A Network Operating System for the Way Forward
The Brocade® Vyatta® Network OS lays the foundation for a flexible, easy-to-use, and high-performance network services architecture capable of meeting current and future network demands. The operating system was built from the ground up to deliver robust network functionality that can be deployed virtually or as an appliance, and in concert with solutions from a large ecosystem of vendors, to address various Software-Defined Networking (SDN) and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) use cases. With the Brocade Vyatta Network OS, organizations can bridge the gap between traditional and new architectures, as well as leverage existing investments and maximize operational efficiencies. Moreover, they can compose and deploy unique, new services that will drive differentiation and strengthen competitiveness.

A Proven, Modern Operating System
The Brocade Vyatta Network OS separates the control and data planes in software to fit seamlessly within modern SDN and NFV environments. While purpose-built to enable the networks of the future, the operating system is grounded in a rich heritage of networking innovation. For more than a decade, the world’s leading brands have relied on Brocade to deliver network services across multitenant, multivendor virtual environments. These capabilities were built into the modern Brocade Vyatta Network OS to ensure it provides the utmost in flexibility, performance, and operational efficiency, helping organizations create new service offerings and value. Since 2012, the benefits of this operating system have been proven by the Brocade vRouter via deployments in public cloud, cloud-based customer edge services, and data centers worldwide.

A Vital Bridge
Moving to a new programmable network does not happen overnight. The Brocade Vyatta Network OS provides the vital bridge between new and existing protocols, interfaces, and tools to ensure that the network operates as it should. It ties all the network and
virtualization capabilities of the operating system into a simple and common data model that “translates” all requirements and commands, so that they can be understood by the network and service orchestration components. This approach helps streamline deployments, speed time to service, and ensure ongoing availability.

The operating system not only caters to the network components, but also the skill sets of the operators responsible for managing them. The Brocade Vyatta Network OS enables operators to interact with network elements in a way that is familiar to them. Operators accustomed to working with traditional routers and switches can use a standard CLI interface, while operators more comfortable with software can use Linux commands, including all embedded scripting functions, libraries (Python, Ruby), and shells. The operating system can expose any function along any supported API—such as network configuration (NETCONF) and REST—regardless of which interface is used, so anyone can deploy or make changes to accelerate the operationalization of the network.

An Open Platform, a Broad Ecosystem
To ensure interoperability across network environments and simplify integrations with third-party Virtual Network Functions (VNFs), the Brocade Vyatta Network OS uses standard protocols such as NETCONF; supports open source platforms, including OpenDaylight; provides plugin support for OpenStack; and offers published APIs. As a result, there is no vendor lock-in—organizations can freely choose the VNFs they want from a broad ecosystem of solutions.

The open interfaces of the Brocade Vyatta Network OS facilitate communication with all the components of the network. Using a common data model, based on standard protocols and open APIs, the operating system enables the control plane to communicate with both the network’s VNFs and applications (northbound), and the packet-forwarding plane (southbound), as shown in Figure 1. This approach allows the Brocade Vyatta Network OS to seamlessly support a robust ecosystem of best-of-breed solutions and help organizations reduce the costs associated with adopting services. Organizations can then confidently roll out new services to maximize the value of their networks.

A Programmable, Extensible Operating System
The building-block style of the Brocade Vyatta Network OS enables organizations to quickly and easily deploy new, value-added services. Organizations can further differentiate their offerings, enhance their competitiveness, and improve the monetization of their services.
A Wide Variety of Deployment Methods and Use Cases

The Brocade Vyatta Network OS can be deployed across a wide variety of hardware platforms to support various use cases (see Figure 2). For example, it can be deployed as a VNF, a VNF platform, or a distributed service platform to integrate into cloud, virtual, physical, or on-premises environments. It also can be deployed as a co-resident on the hardware housing the data planes, or centralized to manage a number of distributed data planes, depending on an organization’s requirements.

The Brocade Vyatta Network OS can be easily deployed to meet the requirements of:

- Virtual Customer Edge (vCE) equipment
- Virtual Customer Premise Equipment (vCPE)
- Software-Defined WAN (SD-WAN)
- Mobile Edge Computing (MEC)
- Secure cloud access
- Virtual security functions
- Virtual IoT Gateway
- Virtual Security Gateway
- Virtual Top-of-Rack (vToR)
- Virtual Route Reflector (vRR)

Automation and Orchestration

The Brocade Vyatta Network OS has deep integrations with existing key orchestration platforms and management suppliers, enabling organizations to automate services. This reduces the risks associated with rolling out new functions, by avoiding human error, cutting time to implementation, and lessening the learning curve. Enabling service automation is just one more way that the Brocade Vyatta Network OS helps to accelerate the operationalization of the environment.

Breakthrough Performance

Leveraging innovations from Brocade and the Intel Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK), the Brocade Vyatta Network OS enables carrier-class performance and reliability in software. By separating the control and data planes, and utilizing the Intel DPDK, the operating system allows multiple Intel CPU cores (x86) to be allocated to each forwarding plane to maximize performance, while eliminating resource contention (see Figure 3). Although performance scales independently within the control and data planes, the operating system’s overall performance scales with the associated hardware resources.

In addition, the separation of the control and data planes reduces the amount of compute memory and storage required, helping to minimize the overall footprint of the operating system. As a result, with the Brocade Vyatta Network OS, organizations can improve packet processing efficiency—across both silicon
and general compute architectures—to ensure maximum utilization of the underlying hardware infrastructure, and consolidate resources to significantly reduce capital and operating costs.

**Advanced Network Functions**

The Brocade Vyatta Network OS delivers all the advanced networking functions that organizations expect from a modern network operating system:

- Full support for IPv4 and IPv6 dynamic routing protocols (BGP4/4+, OSPFv2/ v3, RIP), Multicast, Policy-Based Routing (PBR), NAT, and DHCP
- Real-time monitoring and health checks to speed issue identification and resolution for optimal uptime
- Complete logging and diagnostics information that can be monitored using industry-standard and embedded Linux tools
- Carrier-class fault tolerance and fault mitigation capabilities for service continuity
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**KEY FEATURES OF THE BROCADE VYATTA NETWORK OS**

- The foundation for a decomposable services architecture
- Purpose-built for NFV and SDN deployments
- A bridge between legacy and future network architectures
- A simple common data model that enables disparate network elements up and down the stack to communicate and work seamlessly together
- Traditional CLI and Linux interfaces to address operator preferences and skills
- An open platform, with support for standard protocols and open APIs to avoid vendor lock-in
- A robust ecosystem, with deep best-of-breed VNF integrations that maximize network value
- A programmable, extensible platform that can be tailored to address unique customer use cases
- Intel DPDK support for breakthrough performance
- Support for advanced networking capabilities
- Flexible deployment options

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#### Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)

- Label Distribution Protocol (LDP)
- Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP-TE)
- Data plane support for MPLS forwarding

#### QoS Policies

- 8 Queues
- Policing
- 1,024 Classes
- DSCP Classification
- DSCP Remarking
- Per Queue DSCP Remarking
- Weighted Round Robin (WRR)
- Random Early Detection (RED)
- Weighted Random Early Detection (WRED)
- Strict Priority Queuing
- Ethernet (Layer 2) Header Matching
- Ethertype Support
- 4,095 VLAN Support and Tagging
- Bandwidth Percentage Limits

#### High Availability and Redundancy

- Stateful Firewall/NAT Failover
- VRRPv2 (IPv4 and IPv6)
- VRRPv3 (IPv6)
- Configuration Replication
- VRRP Support with IPsec VPN
- Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD)
- Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)

#### Deep Packet Inspection

- Matching applications for selective routing with DPI in PBR policy

#### Automation

- Cloud-init
- PXE boot
- Zero-touch provisioning based on NETCONF-ZeroTouch (interop with Brocade Zero-Touch Installer)

#### Administration and Authentication

- Integrated CLI
- Web GUI
- Brocade Vyatta Remote Access API (RESTful API)
- NETCONF/YANG
- Configured API for Python, Perl, and Ruby languages
- Telnet
- SSHv2/SSH Public Key
- Binary Image Install
- Image Cloning
- RADIUS
- TACACS+
- X.509 digital certificate authorization
- Single Configuration File
- Configuration Audit
- CPU Affinity Configuration for Data Plane

#### Diagnostics, Logging, and Monitoring

- Two-Way Active Measurement Protocol (TWAMP) Flow Monitoring
- tcpdump
- BGP MDS Support
- Wireshark Packet Capture
- Syslog
- SNMPv3
- SNMP for IPv6
- SPAN port mirroring
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- Flow monitoring
  - IPFIX (RFC 7011) export
  - NetFlow Version 9 export
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- Embedded KVM libvirt
- VMware ESXi
- KVM
- Microsoft Hyper-V
- XenServer
- Amazon Machine Image (AMI)
- Interface hot-plug support
  - KVM
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## RFC Compliance

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- RFC 1112 Host Extensions for IP Multicasting
- RFC 2236 Internet Group Management Protocol Version 2
- RFC 2710 Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) for IPv6
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- RFC 2370 The OSPF Opaque LSA Option
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### OSPFv3
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- RFC 5838 Support of Address Families in OSPFv3

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- RFC 2080 RIPng for IPv6
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- RFC 2407 The Internet IP Security Domain of Interpretation for ISAKMP
- RFC 2408 Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP)
- RFC 2409 The Internet Key Exchange (IKE)
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