PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS

• Leverages in-depth Brocade expertise to build best-in-class data center systems and facilities
• Provides an implementation plan and assistance for migrating to FICON
• Utilizes a best-practices methodology to support efficient design and configuration of FICON devices
• Configures the FICON management server (CUP) feature
• Maximizes existing data center resources to improve overall ROI

Perform a Safe and Effective Migration

Planning a migration to FICON® can be a complicated task that requires a detailed, well-designed strategy to help ensure a safe, cost-effective, and efficient project. Because of these complexities and the critical nature of mainframe environments, today’s IT organizations might not have the in-house resources to properly design, plan, and implement a migration to FICON. For many organizations, Brocade® ESCON to FICON Migration Implementation Services can help bridge that gap.

FICON MIGRATION CHALLENGES

After deciding to undertake a FICON migration project, organizations must determine how to:

• Begin planning the migration
• Make sure that the migration happens transparently, without impacting production
• Make sure that it completes on schedule and on budget
• Implement best practices for configuring FICON directors-switches, setting up channel path IDs, and configuring the FICON management server (CUP) feature

For many organizations, this migration to FICON is their first, giving them little or no relevant experience to draw upon. Rather than taking their chances and assuming the risk of potential problems, they can utilize proven Brocade Services expertise. Using experience gained from over 25 years of mainframe storage networking implementations and hundreds of successful data migrations, Brocade can help plan and execute FICON migrations while accelerating deployment and reducing risk.
A BEST-PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION

Just as every mainframe environment is different, every migration to FICON is different. With Brocade ESCON to FICON Migration Implementation Services, Brocade mainframe experts work with an organization’s IT staff to customize an implementation plan that fits their specific requirements, including checklists outlining the specific port and CHPID mappings of the FICON director/switch infrastructure.

In addition, this service includes the installation and best-practices configuration of Brocade FICON products, configuration of the FICON management server (CUP) feature, and assistance with the IOCP/HCD hardware “GEN” process. As part of the service offering, Brocade also provides informal knowledge transfer to help organizations manage their new environments going forward.

A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE

Leveraging 25 years of mainframe storage networking experience, Brocade provides expert guidance to successfully complete a migration to FICON. Brocade is also available to assist with related initiatives for continued management and expansion of new FICON environments.

Understanding that not all environments are the same size, Brocade offers two options for ESCON to FICON migration. The first option is a three-day, fixed-price “Quick Start” offering to help organizations begin the FICON migration process. This offering is available up to the following limits:

- 1500 ESCON ports
- 512 FICON ports
- Single site deployment

Organizations with larger environments can augment this offering with ESCON to FICON migration daily service rates. For environments that are beyond this scope, Brocade can customize a statement of work to match any specific migration requirements.

MAXIMIZING INVESTMENTS

Brocade and its partners offer complete data center solutions to meet a wide range of technology and business requirements. These solutions include education and training, services, and support to help optimize data management investments. For more information, contact an authorized Brocade sales partner or visit www.brocade.com.