



**BROCADE**

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## **Fabric OS 5.3.X End Of Availability (EOA) Notice v2.0**

In order to better serve our customers and partners, we are initiating the End Of Availability (EOA) management process for Fabric OS (FOS) firmware release v5.3.x. For end of availability details on Fabric OS firmware releases, please see the End of Availability Notice section on the Brocade corporate Web site's Resource Center at: [http://www.brocade.com/support/end\\_of\\_life.jsp](http://www.brocade.com/support/end_of_life.jsp).

### **EOA Schedule**

The firmware EOA transition period is from January 5, 2009 until July 5, 2009. During the transition period, this firmware release will be supported as per existing customer support agreements.

Important dates relating to this process are:

- 01/05/2009 - Partner and Customer End Of Availability Notification
- 07/05/2009 - After this date, Brocade will no longer provide scheduled maintenance or patch releases for Fabric OS v5.3.X. and earlier. This includes all FOS v5.x versions of firmware. Critical customer issues reported during or after this period may still be addressed with patch releases on 5.3.x as required.

### **Affected Hardware Platforms**

- All Brocade 2Gbit/sec platforms supported with FOS v5.3.x, including the Brocade 24000, 3014, 3016, 3250, 3850 and 3900.
- Brocade 4Gbit/sec platforms will continue to be supported with FOS v6.x firmware.

### **Compatibility**

- Brocade may elect to discontinue compatibility testing on Fabric OS versions that have reached end of availability. As such, we do not guarantee compatibility when operated with products using later versions of FOS or Fabric Manager.
- There will be no fixes made on any software applications or APIs for issues found in the FOS versions that have reached end of availability.

### **Migration Path**

We encourage customers to migrate to the latest Fabric OS versions available from Brocade equipment providers. This migration is free, and no firmware licenses are required. If you have questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact your Brocade sales representative.

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