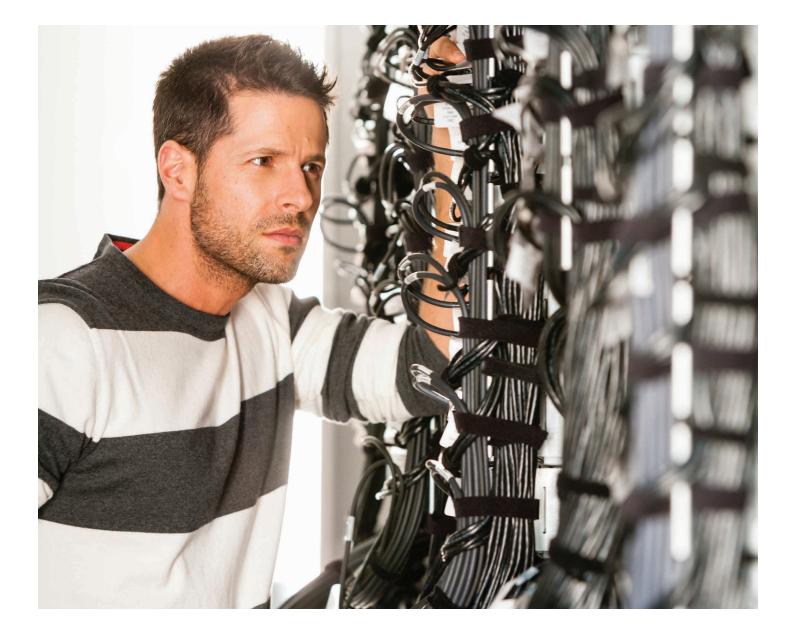
Product family guide

HP Virtual Connect and Networking for BladeSystem





HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10 Gb/24-port Module

As the simplest, most flexible way to connect virtualized server blades to data or storage networks, HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10 Gb/24-port Modules eliminate up to 95 percent² of network sprawl at the server edge—using one device that converges traffic inside enclosures and directly connects to external LANs and SANs. Utilizing Flex-10 technology with Fibre Channel over Ethernet and accelerated iSCSI, these modules converge traffic over high-speed 10 Gb connections to servers with HP FlexFabric Adapters (HP NC551i or HP NC551m Dual Port FlexFabric 10 Gb Converged Network Adapters or HP NC553i 10 Gb 2-port FlexFabric Converged Network Adapter). Each redundant pair of VC FlexFabric modules provides eight adjustable downlink connections (six Ethernet and two Fibre Channel, or six Ethernet and two iSCSI, or eight Ethernet) to dual port 10 Gb FlexFabric Adapters on servers. Up to eight uplinks are available for connection to upstream Ethernet and Fibre Channel switches. Virtual Connect FlexFabric modules avoid the confusion of traditional and other converged network solutions by eliminating the need for multiple Ethernet and Fibre Channel switches, extension modules, cables, and software licenses. Also, Virtual Connect wire-once connection management is built-in, enabling server adds, moves, and replacements in minutes instead of days or weeks.

FlexFabric bridges the convergence gap between server and network with single-hop and dual-hop to provide maximum flexibility. The single-hop brings convergence to servers without changing existing LAN and SAN. Dual-hop brings convergence from server to aggregation layer.

Wire-once simplicity

HP Virtual Connect simplifies and converges your server edge connections, making server changes transparent to storage and networks, and delivering four times the number of connections per physical network link. Virtual connect enables you to dynamically optimize and control bandwidth using fewer physical ports for the same performance, while reducing server edge infrastructure (switches, host bus adapters [HBAs], network interface cards [NICs], and cables) up to 95 percent and hardware costs up to 65 percent, in turn saving power up to 40 percent. HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric connects servers and virtual machines to data and storage networks over Ethernet, Fibre Channel, and iSCSI protocols. With more than 8.5 million ports shipped, Virtual Connect continues to deliver proven simplified operations.

Virtual Connect

Easy operations and deployment

- Server blades are change-ready—you can add, move, replace, or upgrade server blades, as well as move workloads without affecting your LAN and SAN.
- You can wire once, and then add, move, and change network connections in minutes instead of days. You can also manage connections to thousands of servers from a single pane-of-glass.
- HP Virtual Connect modules simplify your network by providing one module for all your data and storage connection needs with both single-hop and dual-hop. Single-hop enables converged fabric at server end without impacting traditional LAN and SAN. Dual-hop bridges gap between converged fabric at server end and aggregation layer.
- HP Virtual Connect modules are compatible with existing data and storage networks, protocols, and procedures, as well as with all other standards-based switch products. VC modules provide high-performance and end-to-end optical or copper connections with HP Networking or other brands of aggregation or core switches.
- HP Virtual Connect modules are edge-safe. Any changes to the server are transparent to its associated network. This clearly separates the server blades from your LAN/SAN and relieves LAN/SAN administrators from server maintenance.
- FlexFabric adapters support hypervisor best practice configurations, with six HP FlexNIC and two HP FlexHBA standard connections on each adapter.
- HP VC FlexFabric 10 Gb/24-port Module supports FlatSAN solution with direct attach to Fibre Channel (FC) storage with HP 3PAR StoreServ Storage Systems, which removes the need for SAN fabric between servers and HP 3PAR Storage Arrays—resulting in operational simplicity and reduced total cost of ownership (TCO) in connecting to FC storage in a virtualized environment.
- HP VC FlexFabric 10 Gb/24-port Module supports both single-hop and dual-hop.
- HP VC Flex-10/10D Module supports dual-hop only.

Enterprise-class performance and availability

- Requires up to 95 percent¹ fewer network cards, switches, and cables to buy, install, qualify, and maintain; helps significantly reduce power, cooling, and equipment costs with HP Virtual Connect Converged Networking
- Most efficient use of your network by using only the capacity you need
- Increases uptime with high-availability features such as NIC teaming, trunk failover, and dual redundant Virtual Connect FlexFabric modules
- Provides direct uplink connections to LAN and SAN, unlike other solutions that reroute SAN traffic to the LAN
- Builds in standards-based data center connectivity through port-based VLANs, VLAN tagging, Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) Snooping, N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV), and uplink port aggregation with up to 1,000 VLANs per shared uplink set
- Fine-tunes the performance of each data and storage connection to meet the needs of each virtual machine and workload

^{1,2}HP internal calculations comparing the number of hardware components of traditional infrastructure vs. HP BladeSystem with two Virtual Connect FlexFabric modules, June 2013.

HP Virtual Connect Flex 10/10D Module

An innovative, new class of integrated interconnects, the HP Virtual Connect Flex-10/10D Module for c-Class BladeSystem simplifies your data center and makes it change-ready. The simplest, most flexible connection to your networks, the Virtual Connect Flex-10/10D Modules:

- Simplifies server connections by cleanly separating the server enclosure from the LAN
- Simplifies networks by reducing cables without adding switches to manage
- Allows you to change servers in just minutes, not days
- Tailors network connections and speeds based on application needs
- Bridges convergence fabric gap between server and network with dual-hop feature

HP Flex-10 technology significantly reduces infrastructure costs by increasing the number of NICs per connection without adding extra blade I/O modules, and reducing cabling uplinks to the data center network.

Security and management

- Virtual Connect Manager (VCM) Web-based console is embedded in each VC FlexFabric and Converged Networking/Ethernet module. You can define available LANs, SANs, and server connections, as well as manage server connection profiles for individual BladeSystem enclosures.
- The latest VC firmware now supports both SNMP v1 and SNMP v2 traps; traps for key predefined threshold conditions; and per-destination configuration of traps.
- Additional role-based privileges for user accounts can be created by domain, server, networking, and storage administrators.
- Multi-enclosure stacking enables all of the VC modules (up to four connected enclosures) to function as a single VC domain.

HP Virtual Connect Ethernet

Ease of operations and deployment

- You can preconfigure the enclosures for easy, drop-in server installations, either locally or remotely.
- Server blades are change-ready—you can add, move, replace, or upgrade server blades, as well as move workloads, without affecting your LAN.
- The standards-based HP VC Ethernet modules are compatible with all other standards-based Ethernet switch products. These modules provide high-performance, end-to-end optical, or copper connections with HP Networking or other brands of core switches.
- HP VC Ethernet modules appear as pass-thru devices to the network. Any changes to the server are transparent to its associated network. This clearly separates the server blades from your LAN and relieves LAN administrators from server maintenance.

Enterprise-class performance and availability

- Choices of 1 Gb to 10 Gb downlink connections to server-embedded and mezzanine NICs and CNAs; up to 200 Gb full-duplex uplink bandwidth through 1/10 Gb and 2/4/8 Gb Fibre Channel uplinks for providing non-blocking bandwidth to data center networks.
- Standards-based data center connectivity is built in, using features such as port-based virtual LANs (VLANs), VLAN tagging, IGMP Snooping, NPIV, and uplink port aggregation with up to 1,000 VLANs per shared uplink set.
- VC server profiles are shared and continually updated between high-availability pairs.

Security and management

- Embedded VCM Web-based console runs on either VC Ethernet or FlexFabric modules. You can define available LANs and server connections, as well as manage server connection profiles for individual BladeSystem enclosures.
- The latest VC firmware now supports both SNMP v1 and SNMP v2 traps; traps for key predefined threshold conditions; and per-destination configuration of traps.
- Role-based privileges for the administrator account are defined by default; they can be modified by the server administrator and integrated with Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) servers.
- For networking environments that have implemented TACACS+ and RADIUS protocols for security, VC supports these protocols in addition to LDAP.
- Additional role-based privileges for user accounts can be created by domain, server blade, networking, and storage.
- Multi-enclosure stacking enables all of the VC modules (up to four connected enclosures) to function as a single VC domain.

Virtual Connect Interconnect Modules for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers



HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10 Gb/24-port Module



HP Virtual Connect Flex 10/10D Module

Blade type	Single bay	Single bay
Network connections	16 x 10 Gb downlinks to servers	16 x 10 Gb downlinks midplane
	2 x 10 Gb cross connects	4 x 10 Gb cross connect
	4 x 10 Gb external SR, LR fiber, and copper uplinks SFP+ (Ethernet/FC)	10 x 10 Gb SR, LR, or LRM fiber uplinks SFP+ One internal interface to c-Class Onboard
	4 x 10 Gb external SR, LRM, and LR fiber and copper uplinks SFP+ (Ethernet)	Administrator Module
	One internal interface to c-Class Onboard	
	Administrator Module	
Media types	FCSFP/SFP+, 2/4/8 Gb short wave up to 500 m, 1/2/4 Gb long wave up to 10 km, Ethernet SFP/SFP+, 10GbE SR, LR, and LRM, 10GbE copper direct-attached cable, 1GbE SX, 1GbE 1000BASE-T copper HP 7 m C-series Active Copper SFP+ Cable, HP 10 m C-series Active Copper SFP+ Cable, HP X242 SFP+ 15 m DAC Cable, HP X242 SFP+ 7 m DAC Cable	SFP+ SR, LR, LRM SFP SX, RJ-45, SFP+ Copper, HP 7 m C-series Active Copper SFP+ Cable, HP 10 n C-series Active Copper SFP+ Cable, HP X242 SFP+ 15 m DAC Cable, HP X242 SFP+ 7 m DAC Cable
Performance	Line rate, full-duplex 480 Gb/s bridging fabric	Line rate, full-duplex 600 Gb/s bridging fabric
	1.2 µs on Ethernet-only ports	Less than 0.9 μ s with Ethernet-only ports
	1.7 μs Ethernet/FC ports	Maximum Ethernet frame size 9,216 (jumbo frame
	Maximum Ethernet frame size 9,216 (jumbo frame)	
	Maximum FC frame size 2148 bytes (2,112 byte payload)	
	Buffer-to-buffer flow control management	
	Packet prioritization	
Protocol support	IEEE 802.1Qbb (preliminary), 802.1Qaz (preliminary), 802.1AB, 802.1D, 802.1Q, IEEE, 802.2, 802.3ad INCITS FC-BB5 Rev 2.00 INCITS T11 NPIV, and FC-BB5	IEEE 802.1Qbb (preliminary), 802.1Qaz (preliminary) 802.1AB, 802.1D, 802.1Q, IEEE 802.2, 802.3ad, and FC-BB5
Management	Simple and intuitive GUI and setup wizards, embedded SNMP v1, v2; SMI-S port, mirroring—any uplink port can be used as a dedicated mirrored port from the server port(s)	Simple and GUI and setup wizards, embedded SNMP, v1, v2; SMI-S CLI port mirroring—any uplink port can be used as a dedicated mirrored port from the server port(s)

Virtual Connect Interconnect Modules for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers (continued)

	HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10 Gb/24-port Module	HP Virtual Connect Flex 10/10D Module	
Extend management features	Virtual Connect Manager supports PXE, WOL, port VLAN, VLAN Tagging, VLAN pass-thru, IGMP Snooping, NIC Teaming Integrated with Onboard Administrator, HP Systems Insight Manager, HP Storage Essentials (FC Management MIB), Telnet, SNMP, FC port telemetry via GUI, Telemetry support for port utilization including memory, and CPU performance measurement including FlexNICs telemetry	Virtual Connect Manager supports PXE, WOL, port VLAN, VLAN Tagging, VLAN pass-thru, IGMP Snooping, NIC Teaming Integrated with Onboard Administrator, HP Systems Insight Manager, Telne SNMP, Telemetry support for port utilization including memory, and CPU performance measurement including FlexNICs telemetry	
High availability features	Link Aggregation protocol automatic, loop protection, Mirrored profile database, and multipath heartbeat between redundant modules	Link Aggregation protocol automatic, loop protection, Mirrored profile database, and multipath heartbeat between redundant modules	
Security	LDAP, SSL, TACACS+ and Radius, role-based management, and GUI and CLI session timeout	LDAP, SSL, TACACS+ and Radius, role-based management, and GUI and CLI session timeout	
Diagnostics	Troubleshoot network performance and monitor health in terms of CPU and memory, FlexNIC and LAG stats	Troubleshoot network performance and monitor health in terms of CPU and memory, FlexNIC and LAG stats	
Maximum per enclosure	Eight	Eight	
Direct attach with FC storage	With HP 3PAR T, V, and F series	N/A	
Part number	571956-B21	638526-B21 662048-B21 (dual module with VCEM)	
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1	

HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/24-port Fibre Channel Module

Look to the Virtual Connect 8 Gb/24-port Fibre Channel for the highest port density in the Virtual Connect Fibre Channel line-up. This standards-based module is compatible with all other NPIV standards-based switch products—enabling high-performance and end-to-end connections with your available options of core switches.

The 8 Gb Fibre Channel interconnect enables greater performance and server consolidation. Eight SAN-facing ports and 16 server ports help reduce oversubscription for high-throughput applications. In addition, separate storage resources are available for each virtual machine—up to 255 per server blade.

HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/20-port Fibre Channel Module

Simplify and make your data center change-ready with the HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/20-port Fibre Channel Module for BladeSystem c-Class. As the next-generation successor to the current HP 4 Gb Virtual Connect Fibre Channel Module, the HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/20-port FC module offers enhanced support for server-side NPIV and Virtual Connect capabilities—allowing up to 128 virtual machines to run on the same physical server to access separate storage resources.

Provisioned storage resources are associated directly to a specific virtual machine—even if the virtual server is re-allocated within the BladeSystem. Storage management of virtual machines is no longer limited by the single physical HBA on a server blade. SAN administrators can now manage virtual HBAs with the same methods and viewpoint of physical HBAs.

The HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/20-port Fibre Channel Module for the BladeSystem c-Class is the simplest, most flexible connection to your SAN fabrics. The module simplifies server connections by cleanly separating the server enclosure from SAN, simplifies SAN fabrics by reducing cables without adding switches to the domain, and allows you to change servers in just minutes, not days.

HP Virtual Connect Fibre Channel

Ease of operations and deployment

- With NPIV and HP Virtual Connect Fibre Channel technology, storage management is no longer limited to a single HBA World Wide Name (WWN) on the physical server. NPIV provides the ability to share a single physical Fibre Channel HBA port among multiple virtual ports, each with its own unique identifiers—allowing control of virtual machine access to LUNs on per virtual machine basis.
- The standards-based HP Virtual Connect Fibre Channel Module interoperates with other SAN switch products. NPIV allows you to scale, gaining immediate benefits without having to add domain IDs. Consider a blade server environment, such as an HP BladeSystem c7000 chassis that has Fibre Channel switches in the back of the chassis. By using NPIV, you can add these switches to your fabric without assigning a domain ID to each one—resulting in high-performance end-to-end connections with your available options of core switches.

Enterprise-class performance and availability

- Storage resources can be provisioned and associated directly to a specific virtual machine in a virtualized server environment.
- High-availability features such as dual modules and automatic fail over provide increased uptime.
- VC server blade profiles are shared and continually updated between high availability pairs.
- Enhanced NPIV capability supports multiple virtual machines per server blade and provides a separate storage resource to each virtual machine—up to 128 per server blade.

Virtual Connect Fibre Channel Modules for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers



HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/20-port Fibre Channel Module



HP Virtual Connect 8 Gb/24-port Fibre Channel Module

Blade type	Single bay	Single bay
Network connections	16 internal 8 Gb downlinks presented as F-Ports	16 internal 8 Gb downlinks presented as F-Ports
	Four external 8 Gb uplinks presented as N-Ports	Eight external 8 Gb uplinks presented as N-Ports
Media types	Small form-factor pluggable (SFP) laser	Small form-factor pluggable (SFP) laser
	2/4/8 Gb short wave up to 500 m (1,640 ft)	1/2/4 Gb short wave, long wave
	1/2/4 Gb long wave up to 10 km	SFP+ 2/4/8 Gb short wave, long wave
Performance	8 Gb/s line speed, full duplex	Line rate, full-duplex 600 Gb/s bridging fabric
	1.2 µs latency	Less than 0.9 μs with Ethernet-only ports
	Maximum frame size 2,112-byte payload	Maximum Ethernet frame size 9,216 (jumbo frame
	Buffer-to-buffer flow control management packet prioritization	
Protocol support	NCITS T11 NPIV	NCITS T11 NPIV
Management	Simple and intuitive GUI and setup wizards accessible through	Simple and intuitive GUI and setup wizards accessible through
	VC Ethernet module	VC Ethernet module
	CLI accessible through VC Ethernet module	CLI accessible through VC Ethernet module
	Embedded SNMP v1 and v2	Embedded SNMP v1 and v2
	SMI-S	SMI-S
Extend management features	Virtual Connect Manager supports	Virtual Connect Manager supports
	HP Storage Essentials (FC Management MIB)	HP Storage Essentials (FC Management MIB)
High availability features	Link Aggregation Protocol	Link Aggregation Protocol
	Automatic loop protection	Automatic loop protection
	Mirrored profile database	Mirrored profile database
	Multipath heartbeat between redundant modules	Multipath heartbeat between redundant modules
Security	LDAP, SSL, role-based management	LDAP, SSL, role-based management
Maximum per enclosure	Six	Six
Part number	572018-B21	466482-B21
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1

Introducing HP OneView

Next-generation infrastructure management designed for the way you work and think

HP OneView is a fresh approach to converged infrastructure management, inspired by the way you expect to work, with a single integrated view of your IT infrastructure. By shifting the focus from "how devices run" to "how people work," HP OneView architecture delivers unprecedented ease of use that lets you deploy and manage your infrastructure faster, at a lower cost, and at virtually any scale.

HP OneView provides:

- A single, collaborative management platform built for speed. It allows IT teams to work and collaborate in a more natural and automated way.
- Software-based approach to lifecycle management, which automates operations to reduce the cost and time to deliver IT services.
- An open development platform designed to rapidly adapt to your business needs. This programmable platform, built on the REST API, allows you to scale beyond your data center walls to the cloud.

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Transform the way you manage your IT infrastructure—today

Consumer-inspired management experience

- Reduce risk—and deployment and management time—with a modern architecture-based, single management platform for HP BladeSystem environments
- Simplify everyday management tasks—no matter how large or complex the environment—with an intuitive user interface
- Get a comprehensive view of all infrastructure resources with the intuitive dashboard
- Quickly find what you're looking for in your environment and act on it with Smart Search
- See the relationships between every device—for fast troubleshooting and resolution—using Map View

Software-defined lifecycle management

- Instantly deliver resources without mistakes or variation with configuration profiles for push-button builds
- Boost productivity and consistency—workflow templates capture best-practices and policies
- Automate common BladeSystem management tasks thanks to built-in intelligence

Open, extensible platform

- Easily customize workflows and scripts with fully programmable interface
- Architecture builds on the open REST API, the way modern Web-based architectures and applications are designed today
- Work faster—integration with other applications, processes, and devices is done in minutes versus hours

To learn more visit: hp.com/go/oneview

Ethernet blade switches

Simplify your network with our complete portfolio of Ethernet blade switches

HP is redefining the data center. We started with the BladeSystem c-Class—a simple, modular infrastructure designed to save your time, energy, and money, regardless of what you put inside. To be efficient, a data center must be able to access and disseminate data instantaneously, securely, and reliably. This is where the HP portfolio of Ethernet switching products can make a difference.

HP BladeSystem c-Class switches provide a rich set of networking features and can lower the cost of maintenance and operation, as well as increase network reliability by sharing the same redundant power and cooling resources with the server blades, while also aggregating cables and reducing wiring clutter.

An Ethernet switch for every application

Whether you need basic network connectivity for a remote office or a high-bandwidth, low-latency link for a high-performance computing cluster, HP Ethernet switches provide the solution. You can choose from simple-to-configure 1 Gb switches, 1 Gb/10 Gb hybrid switches designed especially for data centers in transition, or a powerful 10/40 Gb switch designed for handling data from today's multiprocessor virtualized servers.

If your data center has an ever-increasing appetite for bandwidth, look to HP for help. When coupled with our high-performance server blades and mezzanine cards, HP Ethernet switches can also support iSCSI and converged fabric standards—all from a single network connection. These protocols are designed to move data more efficiently and with less overhead than standard methods. Redefining the data center and simplifying your job—as well as offering greater value, reliability, connectivity, and scalability—is what the HP Ethernet Blade Switch portfolio is all about.

HP 6125 Blade Switch series

Introducing the next-generation Ethernet blade switches from HP Networking. Designed from the ground up with the latest switching technology, and configured with processing power and memory usually reserved for higher-density rack switches, the HP 6125 Switch series brings a new level of network access to the c-Class enclosure.

HP 6125 Switch series run on Comware, a common operating system for blade, top-of-rack aggregation, and core Ethernet switches from HP Networking. The use of a common OS means that today's demanding data centers can be managed and configured from edge-to-edge under a single stream of firmware using common configuration scripts, troubleshooting procedures, and upgrade policies. HP 6125 Switches can be combined into a single virtual switch with the HP Intelligent Resilient Framework (IRF).

All HP 6125 Switch series provide Layer 3 routing and are IPv6 compatible. And similar to all other HP Networking switches, the HP 6125 Switch series can be managed through the HP Intelligent Management Center (IMC). HP IMC is next-generation management software that provides the data center operations team with a comprehensive single pane-of-glass management platform that integrates network technologies and provides full fault tolerance, configuration, accounting, performance, and security management functionality.

The new HP 6125XLG Blade Switch

As the next generation blade switching technology for data center environments, the HP 6125XLG Ethernet Blade Switch delivers a feature-rich, high-performance, and low-latency 10/40GbE switch. HP 6125XLG provides a converged fabric solution that supports Ethernet, and Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) protocols to enable connectivity for FCoE storage solutions. In addition, HP 6125XLG supports advanced features such as DCB, VEPA, TRILL, and full Layer 3 routing.

HP 6125XLG is ideal for blade customers requiring 10/40GbE connectivity to top-of-rack or aggregation switches for data center environments.

Ethernet Interconnect Modules for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers



HP 6125XLG Ethernet Blade Switch





HP 6125G/XG Ethernet Blade Switch

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Blade type	Single bay	Single bay	Single bay
Network connections	16 internal 1/10 Gb downlinks Four external 40 Gb	16 internal 1 Gb downlinks Four external RJ45 (1 Gb)	16 internal 1 Gb downlinks Four external RJ45 (1 Gb)
		Four external SFP/SFP+ (1 Gb)	Four external SFP (1 Gb)
	Eight external 10 Gb		Two IRF at 10 Gb (IRF up to 10 devices)
	Four internal 10 Gb cross-link	Four IRF at 10 Gb (IRF up to 10 devices)	
	Four IRF at 10 Gb (IRF up to 4 devices) One management console port	One internal 10 Gb cross-link One management console port	One internal 10 Gb cross-link One management console port
Media types	SFP+ SR/LR/LRM optical	Codder RJ45	Copper RJ45
	QSFP+ SR4	SFP SX optical	SFP SX optical
		SFP+ SR/LR/LRM optical	Si i Si opticat
Performance	240 Gb/s uplink port bandwidth; 160 Gb/s downlink (server) port bandwidth; 40 Gb/s cross-link bandwidth,	44 Gb/s uplink port bandwidth; 16 Gb/s downlink (server) port bandwidth; 10 Gb/s cross-link bandwidth.	26 Gb/s uplink port bandwidth; 16 Gb/s downlink (server) port bandwidth; 10 Gb/s cross-link port bandwidth.
	Forwarding rate 1.5 million pps per Gigabit port, (64-byte packets), 14.8 million pps per 10 Gb port, and 59.3 million pps per 40 Gb port	Forwarding rate 1.5 million pps per Gigabit port, (64-byte packets), and 14.8 million pps per 10 Gb port	Forwarding rate 1.5 million pps per Gigabit port, (64-byte packets), and 14.8 million pps per 10 Gb port
Protocol support	SSHv2, TACACS, TACACS+, RADIUS; IEEE 802.3, 802.3ab, 802.1ad, 802.1s, 802.1w, 802.1p, 802.1x, 802.1Qbg (VEPA) 802.3ad (static), and 802.1Q, IGMP snooping, and 800TP, FCoE (FCF), TRILL	SSHv2, TACACS, TACACS+, RADIUS; IEEE 802.3, 802.3ab, 802.1d, 802.1s, 802.1w, 802.1p, 802.1x, 802.3ad (static), and 802.1Q, IGMP snooping, and BOOTP	SSHv2, TACACS, TACACS+, RADIUS; IEEE 802.3, 802.3ab, 802.1d, 802.1s, 802.1w 802.1p, 802.1x, 802.3ad (static), and 802.1Q, IGMP snooping, and BOOTP
Management	CLI	Web browser or CLI, HTTPS	Web browser or CLI, HTTPS
	SNMPv1, v2c, and v3	SNMPv1, v2c, and v3	SNMPv1, v2c, and v3
	OOBM via OA	OOBM via OA	OOBM via OA
	GUI management via IMC	GUI Management via IMC	GUI Management via IMC
	RJ45 console port	RJ45 console port	RJ45 console port
	sFlow and RMON network monitoring	sFlow and RMON network monitoring	sFlow and RMON network monitoring
	NTP	NTP	NTP
	OAM (802.3ah)	0AM (802.3ah)	OAM (802.3ah)
	CFD (802.1ag)	CFD (802.1ag)	CFD (802.1ag)
	Virtual Application Network (VAN)		
High availability features	IRF, LACP, Spanning Tree, ECMP DLDP, RRPPP, Smart Link, VRRP	IRF, LACP, Spanning Tree, ECMP DLDP, RRPP, Smart Link, VRRP	IRF, LACP, Spanning Tree, ECMP DLDP, RRPP, Smart Link, VRRP
Maximum per c7000 enclosure	Eight	Eight	Eight
Part number	711307-B21	658250-B21	658247-B21
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1

Mellanox SX1018HP Ethernet Switch

This extensive portfolio now includes the world's fastest Ethernet Blade Switch from HP. Another industry first, the Mellanox SX1018HP Ethernet Switch provides the lowest port-to-port latency of any blade switch—more than four times faster than previous switches. HP is the first to provide 40 Gb downlinks to each blade server, enabling InfiniBand-like performance in an Ethernet Blade Switch. When combined with the space, power, and cooling benefits of blade servers, the Mellanox SX1018HP Ethernet Switch provides the perfect network interface for financial applications and high-performance clusters.

The Mellanox SX1018HP Ethernet Switch is the highest-performing Ethernet fabric solution in a blade switch form factor. The switch delivers up to 1.36 Tb/s of non-blocking throughput to support high-performance computing, high-frequency trading, and enterprise data center applications.

Utilizing the latest Mellanox SwitchX ASIC technology, the SX1018HP is an ultra-low latency switch suited as an access switch with 16 10 Gb/40 Gb server side downlinks and 18 40 Gb QSFP+ uplinks to the core, with port-to-port latency as low as 220 ns.

The Mellanox SX1018HP Ethernet Switch offers a rich set of Layer 2 networking and security features; it also supports faster application performance and enhanced server CPU utilization with RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE)—making this switch an excellent choice for any high-performance Ethernet network.

Cisco Catalyst 3120 Blade Switch series

Designed to meet the rigorous requirements of blade server environments, the Cisco Catalyst 3120 Blade Switch series is built on Cisco's hardware and IOS software.

The Catalyst 3120 Blade Switch uses a stacking technology that allows multiple switches to act as a single entity. This switch-stacking technology treats the individual physical switches within a rack as a single logical switch. This built-in ability enables the Catalyst 3120 Blade Switch to simplify operations and management. Functionality such as Layer 3 routing is available through the IP Services upgrade option.

Cisco Fabric Extender for HP BladeSystem

Providing an extension of the Cisco Nexus switch fabric to the HP server edge, the Cisco Fabric Extender for HP BladeSystem behaves like a remote line card to a parent Cisco Nexus 5000/6000 series switch. The Cisco Fabric Extender and the parent Nexus switch form a distributed modular system. The Fabric Extender for HP BladeSystem forwards traffic to the Cisco Nexus 5000/6000 series switches over eight 10GbE uplinks.

Serving as an extension of a Nexus 5000/6000, the Cisco Fabric Extender can switch Ethernet, FCoE, or iSCSI traffic according to policies established by the Nexus 5000/6000 series switch—all from a single point of management.

Ethernet Interconnect Modules for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers



Mellanox SX1018HP





Cisco Catalyst 3120G/3120X

Cisco Fabric Extender for HP

Blade type	Double bay	Single bay	Single bay	
Network connections	16 internal 10 Gb/40 Gb downlinks 18 40 Gb QSFP+ uplinks One management console port (double bay width interconnect)	16 internal 1 Gb downlinks Four external 1 Gb Base-T uplinks Two internal cross connects Four optional external 1 Gb SFP uplinks Two external 10 Gb X2 uplinks (3120X only)	16 internal 1/10 Gb downlinks Eight external SFP+ 10 Gb uplinks	
Media types	QSFP+	Copper RJ-45 Fiber SFP—SR/LR X2—SR, LRM, LX4, CX4 (3120X only)	SFP+ SR/LR/optical DAC copper cables Cisco Fabric Extender Transceivers	
Performance	1,440 Gb/s uplink port bandwidth; 640 Gb/s downlink (server) port bandwidth; 220 ns latency at 40 Gb; 270 ns latency at 10 Gb; 2 Gb main, 2 MB flash memory	256 MB SDRAM 64 MB flash memory	48 Gb switching fabric 128 MB DDR SDRAM 16 MB flash memory	
Protocol support	SSHv2, TACACS, TACACS+, RADIUS, IEEE 802.3, 802.3u, 802.3ab, 802.1d, 802.1s, 802.1w, 802.1p, 802.3ac, and 802.1x	SSHv2, 802.1s, 802.1w, 802.1x, 802.3ad, 802.3x, 802.1D, 802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3u, 802.3ab, and 802.3z	IEEE 802.1p: CoS prioritization; 802.1Q; 802.3; 802.3ae; 802.3ap; SFF 8431 SFP support; RMON; SFF 8461	
Management	Web browser or CLI, HTTPS GUI management via UFM SNMP v1, v2c, and v3 OOBM via OA IGMPv1 and IGMPv2 NTP RADIUS/TACACS+ LLDP Discovery protocol	CLI CiscoWorks SNMP v1, v2c, and v3 Telnet	Fabric extender management using in-band management; Cisco DCNM and standard SNMP, XML interfaces, and CLI	
High availability features	Rapid spanning tree protocol (RSTP); Link aggregation control protocol	Per VLAN spanning tree plus Uplink fast, port fast Bridge protocol data unit	Uplink traffic management through Cisco Ether Channel hashing or static port pinning	
Maximum per c7000 enclosure	Тwo	Eight	Eight	
Part number	689638-B21	(3120G) 451438-B21 (3120X) 451439-B21	641146-B21 657787-B21	
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	

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HP Ethernet 10 Gb 2-port 560 FLB adapter





HP FlexFabric 10 Gb

2-port 554 M adapter



HP FlexFabric 10 Gb

2-port 554 FLB adapter



HP Flex-10 10 Gb 2-port 552 M adapter

Hardware features	Hardware	features
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Server type	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)
IEEE compliance	802.3, 802.1ab, 802.3x, 802.3ad, 802.3p, 802.1q, 802.3ae, 802.1au, 802.3ap, 802.1as, 802.1qaz, 802.1Qbb, and IEEE 1588	IEEE 802.3, 802.1ab, 802.3x, 802.3ad, 802.3p/802.1q, 802.3ae, 802.1qau, 802.3ap, 802.1as, 802.1qaz, and 802.1Qbb	EEE 802.1p, 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3ad, 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), and 802.3x	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3ad, 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), and 802.3x	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3ad, 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), and 802.3x
Ports/type	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb	2 × 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb
Form factor	FlexibleLOM	x8 PCIe 2.0 type A card	x8 PCIe 2.0 type A card	x8 PCIe 2.0 FlexibleLOM	x8 PCIe 2.0 type A card
Network controller	Intel® 82599	Intel 82599	Emulex BE3	Emulex BE3	Emulex BE3
Software features					
Adapter teaming	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PXE (pre-boot execution environment)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TOE (TCP/IP offload engine)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accelerated iSCSI	No		Yes	Yes	
iSCSI boot	No		Yes	Yes	
Jumbo frames	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FlexibleLOM compatible	Yes			Yes	
Part number	655639-B21	665246-B21	647590-B21	647586-B21	674764-B21
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0

Adapters for HP BladeSystem c-Class Gen8 Servers (continued)







HP FlexFabric 10 Gb 2-port 534 FLB adapter



HP Flex-10 10 Gb 2-port 530 M adapter



HP Flex-10

10 Gb 2-port

530 FLB adapter



1 Gb 4-port

366 M adapter



HP Ethernet 1 Gb 2-port 361 FLB adapter

Server type	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)	Blade (Gen8)
IEEE compliance	802.3, 802.1ab, 802.3x, 802.3ad, 802.3p, 802.1q, 802.3ae, 802.1au, 802.3ap, 802.1as, 802.1qaz, 802.1Qbb, and IEEE 1588	802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x, IEEE 1588, and 802.1AS	IEEE 802.3, 802.3ab, 802.3u, 802.3x, 802.3ad, 802.3p, 802.1q, 802.3ae, and 802.3ap	IEEE 802.3, 802.1ab, 802.3x, 802.3ad, 802.3p, 802.1q, 802.3ae, 802.1au, and 802.3ap	802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x, IEEE 1588, and 802.1AS	802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x, IEEE 1588, and 802.1AS
Ports/type	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb	4 x 1 Gb	2 x 1 Gb
Form factor	x8 PCIe, type I card	FlexibleLOM	x8 PCIe 2.0, type A card	x8 PCIe 2.0 FlexibleLOM	x4 PCIe, type I card	FlexibleLOM
Network controller	Broadcom 57810S	Broadcom 57810S	Broadcom 57810S	Broadcom 578105	Intel i350	Intel i350
Software features						
Adapter teaming	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PXE (pre-boot execution environment)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TOE (TCP/IP offload engine)	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Accelerated iSCSI	No	No			No	No
iSCSI boot	No	No			No	No
Jumbo frames	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FlexibleLOM compatible	Yes	Yes		Yes	No	Yes
Part number	700748-B21	700741-B21	631884-B21	656590-B21	615729-B21	652500-B21
Warranty in year(s)			1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0

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HP NC553m 10 Gb 2-port FlexFabric adapter



HP NC552m 10 Gb 2-port Flex-10 Ethernet adapter



HP NC551m dual-port HP NC550m 10 Gb 2-port FlexFabric 10 Gb converged PCIe x8 Flex-10 adapter network adapter





HP NC542m dual-port Flex-10 10GbE multifunction adapter

Server type	Blade	Blade	Blade	Blade	Blade
IEEE compliance	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3u, 802.3ad, 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), 802.3x, and 802.3z	IEEE 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3x, 802.1p, 802.3ad, 802.3u, and 802.3z	IEEE 802.1p, 802.3ad, 802.3x, 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3u, 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), and 802.3z	IEEE 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4), 802.1q, 802.1qau, 802.3x, 802.1p, 802.3ad, 802.3u, and 802.3z	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1q, 802.3u, 802.3ad, 802.3ae, 802.3x, 802.3z, and 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4)
Ports/type	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 10 Gb			
Form factor	x8 PCIe 2.0, type I card	x8 PCIe 2.0, type I card			
Network controller	Emulex BE3	Emulex BE3	Emulex BE3	Emulex BE2	Mellanox ConnectX-2 EN
Software features					
Adapter teaming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PXE (pre-boot execution environment)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A
TOE (TCP/IP offload engine)	Yes	Yes	Yes (Microsoft® Windows®)	Yes (Windows)	N/A
Accelerated iSCSI	Yes	Yes	Yes (Windows and Linux)		N/A
iSCSI boot	Yes	Yes	Yes (Windows and Linux)		N/A
Jumbo frames	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FlexibleLOM compatible					
Part number	613431-B21	610609-B21	580151-B21	581204-B21	539857-B21
Warranty in year(s)	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0

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HP NC532m dual-port Flex-10 10GbE multifunction adapter



HP NC382m PCI express dual-port multifunction adapter



HP NC364m quad-port

1GbE adapter



HP NC360m quad-port

1GbE adapter



HP NC325m PCI Express quad-port adapter

Server type	Blade	Blade	Blade	Blade	Blade
IEEE compliance	IEEE 802.3u, 802.3x, 802.3ad, 802.1p, 802.1q, 802.3z, 802.3ae, and 802.3ap (10GBASE-KX4)	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x	IEEE 802.1p, 802.1Q, 802.3, 802.3ad, and 802.3x
Ports/type	2 x 10 Gb	2 x 1 Gb	4 x 1 Gb	4 x 1 Gb	4 x 1 Gb
Form factor	x8 PCIe 2.0, type I card	x4 PCIe, type I card	x4 PCIe, type I card	x4 PCIe, type I card	x4 PCIe, type I card
Network controller	Broadcom 57711	Broadcom 5709S	Dual Intel 82571EB	Intel 82571EB	Dual Broadcom 5715S
Software features					
Adapter teaming		Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes
PXE (pre-boot execution environment)	Yes	Yes	PXE boot with VC modules only	PXE boot with VC modules only	Yes
TOE (TCP/IP offload engine)	Yes	Yes (Windows)	Yes (Windows)	Yes (Windows)	
Accelerated iSCSI	Yes (Windows)	Yes	Yes (Windows and Linux)		N/A
iSCSI boot	Yes (Windows and Linux)	Yes (Windows and Linux)			
Jumbo frames	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FlexibleLOM compatible					
Part number	467799-B21	453246-B21	447883-B21	445978-B21	416585-B21
Warranty in year(s)	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0	1/0/0

Fibre Channel switches for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers

Brocade 16 Gb SAN Switch





Brocade 8 Gb SAN Switch



Cisco MDS 8 Gb Fabric Switch

Performance	896 Gb/s (full duplex)	384 Gb/s (end-to-end)	384 Gb/s (end-to-end)
Port configuration	16 Gb/s, non-blocking, and auto-sensing 8/16 Gb for internal ports and 4/8/16 Gb for external ports	8 Gb/s, non-blocking, and auto-sensing 2/4/8 Gb	8 Gb/s, non-blocking, and auto-sensing 2/4/8 Gb
Management features	SAN Network Advisor (optional); Web tools; advanced zoning; Power Pack+ (bundled or optional): ISL Trunking, Advanced Performance Monitoring, Fabric Watch, Extended Fabrics (Adaptive Networking and Server Application Optimization included in Firmware)	Web tools; advanced zoning; Power Pack+ (bundled or optional): Adaptive Networking, Server Application Optimization, ISL Trunking, Advanced Performance Monitoring, Fabric Watch, Extended Fabrics; SAN Network Advisor (optional)	Cisco MDS 9000 Family Command Line Interface (CLI), Cisco Fabric Manager, Cisco Fabric Manager Server for HP BladeSystem c-Class (optional), Cisco Enterprise Package for HP BladeSystem c-Class (optional), Cisco Fabric Manager Server Enterprise Package Bundle for HP BladeSystem c-Class (optional)
High availability features	Hot pluggable; non-disruptive software upgrades; diagnostic ports	Redundant switches; hot pluggable; non-disruptive software upgrades	Redundant switches; hot pluggable; non-disruptive software upgrades
Protocols supported	Fibre Channel	Fibre Channel	Fibre Channel
Part number	C8S45A, C8S46A, and C8S47A	AJ820B, AJ821B, and AJ822B	AW563A and AW564A
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1 1/1/1	

New Brocade 16 Gb SAN Switch

The Brocade 16 Gb SAN Switch for HP BladeSystem c-Class is a next-generation embedded switch designed for midsize and enterprise-class customers.

High-density blade server virtualization, faster multi-core server processors, and the adoption of solid-state drives (SSDs) are driving higher bandwidth requirements in data centers. The Brocade 16 Gb SAN Switch for BladeSystem c-Class enables customers to deploy enterprise-class applications on blade servers, while providing industry-leading data center performance.

Fibre Channel mezzanine adapters for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers



16 Gb FC HBA



HP BLc Emulex LPe1205-HP 8 Gb/s FC HBA



HP LPe1205A

8 Gb FC HBA

QLogic QMH2562 8 Gb FC HBA





HP QMH2572 8 Gb FC HBA7

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HP ProLiant BL	Gen8	Gen6/Gen7	Gen8	Gen6/Gen7	Gen8
Performance	Up to 500,000 IOPS per channel	Up to 200,000 IOPS per channel	Up to 200,000 IOPS per channel	Up to 200,000 IOPS per channel	Up to 115,000 IOPS per channel
Port configuration	Dual 16 Gb Fibre Channel ports	Dual 8 Gb Fibre Channel ports	Dual 8 Gb Fibre Channel ports	Dual 8 Gb Fibre Channel ports	Dual 8 Gb Fibre Channel ports
Protocols supported	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3
Chipset	QLogic	Emulex	Emulex	QLogic	QLogic
Form factor	Mezzanine Type A	Mezzanine Type 1	Mezzanine Type A	Mezzanine Type 1	Mezzanine Type A
Media types	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector
Other features					
Management features	QLogic Converge Console management utility for centralized management and remote control of distributed HBAs	Emulex installation and management tools automate installation and provide local and remote HBA configuration and management	Emulex installation and management tools automate installation and provide local and remote HBA configuration and management	QLogic Converge Console management utility for centralized management and remote control of distributed HBAs	QLogic Converge Console management utility for centralized management and remote control of distributed HBAs
High availability features	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths
NPIV	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
VPorts	256	255	255	256	256
Part number	710608-B21	456972-B21	659818-B21	451871-B21	651281-B21
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1	1/1/1

Fibre Channel mezzanine adapters for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers (continued)







Brocade 804 8 Gb FC HBA

Emulex LPe1105-HP 4 Gb FC HBA

HP QLogic QMH2462 4 Gb FC HBA

HP ProLiant BL	Gen6/Gen7	Gen6/Gen7	Gen6/Gen7
Performance	Up to 500,000 IOPS per channel	Up to 115,000 IOPS per channel	Up to 150,000 IOPS per channel
Port configuration	Dual 8 Gb Fibre Channel ports	Dual 4 Gb Fibre Channel ports	Dual 4 Gb Fibre Channel ports
Protocols supported	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3	Full support for both FC service class 2 and 3
Chipset	Brocade	Emulex	QLogic
Form factor	Mezzanine Type 1	Mezzanine Type 1	Mezzanine Type 1
Media types	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector	62.5/125 multi-mode fiber optic cable with LC type connector
Other features			
Management features	Integrates into HP Data Center Fabric Manager	Emulex installation and management tools automate installation and provide local and remote HBA configuration and management	QLogic Converge Console management utility for centralized management and remote control of distributed HBAs
High availability features	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths	Multipath support for redundant HBAs and paths
NPIV	Yes		
VPorts	256		
Part number	590647-B21	403621-B21	403619-B21
Warranty in year(s) (parts/labor/onsite)	1/1/1	1/1/1 1/1/1	
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InfiniBand switches for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers



InfiniBand mezzanine adapters for HP BladeSystem c-Class Servers





HP 4X QDR IB dual-port mezzanine HCA

HP IB 4X DDR dual-port mezzanine HCA

Server typeBladeBladePerformance4X quad data rate (40 Gb/s)4X double data rate (20 Gb/s)Port configurationDual portDual portOperating support1/0/01/0/0			
Port configuration Dual port Dual port Operating support		Blade	Blade
Operating support		4X quad data rate (40 Gb/s)	4X double data rate (20 Gb/s)
	on	Dual port	Dual port
	ort		
(parts/labor/onsite)		1/0/0	1/0/0

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