

# Broadcom iSCSI HBA Technology

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## iSCSI STACK FOR CONVERGED NIC

### Overview

Broadcom's iSCSI offering is based on our hardware offload architecture and is designed to deliver industry-leading performance, low CPU utilization, high reliability, and unified NIC and storage management using the Broadcom Advanced Control Suite (BACS) management application for both 1 GbE and 10 GbE networks. Benefits include:

- Industry-leading performance: By fully offloading the iSCSI and TCP/IP stacks, the Broadcom iSCSI HBA does not need to compete with upper layer applications, such as e-mail or Web applications, for CPU processing cycles. The iSCSI performance is unaffected by application workload.
- Low CPU utilization: Software-based iSCSI initiators consume considerable CPU cycles when handling I/O-intensive workloads, leaving little headroom for growing user application requirements. Broadcom's iSCSI HBA architecture minimizes the CPU overhead so that valuable CPU cycles are allocated to process user applications.
- Highest reliability: The iSCSI header/data digest computation of Broadcom's iSCSI HBA prevents data corruption that can occur in large networks with multiple switch hops so that iSCSI HBAs can be used in a wide variety of IP network topologies.
- Unified NIC and storage management: The BACS management application provides a single management platform for your network and storage I/O management.

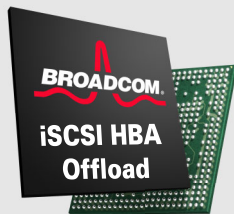
### Benefits

- World-class performance, optimized for high throughput, high I/O per second, and low CPU utilization.
  - Offloaded and accelerated iSCSI for block storage with high I/O per second and high bandwidth.
  - Frees host CPU to run application code.

- No need to compete with host applications for resources.
- Minimal load on host memory subsystem with zero copy.
- Adaptive interrupt coalescing.
- Avoids bottlenecks by using RSS (distributing network processing across multiple CPUs).
- Interrupt distribution in a multi-CPU system using MSI/MSI-X.
- Significant power savings (up to 60 watts per 10 GbE port) over software initiator through iSCSI HBA deployment.
- Simplified administration of iSCSI-enabled controllers across the data center and reduced complexity by using a common driver.
- Robust, flexible, seamless management using management application software
- High IOPS performance:
  - Over 1.1 million IOPS for 10 GbE. (BCM57712) and 240K IOPS for 1 GbE (BCM5709 dual-port).

### Features

- Hardware iSCSI HBA
  - iSCSI HBA offload including header and data digest
- Common iSCSI driver stack
  - NetXtreme II® 1 GbE controllers (5709C/S, 5708C/S)
  - NetXtreme II 10 GbE controllers (57710, 57711, 57712)
- iSCSI HBA features
  - iSCSI initiator IPv4 and IPv6
  - iSCSI boot IPv4 and IPv6 HBA offload
  - iSCSI boot IPv4 and IPv6 host software stack
- Operating systems support:
  - Windows® Server
  - Red Hat® Enterprise Linux®, and Novell® SUSE Linux Enterprise Server
  - VMware® vSphere®
- Robust Ethernet support (see page 2)

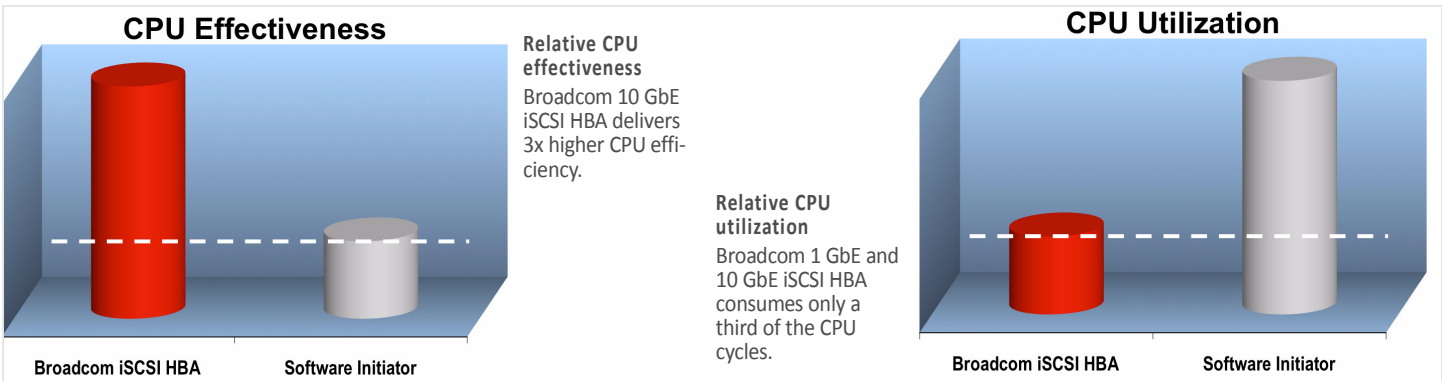


### Highlights

- No-compromise multiprotocol support with simultaneous networking traffic and storage traffic over a single 10 GbE connection.
- Industry-leading performance with measured 1.1M IOPS, optimized for high throughput and high I/O per second, with lowest latency and CPU utilization.
- Seamless and efficient management with centralized, cross-platform BACS 4 management suite.
- Broad, established interoperability with ecosystem partners.

	Broadcom iSCSI
Service Provider	●
Data Centers	●
Enterprise	●

● Supported ● Best Choice



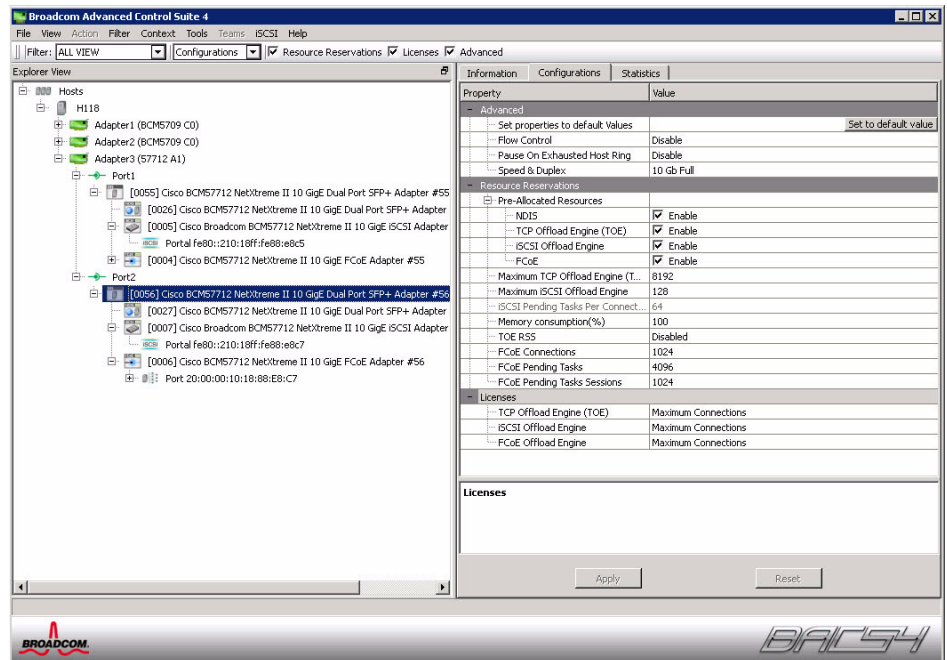
These figures show the relative CPU effectiveness (IOPS per CPU%) and CPU percent utilization of Broadcom's iSCSI HBA versus iSCSI software initiator (in a dual-quad core Intel® XEON® 5500 server, running the Microsoft® Windows® 2008 operating system at 4K read block size)

### Ethernet Features

- Jumbo frame support (9600 bytes)
- Flow-control support (IEEE 802.3x)
- Stateful offload (TOE and TPA)
- TCP/IP checksum offload for IPv4 and IPv6
- UDP/IP checksum offload for IPv4 and IPv6
- RX/TX multiqueue
- VMware NetQueue and Microsoft VMQ
- Message signal interrupt (MSI, MSI-X) support
- VLAN support

### Unified Management Application

- Centralized, cross-platform management suite for configuration and management across all protocols.
- Integrated multiprotocol dashboard with all management functions across iSCSI HBA, TOE, L2, and FCoE HBA.
- Comprehensive DCB and FCoE configuration and controller.



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