transmission scheduler in the peer is responsible for maintaining the allocated bandwidth for each PG. For example, a user can configure FCoE traffic to be in PG 0 and iSCSI traffic in PG 1. The user can then allocate each group a certain bandwidth. For example, 60% to FCoE and 40% to iSCSI. The transmission scheduler in the peer will ensure that in the event of congestion, the FCoE traffic will be able to use at least 60% of the link bandwidth and iSCSI to use 40%. See additional references at <http://www.ieee802.org/1/pages/802.1az.html>.

### PRIORITY FLOW CONTROL (PFC)

Priority Flow Control (PFC) provides a link-level flow control mechanism that can be controlled independently for each traffic type. The goal of this mechanism is to ensure zero loss due to congestion in DCB networks. Traditional IEEE 802.3 Ethernet does not guarantee that a packet transmitted on the network will reach its intended destination. Upper-level protocols are responsible to maintain the reliability by way of acknowledgement and retransmission. In a network with multiple traffic classes, it becomes very difficult to maintain the reliability of traffic in the absence of feedback. This is traditionally tackled with the help of link-level Flow Control.

When PFC is used in a network with multiple traffic types, each traffic type can be encoded with a different priority value and a pause frame can refer to this priority value while instructing the transmitter to stop and restart the traffic. The value range for the priority field is from 0 to 7, allowing eight distinct types of traffic that can be individually stopped and started. See additional references at <http://www.ieee802.org/1/pages/802.1bb.html>.

### DATA CENTER BRIDGING EXCHANGE (DCBX)

Data Center Bridging eXchange (DCBX) is a discovery and capability exchange protocol that is used for conveying capabilities and configuration of ETS and PFC between link partners to ensure consistent configuration across the network fabric. In order for two devices to exchange information, one device must be willing to adopt network configuration from the other device. For example, if a C-NIC is configured to willingly adopt ETS and PFC configuration information from a connected switch, and the switch acknowledges the C-NIC's willingness, then the switch will send the C-NIC the recommended ETS and PFC parameter settings. The DCBX protocol uses the Link Level Discovery Protocol (LLDP) to exchange PFC and ETS configurations between link partners.

## CONFIGURING DCB

By default, DCB is enabled on Broadcom NetXtreme II DCB-compatible C-NICs. DCB configuration is rarely required, as the default configuration should satisfy most scenarios. DCB parameters can be configured through BACS. See [Using Broadcom Advanced Control Suite](#) for more information on BACS.



**NOTE:** FCoE operation depends on successful VLAN discovery. All switches that support FCoE support VLAN discovery, but some switches may require specific configuration. Refer to the switch configuration guides for information on how to configure a port for successful VLAN discovery.

## DCB CONDITIONS

The following is a list of conditions that allow DCB technology to function on the network.

- If DCB is enabled on the interface, DCBX is automatically enabled and carried out automatically once a link is established.
- If DCBX fails to synchronize with a compatible peer, the adapter will automatically fall back to default NIC behavior (no priority tagging, no PFC, no ETS).
- By default, the port will advertise itself as willing, and as such, will accept all DCB settings as advertised by the switch.
- If PFC is operational, PFC settings supersede link level flow control settings. If PFC is not operational, link level flow control settings prevail
- In NIC Partitioned enabled configurations, ETS (if operational) overrides the Bandwidth Weights assigned to each function. Transmission selection weights are per protocol per ETS settings instead. Maximum bandwidths per function are still honored in the presence of ETS.
- In the absence of an iSCSI or FCoE application TLV advertised through the DCBX peer, the adapter will use the settings taken from the local Admin MIB.

## DATA CENTER BRIDGING IN WINDOWS SERVER 2012

Windows Server 2012 introduces a new way of managing Quality Of Service (QoS) at the OS level. There are two main aspects of Windows QoS:

- A vendor-independent method for managing DCB settings on NICs, both individually and across an entire domain. The management interface is provided by Windows PowerShell Cmdlets.
- The ability to tag specific types of L2 networking traffic, such as SMB traffic, so that hardware bandwidth can be managed using ETS.

All Broadcom Converged Network Adapters that support DCB are capable of interoperating with Windows QoS.

To enable the QoS Windows feature, ensure that the Broadcom device is DCB-capable. Using either CCM or BACS4:

1. Enable Data Center Bridging.
2. Select the NDIS driver, display **Advanced** properties, and enable the **Quality of Service** property.

When QoS is enabled, administrative control over DCB-related settings is relinquished to the operating system (that is, BACS4 can no longer be used for administrative control of the DCB). You can use PowerShell to configure and manage the QoS feature. Using PowerShell Cmdlets, you can configure various QoS-related parameters, such as traffic classification, priority flow control, and traffic class throughput scheduling.

For more information on using PowerShell Cmdlets, see the “[DCB Windows PowerShell User Scripting Guide](#)” in the Microsoft Technet Library.

To revert to standard BACS control over the Broadcom DCB feature set, uninstall the Microsoft QOS feature or disable Quality of Service in the NDIS advance properties page.



**NOTE:** Broadcom recommends that you do not install the DCB feature if SR-IOV will be used. If you install the DCB feature, be aware that selecting **Enable single-root I/O virtualization (SR-IOV)** in Virtual Switch Manager will force the underlying adapter into a DCB state in which OS DCB configuration will be ignored, and DCB configuration from BACS will be in effect with the exception that the user-configured **Networking Priority** value (non-zero) will not take effect, even though it appears that it is from BACS.

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# SR-IOV: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [Overview](#)
- [Enabling SR-IOV](#)

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## OVERVIEW

Virtualization of network controllers allows users to consolidate their networking hardware resources and run multiple virtual machines concurrently on consolidated hardware. Virtualization also provides the user a rich set of features such as I/O sharing, consolidation, isolation and migration, and simplified management with provisions for teaming and failover.

Virtualization can come at the cost of reduced performance due to hypervisor overhead. The PCI-SIG introduced the Single-Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) specification to address these performance issues by creating a virtual function (VF), a lightweight PCIe function that can be directly assigned to a virtual machine (VM), bypassing the hypervisor layer for the main data movement.

Not all Broadcom adapters support SR-IOV; refer to your product documentation for details.

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## ENABLING SR-IOV

Before attempting to enable SR-IOV, ensure that:

- The adapter hardware supports SR-IOV.
- SR-IOV is supported and enabled in the system BIOS.

### To enable SR-IOV:

1. Enable the feature on the adapter:

If using BACS:

- a. Select the network adapter in the **Explorer View** pane. Select the **Configuration** tab and select **SR-IOV Global Enable**.
- b. In the **SR-IOV VFs per PF** field, configure the number of SRIOV Virtual Functions (VFs) that the adapter can support per physical function, from 0 to 64 in increments of 8 (default = 16).
- c. In the **SR-IOV Max Chains per VF** field, configure the maximum number of transmit and receive queues (such as receive side scaling (RSS) queues) that can be used for each virtual function. The maximum is 16.

If using CCM:

- a. Select the SR-IOV-capable adapter from the Device List. On the Main Menu, select **Device Hardware Configuration**, then select **SR-IOV Enabled**.
- b. To configure the number of VFs that the adapter can support:

If **Multi-Function Mode** is set to **SF** (Single Function), then the “Number of VFs per PF” field displays, which you can set from 0 to 64 in increments of 8 (default = 16).

If **Multi-Function Mode** is set to **NPAR**, then display the Main Menu and select **NIC Partition Configuration**. Then, select the NPAR Function to configure and enter the appropriate value in the **Number of VFs per PF** field.

2. In Virtual Switch Manager, create a virtual NIC. Ensure that **Allow Management operating system to share the network adapter** is selected as you create the NIC.
3. In Virtual Switch Manager, select the virtual adapter and select **Hardware Acceleration** in the navigation pane. In the Single-root I/O virtualization section, select **Enable SR-IOV**.
4. Install the Broadcom drivers for the adapters detected in the VM. Use the latest drivers available from your vendor for the host OS (do not use the inbox drivers). The same driver version must be installed on the host and the VM.

#### To verify that SR-IOV is operational

1. Start the VM.
2. In Hyper-V Manager, select the adapter and select the VM in the Virtual Machines list.
3. Select the Networking tab at the bottom of the window and view the adapter status.

## SR-IOV AND STORAGE FUNCTIONALITY

Storage functionality (FCoE or iSCSI) can be enabled on an SR-IOV-enabled adapter. However, if storage is used on an NPAR-enabled physical function (PF), then the number of virtual functions for that PF is set to zero; therefore, SR-IOV is disabled on that PF.

This limitation applies only when the adapter is configured in NPAR mode. It is not relevant when the adapter is configured in single-function mode.

## SR-IOV AND JUMBO PACKETS

If SR-IOV is enabled on a virtual function (VF) on the adapter, ensure that the same jumbo packet settings is configured on both the VF and the Microsoft synthetic adapter. You can configure these values using Windows Device Manager > Advanced properties.

If there is a mismatch in the values, the SRIOV function will be shown the the Degraded state in Hyper-V > Networking Status.

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# Using Broadcom Advanced Control Suite 4: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

- [Broadcom Advanced Control Suite Overview](#)
- [Starting Broadcom Advanced Control Suite](#)
- [BACS Interface](#)
- [Configuring Preferences in Windows](#)
- [Connecting to a Host](#)
- [Managing the Host](#)
- [Managing the Network Adapter](#)
- [Managing Ethernet Controller \(Port\)](#)
- [Analyzing Cables in Windows](#)
- [Managing the LAN Device](#)
- [Viewing Resource Information](#)
- [Configuring Teaming](#)
- [Configuring With the Command Line Interface Utility](#)
- [Troubleshooting BACS](#)

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## BROADCOM ADVANCED CONTROL SUITE OVERVIEW

Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) is an integrated utility that provides useful information about each network adapter that is installed in your system. BACS also enables you to perform detailed tests, diagnostics, and analyses on each adapter, as well as to view and modify property values and view traffic statistics for network objects. BACS operates on Windows and Linux operating systems.

Broadcom Advanced Server Program (BASP), which runs within Broadcom Advanced Control Suite, is used to configure teams for load balancing, fault tolerance, and virtual local area networks (VLANs). BACS functionality is available only on systems that use at least one Broadcom network adapter. BACS operates on Windows operating systems only.



**NOTE:** Some features of BACS are relevant only to particular adapters or adapter families, such as NetXtreme I or NetXtreme II adapters. Because a single instance of BACS can be used to communicate with multiple hosts and adapter types, this document describes all BACS features.

The BACS application includes a graphical user interface and a command line interface (BACSCLI). BACS GUI and BACS CLI can operate on the following operating system families:

- Windows
- Windows Server
- Linux Server

For information on the latest supported OS versions, refer to the release documentation provided with your software distribution.

## STARTING BROADCOM ADVANCED CONTROL SUITE

In Control Panel, click **Broadcom Control Suite 4**, or click the BACS icon in the taskbar located at the bottom of the Windows or Windows Server desktop.

On Linux systems, you can double-click the BACS4 desktop icon, or access the BACS program from the task bar under **System Tools**. (If you are having difficulty launching BACS on a Linux system, see the related topic in [Troubleshooting BACS](#).)



## **BACS INTERFACE**

The BACS interface is comprised of the following regions:

- Explorer View pane
- Context View selector
- Context View pane
- Menu bar
- Description pane

By default, the Explorer View pane is docked and pinned on the left side of the main window, the Context View pane on the right, the Context View selector below the menu bar, and the Description pane below the Context View pane. Drag the splitter between any two panes to vary the size of the panes.

## EXPLORER VIEW PANE

You can dock and pin the Explorer View pane on the left side, right side, top, or bottom of the main window.

The Explorer View pane lists the objects that can be viewed, analyzed, tested, or configured by BACS. When an item is selected in the Explorer View pane, the tabs showing the information and options that are available for the item appear in the Context View pane.

The organization of this panel is designed to present the manageable objects in the same hierarchical manner as drivers and its subcomponents. This simplifies the management of various elements of the converged network interface controller (C-NIC). The top level of the hierarchy is the Host container, which lists all hosts managed by BACS. Below the hosts are the installed network adapters, with the manageable elements, such as physical port, VBD, NDIS, FCoE, and iSCSI below the adapters.

The icon next to each device in the Explorer View pane shows its status. An icon next to a device name that appears normal means the device is connected and working.

- **X.** A red “X” that appears on the device’s icon indicates the device is currently not connected to the network.
- **Greyed out.** A device icon that appears greyed out indicates the device is currently disabled.

## CONTEXT VIEW SELECTOR

The Context View selector appears below the menu bar and includes the filter and tab categories. Although you can expand and collapse the categories that appear on tabs in the Context View pane, you can alternatively display a category by selecting the box next to the category name.

### Filter View

In a multiple-host environment using several C-NICs, there can be a large number of manageable elements per adapter that can be difficult and cumbersome to view, configure, and manage all elements. Use the filter to select a particular device function. Possible filter views include:

- All
- Team view
- NDIS view
- iSCSI view
- FCoE view
- iSCSI Target view
- FCoE Target view

## CONTEXT VIEW PANE

The Context View pane displays all the parameters that you can view for the object selected in the Explorer View pane. The parameters are grouped by tabs and categories, depending on the parameter type. The available tabs are Information, Configuration, Diagnostics, and Statistics. Because the BACS interface is context-sensitive, only the parameters that apply to the selected object can be viewed or configured in the Context View pane.

## MENU BAR

The following appear on the menu bar, but because the menu items are context-sensitive, not all items will be available at all times:

### File menu

- Team Save As: Saves the current team configurations to a file.
- Team Restore: Restores any saved team configuration from a file.

### Action menu

- Remove Host: Removes the selected host.
- Refresh Host: Refreshes the selected host.

### View menu

- Explorer View: Displays/hides the Explorer View pane.
- Tool Bar: Displays/hides the tool bar.
- Status Bar: Displays/hides the status bar.
- Broadcom Logo: Displays/hides the Broadcom Logo on BACS to optimize the maximum viewable space.

### Tools menu

- Options: Used for configuring BACS preferences.

### Teams (Windows only)

- Create Teams: Creates new teams with either the Teaming Wizard or in Advanced mode.
- Manage Teams: Manages existing teams with either the Teaming Wizard or in Advanced mode.

### iSCSI menu

- Discovery Wizard: Locates targets and helps to configure the HBA.
- Manage Targets Wizard: Manages targets.
- Manage iSNS Servers: Manages Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) servers to allow discovery, management, and configuration of iSCSI devices.
- Manage Discovery Portals: Manages iSCSI discovery portals.

## Discovery Wizard

The Discovery Wizard is available from the iSCSI menu. Follow the prompts in the wizard to discover iSCSI targets via the SendTargets method or the Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) server.

## Manage Targets Wizard

The Manage Targets Wizard is available from the iSCSI menu. Follow the prompts in the wizard to add and remove targets, and to login or logout of a target.

## Manage iSNS Servers

The Manage iSNS Servers window is available from the iSCSI menu. From this window, you can add or remove Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS) servers.

### **Manage Discovery Portals**

The Manage Discovery Portals window is available from the iSCSI menu. From this window, you can add or remove iSCSI discovery portals.

### **Boot Configuration Wizard**

The Boot Configuration Wizard is available by right-clicking a port. Follow the prompts in the wizard to configure the iSCSI boot parameters.

### **Hardware and Resource Configuration Wizard**

The Hardware and Resource Configuration Wizard is used to configure properties for hardware resources. Follow the prompts in the wizard to configure hardware resources. You can preview the configuration before committing the changes.

## **DESCRIPTION PANE**

The Description pane provides information, configuration instructions, and options for the selected parameter in the Context View pane.

## CONFIGURING PREFERENCES IN WINDOWS

### To enable or disable the BACS tray icon in Windows

On Windows systems, BACS places an icon in the Windows taskbar when the program is installed. Use the Options window to turn this icon on or off.

1. From the **Tools** menu, select **Options**.
2. Select or clear **Enable BACSTray** (the option is enabled by default).
3. Click **OK**.

### Setting the teaming mode in Windows

1. From the **Tools** menu, select **Options**.
2. Select **Expert Mode** if you do not need the assistance of the teaming wizard to create teams; otherwise, select **Wizard Mode**.
3. Click **OK**.

### Setting the Explorer View refresh time in Windows

1. From the **Tools** menu, select **Options**.
2. Select **Auto** to set the Explorer View refresh time to 5 seconds. Otherwise, select **Custom** and select a time, in seconds.
3. Click **OK**.

## CONNECTING TO A HOST

You can add one or more Windows or Linux hosts to manage from BACS.

### To add a local host

1. From the **Action** menu, click **Add Host**.
2. For both Windows and Linux hosts, do not change the default settings. The **User name** and **Password** are not required while connecting to the local host.
3. Select **Persist** if you want BACS to save the information for this host.
4. Click **Ok**. BACS can now be used to view information and manage the host.

### To add a remote host

1. From the **Action** menu, click **Add Host**.
2. Type the remote host's name or IP address in the **Host** box.
3. Select the protocol from the **Protocol** list. The protocol options for Windows are **WMI**, **WSMan**, or **Try All**. The protocol options for Linux are **CimXML**, **WSMan**, or **Try All**. The **Try All** option forces the GUI client to try all options.
4. Select the **HTTP** scheme, or the **HTTPS** scheme for added security.
5. Type the **Port Number** value you used to configure the host, if it is different than the default value of **5985**.
6. Type the **User name** and **Password**.
7. Select **Persist** if you want BACS to save the information for this host. The host will appear in the Explorer Pane whenever you reopen BACS, and you will not need to enter the host IP address or host name when connecting to the host. For security reasons, you must enter the **User name** and **Password** every time.
8. Click **OK**.

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## MANAGING THE HOST

At the host level, you can view host information and configure parameters from the following tabs:

- Information
- Configuration

### To view host information

Select the host in the **Explorer View** pane, and then select the **Information** tab to view host-level information.

### INFORMATION TAB: HOST INFORMATION

**Host Name.** Displays the name of the host.

**OS Version Info.** Displays the operating system, including the version.

**Platform.** Displays the hardware architecture platform (for example, 32-bit or 64-bit)

### INFORMATION TAB: iSCSI INITIATOR

The iSCSI Initiator section of the Information tab is available if iSCSI is enabled on the host.

**Name.** Displays the iSCSI initiator name in IQN format.

**Portal List.** Displays all iSCSI portal IP addresses configured on the selected host.



**NOTE:** Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

### To configure the host

Select the host in the **Explorer View** pane, and then select the **Configuration** tab to configure host-level parameters.

### CONFIGURATION TAB: SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

**Chimney Offload State.** Enable or disable chimney offload at the host level, rather than at the device level, and then click **Apply**.

#### Configuration Tab: iSCSI Initiator

**Name.** The current IQN name is displayed. Click the IQN name to modify the host's iSCSI initiator name, and then click **Apply**.

## MANAGING THE NETWORK ADAPTER

The installed network adapters appear one level below the host in the hierarchical tree in the Explorer View pane. At the adapter level, you can view information and configure parameters from the following tabs:

- Information
- Configuration

### VIEWING ADAPTER INFORMATION

Select the network adapter in the **Explorer View** pane, and then select the **Information** tab to view adapter-level information.

### VIEWING RESOURCE INFORMATION

The **Resources** section of the **Information** tab displays information about connections and other essential functions for the selected network adapter.



**NOTE:** Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

#### Information Tab: Resources

**Bus Type.** The type of input/output (I/O) interconnect used by the adapter.

**Bridge.** The bridge type, which is the PCI-E to PCI-X bridge. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**Bridge Lanes.** The number of PCI-E lanes connected to the bridge. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**Bridge Speed.** The clock speed on PCI-E bus. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**Slot Number.** The slot number on the system board occupied by the adapter. This item is not available for PCI Express type adapters.

**Bus Speed.** The bus clock signal frequency used by the adapter. This item is not available for PCI Express type adapters.

**Bus Width.** The number of bits that the bus can transfer at a single time to and from the adapter. This item is not available for PCI Express type adapters.

**Bus Number.** Indicates the number of the bus where the adapter is installed.

**Device Number.** The number assigned to the adapter by the operating system.

**Function Number.** The port number of the adapter. For a single-port adapter, the function number is 0. For a two-port adapter, the function number for the first port is 0, and the function number for the second port is 1.



**Interrupt Request.** The interrupt line number that is associated with the adapter. Valid numbers range from 2 to 25.

**Memory Address.** The memory mapped address that is assigned to the adapter. This value can never be 0.

**MSI Version.** This is the Message Signaled Interrupts (MSI) version being used. The option MSI corresponds to the PCI 2.2 specification that supports 32 messages and a single MSI address value. The option MSI-X corresponds to the PCI 3.0 specification that supports 2,048 messages and an independent message address for each message.



## VIEWING HARDWARE INFORMATION

The Hardware section of the **Information tab** displays information about the hardware settings for the selected network adapter.



**NOTE:** Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

### Information Tab: Hardware

**ASIC Version.** The chip version of the Broadcom adapter (this information is not available for adapters made by others).

**Bootcode Version.** The version of the boot code. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**Family Firmware Version.** The global firmware version that represents all firmware on the device.

**Management Firmware.** The firmware version installed on the system.

**Vendor ID.** The vendor ID.

**Device ID.** The adapter ID.

**Subsystem Vendor ID.** The subsystem vendor ID.

**Subsystem ID.** The subsystem ID.

**External PHY Firmware Version.** The external PHY firmware version.

## CONFIGURING ADAPTER PARAMETERS

Select the network adapter in the **Explorer View** pane, and then select the **Configuration** tab to configure adapter-level parameters.

## HARDWARE AND RESOURCE CONFIGURATION WIZARD: PORT CONFIGURATION

Select a port to configure and then click **Next**.

**Flow Control.** The possible values are Auto, Tx Pause, Rx Pause, Tx/Rx pause, and Disable. The configuration is done at the port level and applies to all functions under the port. The flow control value is a default value for the port. The effective configuration can be different based on the switch port configuration and whether or not DCB/DCBX is enabled.

**Link Speed.** Configure the link speed. The default speed is 1Gb for 1Gb adapters and 10Gb for 10Gb adapters.

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## MANAGING ETHERNET CONTROLLER (PORT)

From BACS, you can group various traffic classes in to priority group and allocate bandwidth to each priority group.

When the Ethernet controller is selected in the Object Explorer panel, following four tabs will be displayed in the context view panel:

- Information Tab
- Configuration tab
- Statistics Tab
- Diagnostic Tab

## VIEWING PORT LEVEL INFORMATION

Selecting Ethernet controller in the object explorer will allow user to view various types of information at the port level.

1. Select PortX (where X is either 0 or 1) below Adapter in the object explorer.
2. Various components of the port will be displayed below port in the object explorer. You can click on the “+” icon near Port to expand or collapse the tree below.
3. Select Information tab in the context view panel on the right side.

## VIEWING VITAL SIGNS

The **Vital Signs** section of the **Information** tab has useful information about the network adapters that are installed in your system, such as the link status of the adapter and general network connectivity.

To view Vital Signs information for any installed network adapter, select the name of the adapter listed in the Explorer View pane, then click the **Information** tab.



### NOTES:

- Information about Broadcom network adapters may be more comprehensive than information about network adapters made by others.
- Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

**MAC Address.** A physical MAC (media access control) address that is assigned to the adapter by the manufacturer. The physical address is never all 0s.

**Permanent MAC Address.** The unique hardware address assigned to the network adapter.

**iSCSI MAC Address.** If an iSCSI network adapter is loaded onto the system, this parameter will display the iSCSI MAC address.

**IPv4 DHCP.** The IP address is from a DHCP server if the value is Enable.

**IP Address.** The network address associated with the adapter. If the IP address is all 0s, the associated driver has not been bound with Internet Protocol (IP).

**IPv6 DHCP.** The IP address is from a DHCP server if the value is Enable.

**IPv6 IP Address.** The IPv6 network address associated with the adapter.

**IPv6 Scope Id.** Since local-use addresses can be reused, the Scope ID for link-local addresses specifies the link where the destination is located. The Scope ID for site-local addresses specifies the site where the destination is located. The Scope ID is relative to the sending host.

**IPv6 Flow Info.** The non-zero Flow Info is used to classify traffic flows. If Flow Info equals zero, then the packets are not a part of any flow.

**Default Gateway.** The default gateway value is the network address of the gateway that will be used by the management firmware for packets destined for hosts external to the local network segment.

**Link Status.** The status of the network link.

- **Up.** A link is established.
- **Down.** A link is not established.

**Duplex.** The adapter is operating in the indicated duplex mode.

**Speed.** The link speed of the adapter, in megabits per second.

**Offload Capabilities.** The offload capabilities supported by the adapter. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

- **TOE.** TCP Offload Engine (TOE) allows simultaneous operation of up to 1024 fully offloaded TCP connections for 1-Gbps network adapters and 1880 fully offloaded TCP connections for 10-Gbps network adapters to the hardware.
- **iSCSI.** iSCSI offload for block-level transfer of data.
- **LSO.** Large Send Offload (LSO) prevents an upper level protocol such as TCP from breaking a large data packet into a series of smaller packets with headers appended to them.
- **CO.** Checksum Offload (CO) allows the TCP/IP/UDP checksums for send and receive traffic to be calculated by the adapter hardware rather than by the host CPU.

**LiveLink IP Address.** The network address of the LiveLink enabled adapter.

**Local Connection.** Identifies the module to which the blade server is attached.

- **Chassis SW.** Chassis switch module
- **Chassis PHY.** Pass-through module
- **None.** No modules attached

**BASP State.** Information about the status of the BASP application. This information is displayed only when there is a team (see [Configuring Teaming](#)).

## VIEWING NIC PARTITIONING INFORMATION

The NIC partitioning feature is available on Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters only.

The NIC Partitioning section of the **Information tab** displays information about the partitions for the selected network adapter.

To view NIC Partitioning for any installed network adapter, click the name of the adapter listed in the Explorer View pane, then click the Information tab.



**NOTE:** Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

NIC partitioning divides a Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet NIC into multiple virtual NICs by having multiple PCI physical functions per port. Each PCI function is associated with a different virtual NIC. To the OS and the network, each physical function appears as a separate NIC port. For more information, see the NIC Partitioning topic in the *Broadcom NetXtreme II Network Adapter User Guide*.

**Number of Partitions.** The number of partitions for the port. Each port can have from one to four partitions with each partition behaving as if it is an independent NIC port.

**Network MAC Address.** The MAC address of the port.

**iSCSI MAC Address.** If an iSCSI adapter is loaded onto the system, the iSCSI MAC address will appear.

**Flow Control.** The flow control setting of the port.

**Physical Link Speed.** The physical link speed of the port, either 1G or 10G.

#### **Relative Bandwidth Weight (%)**

- The relative bandwidth setting represents a weight or importance of a particular function. There are up to four functions per port. The weight is used to arbitrate between the functions in the event of congestion.
- The sum of all weights for the functions on a single port is either **0** or **100**.
- A value of **0** for all functions means that each function will be able to transmit at 25% of the physical link speed, not to exceed the **Maximum Bandwidth** setting.
- A value for a function between 1 and 100 represent a percentage of the physical link speed and is used by an internal arbitration logic as a input value (weight). A higher value will cause this function to transmit relatively more data, compared to a function (on the same port) that has defined a lower value.

#### **Maximum Bandwidth (%)**

- The maximum bandwidth setting defines an upper threshold value, ensuring that this limit will not be exceeded during transmission. The valid range for this value is between 1 and 100. The maximum bandwidth value is defined as a percentage of the physical link speed.
- It is possible for the sum of all maximum bandwidth values across the four functions of a single port to exceed the physical link speed value of either 10 Gbps or 1 Gbps. This case is considered as oversubscription. In a case where oversubscription congestion occurs on transmit, the **Relative Bandwidth Weight** value comes into effect.
- The **Maximum Bandwidth** setting is only valid in the context of Tx, but not Rx.

## **TESTING THE NETWORK**

The **Network Test** option on the **Diagnostics** tab lets you verify IP network connectivity. This test verifies if the driver is installed correctly and tests connectivity to a gateway or other specified IP address on the same subnet.

The network test uses TCP/IP to send ICMP packets to remote systems, then waits for a response. If a gateway is configured, the test automatically sends packets to that system. If a gateway is not configured or if the gateway is unreachable, the test prompts for a destination IP address.



**NOTES:**



- The network test option is not available on adapters that are grouped into a team (see [Configuring Teaming](#)).
- This feature can be used with Windows Server managed hosts only. It is not available for hosts operating on Linux or other OSes. You can, however use BACS on a Linux client to connect to a Windows Server host and run the network test utility.

#### To run the network test using the BACS GUI

1. Click the name of the adapter to test in the Explorer View pane.
2. From the **Select a test to run** list, select **Network Test**.
3. To change the destination IP address, select **IP address to ping**, then click the browse button (...). In the Network Test window, enter a Destination IP address, then click **OK**.
4. Click **Run**.

The results of the network test are displayed in the **Status** field.

#### To run the network test using the BACS CLI

You can use the following CLI command to perform a network diagnostic test for the specified target. This command is available for NDIS and virtual adapters.

```
BACSccli -t <target type> -f <target format> -i <target ID> networkdiag [-p <IP address>]
```

Examples:

1. The following command runs the network test for the current selected NDIS adapter.

```
BACSccli -t NDIS -f mac -i 0010181a1b1c "networkdiag -p 192.168.1.5"
```

2. The following command runs the network test for the current selected virtual adapter. Since there is no IP address specified, BACSccli will use gateway address for the test.

```
BACSccli -t VNIC -f mac -i 0010181a1b1c "networkdiag"
```

In Interactive mode, use the `list <view>` and `select <idx>` commands to select the desired target device. Use `networkdiag [-p <IP address>]` to run the network diagnostics test for the selected target.

Examples:

1. The following command runs the network test for the currently selected NDIS adapter.

```
networkdiag -p 192.168.1.5
```

2. The following command runs the network test for the current selected virtual adapter.

```
networkdiag
```

## RUNNING DIAGNOSTIC TESTS IN WINDOWS

The **Diagnostic Tests** option on the **Diagnostics** tab lets you check the state of the physical components on a Broadcom network adapter. You can trigger the tests manually, or choose to have BACS continuously perform them. If the tests are performed continuously, then the number of passes and fails in the **Result** field for each test increments every time the tests are performed. For example, if a test is performed four times and there are no fails, the value in the **Result** field for that test is 4/0. However, if there were 3 passes and 1 fail, the value in the **Result** field is 3/1.



### NOTES:

- This feature can be used with Windows Server managed hosts only. It is not available for hosts operating on Linux or other OSes. You can, however use BACS on a Linux client to connect to a Windows Server host and run the diagnostic test utility.
- You must have administrator privileges to run diagnostic tests.
- The network connection is temporarily lost while these tests are running.
- Some tests are not supported on all Broadcom adapters.

### To run the diagnostic tests once using the BACS GUI

1. Click the name of the adapter to test in the Explorer View pane and select the Diagnostics tab.
2. From the **Select a test to run** list, select **Diagnostic Tests**.
3. Select the diagnostic tests you want to run. Click **Select All** to select all tests or **Clear All** to clear all test selections.
4. Select the number of times to run the tests from **Number of loops**.
5. Click **Run test(s)**.
6. In the error message window that warns of the network connection being temporarily interrupted, click **Yes**. The results are displayed in the **Result** field for each test.

**Control Registers.** This test verifies the read and write capabilities of the network adapter registers by writing various values to the registers and verifying the results. The adapter driver uses these registers to perform network functions such as sending and receiving information. A test failure indicates that the adapter may not be working properly.

**MII Registers.** This test verifies the read and write capabilities of the registers of the physical layer (PHY). The physical layer is used to control the electrical signals on the wire and to configure network speeds such as 1000 Mbit/s.

**EEPROM.** This test verifies the content of the electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM) by reading a portion of the EEPROM and computing the checksum. The test fails if the computed checksum is different from the checksum stored in the EEPROM. An EEPROM image upgrade does not require a code change for this test.

**Internal Memory.** This test verifies that the internal memory of the adapter is functioning properly. The test writes patterned values to the memory and reads back the results. The test fails if an erroneous value is read back. The adapter cannot function if its internal memory is not functioning properly.

**On-Chip CPU.** This test verifies the operation of the internal CPUs in the adapter.

**Interrupt.** This test verifies that the Network Device Driver Interface Specification (NDIS) driver is able to receive interrupts from the adapter.

**Loopback MAC and Loopback PHY.** These tests verify that the NDIS driver is able to send packets to and receive packets from the adapter.



**Test LED.** This test causes all of the port LEDs to blink 5 times for the purpose of identifying the adapter.

### To run the diagnostic tests using the BACS CLI

You can use the following CLI command to run diagnostics tests on a specified target. This command is available for physical device ports only:

```
BACSccli -t <target type> -f <target format> -i <target ID> "diag {[-c REG ] [-c MII ] [-c EEP] [-c MEM] [-c CPU] [-c INT] [-c MACLB ] [-c PHYLB] [-c LED] | [-c ALL]} [-l <cnt> ] [ -v <LEDIntv> ]"
```

Examples:

1. The following command displays all the diagnostics tests available for the current selected target.

```
BACSccli -t PHYPORTS -f bdf -i 01:00.00 "diag"
```

2. The following command runs the MII and LED tests for the selected target:

```
BACSccli -t PHYPORTS -f bdf -i 01:00.00 "diag -c MII -c LED"
```

3. The following command runs all the tests five times with an LED test interval of 8 ms for the selected target:

```
BACSccli -t PHYPORTS -f bdf -i 01:00.00 "diag -c all -l 5 -v 8"
```

In Interactive mode, use the `list <view>` and `select <idx>` commands to select the desired target device. Use the following command to run diagnostic tests for the selected target:

```
diag {[-c REG ] [-c MII ] [-c EEP] [-c MEM] [-c CPU] [-c INT] [-c MACLB ] [-c PHYLB] [-c LED] | [-c ALL]} [-l <cnt> ] [ -v <LEDIntv> ]
```

Examples:

1. The following command displays all the diagnostics tests available for the current selected target.

```
diag
```

2. The following command runs the MII and LED test for the selected target.

```
diag -c MII -c LED
```

3. The following command runs all the tests five times, with an LED test interval of 8 ms for the selected target.

```
diag -c all -l 5 -v 8
```

## ANALYZING CABLES IN WINDOWS

The **Cable Analysis option** on the **Diagnostics** tab lets you monitor the conditions of each wire pair in an Ethernet Category 5 cable connection within an Ethernet network. The analysis measures the cable quality and compares it against the IEEE 802.3ab specification for compliance.





**NOTES:**

- This feature can be used with Windows Server managed hosts only. It is not available for hosts operating on Linux or other OSes. You can, however use BACS on a Linux client to connect to a Windows Server host and run the cable analysis utility.
- You must have administrator privileges to run the cable analysis test.
- The network connection is temporarily lost during an analysis.
- This option is not available for NetXtreme II 10 GbE network adapters.
- This option is not available for all Broadcom network adapters.
- This option is available for Broadcom NetXtreme II VBD drivers.

**To run a cable analysis using BACS GUI**

1. Connect the cable to a port on a switch where the port is set to **Auto** and the Speed & Duplex driver settings are also set to **Auto**.
2. Click the name of the adapter to test in the Explorer View pane.



**NOTE:** For Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters, select a VBD driver; for other adapters, select an NDIS driver.

3. From the **Select a test to run** list, select **Cable Analysis**.
4. Click **Run**.
5. In the error message window that warns of the network connection being temporarily interrupted, click **Yes**.

**Distance.** The valid cable length in meters (except when the **Noise** result is returned).

**Status.** The result of the analysis for the indicated pair.

- **Good.** Good cable/PCB signal paths, but no gigabit link.
- **Crossed.** Pin short or crosstalk along two or more cable/PCB signal paths.
- **Open.** One or both pins are open for a twisted pair.
- **Short.** Two pins from the same twisted pair are shorted together.
- **Noise.** Persistent noise present (most likely caused by Forced 10/100).
- **GB Link.** Gigabit link is up and running.
- **N/A.** Algorithm failed to reach a conclusion.

**Link.** The link connection speed and mode.

**Status.** The status after the test is run, either completed or failed.

There are several factors that could have an effect on the test results:

- **Link partner.** Various switch and hub manufacturers implement different PHYs. Some PHYs are not IEEE compliant.
- **Cable quality.** Category 3, 4, 5, and 6 may affect the test results.
- **Electrical interference.** The testing environment may affect the test results.

**To run a cable analysis using BACS CLI**

You can use the following CLI commands to run cable analysis for the specified target. This command is available for physical device ports only.



```
BACSccli -t <target type> -f <target format> -i <target ID> cablediag
```

Example:

1. The following command runs the cable diagnostics test for the current selected target.

```
BACSccli -t PHYPORTS -f bdf -i 01:00.00 "cablediag"
```

In Interactive mode, use the `list <view>` and `select <idx>` commands to select the desired target device. Use the `cablediag` command to run the cable analysis test for the selected target.

Example:

1. The following command runs the cable diagnostics test for the currently selected NDIS adapter.

```
cablediag
```

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## MANAGING THE LAN DEVICE

The LAN function represents the Ethernet (NDIS) functionality available under the PCI Function. User can view current values of various NDIS driver parameters, configure NDIS driver parameters, view attached FCoE targets and LUN information by selecting FCoE object in object explorer panel.

The available tabs for the NDIS function are as follows:

At the NDIS level, you can view parameters, configure parameters, and run tests from the following tabs:

- Information
- Configuration
- Diagnostics
- Statistics

### VIEWING NDIS INFORMATION

Select the NDIS driver in the **Explorer View** pane, and then select the **Information** tab to view NDIS-level information.



**NOTES:**

- Information about Broadcom network adapters may be more comprehensive than information about network adapters made by others.
- Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

### Viewing Driver Information

Information Tab: Driver Information

**Driver Status.** The status of the adapter driver.

- **Loaded.** Normal operating mode. The adapter driver has been loaded by the OS and is functioning.
- **Not Loaded.** The driver associated with the adapter has not been loaded by the OS.
- **Information Not Available.** The value is not obtainable from the driver that is associated with the adapter.

**Driver Name.** The file name of the adapter driver.

**Driver Version.** The current version of the adapter driver.

**Driver Date.** The creation date of the adapter driver.

### Information Tab: Vital Signs

**IP Address.** The network address associated with the adapter. If the IP address is all 0s, the associated driver has not been bound with Internet Protocol (IP).

**IPv6 IP Address.** The IPv6 network address associated with the adapter.

**MAC Address.** A physical MAC (media access control) address that is assigned to the adapter by the manufacturer. The physical address is never all 0s.

**Permanent MAC Address.** The unique hardware address assigned to the network adapter.

**Offload Capabilities.** The offload capabilities supported by the adapter. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

- **TOE.** TCP Offload Engine (TOE) allows simultaneous operation of up to 1024 fully offloaded TCP connections for 1-Gbps network adapters and 1880 fully offloaded TCP connections for 10-Gbps network adapters to the hardware.
- **iSCSI.** iSCSI offload for block-level transfer of data.
- **LSO.** Large Send Offload (LSO) prevents an upper level protocol such as TCP from breaking a large data packet into a series of smaller packets with headers appended to them.
- **CO.** Checksum Offload (CO) allows the TCP/IP/UDP checksums for send and receive traffic to be calculated by the adapter hardware rather than by the host CPU.

### Information Tab: SR-IOV Switch Information

**Number of HW Available.** Configure the number of available HW.

**Number of Available VFs.** Configure the number of available Virtual Functions (VF).

**Max VF Chains Per VFs.** Enter the number of maximum chains per Virtual Function (VF).

**VF Chains Pool Size.** Enter the pool size of Virtual Function (VF) chains.

**Switch Friendly Name.** Enter the switch-friendly name.

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## CONFIGURING THE NDIS DRIVER

Select the NDIS driver in the **Explorer View** pane, and then select the **Configuration** tab to configure NDIS-level parameters. After making changes, click **Apply** to confirm the changes to all properties. Click **Reset** to return the properties to their original values. Click **Defaults** to restore all settings to their default values.

**NOTES:**

- Clicking **Reset** after clicking **Defaults**, but before clicking **Apply**, will purge all values.
- **Apply** must be clicked to make changes go into effect.
- Any changes to existing settings will be lost upon clicking **Defaults**.

**NOTES:**

- You must have administrator privileges to change the values for a property.
- The list of available properties for your particular adapter may be different.
- Some properties may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.
- If an adapter is included as a member of a team and you change any advanced property, then you must rebuild the team to ensure that the team's advanced properties are properly set.

### Configuration Tab: Advanced

**Ethernet@Wirespeed.** Enables a Gigabit Ethernet adapter to establish a link at a lower speed when only two pairs of wires are available in the cabling plant. The default setting for this property is Enabled.

**Flow Control.** Enables or disables the receipt or transmission of PAUSE frames. PAUSE frames allow the network adapter and a switch to control the transmit rate. The side that is receiving the PAUSE frame momentarily stops transmitting. By enabling TOE, network performance improves, but with the increased performance, TOE performance is more susceptible to packet loss when flow control is disabled. Enable flow control to reduce the number of packets lost.



**NOTE:** If **Jumbo Packet** is set to 5000 bytes or greater on network adapters that support 10 Gbps link speed, ensure that **Flow Control** is set to **Auto** to prevent the system performance from performing at less than optimal levels. This limitation exists on a per-port basis.

- **Auto** (default). Receive and transmit PAUSE frame functionality are optimized. This option indicates that the adapter automatically adjusts the flow control settings for optimal performance, and its purpose is not enabling auto negotiation of the flow control parameters.
- **Disable.** Receive and transmit PAUSE frame functionality are disabled.
- **Rx Enabled.** Receive PAUSE frame is enabled.
- **Rx & Tx Enabled.** Receive and transmit PAUSE frame are enabled.
- **Tx Enabled.** Transmit PAUSE frame is enabled.

**IPv4 Checksum Offload.** Normally, the checksum function is computed by the protocol stack. When you select one of the Checksum Offload property values (other than None), the checksum can be computed by the network adapter.

- **Rx Enabled.** Enables receive TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **Tx Enabled.** Enables transmit TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **Tx/Rx Enabled** (default). Enables transmit and receive TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **None.** Disables checksum offload.

**IPv4 Large Send Offload.** Normally, the TCP segmentation is done by the protocol stack. When you enable the Large Send Offload property, the TCP segmentation can be done by the network adapter. The default setting for this property is Enabled. This property is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**IPv6 Checksum Offload.** Normally, the checksum function is computed by the protocol stack. When you select one of the Checksum Offload property values (other than None), the checksum can be computed by the network adapter.

- **Rx Enabled.** Enables receive TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **Tx Enabled.** Enables transmit TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **Tx/Rx Enabled (default).** Enables transmit and receive TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **None.** Disables checksum offload.

**IPv6 Large Send Offload.** Normally, the TCP segmentation is done by the protocol stack. When you enable the Large Send Offload property, the TCP segmentation can be done by the network adapter. The default setting for this property is Enabled. This property is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**Jumbo Packet.** Enables the network adapter to transmit and receive oversized Ethernet frames that are greater than 1514 bytes, but less than or equal to 9000 bytes in length (9600 bytes for network adapters that operate at 10 Gbps). This property requires the presence of a switch that is able to process jumbo frames. This property is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

Frame size is set at 1500 bytes by default. To increase the size of the received frames, raise the byte quantity in 500-byte increments.



**NOTE:** If **Jumbo Packet** is set to 5000 bytes or greater on network adapters that support 10 Gbps link speed, ensure that **Flow Control** is set to **Auto** to prevent the system performance from performing at less than optimal levels. This limitation exists on a per-port basis.



**NOTE:** If SR-IOV is enabled on a virtual function (VF) on the adapter, ensure that the same jumbo packet settings is configured on both the VF and the Microsoft synthetic adapter. You can configure these values using Windows Device Manager > Advanced properties.

If there is a mismatch in the values, the SRIOV function will be shown the the Degraded state in Hyper-V > Networking Status.

**Locally Administered Address.** The Locally Administered Address is a user-defined MAC address that is used in place of the MAC address originally assigned to the network adapter. Every adapter in the network must have its own unique MAC address. This locally administered address consists of a 12-digit hexadecimal number.

- **Value.** Assigns a unique node address for the adapter.
- **Not Present (default).** Uses the factory-assigned node address on the adapter.

The appropriate assigned ranges and exceptions for the locally administered address include the following:

- The range is 00:00:00:00:00:01 to FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FD.
- Do not use a multicast address (least significant bit of the high byte = 1).
- Do not use all 0s or all Fs.

**Receive Side Scaling.** Allows configuring network load balancing across multiple CPUs. The default setting for this property is Enabled.



**Switch Configuration.** Allows configuring of the connected switch for the network adapters.



**NOTE:** Switch Configuration only applies to blade configurations.

- **SW\_Config\_10G** (default). Sets the switch speed to 10 Gbit/s.
- **SW\_Config\_1G**. Sets the switch speed to 1 Gbit/s.

**Speed & Duplex.** The Speed & Duplex property sets the connection speed and mode to that of the network. Note that Full-Duplex mode allows the adapter to transmit and receive network data simultaneously.

- **10 Mb Full**. Sets the speed at 10 Mbit/s and the mode to Full-Duplex.
- **10 Mb Half**. Sets the speed at 10 Mbit/s and the mode to Half-Duplex.
- **100 Mb Full**. Sets the speed at 100 Mbit/s and the mode to Full-Duplex.
- **100 Mb Half**. Sets the speed at 100 Mbit/s and the mode to Half-Duplex.
- **1 Gb Full**. Sets the speed at 1000 Mb Full-Duplex mode only. Not available for 1 Gb ports.
- **2.5 Gb Full**. Sets the speed at 2.5
- **10 GB Full**. Sets the speed to 10 Gbit/s and the mode to Full-Duplex. Not available for 1 Gb ports.
- **Auto** (default). Sets the speed and mode for optimum network connection (recommended).



**NOTES:**

- Auto is the recommended setting. This setting allows the network adapter to dynamically detect the line speed of the network. Whenever the network capability changes, the network adapter automatically detects and adjusts to the new line speed and duplex mode. A speed of 1 Gbit/s is enabled by selecting Auto, when that speed is supported.
- 1 Gb Full Auto must be attached to a link partner that is also capable of a 1 Gb connection. Since the connection is limited to a 1 Gb connection only, the Ethernet@Wirespeed feature will be disabled. If the link partner supports a 1 Gb connection only, the Wake on LAN feature may not work. Additionally, management traffic (IPMI or UMP) in the absence of an operating system may also be affected.
- 10 Mb Half and 100 Mb Half settings force the network adapter to connect to the network in Half-Duplex mode. Note that the network adapter may not function if the network is not configured to operate at the same mode.
- 10 Mb Full and 100 Mb Full settings force the network adapter to connect to the network in Full-Duplex mode. The network adapter may not function if the network is not configured to operate at the same mode.

**Speed & Duplex (SerDes).**

- **1 Gb Full**. Forces the speed to 1 Gb Full based on a matching setting for its link partner.
- **Auto** (default). Sets the speed to auto-negotiate with its link partner at the highest matching speed.
- **Auto with 1Gb Fallback Full**. Sets the speed to auto-negotiate with its link partner, but if the attached link partner is forced at 1 Gbit/s, it will fall back to this mode.
- **Hardware Default**. Sets the speed to negotiate according to the setting specified by the manufacturer (see manufacturer documentation for more information).



**NOTE:** The following properties pertain to Windows Vista operating systems.

**TCP/UDP Checksum Offload (IPv4).** Allows configuring checksum offload for the IPv4 protocol.

- **Disable**. Disables checksum offload.
- **Rx Enabled**. Enables receive TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.

- **Tx Enabled.** Enables transmit TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.
- **TX & Rx Enabled (default).** Enables transmit and receive TCP/IP/UDP checksum offload.

**Priority & VLAN.** Allows enabling both the prioritization of network traffic and VLAN tagging. VLAN tagging only occurs when the VLAN ID setting is configured with a value other than 0 (zero).

- **Priority & VLAN Enabled (default).** Allows for packet prioritization and VLAN tagging.
- **Priority & VLAN Disabled.** Prevents packet prioritization and VLAN tagging.
- **Priority Enabled.** Allows packet prioritization only.
- **VLAN Enabled.** Allows VLAN tagging only.



**NOTE:** If an intermediate driver is managing the network adapter for VLAN tagging, the **Priority & VLAN Disabled** and **Priority Enabled** settings should not be used. Use the **Priority & VLAN Enabled** setting and change the **VLAN ID** to 0 (zero).

**VLAN ID.** Enables VLAN tagging and configures the VLAN ID when **Priority & VLAN Enabled** is selected as the **Priority & VLAN** setting. The range for the VLAN ID is 1 to 4094 and must match the VLAN tag value on the connected switch. A value of 0 (default) in this field disables VLAN tagging.

#### Risk Assessment of VLAN Tagging through the NDIS Miniport Driver

Broadcom's NDIS 6.0 miniport driver provides the means to allow a system containing a Broadcom adapter to connect to a tagged VLAN. On Windows XP systems, this support was only provided through the use of an intermediate driver (e.g., Broadcom Advanced Server Program - BASP). Unlike BASP, however, the NDIS 6 driver's support for VLAN participation is only for a single VLAN ID.

Also unlike BASP, the NDIS 6.0 driver only provides VLAN tagging of the outbound packet, but does not provide filtering of incoming packets based on VLAN ID membership. This is the default behavior of all miniport drivers. While the lack of filtering packets based on VLAN membership may present a security issue, the following provides a risk assessment based on this driver limitation for an IPv4 network:

A properly configured network that has multiple VLANs should maintain separate IP segments for each VLAN. This is necessary since outbound traffic relies on the routing table to identify which adapter (virtual or physical) to pass traffic through and does not determine which adapter based on VLAN membership.

Since support for VLAN tagging on Broadcom's NDIS 6.0 driver is limited to transmit (Tx) traffic only, there is a risk of inbound traffic (Rx) from a different VLAN being passed up to the operating system. However, based on the premise of a properly configured network above, the IP segmentation and/or the switch VLAN configuration may provide additional filtration to limit the risk.

In a back-to-back connection scenario, two computers on the same IP segment may be able to communicate regardless of their VLAN configuration since no filtration of VLAN membership is occurring. However, this scenario assumes that the security may already be breached since this connection type is not typical in a VLAN environment.

If the risk above is not desirable and filtering of VLAN ID membership is required, then support through an intermediate driver would be necessary.

**iSCSI Crash Dump.** Crash dump is used to collect information on adapters that were booted remotely using iSCSI. To enable crash dump, set to Enable and reboot the system. If you perform an upgrade of the device drivers, re-enable **iSCSI Crash Dump**. If iSCSI Boot is configured to boot in the HBA path, then this parameter cannot be changed.

**Interrupt Moderation.** Enables interrupt moderation, which limits the rate of interrupt to the CPU during packet transmission and packet reception. The disabled option allows one interrupt for every packet transmission and packet reception. Enable is the default option.

**Number of RSS Queues.** Allows configuring RSS queues. For 1 Gbps network adapters, the RSS queue options are Auto (default), 2, 4, and 8. For 10 Gbps network adapters, the RSS queue options are Auto (default), 2, 4, 8, and 16.



**Receive Buffers.** The number of receive buffers. Receive buffers are data segments that allow the network adapter to allocate receive packets to memory. For 1 Gbps adapters, the range of valid receive buffers is 50 to 5000 in increments of 1 with 750 receive buffers as the default value.

**Receive Buffers (0=Auto).** The number of receive buffers. Receive buffers are data segments that allow the network adapter to allocate receive packets to memory. For 10 Gbps adapters, the range of valid receive buffers is 0 to 3000 in increments of 50 with 0 receive buffers as the default value.

**Transmit Buffers (0=Auto).** The number of transmit buffers. Transmit buffers are data segments that allow the network adapter to monitor transmit packets in the system memory. The range of valid transmit buffers is 0 to 5000 in increments of 1 with 250 transmit buffers as the default value.

**TCP Connection Offload (IPv4).** Enables and disables TOE offload when using the IPv4 protocol. The default is Enabled.

**TCP Connection Offload (IPv6).** Enables and disables TOE offload when using the IPv6 protocol. The default is Enabled.

**Pause on Exhausted Host Ring.** For BCM57711 and BCM57712 network adapters, there are two possible scenarios that can trigger pause frames to be generated: a host ring buffer is exhausted or the on-chip buffers are depleted. With RSS enabled inside the system, it is possible to achieve better Ethernet throughput if no pause frames are being generated in a case where a host ring buffer (of multiple RSS rings) is exhausted. The default is Disabled.

**Quality of Service.** Enables Quality of Service (QoS) to provide different priorities to different applications.

**Recv Segment Coalescing (IPv4).** Enable Receive Segment Coalescing (IPv4). Receive Segment Coalescing is an offload technology that reduces CPU utilization for network processing on the receive side by offloading tasks from the CPU to a network adapter.

**Recv Segment Coalescing (IPv6).** Enable Receive Segment Coalescing (IPv6). Receive Segment Coalescing is an offload technology that reduces CPU utilization for network processing on the receive side by offloading tasks from the CPU to a network adapter.

**SR-IOV.** Enables Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV).



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## VIEWING RESOURCE INFORMATION

The **Resources** section of the **Information** tab displays information about connections and other essential functions for the selected network adapter.



**NOTE:** Some information may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

### Information Tab: Resources

**Bus Type.** The type of input/output (I/O) interconnect used by the adapter.

## CONFIGURING SYSTEM SETTINGS

**System Management** on the **Configurations** tab allow you to view and change the values of the available properties for the system. The potentially available properties and their respective settings are described below.

**Chimney Offload State.** Enables TCP Offload Engine (TOE) for the entire system. On Windows Server 2008 operating systems, the options are Enable (default) and Disable. For Windows Server 2008 R2, the options are Enable, Disable, and Auto (default). If Chimney Offload State is configured for Auto, then a 10 Gbps network adapter will have TOE enabled, but not for a 1 Gbps network adapter.

To enable TOE for individual network adapters, configure Chimney Offload State to Enable and also enable TCP Connection Offload (IPv4) or TCP Connection Offload (IPv6) from the Advanced area of the Configuration tab.

## VIEWING STATISTICS

The information provided on the Statistics tab allows you to view traffic statistics for both Broadcom network adapters and network adapters made by others. Statistical information and coverage are more comprehensive for Broadcom adapters.

To view Statistics information for any installed network adapter, click the name of the adapter listed in the Explorer View pane, then click the Statistics tab.

If any of the sections described below is not visible, then from the **Context View** tab on the right side of the window, select **Statistics** and then select the name of the missing section.

Click **Refresh** to get the most recent values for each statistic. Click **Reset** to change all values to zero for the current BACS session.



### NOTES:

- Team statistics are not compiled for a Broadcom network adapter if it is disabled.
- Some statistics may not be available for all Broadcom network adapters.

## General Statistics

General Statistics show the transmitted and received statistics to and from the adapter.

**Frames Tx OK.** A count of the frames that were successfully transmitted. This counter is incremented when the transmit status is reported as Transmit OK.

**Frames Rx OK.** A count of the frames that were successfully received. This does not include frames received with frame-too-long, frame check sequence (FCS), length, or alignment errors, nor frames lost due to internal MAC sublayer errors. This counter is incremented when the receive status is reported as Receive OK.

**Directed Frames Tx.** A count of directed data frames that were successfully transmitted.

**Multicast Frames Tx.** A count of frames that were successfully transmitted (as indicated by the status value Transmit OK) to a group destination address other than a broadcast address.

**Broadcast Frames Tx.** A count of frames that were successfully transmitted (as indicated by the transmit status Transmit OK) to the broadcast address. Frames transmitted to multicast addresses are not broadcast frames and are excluded.

**Directed Frames Rx.** A count of directed data frames that were successfully received.

**Multicast Frames Rx.** A count of frames that were successfully received and are directed to an active nonbroadcast group address. This does not include frames received with frame-too-long, FCS, length, or alignment errors, nor frames lost because of internal MAC sublayer errors. This counter is incremented as indicated by the Receive OK status.

**Broadcast Frames Rx.** A count of frames that were successfully received and are directed to a broadcast group address. This count does not include frames received with frame-too-long, FCS, length, or alignment errors, nor frames lost because of internal MAC sublayer errors. This counter is incremented as indicated by the Receive OK status.

**Frames Rx with CRC Error.** The number of frames received with CRC errors.

**Initiator Login Statistics.** iSCSI login enables a connection for iSCSI use between the initiator and the target and is used to authenticate parties, negotiate the session's parameters, open security association protocol, and mark the connection as belonging to an iSCSI session.

**Login Accept Responses.** The number of login requests accepted by the target.

**Login other failed Responses.** The number of login requests that were not accepted by the target.

**Login Redirect Responses.** The number of responses that required further action by the initiator.

**Login Authentication Failed Responses.** The number of login requests that failed due to party authentication failure.

**Login target authentication failure.** The number of instances where the login could not authenticate the target.

**Login target negotiation failure.** The number of instances where the login could not negotiate the sessions parameters.

**Normal logout command PDU.** The number of normal logout commands issued by the initiator to remove a connection from a session or to close a session.

**Other logout command PDU.** The number of logout commands issued by the initiator for reasons other than to remove a connection from a session or to close a session.



**Local Initiator login failures.** The number of login failures likely caused by the initiator.

**Initiator Instance Statistics.** The statistics in this area pertain to all sessions.

**Session digest errors.** The number of sessions with errors due to an invalid payload or header.

**Session connection timeout error.** The number of sessions that were terminated due to any of the many timeout errors.

**Session format error.** The number of sessions with errors due to inconsistent fields, reserved fields not 0, non-existent LUN, etc.

**Sessions failed.** The number of failed sessions.

### Custom

Custom statistics.

**Total Offload iSCSI Connections.** The total number of offloaded iSCSI connections.

### Session Statistics

The statistics in this area only pertain to the named session.

**Session Name.** The name used for the session between the initiator and the target.

**Session Id.** The identifier used for the session between the initiator and the target.

**Bytes sent.** The number of bytes sent for the named session.

**Bytes received.** The number of bytes received for the named session.

**PDU sent.** The number of iSCSI PDUs sent for the named session.

**PDU received.** The number of iSCSI PDUs received for the named session.

**Digest errors.** The number of errors due to an invalid payload or header for the named session.

**Connection Timeout errors.** The number of connection timeout errors for the named session.

**Format errors.** The number of errors due to inconsistent fields, reserved fields not 0, non-existent LUN, etc. for the named session.

### IEEE 802.3 Statistics

**Frames Rx with Alignment Error.** A count of the frames that were not an integral number of octets in length and do not pass the FCS check. This counter is incremented when the receive status is reported as Alignment Error.

**Frames Tx with one Collision.** A count of the frames that were involved in a single collision and were subsequently transmitted successfully. This counter is incremented when the result of a transmission is reported as Transmit OK, and the attempt value is 2.

**Frames Tx with more than one Collision.** A count of the frames that were involved in more than one collision and were subsequently transmitted successfully. This counter is incremented when the transmit status is reported as Transmit OK, and the value of the attempts variable is greater than 2 and less than or equal to the attempt limit.

**Frames Tx after Deferral.** A count of the frames that were delayed being transmitted on the first attempt because the medium was busy. The frames involved in any collision are not counted.

### Custom Statistics



**NOTE:** Custom statistics are available only for an enabled Broadcom network adapter.

**Out of Recv. Buffer.** The number of times the adapter ran out of Receive Buffer Descriptors. This information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters.

**Frames size less than 64-byte with bad FCS.** The number of frames with a size less than 64 bytes with bad FCS.

**MAC Rx w/ Pause Command and Length = 0.** MAC control frames with the pause command and a length equal to 0.

**MAC Rx w/ Pause Command and Length greater than 0.** MAC control frames with the pause command and a length greater than 0.

**MAC Rx w/ no Pause Command.** MAC control frames with no pause command.

**MAC Sent X-on.** MAC Transmit with X-on was on.

**MAC Sent X-off.** MAC Transmit with X-on was off.

**Large Send Offload Transmit Requests.** The number of times the adapter was requested to transmit a packet performing TCP segmentation.

**Total Offload TCP Connections.** The total number of offloaded TCP connections.

### SR-IOV Switch Statistics

This area shows the statistics for SR-IOV switches.

**Num of Active VFs.** This shows the number of active Virtual Functions (VF).

## VIEWING RESOURCE RESERVATIONS



### NOTES:

- Resource Reservation information is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters and VBD drivers.
- Not all offload technologies are available with all adapters.
- Resource Reservation information is not available in BACS on Linux systems.

The Resource Reservations section shows the number of connections allocated to an offload technology: TOE and iSCSI.

- TCP Offload Engine (TOE) for accelerating TCP over 1 GbE, 2.5 GbE, and 10 GbE.

- Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI) offload for accelerating network storage access featuring centralized boot functionality (iSCSI boot).

You can also view the number of unlicensed resources and unallocated resources.

TOE and iSCSI can only be configured on certain adapters and require a license key. License keys are preprogrammed in the hardware.

#### To view resource reservations

1. Click the name of the Broadcom NetXtreme II system device in the Explorer View pane.
2. From the **Resource Reservations** section, select the property you want to set.
3. Click **Apply** to confirm the changes to all properties. Click **Reset** to return the properties to their original values.

## Configuring the IP Address for iSCSI Offload

For iSCSI-booted adapters, the Configurations tab is not available and you will not be able to perform this procedure.

#### To set the IP address of the iSCSI HBA for iSCSI offload

The **iSCSI Management** section of the **Configurations** tab allows you to set the IP address of the iSCSI HBA when using iSCSI protocol to offload network processing from the CPU to the Broadcom network adapter.

1. Click the name of the Broadcom NetXtreme II iSCSI device in the SCSI controller section of the Explorer View pane.
2. Depending on the protocol you will be using, for **IPv4 DHCP** or **IPv6 DHCP**, select **Enable** (not available for iSCSI booted adapters) to set the IP address dynamically using a DHCP server. Or select **Disable** to set the IP address using a static IP address. Enter the **IP Address**, **Subnet Mask**, and **Default Gateway**.
3. Configure the VLAN ID for the iSCSI HBA by entering a number for **VLAN ID**. The value must be between 1 and 4094.
4. After the configurations are complete, click **Apply** to save the settings or click **Reset** to revert back to the previous settings.

## VIEWING LICENSES



#### NOTES:

- The **Licenses** section of the **Configurations** tab is only available for Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters and VBD drivers.
- Not all offload technologies are available with all adapters.

The **Licenses** section shows the number of connections available for TOE and iSCSI offload technologies.

#### To view licenses

1. Click the name of the Broadcom NetXtreme II system device in the Explorer View pane.

## CONFIGURING TEAMING



**NOTE:** BACS does not support teaming on Linux systems. Linux provides a similar built-in functionality called Channel Bonding. Refer to the Linux OS documentation for more information.

The teaming function allows you to group any available network adapters together to function as a team. Teaming is a method of creating a virtual NIC (a group of multiple adapters that functions as a single adapter). The benefit of this approach is that it enables load balancing and failover. Teaming is done through the Broadcom Advanced Server Program (BASP) software. For a comprehensive description of the technology and implementation considerations of the teaming software, refer to the “Broadcom Gigabit Ethernet Teaming Services” section of your Broadcom network adapter user guide.

Teaming can be accomplished by either of the following methods:

- [Using the Broadcom Teaming Wizard](#)
- [Using Expert Mode](#)



### NOTES:

- For further information regarding teaming protocols, see “Teaming” in your Broadcom network adapter user guide.
- If you do not enable LiveLink™ when configuring teams, disabling Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) at the switch is recommended. This minimizes the downtime due to spanning tree loop determination when failing over. LiveLink mitigates such issues.
- BASP is available only if a system has one or more Broadcom network adapters installed.
- The TCP Offload Engine (TOE), Large Send Offload (LSO), and Checksum Offload properties are enabled for a team only when all of the members support and are configured for the feature.
- To physically remove a teamed NIC from a system, you must first delete the NIC from the team. Not doing this before shutting down the system could result in breaking the team on a subsequent reboot, which may result in unexpected team behavior.
- If an adapter is included as a member of a team and you change any advanced property, then you must rebuild the team to ensure that the team’s advanced properties are properly set.
- You must have administrator privileges to create or modify a team.
- The load balance algorithm in a team environment in which members are connected at different speeds favors members connected with a Gigabit Ethernet link over members connected at lower speed links (100 Mbps or 10 Mbps) until a threshold is met. This is normal behavior.

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## TEAM TYPES

You can create four types of load balance teams:

- Smart Load Balance and Failover
- Link Aggregation (802.3ad) (TOE is not applicable)
- Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static (TOE is not applicable)
- SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) – The Auto-Fallback Disable feature is configured for Smart Load Balance and Failover type teams in the Teaming Wizard.



**NOTE:** NetXtreme II network adapters with iSCSI enabled is supported only in an SLB team type.

### Smart Load Balance and Failover

In this type of team, a standby member handles the traffic if all of the load balance members fail (a failover event). All load balance members have to fail before the standby member takes over. When one or more of the load balance members is restored (fallback), the restored team member(s) resumes the handling of the traffic. The LiveLink feature is supported for this type of team.

### Link Aggregation (802.3ad)

In this type of team, you can dynamically configure the network adapters that have been selected to participate in a given team. If the link partner is not correctly configured for IEEE 802.3ad link configuration, errors are detected and noted. All adapters in the team are configured to receive packets for the same MAC address. The outbound load balancing scheme is determined by the BASP driver. The link partner of the team determines the load balancing scheme for inbound packets. In this mode, at least one of the link partners must be in active mode.



**NOTE:** TOE is not applicable for Link Aggregation team type. NetXtreme II network adapters with iSCSI enabled is not supported for Link Aggregation team type.

### Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static

This type of team is very similar to the link aggregation type, in that all adapters in the team must be configured to receive packets for the same MAC address. This mode does not provide link aggregation control protocol (LACP) or marker protocol support. This mode supports a variety of environments where the link partners are statically configured to support a proprietary trunking mechanism. Trunking supports load balancing and failover for both outbound and inbound traffic.



**NOTE:** TOE is not applicable for Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static team type. NetXtreme II network adapters with iSCSI enabled is not supported for Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC)/802.3ad-Draft Static team type.

### SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable)

This team is identical to Smart Load Balance and Failover, with the following exception: when the standby member is active, if a primary member comes back online, the team continues using the standby member rather than switching back to the primary member. This type of team is supported only for situations in which the network cable is disconnected and reconnected to the network adapter. It is not supported for situations in which the adapter is removed/installed through



Device Manager or Hot-Plug PCI. If any primary adapter assigned to a team is disabled, the team functions as a Smart Load Balancing and Failover type of team in which auto-fallback occurs. The LiveLink feature is supported for this type of team.

## STANDBY TEAM MEMBER AND AUTO-FALLBACK DISABLE MODE

You can designate one team member in an SLB type of team to be the standby member. The standby member does not actively send and receive normal network traffic while other adapters on the team are active. If all of the active adapters on the team fail or are disconnected, the standby member takes over the handling of the network activities.

In Auto-Fallback Disable mode, if a load balance member returns on line, the team continues using the standby member rather than switching back to using the load balance member. Consequently, the adapter that was initially designated a load balance member remains in an inactive state and becomes the new standby member.

## LIVELINK

LiveLink is a feature of BASP that is available for the Smart Load Balancing (SLB) and SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) type of teaming. The purpose of LiveLink is to detect link loss beyond the switch and to route traffic only through team members that have a live link.

## USING THE BROADCOM TEAMING WIZARD

You can use the Broadcom Teaming Wizard to create a team, configure an existing team if a team has already been created, or create a VLAN.

### 1. Create or edit a team:

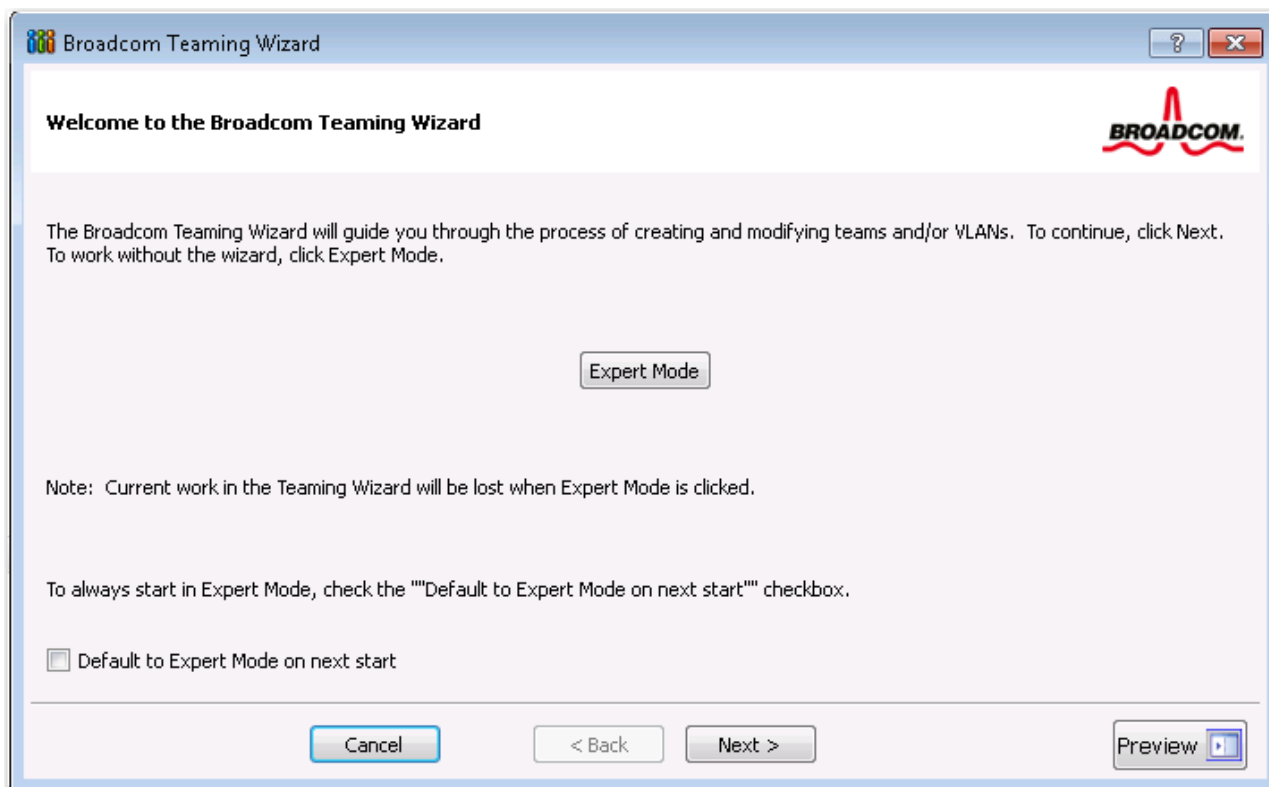
To create a new team, select **Create a Team** from the **Team** menu, or right-click one of the devices in the “Unassigned Adapters” section and select **Create a Team**. This option is not available if there are no devices listed in the “Unassigned Adapters” sections, which means all adapters are already assigned to teams.

To configure an existing team, right-click one of the teams in the list and select **Edit Team**. This option is only available if a team has already been created and is listed in the Team Management pane.



**NOTE:** If you prefer to work without the wizard for now, click **Expert Mode**. If you want to always use Expert Mode to create a team, select **Default to Expert Mode on next start**. See [Using Expert Mode](#).

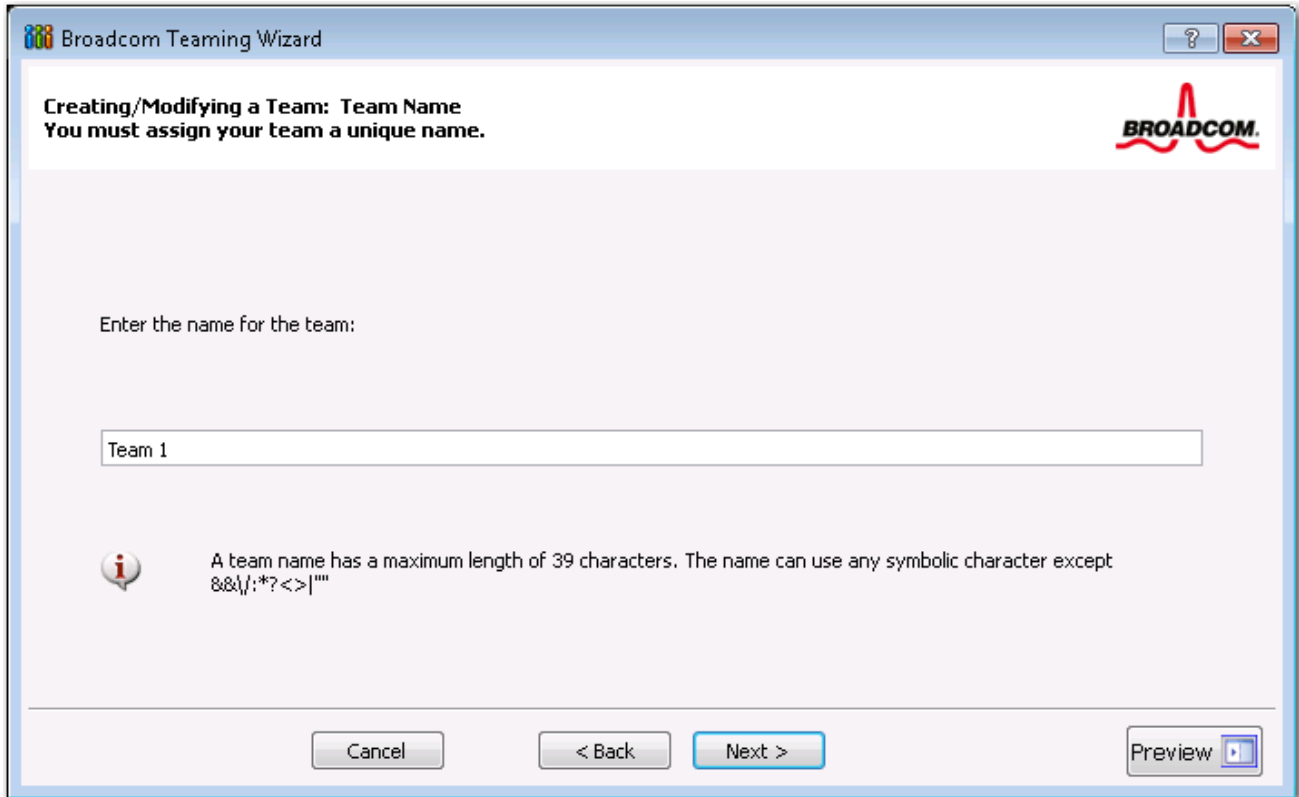
### 2. To continue using the wizard, click **Next**.



3. Type the team name and then click **Next**. If you want to review or change any of your settings, click **Back**. Click **Cancel** to discard your settings and exit the wizard.



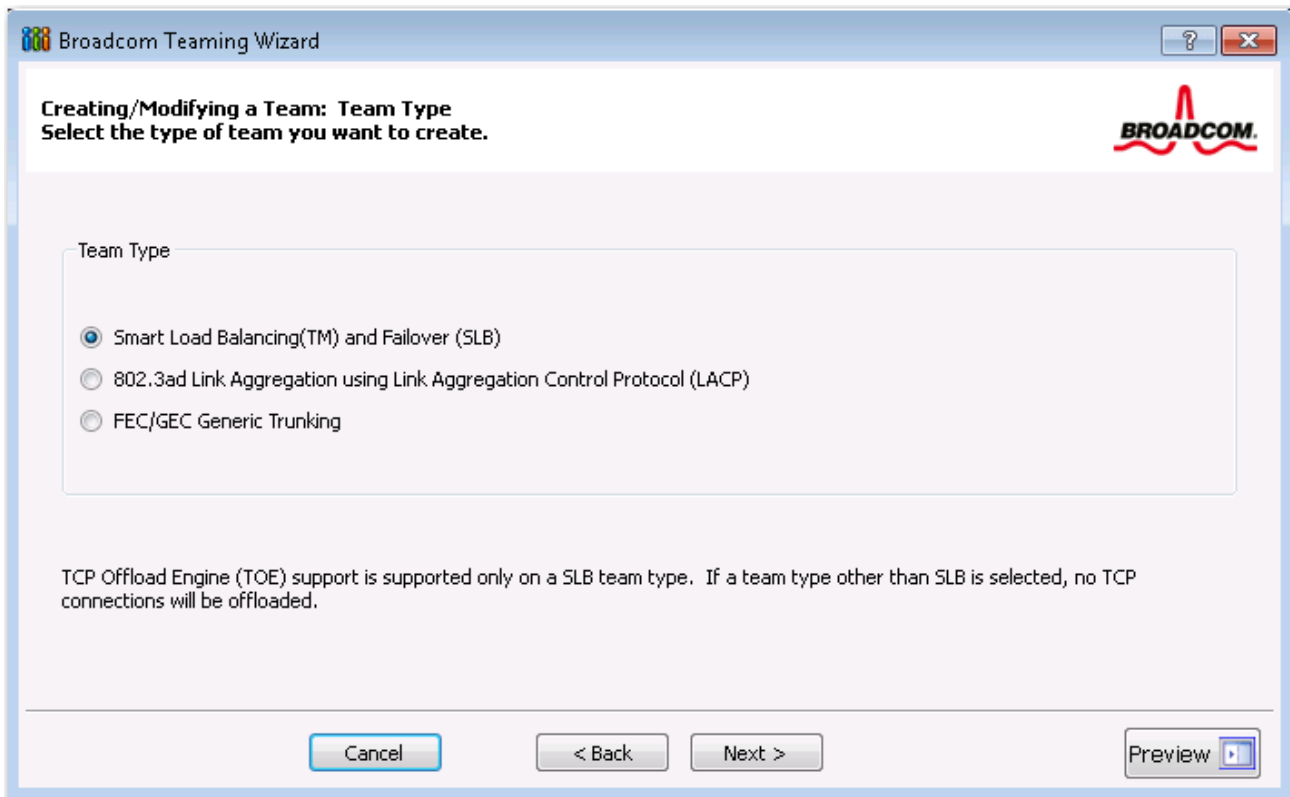
**NOTE:** The team name cannot exceed 39 characters, cannot begin with spaces, and cannot contain any of the following characters: & \ / : \* ? < > |



4. Select the type of team you want to create.
5. Select **Enable Hyper-V Mode** if you want to enable Windows virtualization services. See “Microsoft Virtualization with Hyper-V” in the Troubleshooting topic in the *NetXtreme II Network Adapter User Guide* for more information about this feature.
6. If the team type is an SLB type team, click **Next**. If the team type is not an SLB type team, then a dialog box appears. Verify that the network switch connected to the team members is configured correctly for the team type, click **OK**, and continue.



**NOTE:** NetXtreme II network adapters with iSCSI enabled is supported only in an SLB team type. To continue with the creation of non-SLB team types, first disable iSCSI by deselecting **iSCSI Offload Engine** from the **Resource Reservations** area of the Configurations tab.



- From the **Available Adapters** list, click the adapter you want to add to the team and then click **Add**. Remove team members from the **Team Members** list by clicking the adapter and then clicking **Remove**. Click **Next**.



**NOTE:** There must be at least one Broadcom network adapter assigned to the team.

The TCP Offload Engine (TOE), Large Send Offload (LSO) and Checksum Offload (CO) columns indicate if the TOE, LSO, Jumbo MTU, and/or the CO properties are supported for the adapter. The TOE, LSO, Jumbo MTU, and CO properties are enabled for a team only when all of the members support and are configured for the feature. If this is the case, then the team offload capabilities appear on the bottom of the screen.



**NOTES:**

- Adding a network adapter to a team where its driver is disabled may negatively affect the offloading capabilities of the team. This may have an impact on the team's performance. Therefore, it is recommended that only driver-enabled network adapters be added as members to a team.

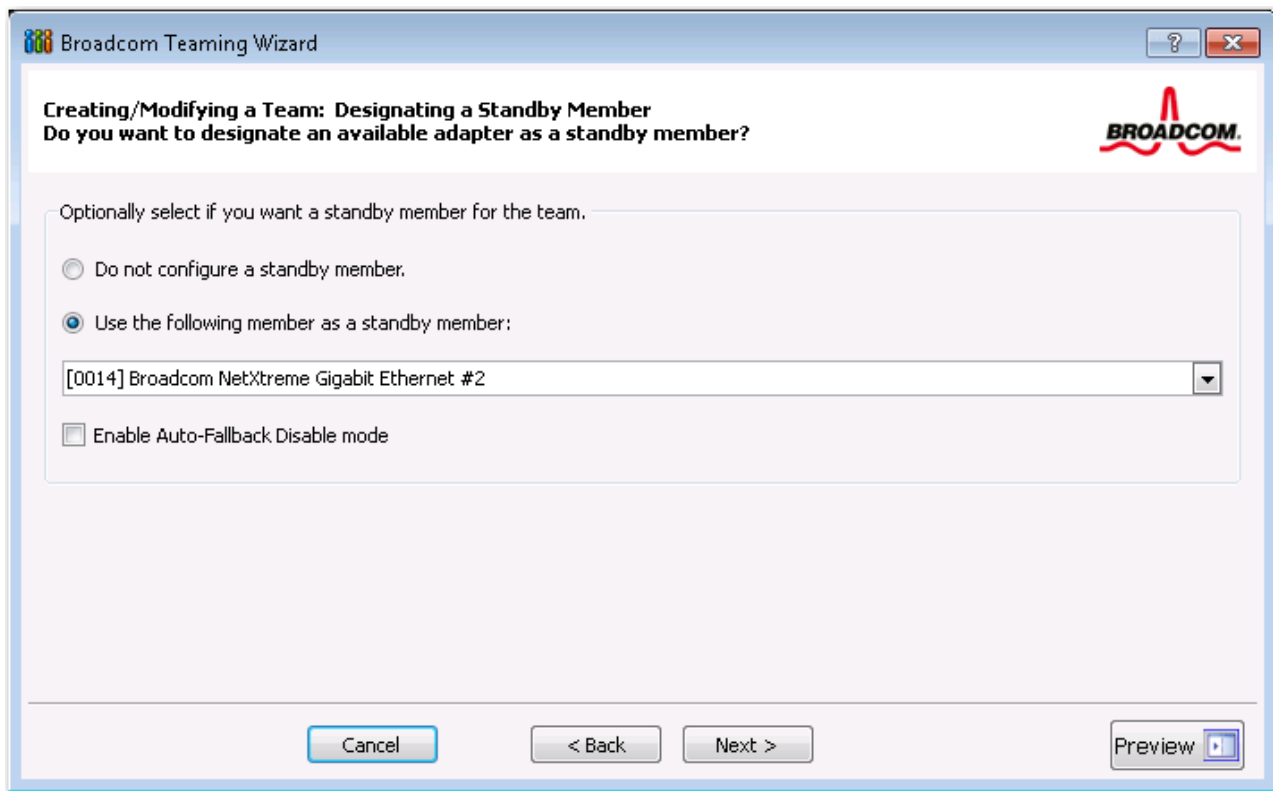
Available Adapters	TOE	LSO	CO	RSS	Teamable	NDIS	MTU
[0015] Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet #3	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.20	1500
[0016] Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet #4	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.20	1500

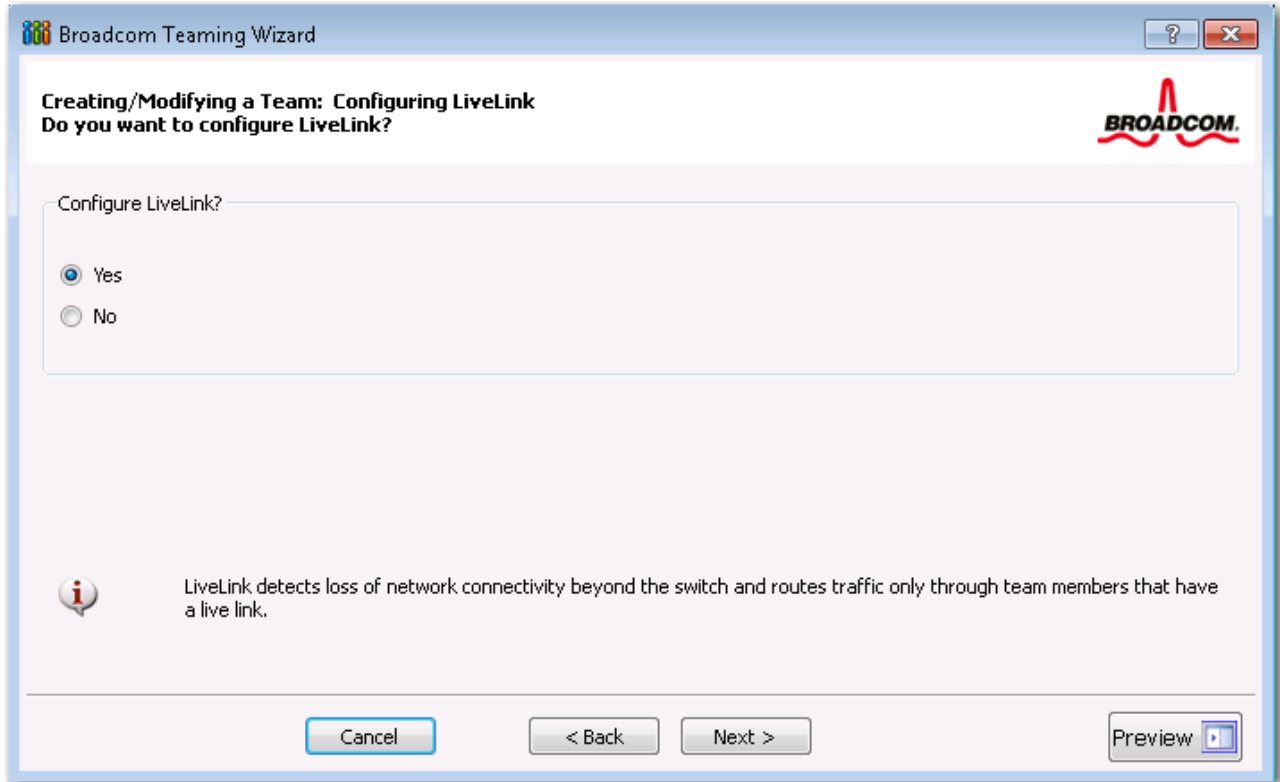
Team Members	TOE	LSO	CO	RSS	Teamable	NDIS	MTU
[0014] Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet #2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.20	1500
[0007] Broadcom NetXtreme Gigabit Ethernet	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	6.20	1500

Team Offload Capabilities: LSO, CO, RSS      Team MTU: 1500

- If you want to designate one of the adapters as a standby member (optional), select **Use the following member as a standby member**, then choose the standby member from the list of adapters.
- The Auto-Fallback Disable mode feature allows the team to continue using the standby member rather than switching back to the primary member if the primary member comes back online. To enable this feature, select **Enable Auto-Fallback Disable mode**. Click **Next**.



10. If you want to configure LiveLink, select **Yes**, otherwise select **No**, then click **Next**.



11. Select the probe interval (the number of seconds between each retransmission of a link packet to the probe target) and the maximum number of probe retries (the number of consecutively missed responses from a probe target before a failover is triggered).

12. Set the Probe VLAN ID to allow for connectivity with probe targets residing on a tagged VLAN. The number set must match the VLAN ID of the probe targets as well as the port(s) on the switch to which the team is connected.



**NOTE:** Each LiveLink enabled team can only communicate with Probe Targets on a single VLAN. Also, VLAN ID 0 is equivalent to an untagged network. If the Probe VLAN ID is set to a value other than 0, then a VLAN must be created with an identical VLAN tag value (see [Step 18](#)).

13. Click the probe target at the top of the list, click **Edit Target IP Address**, type the target IP address in the **IP Address** box for one or all probe targets, and then click **OK**. Click **Next**.



**NOTE:** Only the first probe target is required. You can specify up to three additional probe targets to serve as backups by assigning IP addresses to the other probe targets.

14. Select a listed team member, click **Edit Member IP Address**, and then type the member IP address in the IP Address box. Repeat for all listed team members and then click **OK**. Click **Next**.



**NOTE:** All of the member IP addresses must be in the same subnet as the subnet of the probe targets.

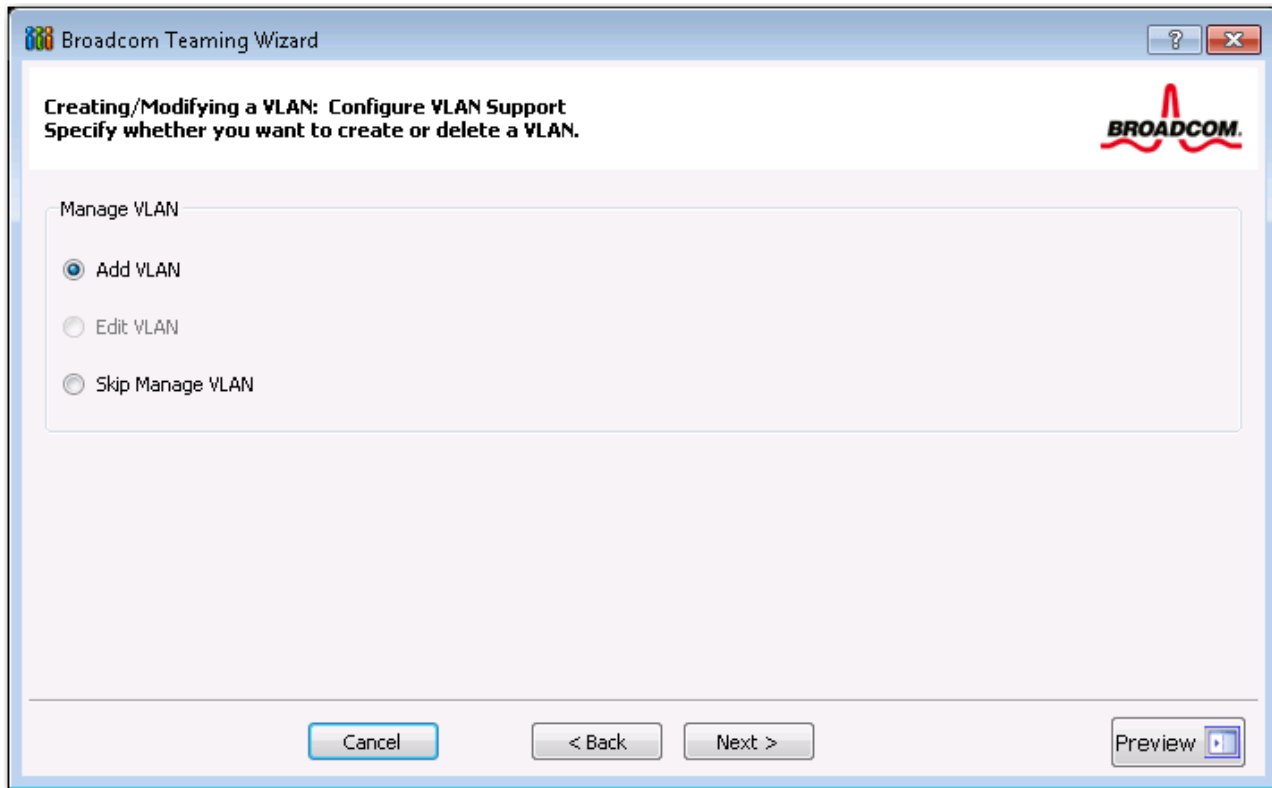
15. If you want to create a VLAN on the team, select **Add VLAN**, or if you want to change the settings of an existing VLAN, select **Edit VLAN**, then click **Next**. If you do not want to create or edit a VLAN, select **Skip Manage VLAN**, then click

**Next**, and continue with the wizard from the Finish screen (see [Step 20](#) of this procedure).

VLANs enable you to add multiple virtual adapters that are on different subnets. The benefit of this is that your system can have one network adapter that can belong to multiple subnets.



**NOTE:** VLANs can only be created when all team members are Broadcom adapters.

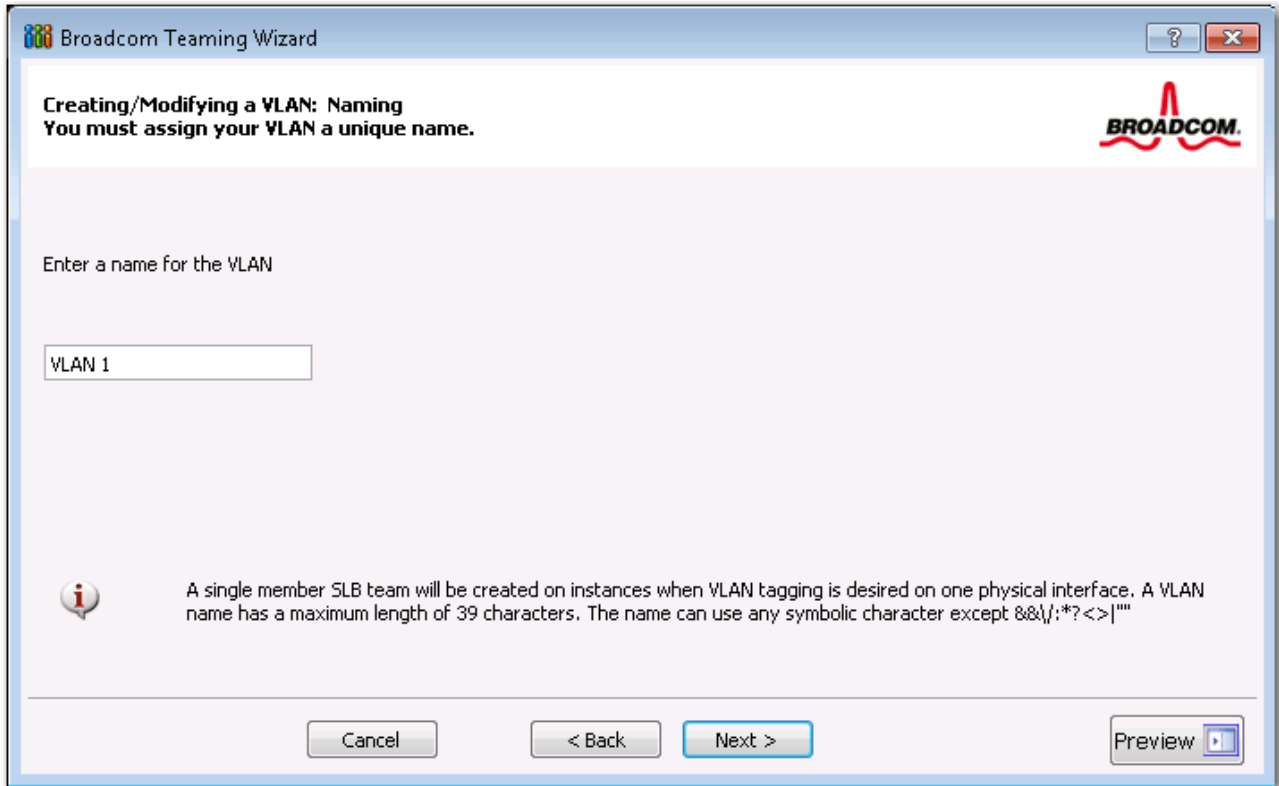




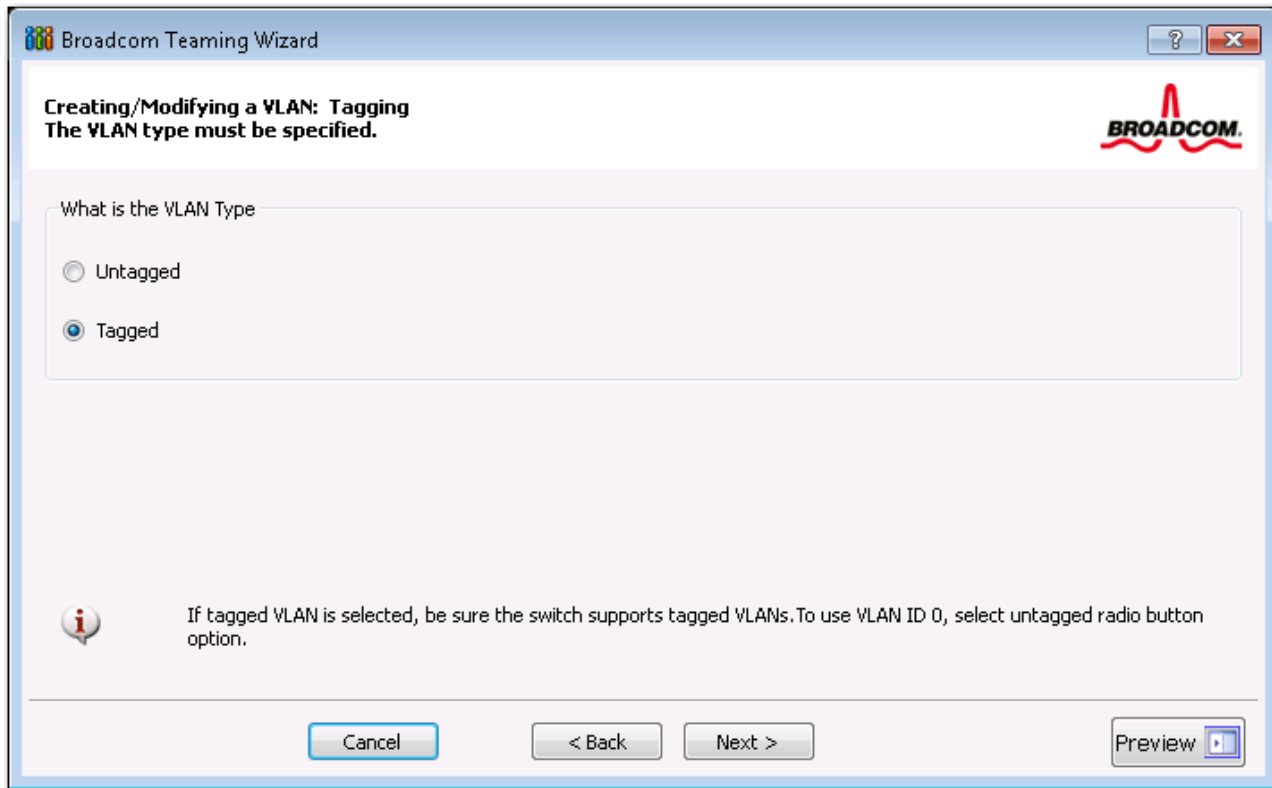
16. Type the VLAN name and then click **Next**.



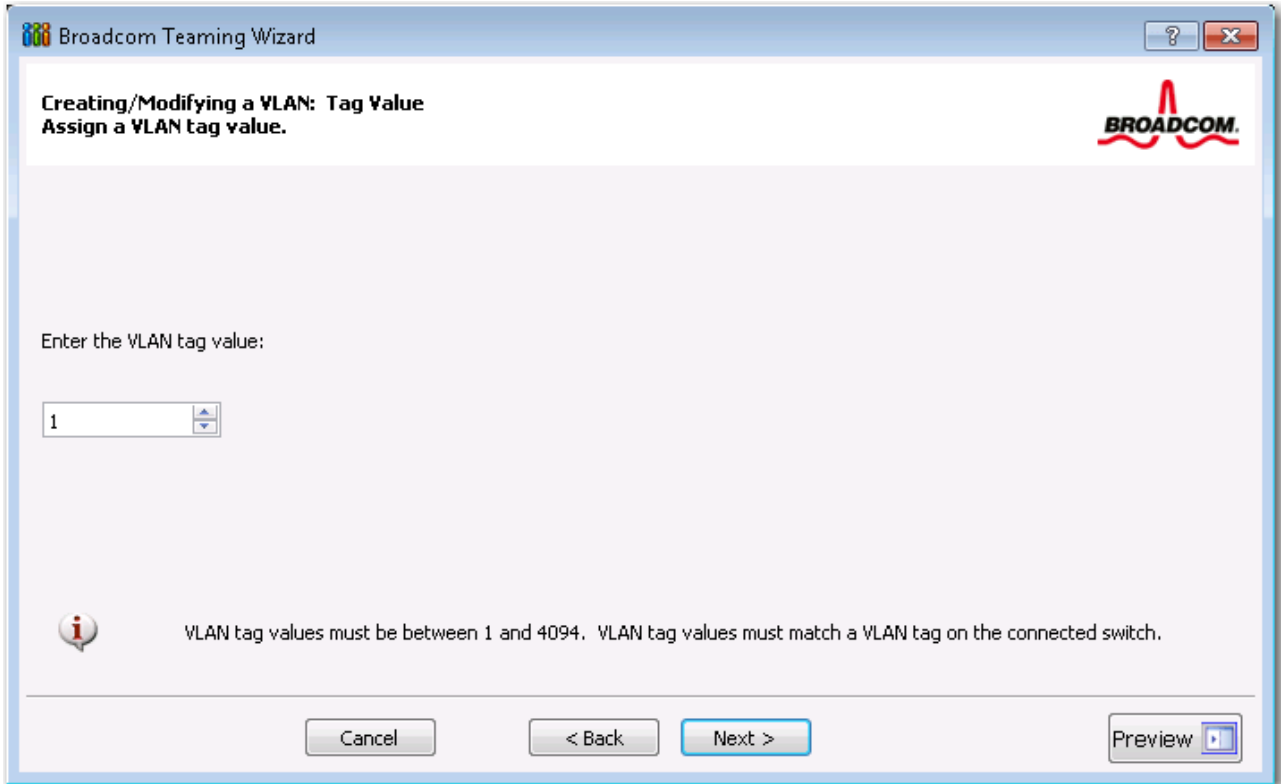
**NOTE:** The team name cannot exceed 39 characters, cannot begin with spaces, and cannot contain any of the following characters: & \ / : \* ? < > |



17. To tag the VLAN, select **Tagged** and then click **Next**. Otherwise, click **Untagged**, click **Next**, and continue with the wizard to add additional VLANs (see [Step 19](#) of this procedure).



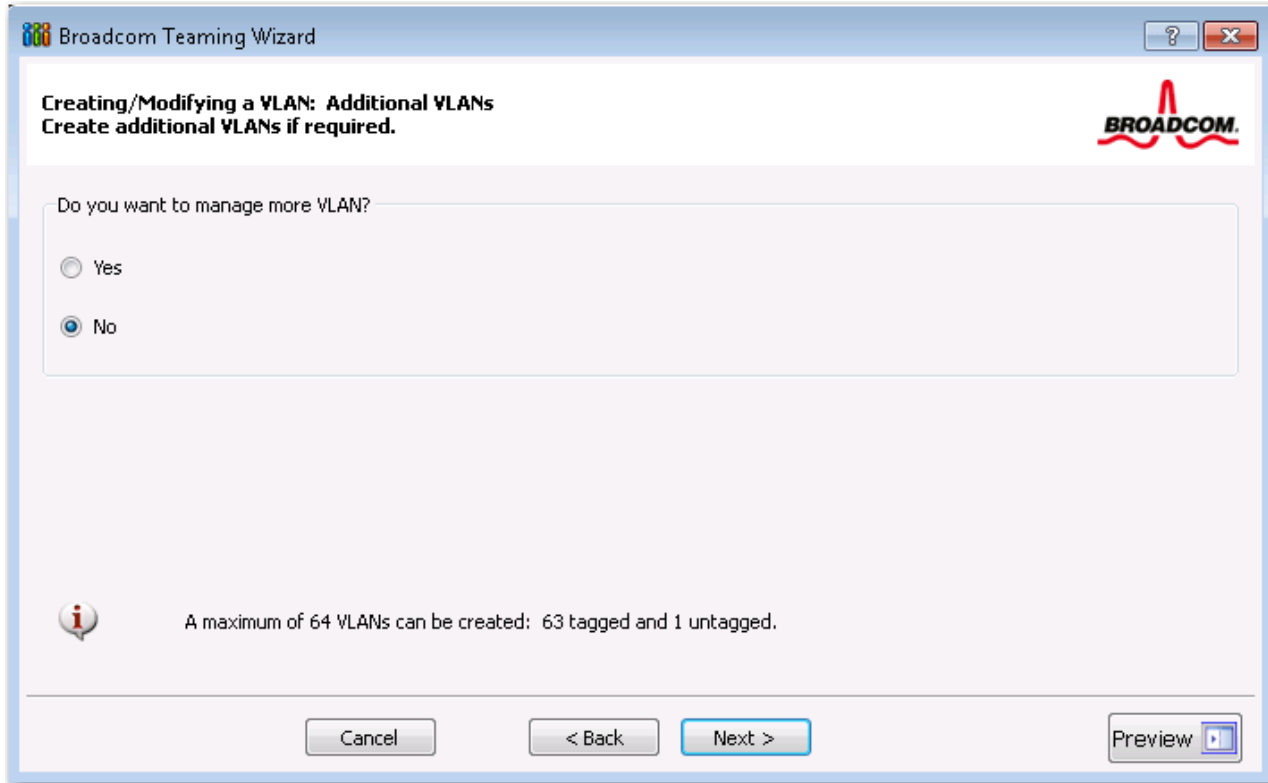
18. Type the VLAN tag value and then click **Next**. The value must be between 1 and 4094.



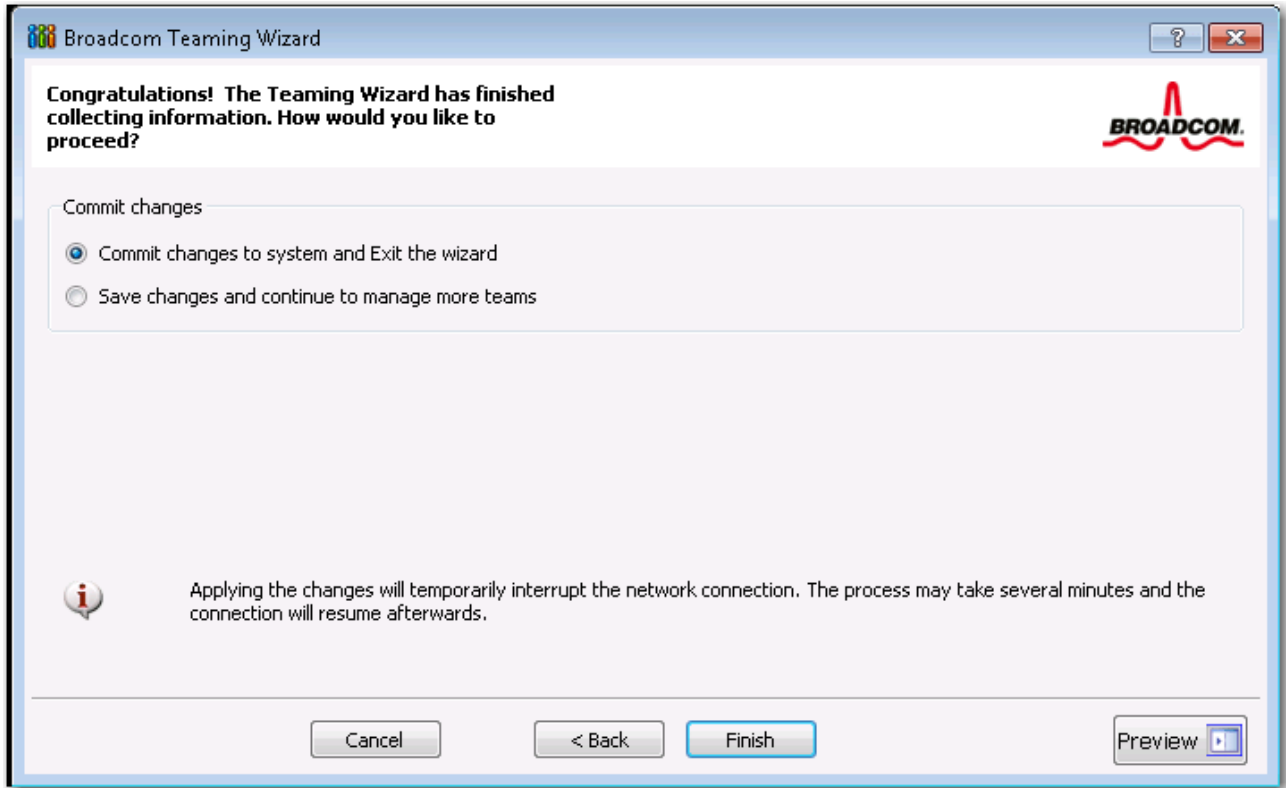
19. Select **Yes** to add or manage another VLAN and then click **Next**. Repeat until you do not want to add or manage any additional VLANs.



**NOTE:** You can define up to 64 VLANs per team (63 VLANs that are tagged and 1 VLAN that is not tagged). Adding several VLANs may slow down the reaction time of the Windows interface due to memory and processor time usage for each VLAN. The degree to which Windows performance may suffer depends on system configuration.

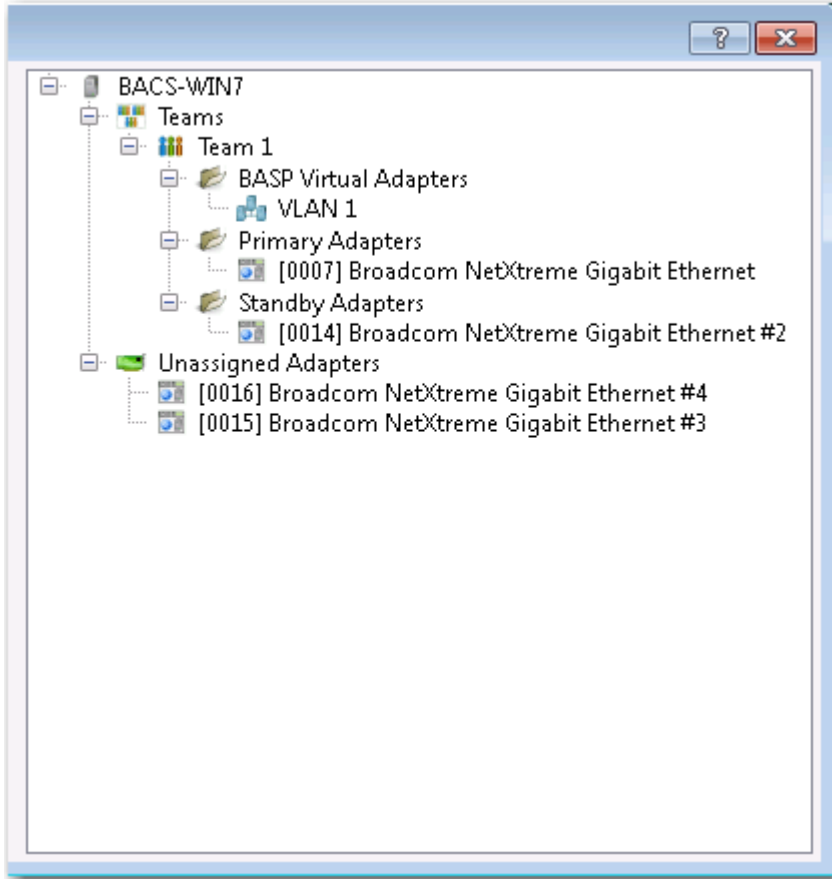


20. To apply and commit the changes to the team, select **Commit changes to system and Exit the wizard**. To apply your changes but continue using the wizard, select **Save changes and continue to manage more teams**. Click Finish.

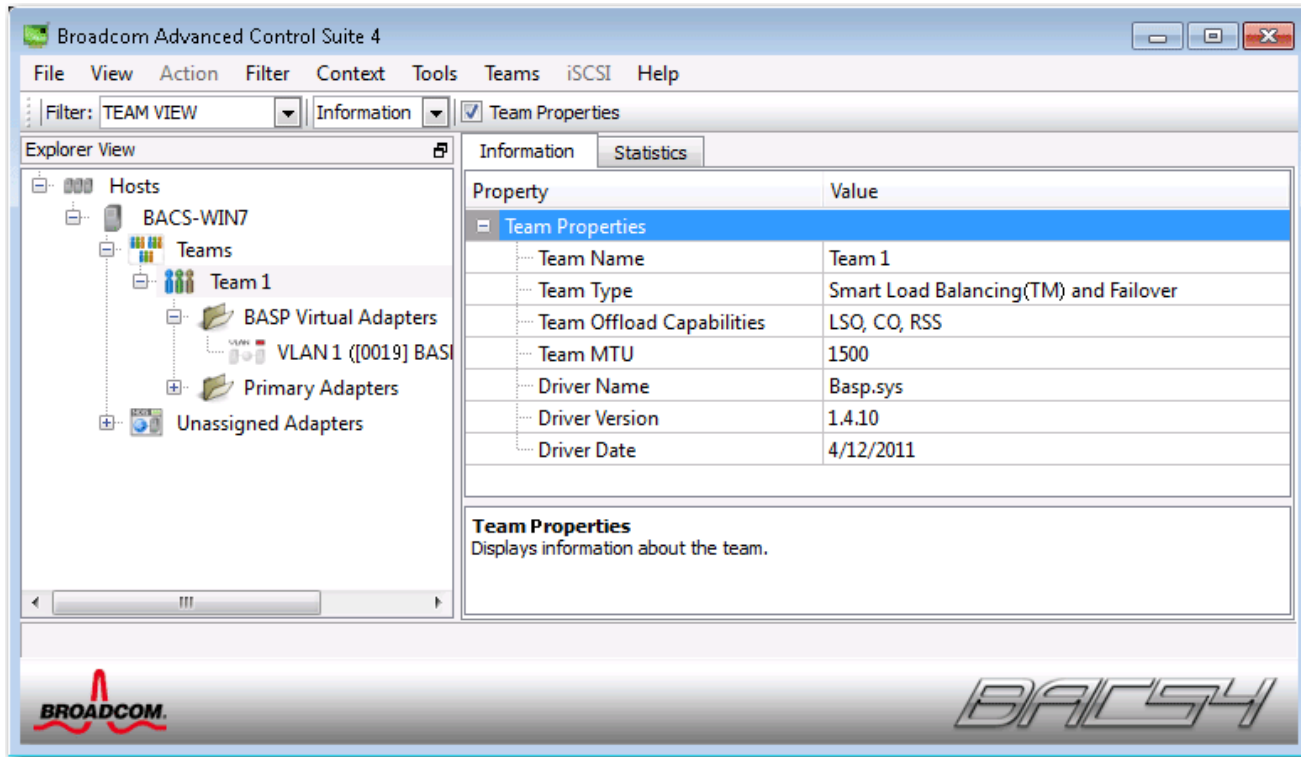




**NOTE:** At any point in the Broadcom Teaming Wizard procedure, click **Preview** to get a visual representation of what the team will look like before committing any changes.



21. Click the team name in the Team Management pane to view the team's properties in the **Information** tab, transfer and receive data in the **Statistics** tab, and team customization options in the **Configurations** tab.



## USING EXPERT MODE

Use Expert Mode to create a team, modify a team, add a VLAN, and configure LiveLink for a Smart Load Balance and Failover and SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) team. To create a team using the wizard, see [Using the Broadcom Teaming Wizard](#).

To set the default Teaming Mode, select **Options** from the **Tools** menu. In the **Options** window, click the **General** tab, then select **Expert Mode** or **Wizard Mode** (the default is Wizard Mode).

### Creating a Team



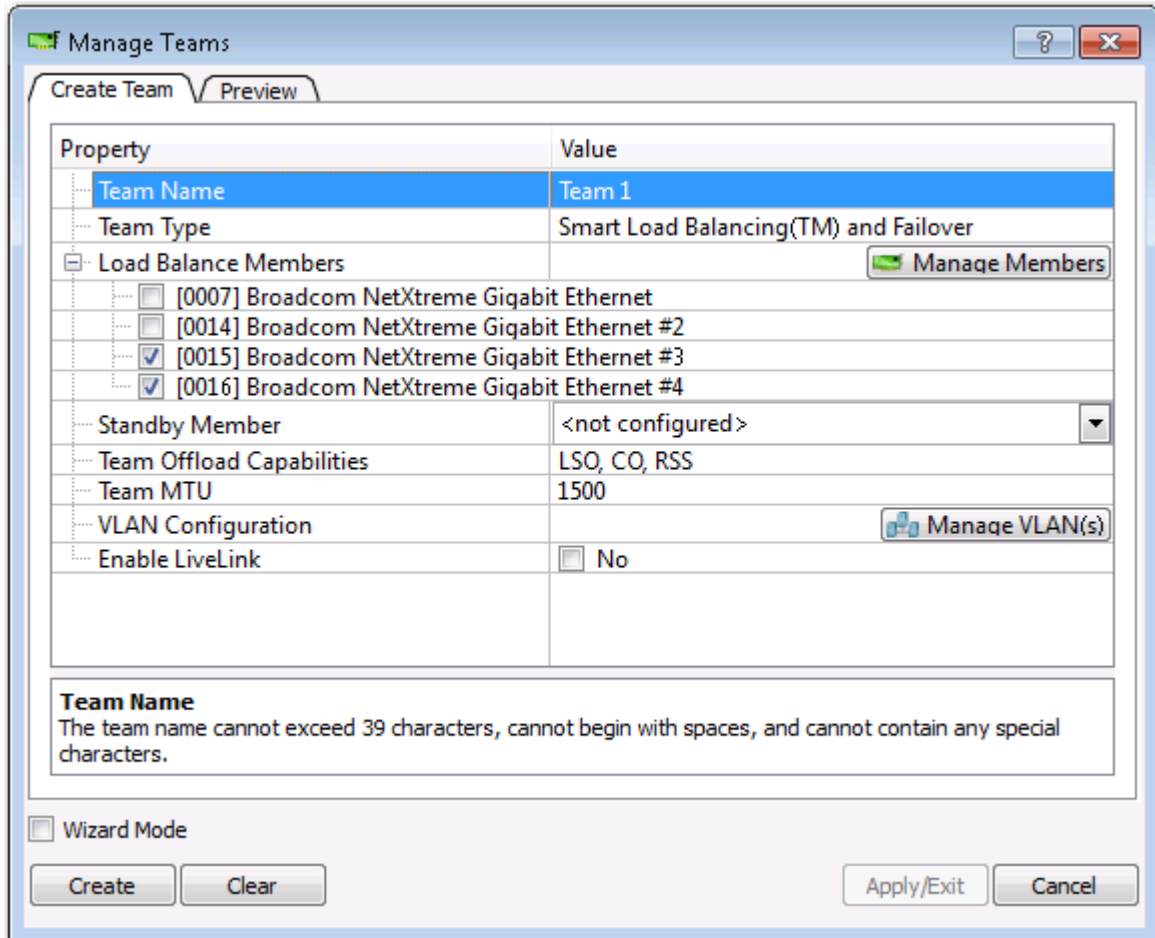
**NOTE:** Enabling Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is not recommended for members of an SLB type of team.

1. From the **Teams** menu, select **Create a Team**, or right-click one of the devices in the "Unassigned Adapters" section and select **Create a Team**. This option is not available if there are no devices listed in the "Unassigned Adapters" sections, which means all adapters are already assigned to teams.
2. Click **Expert Mode**.



**NOTE:** If you want to always use Expert Mode to create a team, click **Default to Expert Mode on next start**.

3. Click the **Create Team** tab.



**NOTE:** The **Create Team** tab appears only if there are teamable adapters available.

- Click the **Team Name** field to enter a team name.
- Click the **Team Type** field to select a team type.
- Click **Hyper-V Mode** if you want to enable Windows virtualization services. See “Microsoft Virtualization with Hyper-V” in the “Troubleshooting” topic in the *NetXtreme II Network Adapter User Guide* for more information about this feature.
- Assign any available adapter or adapters to the team by moving the adapter from the **Available Adapters** list to the **Load Balance Members** list. There must be at least one adapter in the **Load Balance Members** list.
- You can assign any other available adapter to be a standby member by selecting it from the **Standby Member** list.



**NOTE:** There must be at least one Broadcom network adapter assigned to the team.

The TCP Offload Engine (TOE), Large Send Offload (LSO), and Checksum Offload (CO) columns indicate if the TOE, LSO, and/or the CO properties are supported for the adapter. The TOE, LSO, and CO properties are enabled for a team only when all of the members support and are configured for the feature. If this is the case, then the team offload capabilities appear on the bottom of the screen.





**NOTE:** Adding a network adapter to a team where its driver is disabled may negatively affect the offloading capabilities of the team. This may have an impact on the team's performance. Therefore, it is recommended that only driver-enabled network adapters be added as members to a team.

9. Type the value for **Team MTU**.
10. Click **Create** to save the team information.
11. Repeat steps 4. through 10. to define additional teams. As teams are defined, they can be selected from the team list, but they have not yet been created. Click the **Preview** tab to view the team structure before applying the changes.
12. Click **Apply/Exit** to create all the teams you have defined and exit the Manage Teams window.
13. Click **Yes** when the message is displayed indicating that the network connection will be temporarily interrupted.



**NOTES:**

- The team name cannot exceed 39 characters, cannot begin with spaces, and cannot contain any of the following characters: & \ / : \* ? < > |
  - Team names must be unique. If you attempt to use a team name more than once, an error message is displayed indicating that the name already exists.
  - The maximum number of team members is 8.
  - When team configuration has been correctly performed, a virtual team adapter driver is created for each configured team.
  - If you disable a virtual team and later want to reen able it, you must first disable and reen able all team members before you reen able the virtual team.
  - When you create Generic Trunking and Link Aggregation teams, you cannot designate a standby member. Standby members work only with Smart Load Balancing and Failover and SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) types of teams.
  - For an SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) team, to restore traffic to the load balance members from the standby member, click the Fallback button on the Team Properties tab.
  - When configuring an SLB team, although connecting team members to a hub is supported for testing, it is recommended to connect team members to a switch.
  - Not all network adapters made by others are supported or fully certified for teaming.
14. Configure the team IP address.
    - a. From **Control Panel**, double-click **Network Connections**.
    - b. Right-click the name of the team to be configured, and then click **Properties**.
    - c. On the **General** tab, click **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**, and then click **Properties**.
    - d. Configure the IP address and any other necessary TCP/IP configuration for the team, and then click **OK** when finished.

## Modifying a Team

After you have created a team, you can modify the team in the following ways:

- Change the type of team
- Change the members assigned to the team
- Add a VLAN
- Modify a VLAN (using Expert Mode)
- Remove a team or a VLAN (using Expert Mode)

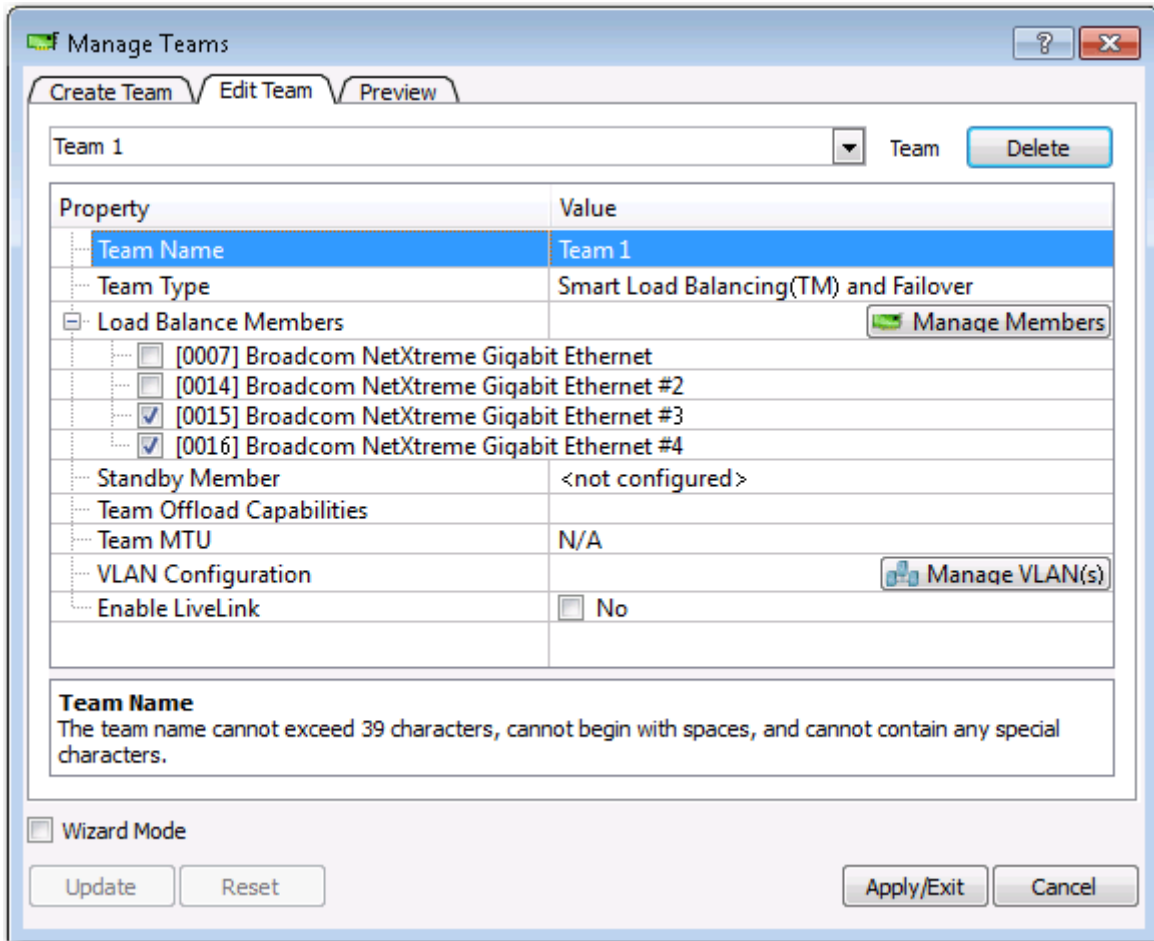
### To modify a team

1. From the **Team** menu, click **Edit Team**, or right-click one of the teams in the list and select **Edit Team**. This option is only available if a team has already been created and is listed in the Team Management pane.
2. The wizard Welcome screen appears. Click **Next** to continue modifying a team using the wizard or click **Expert Mode** to work in Expert Mode.



**NOTE:** The **Edit Team** tab in Expert Mode appears only if there are teams configured on the system.

3. Click the **Edit Team** tab.



4. Make the desired changes, and then click **Update**. The changes have not yet been applied; click the **Preview** tab to view the updated team structure before applying the changes.
5. Click **Apply/Exit** to apply the updates and exit the Manage Teams window.
6. Click **Yes** when the message is displayed indicating that the network connection will be temporarily interrupted.

### Adding a VLAN

You can add virtual LANs (VLANs) to a team. This enables you to add multiple virtual adapters that are on different subnets. The benefit of this is that your system can have one network adapter that can belong to multiple subnets. With a VLAN, you can couple the functionality of load balancing for the load balance members, and you can employ a failover adapter.



You can define up to 64 VLANs per team (63 VLANs that are tagged and 1 VLAN that is not tagged). VLANs can only be created when all team members are Broadcom adapters. If you try to create a VLAN with a non-Broadcom adapter, an error message is displayed.

#### To configure a team with a VLAN

1. From the **Teams** menu, select **Add VLAN**.
2. The Welcome screen appears.
3. Click **Expert Mode**.
4. On the **Create Team** tab of the **Manage Teams** window, click **Manage VLAN(s)**.
5. Type the VLAN name, then select the type and ID.
6. Click **Create** to save the VLAN information. As VLANs are defined, they can be selected from the Team Name list, but they have not yet been created.
7. Continue this process until all VLANs are defined, then click **OK** to create them.
8. Click **Yes** when the message is displayed indicating that the network connection will be temporarily interrupted.



**NOTE:** To maintain optimum adapter performance, your system should have 64 MB of system memory for each of the eight VLANs created per adapter.

#### Viewing VLAN Properties and Statistics and Running VLAN Tests

##### To view VLAN properties and statistics and to run VLAN tests

1. Select one of the listed VLANs.
2. Click the **Information** tab to view the properties of the VLAN adapter.
3. Click the **Statistics** tab to view the statistics for the VLAN adapter.
4. Click the **Diagnostics** tab to run a network test on the VLAN adapter.

#### Deleting a VLAN

The procedure below applies when you are in Expert Mode.

##### To delete a VLAN

1. Select the VLAN to delete.
2. From the **Teams** menu, select **Remove VLAN**.
3. Click **Apply**.
4. Click **Yes** when the message is displayed indicating that the network connection will be temporarily interrupted.



**NOTE:** If you delete a team, any VLANs configured for that team are also deleted.

#### Configuring LiveLink for a Smart Load Balancing and Failover and SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) Team

LiveLink is a feature of BASP that is available for the Smart Load Balancing (SLB) and SLB (Auto-Fallback Disable) type of teaming. The purpose of LiveLink is to detect link loss beyond the switch and to route traffic only through team members that have a live link.

Read the following notes before you attempt to configure LiveLink.

**NOTES:**

- Before you begin configuring LiveLink™, review the description of LiveLink. Also verify that each probe target you plan to specify is available and working. If the IP address of the probe target changes for any reason, LiveLink must be reconfigured. If the MAC address of the probe target changes for any reason, you must restart the team (see the “Troubleshooting” topic in the *NetXtreme II Network Adapter User Guide*).
- A probe target must be on the same subnet as the team, have a valid (not a broadcast, multicast, or unchaste), statically-assigned IP address, and be highly available (always on).
- To ensure network connectivity to the probe target, ping the probe target from the team.
- You can specify up to four probe targets.
- The IP address assigned to either a probe target or team member cannot have a zero as the first or last octet.

**To configure LiveLink**

1. From the **Teams** menu, select **Edit Team**.
2. Click Expert Mode (to configure LiveLink using the Teaming Wizard, see [Using the Broadcom Teaming Wizard](#)).
3. In the Manage Teams window, click the **Edit Team** tab.
4. Select **Enable LiveLink**. The LiveLink Configuration options appear below.
5. It is recommended to accept the default values for **Probe interval** (the number of seconds between each retransmission of a link packet to the probe target) and **Probe maximum retries** (the number of consecutively missed responses from a probe target before a failover is triggered). To specify different values, click the desired probe interval in the **Probe interval (seconds)** list and click the desired maximum number of probe retries in the **Probe maximum retries** list.
6. Set the **Probe VLAN ID** to correspond with the VLAN where the probe target(s) resides. This will apply the appropriate VLAN tag to the link packet based on the shared configuration of the attached switch port(s).



**NOTE:** Each LiveLink enabled team can only communicate with Probe Targets on a single VLAN. Also, VLAN ID 0 is equivalent to an untagged network.

7. Select **Probe Target 1** and type the target IP address for one or all probe targets.



**NOTE:** Only the first probe target is required. You can specify up to 3 additional probe targets to serve as backups by assigning IP addresses to the other probe targets.

8. Select one of the listed team members and type the member IP address.



**NOTE:** All of the member IP addresses must be in the same subnet as the probe targets.

9. Click **Update**. Repeat these steps for each of the other listed team members.
10. Click **Apply/Exit**.

## Saving and Restoring a Team Configuration

### To save a configuration

1. From the **File** menu, select **Team Save As**.
2. Type *the path and file name of the new configuration file*, and then click **Save**.

The configuration file is a text file that can be viewed by any text editor. The file contains information about both the adapter and the team configuration.

### To restore a configuration

1. From the **File** menu, select **Team Restore**.
2. Click the name of the file to be restored, and then click **Open**.



**NOTE:** If necessary, go to the folder where the file is located.

3. Click **Apply**.
4. Click **Yes** when the message is displayed indicating that the network connection will be temporarily interrupted.
5. If a configuration is already loaded, a message is displayed that asks if you want to save your current configuration. Click **Yes** to save the current configuration. Otherwise, the configuration data that is currently loaded is lost.



**Note:** The team may take a very long time to restore if the team is configured with multiple VLANs and each VLAN is configured with one or more static IP addresses.

## VIEWING BASP STATISTICS

The Statistics section shows performance information about the network adapters that are on a team.

To view BASP Statistics information for any team member adapter or the team as a whole, click the name of the adapter or team listed in the Team Management pane, then click the **Statistics** tab.

Click **Refresh** to get the most recent values for each statistic. Click **Reset** to change all values to zero.

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## CONFIGURING WITH THE COMMAND LINE INTERFACE UTILITY

An alternate method to BACS for configuring Broadcom network adapters is with BACSCLI, which is a Broadcom utility that allows you to view information and configure network adapters using a console in either a non-interactive command line interface (CLI) mode or an interactive mode. As with BACS, BACSCLI provides information about each network adapter, and enables you to perform detailed tests, run diagnostics, view statistics, and modify property values. BACSCLI also allows you the ability to team network adapters together for load balancing and failover.

For a complete list of available commands and examples, see the BACSCLI\_ReadMe.txt file on the installation CD.

On a system with Broadcom NetXtreme I and NetXtreme II network adapters, BACSCLI is installed when BACS is installed with the installer.

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## TROUBLESHOOTING BACS

**Problem:** When attempting to open BACS on a Linux System, the following error message displays:

“Another instance of the BACS client appears to be running on this system. Only one instance of the BACS client can be running at a time. If you are sure that no other BACS client is running, then a previous instance may have quit unexpectedly.”

**Solution:** This message displays if you try to run a second instance of BACS. If you receive this message but are certain that no instance of BACS is currently running, a previous instance of BACS may have quit unexpectedly. To clear that instance, remove the file “/dev/shm/sem.Global-BACS-{C50398EE-84A7-4bc3-9F6E-25A69603B9C0}.”

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## 10/100/1000BASE-T AND 10GBASE-T CABLE SPECIFICATIONS

*Table 1: 10/100/1000BASE-T Cable Specifications*

<b>Port Type</b>	<b>Connector</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Maximum Distance</b>
10BASE-T	RJ-45	Category 3, 4, or 5 unshielded twisted pairs (UTP)	100m (328 feet)
100/1000BASE-T <sup>1</sup>	RJ-45	Category 5 <sup>2</sup> UTP	100m (328 feet)

<sup>1</sup> 1000BASE-T signaling requires four twisted pairs of Category 5 balanced cabling, as specified in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 and ANSI/EIA/TIA-568-B.

<sup>2</sup> Category 5 is the minimum requirement. Category 5e and Category 6 are fully supported.

*Table 2: 10GBASE-T Cable Specifications*

<b>Port Type</b>	<b>Connector</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Maximum Distance</b>
10GBASE-T	RJ-45	Category 6 <sup>1</sup> UTP	50m (164 feet)
		Category 6A <sup>1</sup> UTP	100m (328 feet)

<sup>1</sup> 10GBASE-T signaling requires four twisted pairs of Category 6 or Category 6A (augmented Category 6) balanced cabling, as specified in ISO/IEC 11801:2002 and ANSI/TIA/EIA-568-B.





## 1000/2500BASE-X FIBER OPTIC SPECIFICATIONS

*Table 3: 1000/2500BASE-X Fiber Optic Specifications*

<b>Port Type</b>	<b>Connector</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Maximum Distance</b>
1000BASE-X	Small form-factor pluggable (SFP) transceiver with LC™ connection system (Infineon p/n V23818-K305-L57)	Multimode fiber (MMF) System optimized for 62.5/50 µm graded index fiber	550m (1804 feet)
2500BASE-X <sup>1</sup>	Small form-factor pluggable (SFP) transceiver with LC™ connection system (Finisar p/n FTLF8542E2KNV)	Multimode fiber (MMF) System optimized for 62.5/50 µm graded index fiber	550m (1804 feet)

<sup>1</sup> Electricals leveraged from IEEE 802.3ae-2002 (XAUI). 2500BASE-X is term used by Broadcom to describe 2.5 Gbit/s (3.125GBd) operation. LC is a trademark of Lucent Technologies.

## INTERFACE SPECIFICATIONS

*Table 4: 10/100/1000BASE-T Performance Specifications*

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Specification</b>
PCI Express Interface	x4 link width
10/100/1000BASE-T	10/100/1000 Mbps

*Table 5: 10GBASE-T Performance Specifications*

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Specification</b>
PCI Express Interface	x8 link width
10GBASE-T	10 Gbps

## NIC PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Table 6: NIC Physical Characteristics**

<b>NIC Type</b>	<b>NIC Length</b>	<b>NIC Width</b>
BCM5708 PCI Express	14.7 cm (5.79 inches)	6.4 cm (2.52 inches)
BCM5709/BCM5716 PCI Express x4 low-profile	11.9 cm (4.7 inches)	6.9 cm (2.7 inches)
BCM57710/BCM57711/BCM57712 PCI Express x8 low profile	16.8 cm (6.6 inches)	5.1 cm (2.0 inches)

## NIC POWER REQUIREMENTS

**Table 7: BCM5708C NIC Power Requirements**

<b>Link</b>	<b>NIC 3.3V Current Draw (A)</b>	<b>NIC Power (W)</b>
Idle (no link)	1.44	4.75
1 Gbit	1.97	6.50
100 Mbit	1.60	5.28
10 Mbit	1.62	5.35

**Table 8: BCM5709C/BCM5716 NIC Power Requirements**

<b>Link</b>	<b>NIC 3.3V Current Draw (A)</b>	<b>NIC Power (W)</b>
Idle (no link)	1.01	3.32
1 Gbit	1.43	4.71
100 Mbit	1.16	3.81
10 Mbit	1.12	3.71

**Table 9: BCM57710/BCM57711/BCM57712 NIC Power Requirements**

<b>Link</b>	<b>NIC 12V Current Draw (A)</b>	<b>NIC 3.3V Current Draw (A)</b>	<b>NIC Power (W)<sup>a</sup></b>
Idle (no link)	0.60	0.28	8.12
Low power mode	0.50	0.35	7.16
10GBASE-T link	1.23	1.79	20.67
10GBASE-T traffic	1.24	1.95	21.32

a. Power, measured in watts (W), is a direct calculation of total current draw (A) multiplied by voltage (V). The maximum power consumption for the adapter will not exceed 30W.

## WAKE ON LAN POWER REQUIREMENTS

The tables below show the Wake On LAN power requirements for 1G adapters.

**Table 10: BCM5708C Wake On LAN Power Requirements (Nominal Conditions)**

100 Mbit Link		10 Mbit Link	
NIC 3.3V Current (mA)	NIC Power (W)	NIC 3.3V Current (mA)	NIC Power (W)
236	0.78	150	0.5

**Table 11: BCM5709C and BCM5716 Wake On LAN Power Requirements (Nominal Conditions)**

100 Mbit Link		10 Mbit Link	
NIC 3.3V Current (mA)	NIC Power (W)	NIC 3.3V Current (mA)	NIC Power (W)
0	0.87	0	0.85

## ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS

**Table 12: BCM5708 Environmental Specifications**

Condition	Operating Specification	Storage Specification
Temperature	0°C to 55°C (+32°F to +131°F)	-40°C to +85°C (-40°F to +185°F)
Relative humidity	5% to 85% (noncondensing) 40°C, 16 hour dwells at extremes	5% to 95% (noncondensing) 10°C/hour
Altitude	Up to 10,000 ft.	Up to 35,000 ft.
Shock	10g, 1/2 sine wave, 11 ms	60g, 1/2 sine wave, 11 ms
Vibration, peak to peak displacement	0.005 in. max (5 Hz to 32 Hz)	0.1 in. max (5 Hz to 17 Hz)
Vibration, peak acceleration	0.25g (5 Hz to 500 Hz) (Sweep Rate = 1 octave/min.)	0.25g (5 Hz to 500 Hz) (Sweep Rate = 1 octave/min.)

**Table 13: BCM5709 and BCM5716 Environmental Specifications**

Parameter	Condition
Operating Temperature	0°C to 55°C
Air Flow Requirement (LFM)	0
Storage Temperature	-40°C to +65°C
Storage Humidity	5% to 95% condensing
Vibration and Shock	IEC 68, FCC Part 68.302, NSTA, 1A
Electrostatic/Electromagnetic Susceptibility	EN 61000-4-2, EN 55024



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## FCC NOTICE

### FCC, CLASS B

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller

Broadcom Corporation  
190 Mathilda Place  
Sunnyvale, California 94086 USA

The equipment complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1) The device may not cause harmful interference, and 2) This equipment must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

The equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. The equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio-frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If the equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for assistance.

**Do not make mechanical or electrical modifications to the equipment.**



**NOTE:** If the device is changed or modified without permission of Broadcom, the user may void his or her authority to operate the equipment.

**FCC, CLASS A**

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller

Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet Controller

Broadcom Corporation  
190 Mathilda Place  
Sunnyvale, California 94086 USA

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operations is subject to the following two conditions: 1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and 2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This product has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This product generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction manual, may cause harmful interference with radio communications. Operation of this product in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case you will be required to correct the interference at your own expense.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a non-residential installation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference with radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, you are encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient the receiving antenna.
- Relocate the system with respect to the receiver.
- Move the system away from the receiver.
- Plug the system into a different outlet so that the system and receiver are on different branch circuits.

**Do not make mechanical or electrical modifications to the equipment.**



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**VCCI NOTICE****CLASS B**

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller

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The equipment is a Class B product based on the standard of the Voluntary Control Council for Interference from Information Technology Equipment (VCCI). If used near a radio or television receiver in a domestic environment, it may cause radio interference. Install and use the equipment according to the instruction manual.



**CAUTION!** The potential exists for this equipment to become impaired in the presence of conducted radio frequency energy between the frequency range of 59–66 MHz. Normal operation will return upon removal of the RF energy source.

#### VCCI Class B Statement (Japan)

この装置は、情報処理装置等電波障害自主規制協議会（VCCI）の基準に基づくクラス B 情報技術装置です。この装置は、家庭環境で使用することを目的としていますが、この装置がラジオやテレビジョン受信機に近接して使用されると、電波障害を引き起こすことがあります。取扱説明書に従って正しい取り扱いをして下さい。

**CLASS A**

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller

Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet Controller

Broadcom Corporation  
190 Mathilda Place  
Sunnyvale, California 94086 USA

This equipment is a Class A product based on the standard of the Voluntary Control Council for interference by Information Technology Equipment (VCCI). If used in a domestic environment, radio disturbance may arise. Install and use the equipment according to the instruction manual.

**VCCI Class A Statement (Japan)**

この装置は、情報処理装置等電波障害自主規制協議会（VCCI）の基準に基づくクラス A 情報技術装置です。この装置を家庭環境で使用すると電波障害を引き起こす可能性があります。この場合には使用者が適切な対策を講ずるよう要求されることがあります。

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**CE NOTICE****CLASS C****CLASS B**

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller

**CLASS A**

Broadcom NetXtreme II Gigabit Ethernet Controller

Broadcom NetXtreme II 10 Gigabit Ethernet Controller

БЪЛГАРСКИ Bulgarian	<p>Този продукт отговаря на 2006/95/ЕС (Нисковолтова директива), 2004/108/ЕС (Директива за електромагнитна съвместимост) и измененията на Европейския съюз.</p> <p>Изготвена е "Декларация за съответствие" според горепосочените директиви и стандарти, която се съхранява в Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Европейски съюз, Клас В</b> Това устройство на Broadcom е класифицирано за използване в типичната за Клас В жилищна среда.</p> <p><b>Европейски съюз, Клас А</b> <b>ВНИМАНИЕ:</b> Това е продукт от Клас А. В жилищна среда този продукт може да създаде радиочестотни смущения, в който случай потребителят ще трябва да вземе съответните мерки.</p>
ČESKÝ Czech	<p>Bylo ustanoveno, že tento produkt splňuje směrnici 2006/95/EC (niskonapěťová směrnice), směrnici 2004/108/EC (směrnice EMC) a dodatky Evropské unie.</p> <p>„Prohlášení o shodě“ v souladu s výše uvedenými směrnici a normami bylo zpracováno a je uloženo v archivu společnosti Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Evropská unie, třída B</b> Toto zařízení společnosti Broadcom je klasifikováno pro použití v obvyklém prostředí domácnosti (třída B).</p> <p><b>Evropská unie, třída A</b> <b>VAROVÁNÍ:</b> Toto je produkt třídy A. V domácím prostředí může tento produkt způsobovat rušení rádiových frekvencí, a v takovém případě se od uživatele vyžaduje, aby učinil odpovídající opatření.</p>
Danish	<p>Denne produkt er fundet i overensstemmelse med 2006/95/EC (Lavvoltage-direktivet), 2004/108/EC (EMC-direktivet) og den Europæiske Unions ændringer.</p> <p>En "Overensstemmelseserklæring", som er i henhold til foregående direktiver og standarder, er udført og arkiveret hos Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Den Europæiske Union, Klasse B</b> Denne Broadcom-enhed er klassificeret til anvendelse i et typisk Klasse B-hjemligt miljø.</p> <p><b>Europæiske Union, Klasse A</b> <b>ADVARSEL:</b> Dette er et Klasse A-produkt. I et hjemligt miljø kan dette produkt medføre forstyrrelse af radiofrekvens, og i det tilfælde må brugeren fortage passende foranstaltninger.</p>
NEDERLANDS Dutch	<p>Dit product is in overeenstemming bevonden met 2006/95/EC (Laagspanningsrichtlijn), 2004/108/EC (EMC-richtlijn) en amendementen van de Europese Unie.</p> <p>Een "Verklaring van conformiteit" in overeenstemming met de voorgenoemde richtlijnen en standaarden is beschikbaar bij Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Europese Unie/Klasse B</b> Dit Broadcom-apparaat is geclassificeerd voor gebruik in een typische klasse B woonomgeving.</p> <p><b>Europese Unie/Klasse A</b> <b>VOORZICHTIG:</b> Dit is een Klasse A-product. Binnen een woonomgeving kan dit product radiofrequente storingen veroorzaken, in welk geval de gebruiker passende maatregelen dient te nemen.</p>
English	<p>This product has been determined to be in compliance with 2006/95/EC (Low Voltage Directive), 2004/108/EC (EMC Directive), and amendments of the European Union.</p> <p>A "Declaration of Conformity" in accordance with the preceding directives and standards has been made and is on file at Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>European Union, Class B</b> This Broadcom device is classified for use in a typical Class B domestic environment.</p> <p><b>European Union, Class A</b> <b>WARNING:</b> This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio frequency interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.</p>



EESTLANE Estonian	<p>Antud toode vastab direktiividele 2006/95/EÜ (Madalpinge direktiiv), 2004/108/EÜ (EMC direktiiv) ja ELi parandustele.</p> <p>Vastavalt ülalloodud direktiividele ja standarditele on koostatud „Vastavusdeklaratsioon”, mis on arvel ettevõttes Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Euroopa Liit, Klass B</b></p> <p>Antud Broadcom toode on klassifitseeritud kasutamiseks tüüpilises B-klassi koduses keskkonnas.</p> <p><b>Union européenne, classe A</b></p> <p>AVERTISSEMENT : Ce produit est un produit de classe A. Dans un environnement résidentiel, ce produit peut provoquer des perturbations radioélectriques, auquel cas l'utilisateur peut se voir obligé de prendre les mesures appropriées.</p>
Finnish	<p>Tämä tuote täyttää Euroopan unionin direktiivin 2006/95/EY (pienjännitedirektiivi) ja direktiivin 2004/108/EY (sähkömagneettisesta yhteensopivuudesta annettu direktiivi), sellaisina kuin ne ovat muutettuina, vaatimukset.</p> <p>Yllä mainittujen direktiivien ja standardien mukainen vaatimustenmukaisuusvakuutus on tehty, ja sitä säilyttää Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Euroopan unioni, luokka B</b></p> <p>Tämä Broadcom-laite on luokiteltu käytettäväksi tyypillisessä luokan B kotiympäristössä.</p> <p><b>Euroopan unioni, Luokka A</b></p> <p>VAROITUS: Tämä on Luokan A tuote. Asuinympäristössä tämä laite saattaa aiheuttaa radiotaajuuksuhäiriöitä, mikä saattaa edellyttää toimia laitteen käyttäjältä.</p>
FRANÇAIS French	<p>Ce produit a été déclaré conforme aux directives 2006/95/EC (Directive sur la faible tension), 2004/108/EC (Directive EMC) et aux amendements de l'Union européenne.</p> <p>Une « Déclaration de Conformité » relative aux normes et directives précédentes a été rédigée et est enregistrée auprès de Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Union européenne, classe B</b></p> <p>Cet appareil Broadcom est classé pour une utilisation dans un environnement résidentiel classique (classe B).</p> <p><b>Union européenne, classe A</b></p> <p>AVERTISSEMENT : Ce produit est un produit de classe A. Dans un environnement résidentiel, ce produit peut provoquer des perturbations radioélectriques, auquel cas l'utilisateur peut se voir obligé de prendre les mesures appropriées.</p>
DEUTSCH German	<p>Es ist befunden worden, dass dieses Produkt in Übereinstimmung mit 2006/95/EC (Niederspannungs-Richtlinie), 2004/108/EC (EMV-Richtlinie) und Ergänzungen der Europäischen Union steht.</p> <p>Eine Konformitätserklärung in Übereinstimmung mit den oben angeführten Normen ist abgegeben worden und kann bei Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Europäische Union, Klasse B</b></p> <p>Dieses Gerät von Broadcom ist für die Verwendung in einer typisch häuslichen Umgebung der Klasse B vorgesehen.</p> <p><b>Europäische Union, Klasse A</b></p> <p>WARNUNG: Dies ist ein Produkt der Klasse A. In einer häuslichen Umgebung kann dieses Produkt Hochfrequenzstörungen verursachen. In diesem Fall muss der Benutzer die entsprechenden Maßnahmen treffen.</p>
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΣ Greek	<p>Το προϊόν αυτό συμμορφώνεται με τις οδηγίες 2006/95/ΕΕ (Οδηγία περί χαμηλής τάσης), 2004/108/ΕΕ (Οδηγία περί ηλεκτρομαγνητικής συμβατότητας), και τροποποιήσεις τους από την Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση.</p> <p>Μία «Δήλωση Συμμόρφωσης» σύμφωνα με τις προηγούμενες οδηγίες και πρότυπα υπάρχει και είναι αρχαιοθετημένη στο Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση, Κατηγορία Β</b></p> <p>Αυτή η συσκευή Broadcom είναι κατάλληλη για χρήση σε ένα σύνθετες οικιακό περιβάλλον κατηγορίας Β.</p> <p><b>Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση, Κατηγορία Α</b></p> <p>ΠΡΟΕΙΔΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ: Αυτό είναι ένα προϊόν κατηγορίας Α. Σε οικιακό περιβάλλον, αυτό το προϊόν μπορεί να προκαλέσει παρεμβολές ραδιοσυχνότητας (RF), στην οποία περίπτωση μπορεί να απαιτηθεί η λήψη κατάλληλων μέτρων από τον χρήστη.</p>

<p>MAGYAR Hungarian</p>	<p>A termék megfelel a 2006/95/EGK (alacsony feszültségű eszközökre vonatkozó irányelv), a 2004/108/EGK (EMC irányelv) és az Európai Unió ajánlásainak. Az előbbieken ismertetett irányelvek és szabványok szellemében „Megfelelési nyilatkozat” készült, amely az írországi Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA. <b>Európai Unió, „B” osztály</b> Ez a Broadcom eszköz „B” osztályú besorolást kapott, tipikus lakossági környezetben való használatra alkalmas. <b>Európai Unió, „A” osztály</b> <b>FIGYELEM!</b> „A” osztályba sorolt termék. Lakóhelyi környezetben ez a termék rádiófrekvenciás (RF) interferenciát okozhat, ebben az esetben a felhasználónak gondoskodnia kell a szükséges ellenintézkedésekről.</p>
<p>PORTUGUES Iberian Portuguese</p>	<p>Este produto está em conformidade com 2006/95/EC (Directiva de baixa tensão), com 2004/108/EC (Directiva de compatibilidade electromagnética) e com as alterações da União Europeia. Foi elaborada uma “declaração de conformidade” de acordo com as normas e directivas anteriores, encontrando-se arquivada na Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA. <b>União Europeia, Classe B</b> Este dispositivo Broadcom está classificado para utilização num ambiente doméstico típico Classe B. <b>União Europeia, Classe A</b> <b>ADVERTÊNCIA:</b> Este é um produto Classe A. Num ambiente doméstico, este produto pode provocar interferências de frequência de rádio, podendo ser necessário que o utilizador adopte as medidas adequadas.</p>
<p>ITALIANO Italian</p>	<p>Il presente prodotto è stato determinato essere conforme alla 2006/95/CE (Direttiva Bassa Tensione), alla 2004/108/CE (Direttiva CEM) e a rettifiche da parte dell'Unione Europea. Una “Dichiarazione di conformità” secondo gli standard e le direttive precedenti è stata emessa e registrata presso Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA. <b>Unione Europea, Classe B</b> Il presente dispositivo Broadcom è classificato per l'uso nel tipico ambiente domestico di Classe B. <b>Unione Europea, Classe A</b> <b>AVVERTENZA:</b> Questo prodotto è classificato come Classe A. In un ambiente domestico il presente prodotto potrebbe provocare interferenze di radiofrequenza, nel qual caso potrebbe essere richiesto all'utente di adottare misure adeguate.</p>
<p>LATVISK Latvian</p>	<p>Šis izstrādājums atbilst direktīvām 2006/95/EK (Direktīva par zemsprieguma iekārtām), 2004/108/EK (Direktīva par elektromagnētisko saderību) un to labojumiem Eiropas Savienības ietvaros. “Atbilstības deklarācija”, kas ir saskaņā ar iepriekšminētajām direktīvām un standartiem, ir sastādīta un tiek glabāta firmā Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA. <b>Eiropas Savienība, klase B</b> Šī firmas Broadcom ražotā ierīce ir atzīta par derīgu darbam B klasei atbilstošos mājas apstākļos. <b>Eiropas Savienība, A klase</b> <b>BRĪDINĀJUMS.</b> Šis A klases izstrādājums. Izmantojot šo izstrādājumu mājas apstākļos, tas var radīt radiotraucējumus; šajā gadījumā lietotājam var būt nepieciešams veikt atbilstošus pasākumus.</p>
<p>Lithuanian</p>	<p>Buvo nustatyta, kad šis produktas atitinka direktyvą 73/23/EEB (žemos įtampos direktyva), 89/336/EEB (elektromagnetinio suderinamumo direktyva) ir Europos Sąjungos pataisas. Atitikties deklaracija pagal visas galiojančias direktyvas ir standartus yra sudaryta ir saugoma įrašyta faile Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA. <b>Europos Sąjunga, B klasė</b> Šis „Broadcom“ prietaisas yra klasifikuotas naudoti įprastose B klasės gyvenamosiose aplinkose. <b>Europos Sąjunga, A klasė</b> <b>ĮSPEJIMAS.</b> Tai yra A klasės produktas. Gyvenamosiose aplinkose šis produktas gali kelti radijo dažnių trikdžius. Tokiu atveju naudotojui gali reikėti imtis atitinkamų priemonių.</p>

<p>Maltese</p>	<p>Ġie stabbilit li dan il-prodott hu konformi ma' 2006/95/KE (Direttiva dwar il-Vultagġ Baxx), 2004/108/KE (Direttiva EMC), u emendi ta' l-Unjoni Ewropea.</p> <p>Saret "Dikjarazzjoni ta' Konformità" b'konformità mad-direttivi u ma' l-istandards imsemmijin qabel, u din tinsab iffajljata għand Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Unjoni Ewropea, Klassi B</b></p> <p>Dan it-tagħmir Broadcom hu kklassifikat għall-użu f' ambjent residenzjali tipiku ta' Klassi B.</p> <p><b>Unjoni Ewropea, Klassi A</b></p> <p><b>TWISSIJA:</b> Dan huwa prodott ta' Klassi A. F'ambjent domestiku dan il-prodott jista' jikkawża interferenza tal-frekwenza tar-radju (RF), f'liema każ l-utent jista' jkun mefċie li jieħu miżuri adegwati.</p>
<p>POLSKI Polish</p>	<p>Niniejszy produkt został określony jako zgodny z dyrektywą niskonapięciową 2006/95/WE i dyrektywą zgodności elektromagnetycznej 2004/108/WE oraz poprawkami do nich.</p> <p>Zgodnie ze stosownymi dyrektywami i normami została sporządzona „Deklaracja zgodności”, która jest dostępna w aktach firmy Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Unia Europejska, klasa B</b></p> <p>Niniejsze urządzenie firmy Broadcom zostało zakwalifikowane do klasy B, do użytku w typowych środowiskach domowych.</p> <p><b>Unia Europejska, klasa A</b></p> <p><b>OSTRZEŻENIE:</b> Urządzenie to jest urządzeniem klasy A. W warunkach domowych urządzenie to może wywoływać zakłócenia o częstotliwości radiowej, wymagające od użytkownika podjęcia odpowiednich działań zaradczych.</p>
<p>ROMÂN Romanian</p>	<p>S-a stabilit că acest produs respectă cerințele Directivei 2006/95/CE privind echipamentele de joasă tensiune, ale Directivei 2004/108/CE (Directiva EMC) privind compatibilitatea electromagnetică și ale amendamentelor Uniunii Europene.</p> <p>Conform directivei și standardelor de mai sus, a fost emisă o „Declarație de Conformitate”, arhivată la sediul Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Uniunea Europeană, Clasa B</b></p> <p>Acest echipament Broadcom este clasificat pentru utilizare într-un mediu casnic tipic de Clasă B.</p> <p><b>Uniunea Europeană, Clasa A</b></p> <p><b>AVERTISMENT:</b> Acesta este un produs din Clasa A. În mediul casnic, acest produs poate cauza interferențe radio, caz în care utilizatorul trebuie să ia măsurile necesare.</p>
<p>SLOVENSKÝ Slovakian</p>	<p>Tento výrobok vyhovuje požiadavkám smernice 2006/95/EC (smernica o nízkom napätí), 2004/108/EC (smernica o elektromagnetickej kompatibilite) a neskorším zmenám a doplnkom Európskej.</p> <p>„Vyhlásenie o zhode“ vydané v súlade s predchádzajúcimi smernicami a štandardmi sa nachádza v spoločnosti Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Európska únia, Trieda B</b></p> <p>Toto zariadenie Broadcom triedy B je určené pre domáce prostredie.</p> <p><b>Európska únia, Trieda A</b></p> <p><b>VAROVANIE:</b> Toto je zariadenie triedy A. V domácom prostredí môže tento produkt spôsobovať rušenie rádiových frekvencií. V takom prípade musí používateľ prijať príslušné opatrenia.</p>
<p>Slovenian</p>	<p>Ta izdelek je v skladu z 2006/95/ES (Direktiva o nizki napetosti), 2004/108/ES (Direktiva o elektromagnetni združljivosti) in dopolnili Evropske unije.</p> <p>«Izjava o skladnosti» je bila sprejeta v skladu s predhodnimi direktivami in standardi in je shranjena na naslovu Broadcom Corporation, 190 Mathilda Place, Sunnyvale, California 94086, USA.</p> <p><b>Evropska unija, razred B</b></p> <p>Ta Broadcomova naprava je razvrščena za uporabo v značilnem bivalnem okolju razreda B.</p> <p><b>Evropska unija, razred A</b></p> <p><b>OPOZORILO:</b> To je izdelek razreda A. V domačem okolju lahko ta izdelek povzroča motnje radijskih frekvenc, v tem primeru mora uporabnik ustrezno ukrepati.</p>

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# User Diagnostics in DOS: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

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## INTRODUCTION

Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics is an MS-DOS based application that runs a series of diagnostic tests (see [Table 3](#)) on the Broadcom NetXtreme II network adapters in your system. Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics also allows you to update device firmware and to view and change settings for available adapter properties. There are two versions of the Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics: uxdiag.exe (for BCM5706/BCM5708/BCM5709 network adapters) and uediag.exe (for BCM57710 network adapters).

To run Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics, create an MS-DOS 6.22 bootable disk containing the uxdiag.exe or uediag.exe file. Next, start the system with the boot disk in drive A. See [Performing Diagnostics](#) for further instructions on running diagnostic tests on Broadcom network adapters.

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## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

**Operating System:** MS-DOS 6.22

**Software:** uxdiag.exe (BCM5706/BCM5708/BCM5709), or uediag.exe (BCM57710)

## PERFORMING DIAGNOSTICS

At the MS-DOS prompt, type `uxdiag` (for BCM5706/BCM5708/BCM5709 network adapters) or `uediag` (for BCM577XX and BCM578XX network adapters) followed by the command options. The `uxdiag` command options are shown in [Table 1](#) and the `uediag` command options are shown in [Table 2](#). For example, to run all diagnostic tests on adapter #1 except Group B tests:

```
C:\>uxdiag -c 1 -t b
```



**NOTE:** You must include `uxdiag` or `uediag` at the beginning of the command string each time you type a command.

**Table 1: uxdiag Command Options**

<b>Command Options</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>uxdiag</code>	Performs all tests on all Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters in your system.
<code>uxdiag -c &lt;devnum&gt;</code>	Specifies the adapter (devnum) to test. Use <b>all</b> in place of a specific device number to test all adapters.
<code>uxdiag -cof</code>	Allows tests to continue after detecting a failure.
<code>uxdiag -F</code>	Forces an upgrade of the image without checking the version.
<code>uxdiag -fbc &lt;bc_image&gt;</code>	Specifies the bin file to update the bootcode.
<code>uxdiag -fib &lt;ib_image&gt;</code>	Specifies the bin file for iSCSI boot.
<code>uxdiag -fibc</code>	Programs the iSCSI configuration block. Used only with <code>-fib &lt;ib_image&gt;</code> .
<code>uxdiag -fibp</code>	Programs the iSCSI configuration software. Used only with <code>-fib &lt;ib_image&gt;</code> .
<code>uxdiag -fmba &lt;mba_image&gt;</code>	Specifies the bin file to update the MBA.
<code>uxdiag -fncsi &lt;ncsi_image&gt;</code>	Specifies the bin file to update the NCSI firmware.
<code>uxdiag -fnvm &lt;raw_image&gt;</code>	Programs the raw image into NVM.
<code>uxdiag -fump &lt;ump_image&gt;</code>	Specifies the bin file to update UMP firmware.
<code>uxdiag -help</code>	Displays the Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics (uxdiag) command options.
<code>uxdiag -l &lt;iteration num&gt;</code>	Specifies the number of iterations to run on the selected tests.
<code>uxdiag -idmatch</code>	Enables matching of VID, DID, SVID, and SSID from the image file with device IDs. Used only with <code>-fnvm &lt;raw_image&gt;</code> .
<code>uxdiag -log &lt;file&gt;</code>	Logs the test results to a specified log file.
<code>uxdiag -mba &lt;1/0&gt;</code>	Enables/disables Multiple Boot Agent (MBA) protocol. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable
<code>uxdiag -mbap &lt;n&gt;</code>	Sets the MBA boot protocol. 0 = PXE 1 = RPL 2 = BOOTP 3 = iSCSI_Boot

*Table 1: uxdiag Command Options (Cont.)*

<b>Command Options</b>	<b>Description</b>
uxdiag -mbas <n>	Sets the MBA/PXE speed. 0 = Auto 1 = 10H 2 = 10F 3 = 100H 4 = 100F 6 = 1000F
uxdiag -mbav <1 0>	Enables/disables MBA VLAN. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable
uxdiag -mbavval <n>	Sets MBA VLAN (<65536).
uxdiag -mfw <1/0>	Enables/disables management firmware. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable
uxdiag -t <groups/tests>	Disables certain groups/tests.
uxdiag -T <groups/tests>	Enables certain groups/tests.
uxdiag -ver	Displays the version of Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics (uxdiag) and all installed adapters.
uxdiag -wol <1/0>	Enables/disables Magic Packet WOL. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable

Table 2: uediag Command Options

<b>Command Options</b>	<b>Description</b>
uediag	Performs all tests on all Broadcom NetXtreme II adapters in your system.
uediag -c <device#>	Specifies the adapter (device#) to test. Similar to -dev (for backward compatibility).
uediag -cof	Allows tests to continue after detecting a failure.
uediag -dev <device#>	Specifies the adapter (device#) to test.
uediag -F	Forces an upgrade of the image without checking the version.
uediag -fbc <bc_image>	Specifies the bin file to update the bootcode.
uediag -fbc1 <bc1_image>	Specifies the bin file to update bootcode 1.
uediag -fbc2 <bc2_image>	Specifies the bin file to update bootcode 2.
uediag -fl2b <l2b_image>	Specifies the bin file for L2B firmware.
uediag -fib <ib_image>	Specifies the bin file for iSCSI boot.
uediag -fibc	Programs iSCSI configuration block 0. Used only with -fib <ib_image>.
uediag -fibc2	Programs iSCSI configuration block 1. Used only with -fib <ib_image>.
uediag -fibp	Programs iSCSI configuration software. Used only with -fib <ib_image>.
uediag -fmba <mba_image>	Specifies the bin file to update the MBA.
uediag -fnvm <raw_image>	Programs the raw image into NVM.
uediag -fump <ump_image>	Specifies the bin file to update UMP firmware.
uediag -help	Displays the Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics (uediag) command options.
uediag -l <iteration#>	Specifies the number of iterations to run on the selected tests.
uediag -idmatch	Enables matching of VID, DID, SVID, and SSID from the image file with device IDs: Used only with -fnvm <raw_image>.
uediag -log <logfile>	Logs the tests results to a specified log file.
uediag -mba <1/0>	Enables/disables Multiple Boot Agent (MBA) protocol. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable
uediag -mbap <n>	Sets the MBA boot protocol. 0 = PXE 1 = RPL 2 = BOOTP 3 = iSCSI_Boot
uediag -mbav <1/0>	Enables/disables MBA VLAN. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable
uediag -mbavval <n>	Sets MBA VLAN (<65536).
uediag -mfw <1/0>	Enables/disables management firmware. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable
uediag -t <groups/tests>	Disables certain groups/tests.
uediag -T <groups/tests>	Enables certain groups/tests.
uediag -ver	Displays the version of Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics (uediag) and all installed adapters.

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**Table 2: uediag Command Options (Cont.)**

<b>Command Options</b>	<b>Description</b>
uediag -wol <1/0>	Enables/disable Magic Packet WOL. 1 = Enable 0 = Disable

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## DIAGNOSTIC TEST DESCRIPTIONS

The diagnostic tests are divided into four groups: Basic Functional Tests (Group A), Memory Tests (Group B), Block Tests (Group C), and Ethernet Traffic Tests (Group D). The diagnostic tests are listed and described in [Table 3](#).

**Table 3: Diagnostic Tests**

<b>Test</b>		<b>Description</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	
<b>Group A: Basic Functional Tests</b>		
A1	Register	Verifies that registers accessible through the PCI/PCIe interface implement the expected read-only or read/write attributes by attempting to modify those registers.
A2	PCI Configuration	Checks the functionality of the PCI Base Address Register (BAR) by varying the amount of memory requested by the BAR and verifying that the BAR actually requests the correct amount of memory (without actually mapping the BAR into system memory). Refer to PCI or PCI-E specifications for details on the BAR and its addressing space.
A3	Interrupt	Generates a PCI interrupt and verifies that the system receives the interrupt and invokes the correct ISR. A negative test is also performed to verify that a masked interrupt does not invoke the ISR.
A5	MSI	Verifies that a Message Signaled Interrupt (MSI) causes an MSI message to be DMA'd to host memory. A negative test is also performed to verify that when an MSI is masked, it does not write an MSI message to host memory.
A6	Memory BIST	Invokes the internal chip Built-In Self Test (BIST) command to test internal memory.
<b>Group B: Memory Tests</b>		
B1	TXP Scratchpad	The Group B tests verify all memory blocks of the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter by writing various data patterns (0x55aa55aa, 0xaa55aa55, walking zeroes, walking ones, address, etc.) to each memory location, reading back the data, and then comparing it to the value written. The fixed data patterns are used to ensure that no memory bit is stuck high or low, while the walking zeroes/ones and address tests are used to ensure that memory writes do not corrupt adjacent memory locations.
B2	TPAT Scratchpad	
B3	RXP Scratchpad	
B4	COM Scratchpad	
B5	CP Scratchpad	
B6	MCP Scratchpad	
B7	TAS Header Buffer	
B8	TAS Payload Buffer	
B9	RBUF via GRC	
B10	RBUF via Indirect Access	
B11	RBUF Cluster List	
B12	TSCH List	
B13	CSCH List	
B14	RV2P Scratchpads	
B15	TBDC Memory	
B16	RBDC Memory	
B17	CTX Page Table	
B18	CTX Memory	



**Table 3: Diagnostic Tests (Cont.)**

<b>Test</b>		<b>Description</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	
<b>Group C: Block Tests</b>		
C1	CPU Logic and DMA Interface	Verifies the basic logic functionality of all the on-chip CPUs. It also exercises the DMA interface exposed to those CPUs. The internal CPU tries to initiate DMA activities (both read and write) to system memory and then compares the values to confirm that the DMA operation completed successfully.
C2	RBUF Allocation	Verifies the RX buffer (RBUF) allocation interface by allocating and releasing buffers and checking that the RBUF block maintains an accurate count of the allocated and free buffers.
C3	CAM Access	Verifies the content-addressable memory (CAM) block by performing read, write, add, modify, and cache hit tests on the CAM associative memory.
C4	TPAT Cracker	Verifies the packet cracking logic block (i.e., the ability to parse TCP, IP, and UDP headers within an Ethernet frame) as well as the checksum/CRC offload logic. In this test, packets are submitted to the chip as if they were received over Ethernet and the TPAT block cracks the frame (identifying the TCP, IP, and UDP header data structures) and calculates the checksum/CRC. The TPAT block results are compared with the values expected by Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics and any errors are displayed.
C5	FIO Register	The Fast IO (FIO) verifies the register interface that is exposed to the internal CPUs.
C6	NVM Access and Reset-Corruption	Verifies non-volatile memory (NVM) accesses (both read and write) initiated by one of the internal CPUs. It tests for appropriate access arbitration among multiple entities (CPUs). It also checks for possible NVM corruption by issuing a chip reset while the NVM block is servicing data.
C7	Core-Reset Integrity	Verifies that the chip performs its reset operation correctly by resetting the chip multiple times, checking that the bootcode and the internal uxdiag driver loads/unloads correctly.
C8	DMA Engine	Verifies the functionality of the DMA engine block by performing numerous DMA read and write operations to various system and internal memory locations (and byte boundaries) with varying lengths (from 1 byte to over 4 KB, crossing the physical page boundary) and different data patterns (incremental, fixed, and random). CRC checks are performed to ensure data integrity. The DMA write test also verifies that DMA writes do not corrupt the neighboring host memory.
C9	VPD	Exercises the Vital Product Data (VPD) interface using PCI configuration cycles and requires a proper bootcode to be programmed into the non-volatile memory. If no VPD data is present (i.e., the VPD NVM area is all 0s), the test first initializes the VPD data area with non-zero data before starting the test and restores the original data after the test completes.
C11	FIO Events	Verifies that the event bits in the CPU's Fast IO (FIO) interface are triggering correctly when a particular chip events occur, such as a VPD request initiated by the host, an expansion ROM request initiated by the host, a timer event generated internally, toggling any GPIO bits, or accessing NVM.
<b>Group D: Ethernet Traffic Tests</b>		
D1	MAC Loopback	Enables MAC loopback mode in the adapter and transmits 5000 Layer 2 packets of various sizes. As the packets are received back by Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics, they are checked for errors. Packets are returned through the MAC receive path and never reach the PHY. The adapter should not be connected to a network.

**Table 3: Diagnostic Tests (Cont.)**

<b>Test</b>		<b>Description</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	
D2	PHY Loopback	Enables PHY loopback mode in the adapter and transmits 5000 Layer 2 packets of various sizes. As the packets are received back by Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics, they are checked for errors. Packets are returned through the PHY receive path and never reach the wire. The adapter should not be connected to a network.
D4	LSO	Verifies the functionality of the adapter's Large Send Offload (LSO) support by enabling MAC loopback mode and transmitting large TCP packets. As the packets are received back by Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics, they are checked for proper segmentation (according to the selected MSS size) and any other errors. The adapter should not be connected to a network.
D5	EMAC Statistics	Verifies that the basic statistics information maintained by the chip is correct by enabling MAC loopback mode and sending Layer 2 packets of various sizes. The adapter should not be connected to a network.
D6	RPC	Verifies the Receive Path Catch-up (RPC) block by sending packets to different transmit chains. The packets traverse the RPC logic (though not the entire MAC block) and return to the receive buffers as received packets. This is another loopback path that is used by Layer 4 and Layer 5 traffic within the MAC block. As packets are received back by Broadcom NetXtreme II User Diagnostics, they are checked for errors. The adapter should not be connected to a network.





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# Firmware Upgrade Utility: Broadcom NetXtreme II<sup>®</sup> Network Adapter User Guide

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## OVERVIEW

Broadcom provides a utility for upgrading adapter firmware and bootcode. The utility is implemented as a console application that can be run from a Windows or Linux command prompt.

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## INSTALLING THE FIRMWARE UPGRADE UTILITY

### WINDOWS

The files are preinstalled in the appropriate folders and ready for use.

### LINUX

You can install the firmware upgrade utility from the `lnxfwupg` SDK package and the `BMAPI` SDK package. Both packages must be installed.

#### To install `lnxfwupg` SDK package:

Enter `tar -zxvf lnxfwupg-{arch}.sdk.tgz` to untar the package.

The files included in the SDK package are:

- `lnxfwupg` — This upgrade utility program
- `Readme.txt` — A text file with additional user instructions and a full list of exist codes.
- `Release.txt` — Release information and fixes.



**To install BMAPI library SDK package:**

Enter `tar -zxvf bmapilnx-{version}.sdk.tgz` to untar the package in the same directory.

The files included in the SDK package are:

- bcmtypes.h
- BMAPI.h
- brcm\_pci.ids
- BMAPILNX library

For x86 platforms:

- libbmapi.so.*{version}* — BMAPI 32-bit shared library.

For x86\_64 platforms:

- libbmapi\_x64.so.*{version}* — BMAPI 64-bit shared library.
- libbmapi.so.*{version}* — BMAPI 32-bit shared library.

For PPC64 platforms:

- libbmapi\_ppc64.so.*{version}* — BMAPI 64-bit shared library for PPC.

## INVOKING THE UTILITY

Use the `winfwupg` command in Windows or the `lnxfwupg` command in Linux to invoke the upgrade utility and access all of its commands. You can type `winfwupg` or `lnxfwupg` followed by any of the available command parameters. Or, you can type the command and press **Enter** to access interactive mode, where you can enter additional commands.

### Windows

#### Syntax

```
winfwupg [-all | [service_name | MAC]] [Commands]
```

#### Parameters

Parameter	Description
[-all [service_name   MAC]]	<p>The <code>-all</code> command applies to the <code>upgrade</code> and <code>restorenvram</code> commands only. The <code>service_name   MAC</code> parameter is optional for the <code>help</code>, <code>version</code>, and <code>dev</code> commands, but it is required for all other commands.</p> <p>Note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When <code>-all</code> is specified, neither <code>service_name</code> nor <code>MAC</code> can be specified. Both the <code>upgrade</code> and the <code>restorenvram</code> commands use the device information in the image to apply to all NICs with a matching device ID.</li> <li>On Windows, <code>service_name</code> is the service GUID in the form: <code>{xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx}</code>. For example, <code>{4D36E972-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002bE10318}</code> refers to the series of numbers that Windows uses to identify the adapter. This can be obtained based on the value in the registry <code>NetCfgInstanceId</code> string located at: <code>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Class\{4D36E972-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}\####</code>, where <code>####</code> reflects the enumeration number of the Broadcom adapter.</li> <li><code>MAC</code> is the MAC address name of the NIC in the system. For example, if <code>00:10:18:00:11:99</code> is a valid MAC address as shown in the <code>ipconfig</code> utility, then use <code>001018001199</code> as an input parameter to select the NIC.</li> </ul>
[Commands]	<p>The following is the list of available commands. These are described in detail in <a href="#">Command Descriptions</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>cfg</code>: Configure NVRAM.</li> <li><code>crc</code>: Check/update NVRAM checksum.</li> <li><code>dev</code>: Select an adapter or List available adapters.</li> <li><code>dir</code>: Display file directory in NVRAM.</li> <li><code>dumpnvram</code>: Save entire NVRAM contents to a file.</li> <li><code>help</code>: Show a list of available commands.</li> <li><code>otpchk</code>: Check OTP content against the specified file.</li> <li><code>prg</code>: Program NVRAM with specified firmware image. This command is designated to facilitate the manufacture operation.</li> <li><code>q</code>: Exits the program.</li> <li><code>restorenvram</code>: Restore entire NVRAM contents from a file.</li> <li><code>upgrade</code>: Upgrade the firmware or bootcode.</li> <li><code>version</code>: Display version of this program.</li> <li><code>-w</code>: Enable/disable WOL (deprecated—Instaed use <code>cfg -wol &lt;value&gt;</code>).</li> </ul>

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**Linux****Syntax**

```
lnxfwupg [-all | [ID | MAC]] [Commands]
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**Parameters**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>
[-all [ID   MAC]	<p>The <code>-all</code> command applies to the <code>upgrade</code> and <code>restorenvram</code> commands only.</p> <p>The <code>ID   MAC</code> parameter is optional for the <code>help</code>, <code>version</code>, and <code>dev</code> commands, but it is required for all other commands.</p> <p>Note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When <code>-all</code> is specified, neither <code>ID</code> nor <code>MAC</code> can be specified. Both the <code>upgrade</code> and the <code>restorenvram</code> commands use the device information in the image to apply to all NICs with a matching device ID.</li> <li>• In Linux, <code>ID</code> is the interface name (i.e., <code>ethx</code>)</li> <li>• <code>MAC</code> is the MAC address name of the NIC in the system. For example, if <code>00:10:18:00:11:99</code> is a valid MAC address as shown in the <code>ifconfig</code> utility, then use <code>001018001199</code> as an input parameter to select the NIC.</li> </ul>
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## COMMAND DESCRIPTIONS

The following commands can be used with the `winfwupg` and `lnxfwupg` utilities.

### CFG

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>cfg [-noreset] {-mac &lt;MAC address to be programmed for current selected device&gt;   -mba &lt;value&gt;   -asf &lt;value&gt;   -ump &lt;value&gt;   -setman &lt;t p m&gt;   -mgmt &lt;value&gt;   -wol &lt;value&gt;   -aspm &lt;value&gt;   -tph &lt;value&gt;   -vpdv0 &lt;version string&gt;   -show}</code>
<b>Description</b>	Programs the specified configuration into NVRAM.
<b>Parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>-noreset</code>: Skips the driver restart of the selected NIC after the firmware upgrade is completed. This option is only valid in Command Line Mode. It is not supported on all NICs. For NICs on which it is not supported, APE must be suspended before the parameter can be configured in NVRAM, since the SMASH firmware might access the NVRAM during the configuring process.</li> <li><code>-mac &lt;MAC address to be programmed for current selected device&gt;</code>: A12-digit HEX MAC address, e.g. 0010181a2b3c.</li> <li><code>-mba</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to enable MBA firmware. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable mba firmware.</li> <li><code>-asf</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to enable ASF firmware. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable asf firmware.</li> <li><code>-ump</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to enable UMP firmware. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable ump firmware.</li> <li><code>-setman</code>: Set APE active management firmware. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>t</code>: Toggle APE active management firmware.</li> <li><code>p</code>: Activate Inactive APE management firmware if it is PASSTHRU.</li> <li><code>m</code>: Activate Inactive APE management firmware if is TruManage.</li> </ul> </li> <li><code>-mgmt</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to enable management firmware. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable management firmware.</li> <li><code>-wol</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to enable the WOL feature. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable WOL feature.</li> <li><code>-aspm</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to enable the L1 ASPM debounce feature. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable the L1 ASPM debounce feature.</li> <li><code>-tph</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '2' to advertise TPH with ST mode. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '1' to advertise TPH without ST mode. Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to '0' to disable TPH feature.</li> <li><code>-vpdv0</code>: Set <code>&lt;value&gt;</code> to VPD V0 tag. <code>&lt;version string&gt;</code> can be put inside quotes to include the space character.</li> <li><code>-show</code>: Shows the settings of the current configuration.</li> </ul>

### CRC

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>crc</code>
<b>Description</b>	Checks the integrity of the NVRAM CRC

### DEV

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>dev [&lt;number&gt;]</code>
<b>Description</b>	Selects the target device.
<b>Parameters</b>	<code>&lt;number&gt;</code> : The number of the adapter to be selected as target device.



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**DIR**

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>dir [-delete &lt;type&gt;]</code>
<b>Description</b>	Displays a listing of the firmware programmed in NVRAM.
<b>Parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>-delete</code>: Delete the specified <code>&lt;type&gt;</code> in the directory and its firmware from NVRAM. The Firmware Upgrade tool will return successfully if the firmware does not exist.</li> <li>• <code>&lt;type&gt;</code>: The type of firmware to be deleted. The keyword strings used for <code>&lt;type&gt;</code> are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>MBA</code>: MBA/PXE</li> <li>• <code>ASFINIT</code>: ASF Init</li> <li>• <code>ASFPCUA</code>: ASF CPUA</li> <li>• <code>ASFPCUB</code>: ASF CPUB</li> <li>• <code>ASF CFG</code>: ASF CFG</li> <li>• <code>ISCSICFG</code>: iSCSI CFG for port 0</li> <li>• <code>ISCSIPRG</code>: iSCSI CFG Program</li> <li>• <code>ISCSIBOOT</code>: iSCSI Boot</li> <li>• <code>ISCSICFG1</code>: iSCSI CFG for port 1</li> <li>• <code>APECFG</code>: APE CFG</li> <li>• <code>APECODE</code>: APE firmware</li> <li>• <code>APECODENA</code>: Inactive APE firmware</li> <li>• <code>APEUPDATE</code>: APE update firmware</li> <li>• <code>APE DATA</code>: APE data</li> <li>• <code>APEWEB DATA</code>: APE Web data</li> <li>• <code>APEWORKAROUND</code>: APE Workaround</li> <li>• <code>EXTVPD</code>: Extended VPD</li> <li>• <code>APEAUDITLOG</code>: APE Audit Log</li> <li>• <code>APEEVENTLOG</code>: APE Event Log</li> <li>• <code>ISCSICFG2</code>: iSCSI CFG for port 2</li> <li>• <code>ISCSICFG3</code>: iSCSI CFG for port 3</li> <li>• <code>CCM</code>: CCM firmware</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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**DUMPNVRAM**

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>dumpnvram{&lt;filename&gt;}</code>
<b>Description</b>	Dumps the NVRAM contents to the specified file.
<b>Parameters</b>	<p><code>&lt;filename&gt;</code> is a mandatory parameter.</p> <p>On Linux, use a forward slash instead of a backslash when specifying <code>&lt;filename&gt;</code>. Alternatively, you can use two backslashes in the file path.</p>



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**OTPCHK**

This command is available in Windows only.

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>otpchk [-mac] {&lt;filename&gt;}</code>
<b>Description</b>	Compares the OTP content to the content of the specified file. By default, it compares all the patches in the OTP and the patches in the specified file.
<b>Parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>-mac</code>: The compare function will include the MAC address and the configuration.</li> <li>• <code>&lt;filename&gt;</code>: The file to compare to the OTP content.</li> </ul>

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**PRG**

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>prg {-bc -ib -mba -ccm} {&lt;new_image&gt;} [-c] [-p] [-mac]</code>
<b>Description</b>	Programs NVRAM with the specified firmware image.
<b>Parameters</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> Not all adapters support the <code>prg</code> command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>-bc</code>: Bootcode. The image file for the <code>prg -bc</code> command must contain ONLY valid bootcode without other firmware directories. This option is available for Windows and is not available on all adapters.</li> <li>• <code>-ib</code>: iSCSI boot firmware. The image file for the <code>prg -ib</code> command must contain ONLY valid iSCSI boot without other firmware directories.</li> <li>• <code>-mba</code>: MBA firmware.</li> <li>• <code>-ccm</code>: CCM firmware.</li> <li>• <code>&lt;new_image&gt;</code>: A mandatory parameter to specify the input binary file.</li> <li>• <code>-c</code>: Force to program iSCSI configuration. This option is valid only if the <code>-ib</code> option is used.</li> <li>• <code>-p</code>: Force to program iSCSI configuration utility program. This option is valid only if the <code>-ib</code> option is used.</li> <li>• <code>-mac</code>: Force to program MAC address. This option is valid only if the <code>-bc</code> option is used and is only available for Windows.</li> </ul>

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**RESET**

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>reset</code>
<b>Description</b>	Resets the selected NIC. This command is valid only in Command Line Mode.



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**RESTORENVRAM**

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>restorenvram {&lt;filename&gt;} [idmatch] [config [mac]]</code>
<b>Description</b>	This command reads complete NVRAM image from a file and writes the image to NVRAM. Before writing the NVRAM image to adapter, verifications against source NVRAM image will be performed. If any verification fails, the image will not be written to adapter.
<b>Parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>&lt;filename&gt;</code>: The file name of NVRAM image that was dumped from the NIC. <code>&lt;filename&gt;</code> is a mandatory parameter.</li> <li>• <code>idmatch</code>: Requests the Firmware Upgrade Tool to restore the NVRAM image only after the four IDs (<code>vendor_id</code>, <code>device_id</code>, <code>subsystem_vendor_id</code>, <code>subsystem_device_id</code>) in the image file match those in the device. This is in addition to all previous criteria that must be met.</li> <li>• <code>config</code>: The configuration area will copy from source image except MAC address. Configuration area includes MAC address and various options.</li> <li>• <code>mac</code>: Applies only when <code>config</code> is specified. When <code>mac</code> is specified, all configuration are copied, including MAC address.</li> </ul>

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**UPGRADE**

<b>Syntax</b>	<code>upgrade [-noreset] [-F] {-bc -mba -asf -ump -mgmt -mgmt_ia -ib -ib_ipv6 -ib_ipv4n6 -vpd -usr -ccm} [-c] [-p] {&lt;filename&gt;} [&lt;savefile&gt;]</code>
<b>Description</b>	<p>This command upgrades the firmware or bootcode for the NetXtreme II controller. The <code>&lt;filename&gt;</code> specifies the name of the file that contains the appropriate image. The <code>&lt;savefile&gt;</code> specifies the name of the file to which the current NVRAM contents will be saved. If <code>&lt;savefile&gt;</code> is not specified, the current NVRAM contents will not be saved.</p> <p>Both <code>&lt;filename&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;savefile&gt;</code> are mandatory parameters.</p> <p>In Linux, use a forward slash instead of backslash when specifying the file path. Alternatively, you can also use two backslashes in the file path.</p> <p>If the upgrade version is same or older than the version in NVRAM, the upgrade will be aborted. The <code>-noreset</code> option skips the driver restart of the selected NIC after the firmware upgrade is completed. This option is valid only in Command Line Mode.</p>
<b>Parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>-F</code>: Forces the upgrade without checking version.</li> <li>• <code>-mba</code>: MBA (PXE) firmware</li> <li>• <code>-ump</code>: UMP firmware</li> <li>• <code>-asf</code>: ASF firmware</li> <li>• <code>-mgmt</code>: management firmware (SMASH)</li> <li>• <code>-mgmt_ia</code>: Inactive Management firmware</li> <li>• <code>-ib</code>: iSCSI boot firmware to support IPv4</li> <li>• <code>-ib_ipv6</code>: iSCSI boot firmware to support IPv6</li> <li>• <code>-ib_ipv4n6</code>: iSCSI boot firmware to support IPv4 and IPv6</li> <li>• <code>-vpd</code>: Extended VPD</li> <li>• <code>-usr</code>: User block</li> <li>• <code>-ccm</code>: CCM firmware</li> <li>• <code>[-c]</code>, <code>[-p]</code>: These options are valid only when the <code>-ib</code> option is specified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>-c</code>: Upgrades the iSCSI configuration along with iSCSI boot code. The <code>-ib</code>, <code>-ib_ipv6</code>, and <code>-ib_ipv4n6</code> commands add/upgrade the iSCSI configuration automatically. Therefore, this option is no longer needed.</li> <li>• <code>-p</code>: Upgrades the iSCSI configuration program along with iSCSI boot code.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



**VERSION**

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<b>Syntax</b>	version
<b>Description</b>	Shows the version of this utility.

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**-W**

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<b>Syntax</b>	-w {<value>}
<b>Description</b>	Enables or disables WOL.
<b>Parameters</b>	{<value>}: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set to '1' to enable WOL.</li><li>• Set to '0' to disable WOL.</li></ul>

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## EXAMPLES

### COMMAND LINE MODE EXAMPLES

For each example, the Windows syntax is listed first, followed by the Linux syntax.

- The following command upgrades bootcode for the ONLY qualified adapter found. The adapter parameter can be omitted if ONLY ONE qualified adapter is found:

**Windows:** winfwupg upgrade -bc C:/tmp/new\_bootcode c:\\oldBoot

**Linux:** lnxfwupg upgrade -bc /tmp/new\_bootcode /tmp/oldBoot

- The following command upgrades PXE for the adapter with MAC 00:10:18:00:11:99:

**Windows:** winfwupg 001018001199 upgrade -mba b57mmae.nic c:\\backup\\oldPXE.bin

**Linux:** lnxfwupg 001018001199 upgrade -mba b57mmae.nic /backup/oldPXE.bin

- The following command upgrades ASF for the adapter with the specified GUID:

**Windows:** winfwupg {8580CDDC-961B-4829-A80C-478D22DB7B3E} upgrade -F -asf asfv55 old\_image

**Linux:** lnxfwupg {8580CDDC-961B-4829-A80C-478D22DB7B3E} upgrade -F -asf asfv55

- The following command forces a downgrade for all the adapters with existing UMP support. When multiple applicable adapters are present, the MAC address of the adapter is appended to the backup NVRAM image parameter filename.

**Windows:** winfwupg -all upgrade -F -ump c:/tmp/ump114 backupUMP

**Linux:** lnxfwupg -all upgrade -F -ump /tmp/ump114 backupUMP

- The following command reads a complete NVRAM image from file backup.bin and writes the image to NVRAM along with its configurations. If the config parameter is left out, only the image is written. This restores NVRAM images to those with matching FW only.

**Windows:** winfwupg -all restorenvram "c:/Documents and Settings/backup.bin" config

**Linux:** lnxfwupg -all restorenvram /tmp/backup.bin config

- The following command programs bootcode for the ONLY qualified adapter found. The adapter parameter can be omitted if ONLY ONE qualified adapter is found. This command is available only for Windows.

**Windows:** winfwupg prg -bc C:/tmp/fresh\_bootcode

- The following command configures the selected adapter whose current MAC address is 00:10:18:1a:1b:1c to be the new MAC address 00:10:18:9d:9e:9f:

**Windows:** winfwupg 0010181a1b1c cfg -mac 0010189d9e9f

**Linux:** lnxfwupg 0010181a1b1c cfg -mac 0010189d9e9f

- The following command enables asf firmware if the ASF firmware is present in the selected adapter, whose current MAC address is 00:10:18:9a:9b:9c:

**Windows:** winfwupg 0010189a9b9c cfg -asf 1

**Linux:** lnxfwupg 0010189a9b9c cfg -asf 1



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## INTERACTIVE MODE EXAMPLES

Type `winfwupg` (Windows) or `lnxfwupg` (Linux) and press **Enter** to access interactive mode.

- The following command displays a list and descriptions of available commands.  
`help`
- Exits the utility.  
`q`
- The following command displays a list of upgradeable devices.  
`dev`
- The following command selects device 0.  
`dev 0`
- The following command displays a listing of the firmware programmed in NVRAM.  
`dir`
- The following command checks the integrity of the NVRAM CRC.  
`crc`
- The following command includes all configurations including the MAC address and saves the dump file to the c: drive.
  - Windows: `dumpnvram c:\backup.bin config mac`
  - Linux: `dumpnvram /tmp/backup.bin config mac`
- The following command includes all configurations including the MAC address. To verify the MAC address was configured, exiting the program will be necessary followed by either disabling and enabling the adapter or rebooting the system.
  - Windows: `restorenvram "c:\Document and Settings\backup.bin" config mac`
  - Linux: `restorenvram /tmp/backup.bin config mac`
- The following command upgrades the boot code for a BCM5755 adapter:  
`upgrade -bc ee5755c3.19 backup5755.bin`
- The following command displays the version of Firmware Upgrade utility.  
`version`
- The following command enables the WOL setting on the current adapter.  
`-w 1`
- The following command programs a blank NVRAM or overwrite NVRAM with the specified bootcode (Windows only).  
`prg -bc C:/tmp/new_bootcode`
- The following command configures MAC address for the selected qualified adapter.  
`cfg -mac 0010181a2b3c`
- The following command disables ump firmware if the UMP firmware is present in the selected adapter.  
`cfg -ump 0`
- The following command deletes the MBA firmware from NVRAM.  
`dir -delete MBA`
- The following command deletes APE UPDATE firmware from NVRAM.  
`dir -delete APEUPDATE`

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## HARDWARE DIAGNOSTICS

Loopback diagnostic tests are available for testing the adapter hardware. These tests provide access to the adapter internal/external diagnostics, where packet information is transmitted across the physical link (for instructions and information on running tests in an MS-DOS environment, see [User Diagnostics](#); for Windows environments, see [Running Diagnostic Tests in Windows](#)).

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## CHECKING PORT LEDs

See [Network Link and Activity Indication](#) to check the state of the network link and activity.



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## TROUBLESHOOTING CHECKLIST



**CAUTION!** Before you open the cabinet of your server to add or remove the adapter, review [Safety Precautions](#).

The following checklist provides recommended actions to take to resolve problems installing the Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter or running it in your system.

- Inspect all cables and connections. Verify that the cable connections at the network adapter and the switch are attached properly. Verify that the cable length and rating comply with the requirements listed in [Connecting the Network Cables](#).
- Check the adapter installation by reviewing [Installation of the Add-In NIC](#). Verify that the adapter is properly seated in the slot. Check for specific hardware problems, such as obvious damage to board components or the PCI edge connector.
- Check the configuration settings and change them if they are in conflict with another device.
- Verify that your server is using the latest BIOS.
- Try inserting the adapter in another slot. If the new position works, the original slot in your system may be defective.
- Replace the failed adapter with one that is known to work properly. If the second adapter works in the slot where the first one failed, the original adapter is probably defective.
- Install the adapter in another functioning system and run the tests again. If the adapter passed the tests in the new system, the original system may be defective.
- Remove all other adapters from the system and run the tests again. If the adapter passes the tests, the other adapters may be causing contention.

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## CHECKING IF CURRENT DRIVERS ARE LOADED

### WINDOWS

See [Viewing Vital Signs](#) to view vital information about the adapter, link status, and network connectivity.

### LINUX

To verify that the bnx2.o driver is loaded properly, run:

```
lsmod | grep -i <module name>
```

If the driver is loaded, the output of this command shows the size of the driver in bytes and the number of adapters configured and their names. The following example shows the drivers loaded for the bnx2 module:

```
[root@test1]# lsmod | grep -i bnx2
bnx2                199238  0
bnx2fc              133775  0
libfcoe             39764   2 bnx2fc,fcoe
libfc               108727  3 bnx2fc,fcoe,libfcoe
scsi_transport_fc   55235   3 bnx2fc,fcoe,libfc
bnx2i               53488   11
cnic                86401   6 bnx2fc,bnx2i
libiscsi            47617   8
```



```
be2iscsi,bnx2i,cxgb4i,cxgb3i,libcxgbi,ib_iser,iscsi_tcp,libiscsi_tcp
scsi_transport_iscsi      53047  8 be2iscsi,bnx2i,libcxgbi,ib_iser,iscsi_tcp,libiscsi
bnx2x                     1417947  0
libcrc32c                 1246   1 bnx2x
mdio                      4732   2 cxgb3,bnx2x
```

If you reboot after loading a new driver, you can use the following command to verify that the currently loaded driver is the correct version.

```
modinfo bnx2
```

```
[root@test1]# lsmod | grep -i bnx2
```

```
bnx2          199238  0
```

Or, you can use the following command:

```
[root@test1]# ethtool -i eth2
driver: bnx2x
version: 1.78.07
firmware-version: bc 7.8.6
bus-info: 0000:04:00.2
```

if you loaded a new driver but have not yet booted, the `modinfo` command will not show the updated driver information. Instead, you can view the logs to verify that the proper driver is loaded and will be active upon reboot:

```
dmesg | grep -i "Broadcom" | grep -i "bnx2"
```

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## RUNNING A CABLE LENGTH TEST

For Windows operating systems, see [Analyzing Cables in Windows](#) for information on running a cable length test. Cable analysis is not available for NetXtreme II 10 GbE network adapters.

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## TESTING NETWORK CONNECTIVITY



**NOTE:** When using forced link speeds, verify that both the adapter and the switch are forced to the same speed.

### WINDOWS

Network connectivity can be tested using the [Testing the Network](#) feature in Broadcom Advanced Control Suite.

An alternate method is to use the ping command to determine if the network connection is working.

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Run**.
2. Type `cmd` in the **Open** box, and then click **OK**.
3. Type `ipconfig /all` to view the network connection to be tested.

4. Type `ping IP address`, and then press **ENTER**.

The ping statistics that are displayed indicate whether the network connection is working or not.

## LINUX

To verify that the Ethernet interface is up and running, run `ifconfig` to check the status of the Ethernet interface. It is possible to use `netstat -i` to check the statistics on the Ethernet interface. See [Linux Driver Software](#) for information on `ifconfig` and `netstat`.

Ping an IP host on the network to verify connection has been established.

From the command line, type `ping IP address`, and then press **ENTER**.

The ping statistics that are displayed indicate whether or not the network connection is working.

## MICROSOFT VIRTUALIZATION WITH HYPER-V

Microsoft Virtualization is a hypervisor virtualization system for Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2. This section is intended for those who are familiar with Hyper-V, and it addresses issues that affect the configuration of NetXtreme II network adapters and teamed network adapters when Hyper-V is used. For more information on Hyper-V, see <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/en/us/hyperv.aspx>.

Table 1 identifies Hyper-V supported features that are configurable for NetXtreme II network adapters. This table is not an all-inclusive list of Hyper-V features.

**Table 1: Configurable Network Adapter Hyper-V Features**

Feature	Supported in Windows Server			Comments/Limitation
	2008	2008 R2	2012	
IPv4	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
IPv6	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
IPv4 Large Send Offload (LSO) (parent and child partition)	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
IPv4 Checksum Offload (CO) (parent and child partition)	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
IPv4 TCP Offload Engine (TOE)	No*	No*	No*	*OS limitation.
IPv6 LSO (parent and child partition)	No*	Yes	Yes	*When bound to a virtual network, OS limitation.
IPv6 CO (parent and child partition)	No*	Yes	Yes	*When bound to a virtual network, OS limitation.
IPv6 TOE	No	No	No	OS limitation.
Jumbo frames	No*	Yes	Yes	*OS limitation.
RSS	No*	No*	Yes	*OS limitation.
RSC	No*	No*	Yes	*OS limitation.
SRIOV	No*	No*	Yes	*OS limitation.







**NOTE:** Ensure that Integrated Services, which is a component of Hyper-V, is installed in the guest operating system (child partition) for full functionality.

## SINGLE NETWORK ADAPTER

### Windows Server 2008

When configuring a NetXtreme II network adapter on a Hyper-V system, be aware of the following:

- An adapter that is to be bound to a virtual network should not be configured for VLAN tagging through the driver's advanced properties. Instead, Hyper-V should manage VLAN tagging exclusively.
- Since Hyper-V does not support Jumbo Frames, it is recommended that this feature not be used or connectivity issues may occur with the child partition.
- The Locally Administered Address (LAA) set by Hyper-V takes precedence over the address set in the adapter's advanced properties.
- A TOE-enabled network adapter that is bound to a Hyper-V virtual network will report TOE as an offload capability in BACS; however, TOE will not work. This is a limitation of Hyper-V. Hyper-V does not support TOE.
- In an IPv6 network, a team that supports CO and/or LSO and is bound to a Hyper-V virtual network will report CO and LSO as an offload capability in BACS; however, CO and LSO will not work. This is a limitation of Hyper-V. Hyper-V does not support CO and LSO in an IPv6 network.

### Windows Server 2008 R2 and 2012

When configuring a NetXtreme II network adapter on a Hyper-V system, be aware of the following:

- An adapter that is to be bound to a virtual network should not be configured for VLAN tagging through the driver's advanced properties. Instead, Hyper-V should manage VLAN tagging exclusively.
- The Locally Administered Address (LAA) set by Hyper-V takes precedence over the address set in the adapter's advanced properties.
- The LSO and CO features in the guest OS are independent of the network adapter properties.
- To allow jumbo frame functionality from the guest OS, both the network adapter and the virtual adapter must have jumbo frames enabled. The Jumbo MTU property for the network adapter must be set to allow traffic of large MTU from within the guest OS. The jumbo packet of the virtual adapter must be set in order to segment the sent and received packets.

## TEAMED NETWORK ADAPTERS

[Table 2](#) identifies Hyper-V supported features that are configurable for NetXtreme II teamed network adapters. This table is not an all-inclusive list of Hyper-V features.

**Table 2: Configurable Teamed Network Adapter Hyper-V Features**

Feature	Supported in Windows Server Version			Comments/Limitation
	2008	2008 R2	2012	
Smart Load Balancing and Failover (SLB) team type	Yes	Yes	Yes	Multi-member SLB team allowed with latest BASP6 version. Note: VM MAC is not presented to external switches.
Link Aggregation (IEEE 802.3ad LACP) team type	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Generic Trunking (FEC/GEC) 802.3ad Draft Static team type	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Failover	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
LiveLink	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Large Send Offload (LSO)	Limited*	Yes	Yes	*Conforms to miniport limitations outlines in <a href="#">Table 1</a> .
Checksum Offload (CO)	Limited*	Yes	Yes	*Conforms to miniport limitations outlines in <a href="#">Table 1</a> .
TCP Offload Engine (TOE)	No	No	No	
Hyper-V VLAN over an adapter	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Hyper-V VLAN over a teamed adapter	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Hyper-V VLAN over a VLAN	Limited*	Limited*	Limited*	Only an untagged VLAN.
Hyper-V virtual switch over an adapter	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Hyper-V virtual switch over a teamed adapter	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
Hyper-V virtual switch over a VLAN	Yes	Yes	Yes	–
iSCSI boot	No	No*	No*	*Remote boot to SAN is supported.
Virtual Machine Queue (VMQ)	No	Yes	Yes	See <a href="#">Configuring VMQ with SLB Teaming</a> .
RSC	No	No	Yes	



## Windows Server 2008

When configuring a team of NetXtreme II network adapters on a Hyper-V system, be aware of the following:

- Create the team prior to binding the team to the Hyper-V virtual network.
- Create a team only with an adapter that is not already assigned to a Hyper-V virtual network.
- A TOE-enabled team that is bound to a Hyper-V virtual network will report TOE as an offload capability in BACS; however, TOE will not work. This is a limitation of Hyper-V. Hyper-V does not support TOE.
- In an IPv6 network, a team that supports CO and/or LSO and is bound to a Hyper-V virtual network will report CO and LSO as an offload capability in BACS; however, CO and LSO will not work. This is a limitation of Hyper-V. Hyper-V does not support CO and LSO in an IPv6 network.
- To successfully perform VLAN tagging for both the host (parent partition) and the guest (child partition) with the BASP teaming software, you must configure the team for tagging. Unlike VLAN tagging with a single adapter, tagging cannot be managed by Hyper-V when using BASP software.
- When making changes to a team or removing a team, remove the team's binding from all guest OSs that use any of the VNICs in the team, change the configuration, and then rebind the team's VNICs to the guest OS. This can be done in the Hyper-V Manager.

## Windows Server 2008 R2

When configuring a team of NetXtreme II network adapters on a Hyper-V system, be aware of the following:

- Create the team prior to binding the team to the Hyper-V virtual network.
- Create a team only with an adapter that is not already assigned to a Hyper-V virtual network.
- A BASP virtual adapter configured for VLAN tagging can be bound to a Hyper-V virtual network, and is a supported configuration. However, the VLAN tagging capability of BASP cannot be combined with the VLAN capability of Hyper-V. In order to use the VLAN capability of Hyper-V, the BASP team must be untagged.
- When making changes to a team or removing a team, remove the team's binding from all guest OSs that use any of the VNICs in the team, change the configuration, and then rebind the team's VNICs to the guest OS. This can be done in the Hyper-V Manager.

## Configuring VMQ with SLB Teaming

When Hyper-V server is installed on a system configured to use Smart Load Balance and Failover (SLB) type teaming, you can enable Virtual Machine Queueing (VMQ) to improve overall network performance. VMQ enables delivering packets from an external virtual network directly to virtual machines defined in the SLB team, eliminating the need to route these packets and, thereby, reducing overhead.

To create a VMQ-capable SLB team:

1. Create an SLB team. If using the Teaming Wizard, when you select the SLB team type, also select **Enable HyperV Mode**. If using Expert mode, enable the property in the Create Team or Edit Team tabs. See [Configuring Teaming](#) for additional instructions on creating a team.
2. Follow these instructions to add the required registry entries in Windows:  
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/gg162696%28v=ws.10%29.aspx>
3. For each team member on which you want to enable VMQ, modify the following registry entry and configure a unique instance number (in the following example, it is set to 0026):

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Class\
{4D36E972-E325-11CE-BFC1-08002BE10318}\0026]

**RssOrVmqPreference"="1"
```



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## REMOVING THE BROADCOM NETXTREME II DEVICE DRIVERS

Uninstall the Broadcom NetXtreme II device drivers from your system only through the InstallShield wizard. Uninstalling the device drivers with Device Manager or any other means may not provide a clean uninstall and may cause the system to become unstable. For information on uninstalling Broadcom NetXtreme II device drivers, see [Removing the Device Drivers](#).

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## UPGRADING WINDOWS OPERATING SYSTEMS

This section covers Windows upgrades for the following:

- From Windows Server 2003 to Windows Server 2008
- From Windows Server 2008 to Windows Server 2008 R2
- From Windows Server 2008 R2 to Windows Server 2012

Prior to performing an OS upgrade when a Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter is installed on your system, Broadcom recommends the procedure below.

1. Save all team and adapter IP information.
2. Uninstall all Broadcom drivers using the installer.
3. Perform the Windows upgrade.
4. Reinstall the latest Broadcom adapter drivers and the BACS application.

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## BROADCOM BOOT AGENT

**Problem:** Unable to obtain network settings through DHCP using PXE.

**Solution:** For proper operation make sure that the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) is disabled or that portfast mode (for Cisco) is enabled on the port to which the PXE client is connected. For instance, set spantree portfast 4/12 enable.

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## BROADCOM ADVANCED SERVER PROGRAM (BASP)

**Problem:** After physically removing a NIC that was part of a team and then rebooting, the team did not perform as expected.

**Solution:** To physically remove a teamed NIC from a system, you must first delete the NIC from the team. Not doing this before shutting down could result in breaking the team on a subsequent reboot, which may result in unexpected team behavior.

**Problem:** After deleting a team that uses IPv6 addresses and then re-creating the team, the IPv6 addresses from the old team are used for the re-created team.

**Solution:** This is a third-party issue. To remove the old team's IPv6 addresses, locate the General tab for the team's TCP/IP properties from your system's Network Connections. Either delete the old addresses and type in new IPv6 addresses or select the option to automatically obtain IP addresses.

**Problem:** Adding an NLB-enabled NetXtreme II adapter to a team may cause unpredictable results.

**Solution:** Prior to creating the team, unbind NLB from the NetXtreme II adapter, create the team, and then bind NLB to the team.

**Problem:** A system containing an 802.3ad team causes a Netlogon service failure in the system event log and prevents it from communicating with the domain controller during boot up.

**Solution:** Microsoft Knowledge Base Article 326152 (<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/326152/en-us>) indicates that Gigabit Ethernet adapters may experience problems with connectivity to a domain controller due to link fluctuation while the driver initializes and negotiates link with the network infrastructure. The link negotiation is further affected when the Gigabit adapters are participating in an 802.3ad team due to the additional negotiation with a switch required for this team type. As suggested in the Knowledge Base Article above, disabling media sense as described in a separate Knowledge Base Article 938449 (<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/938449>) has shown to be a valid workaround when this problem occurs.

**Problem:** The 802.3ad team member links disconnect and reconnect continuously (applies to all operating systems).

**Solution:** This is a third-party issue. It is seen only when configuring an 802.3ad team with greater than two members on the server and connecting an HP2524 switch, with LACP enabled as passive or active. The HP switch shows an LACP channel being brought up successfully with only two team members. All other team member links disconnect and reconnect. This does not occur with a Cisco Catalyst 6500.

**Problem:** A Generic Trunking (GEC/FEC) 802.3ad-Draft Static type of team may lose some network connectivity if the driver to a team member is disabled.

**Solution:** If a team member supports underlying management software (ASF/UMP) or Wake-On-LAN, the link may be maintained on the switch for the adapter despite its driver being disabled. This may result in the switch continuing to pass traffic to the attached port rather than route the traffic to an active team member port. Disconnecting the disabled adapter from the switch will allow traffic to resume to the other active team members.

**Problem:** Large Send Offload (LSO) and Checksum Offload are not working on my team.

**Solution:** If one of the adapters on a team does not support LSO, LSO does not function for the team. Remove the adapter that does not support LSO from the team, or replace it with one that does. The same applies to Checksum Offload.

**Problem:** The advanced properties of a team do not change after changing the advanced properties of an adapter that is a member of the team.

**Solution:** If an adapter is included as a member of a team and you change any advanced property, then you must rebuild the team to ensure that the team's advanced properties are properly set.

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## LINUX

**Problem:** BCM5771x devices with SFP+ Flow Control default to Off rather than Rx/Tx Enable.

**Solution:** The Flow Control default setting for revision 1.6.x and newer has been changed to Rx Off and Tx Off because SFP+ devices do not support Autonegotiation for Flow Control.

**Problem:** On kernels older than 2.6.16 when 16 partitions are created on a server containing two BCM57711 network adapters, not all partitions would come up and an error indicating a shortage of space would display.

**Solution:** On architectures where the default vmalloc size is relatively small and not sufficient to load many interfaces, use `vmalloc=<size>` during boot to increase the size.

**Problem:** Routing does not work for NetXtreme II 10 GbE network adapters installed in Linux systems.

**Solution:** For NetXtreme II 10 GbE network adapters installed in systems with Linux kernels older than 2.6.26, disable TPA with either ethtool (if available) or with the driver parameter (see [disable\\_tpa](#)). Use ethtool to disable TPA (LRO) for a specific NetXtreme II 10 GbE network adapter.

**Problem:** On a NetXtreme II 1 GbE network adapter in a CNIC environment, flow control does not work.

**Solution:** Flow control is working, but in a CNIC environment, it has the appearance that it is not. The network adapter is capable of sending pause frames when the on-chip buffers are depleted, but the adapter also prevents the head-of-line blocking of other receive queues. Since the head-of-line blocking causes the on-chip firmware to discard packets inside the on-chip receive buffers, in the case a particular host queue is depleted, the on-chip receive buffers will rarely be depleted, therefore, it may appear that flow control is not functioning.

**Problem:** Errors appear when compiling driver source code.

**Solution:** Some installations of Linux distributions do not install the development tools by default. Ensure the development tools for the Linux distribution you are using are installed before compiling driver source code.

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## NPAR

**Problem:** The following error message displays if the storage configurations are not consistent for all four ports of the device in NPAR mode:

PXE-M1234: NPAR block contains invalid configuration during boot.

A software defect can cause the system to be unable to BFS boot to an iSCSI or FCoE target if an iSCSI personality is enabled on the first partition of one port, whereas an FCoE personality is enabled on the first partition of another port. The MBA driver performs a check for this configuration and prompts the user when it is found.

**Solution:** If using the 7.6.x firmware and driver, to workaround this error, configure the NPAR block such that if iSCSI or FCoE is enabled on the first partition, the same must be enabled on all partitions of all four ports of that device.

## KERNEL DEBUGGING OVER ETHERNET

**Problem:** When attempting to perform kernel debugging over an Ethernet network on a Windows 8.0 or Windows Server 2012 system, the system will not boot. This problem may occur with some adapters on systems where the Windows 8.0 or Windows Server 2012 OS is configured for UEFI mode. You may see a firmware error on screen, indicating that a Non Maskable Interrupt exception was encountered during the UEFI pre-boot environment.

**Solution:** Refer to the Microsoft knowledge base topic number 2920163, [“Non Maskable Interrupt error during boot on a system which has been configured for kernel debugging over Ethernet”](#).



## MISCELLANEOUS

**Problem:** The BCM57810 10 GbE NIC does not support 10 Gbps or 1 Gbps WOL link speed.

**Solution:** The BCM57810 10 GbE NIC can only support 100 Mbps WOL link speed due to power consumption limitations.

**Problem:** When setting the **Jumbo MTU** property to 5000 bytes or greater and forcing **Flow Control** on network adapters that support a link speed of 10 Gbps, the system performance performs at less than optimal levels.

**Solution:** If **Jumbo MTU** is set to 5000 bytes or greater, ensure that **Flow Control** is set to **Auto**.

**Problem:** iSCSI Crash Dump is not working in Windows.

**Solution:** After upgrading the device drivers using the installer, the iSCSI crash dump driver is also upgraded, and **iSCSI Crash Dump** must be re-enabled from the **Advanced** section of the **BACS Configuration** tab.

**Problem:** In Windows Server 2008 R2, if the OS is running as an iSCSI boot OS, the VolMgr error, "The system could not successfully load the crash dump driver," appears in the event log.

**Solution:** Enable **iSCSI Crash Dump** from the **Advanced** section of the **BACS Configuration** tab.

**Problem:** The Broadcom NetXtreme II adapter may not perform at optimal level on some systems if it is added after the system has booted.

**Solution:** The system BIOS in some systems does not set the cache line size and the latency timer if the adapter is added after the system has booted. Reboot the system after the adapter has been added.

**Problem:** Although the Broadcom 5708S SerDes adapter is capable of connecting at speeds up to 2.5 Gbps when licensed and configured, Windows Task Manager incorrectly reports the speed at 2 Gbps.

**Solution:** This reporting error is a known Microsoft issue. Locate the actual link speed from [Viewing Vital Signs](#) in BACS.

**Problem:** Cannot configure Resource Reservations in BACS after SNP is uninstalled.

**Solution:** Reinstall SNP. Prior to uninstalling SNP from the system, ensure that NDIS is enabled via the checkbox on the Resource Configuration screen, available from the Resource Reservations section of the Configurations tab (see [Viewing Resource Reservations](#)). If NDIS is disabled and SNP is removed, there is no access to re-enable the device.

**Problem:** TOE performance is more susceptible to packet loss when flow control is disabled.

**Solution:** Enable flow control to reduce the number of packets lost.

**Problem:** A DCOM error message (event ID 10016) appears in the System Event Log during the installation of the Broadcom adapter drivers.

**Solution:** This is a Microsoft issue. For more information, see Microsoft knowledge base KB913119 at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/913119>.

**Problem:** Performance is degraded when multiple BCM57710 network adapters are used in a system.

**Solution:** Ensure that the system has at least 2 GB of main memory when using up to four network adapters and 4 GB of main memory when using four or more network adapters.

**Problem:** Remote installation of Windows Server 2008 to an iSCSI target via iSCSI offload fails to complete, and the computer restarts, repeatedly.

**Solution:** This is a Microsoft issue. For more information on applying the Microsoft hotfix, see Microsoft knowledge base article KB952942 at <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/952942>.

**Problem:** Performance drops when a BCM5709C network adapter is connected back-to-back to a switch, MTU = 9000, and Tx and Rx Flow Control are enabled.

**Solution:** When `enable_cu_rate_limiter` is enabled, the device performs flow control in the catchup path to prevent catchup frames from dropping. The catchup path is used in processing iSCSI out-of-order PDUs. When `enable_cu_rate_limiter` is disabled, there is a potential for some drops of iSCSI out-of-order PDUs, which reduces performance. This feature does not work well when jumbo frame is enabled on any of the client devices. `enable_cu_rate_limiter` should be set to disabled when jumbo frame is enabled.

**Problem:** When using a BCM57840 4-port adapter in a blade server, ports 3 and 4 show no link.

**Solution:** The I/O (switch) module must support 32 internal ports. If it does not, ports 3 and 4 cannot establish a link.

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