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1 Executive Summary

The evaluation of the Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. FastIron Switch/Router products with IOS 7.3 was performed by Leidos (formerly Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)) Common Criteria Testing Laboratory (CCTL) in Columbia, Maryland, United States of America and was completed in January 2014. The evaluation was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Common Criteria and Common Methodology for IT Security Evaluation (CEM), version 3.1 and assurance activities specified in *Security Requirements for Network Devices*, Version 1.1, 8 June 2012. The evaluation was consistent with National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP) Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS) policies and practices as described on their web site (www.niap-ccevs.org).

The Leidos evaluation team determined that the product is conformant to *Security Requirements for Network Devices*, Version 1.1, 8 June 2012. The information in this Validation Report is largely derived from the Assurance Activities Report (AAR) and associated test reports produced by the Leidos evaluation team. This Validation Report is not an endorsement of the Target of Evaluation by any agency of the U.S. government, and no warranty is either expressed or implied.

The FastIron Switch/Router products within the scope of the evaluation comprise the following series and models, all running IOS 7.3:

- SuperX Series Hardware Platform, models FI-SX 800 and FI-SX 1600
- ICX Series Hardware Platform, models ICX 6610-24, ICX 6610-24F, ICX 6610-24P, ICX 6610-48, and ICX 6610-48P
- FCX Series Hardware Platform, models FCX 624S, FCX 624S-HPOE-ADV, FCX 624S-F-ADV, FCX 648S, and FCX 648S-HPOE-ADV.

The FastIron Switch/Router products, in the context of the evaluation, are network devices that provide a secure base (comprising auditing, cryptographic support for network communications and update integrity, user identification and authentication, and secure management) for operational functions related to switching and routing IP network traffic.

The products, when configured as specified in the guidance documentation, satisfy all of the security functional requirements stated in the Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. FastIron SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Router Security Target (ST).

1.1 Evaluation Details

Table 1 – Evaluation Details

Evaluated Product:	<p>FastIron Switch/Router products comprising the following series and models, all running IOS 7.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SuperX Series Hardware Platform, models FI-SX 800 and FI-SX 1600 • ICX Series Hardware Platform, models ICX 6610-24, ICX 6610-24F, ICX 6610-24P, ICX 6610-48, and ICX 6610-48P • FCX Series Hardware Platform, models FCX 624S, FCX 624S-HPOE-ADV, FCX 624S-F-ADV, FCX 648S, and FCX 648S-HPOE-ADV.
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CC:	Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, Version 3.1, Revision 3, July 2009.
Interpretations:	None
CEM:	Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation: Evaluation Methodology, Version 3.1, Revision 3, July 2009.
Evaluation Class:	None
Description:	The TOE provides a secure base, comprising auditing, cryptographic support for network communications and update integrity, user identification and authentication, and secure management, for operational functions related to switching and routing IP network traffic.
Disclaimer:	The information contained in this Validation Report is not an endorsement of the Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. FastIron SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Router products with IOS 7.3 by any agency of the U.S. Government and no warranty of the product is either expressed or implied.
PP:	Security Requirements for Network Devices, Version 1.1, 8 June 2012
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1.2 Interpretations

Not applicable.

1.3 Threats

The ST identifies the following threats that the TOE and its operational environment are intended to counter:

- An administrator may unintentionally install or configure the TOE incorrectly, resulting in ineffective security mechanisms.
- Security mechanisms of the TOE may fail, leading to a compromise of the TSF.
- A user may gain unauthorized access to the TOE data and TOE executable code. A malicious user, process, or external IT entity may masquerade as an authorized entity in order to gain unauthorized access to data or TOE resources. A malicious user, process, or external IT entity may misrepresent itself as the TOE to obtain identification and authentication data.
- A malicious party attempts to supply the end user with an update to the product that may compromise the security features of the TOE.
- Malicious remote users or external IT entities may take actions that adversely affect the security of the TOE. These actions may remain undetected and thus their effects cannot be effectively mitigated.
- User data may be inadvertently sent to a destination not intended by the original sender.

1.4 Organizational Security Policies

The ST identifies the following organizational security policy that the TOE and its operational environment are intended to fulfill:

- The TOE shall display an initial banner describing restrictions of use, legal agreements, or any other appropriate information to which users consent by accessing the TOE.

2 Identification

The evaluated product is **Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Routers with IOS 7.3.**

3 Security Policy

The TOE enforces the following security policies as described in the ST.

Note: Much of the description of the security policy has been derived from the Brocade Communications System, Inc. FastIron SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Router Security Target and Final ETR.

3.1 Security Audit

The TOE is designed to be able to generate logs for a wide range of security relevant events. The TOE can be configured to store the logs locally so they can be accessed by an authorized TOE User and also to send the logs to a designated log server using TLS to protect the logs on the network.

3.2 Cryptographic Support

The TOE includes a cryptographic module that provides key management, random bit generation, encryption/decryption, digital signature and secure hashing and key-hashing features in support of higher level cryptographic protocols including SSH.

3.3 User Data Protection

The TOE performs a wide variety of network switching and routing functions, passing network traffic among its various network connections. While implementing applicable network protocols associated with network traffic routing, the TOE is carefully designed to ensure that it does not inadvertently reuse data found in network traffic. This is accomplished primarily by controlling the size of all buffers, fully overwriting buffer contents, and zero-padding of memory structures and buffers when necessary.

3.4 Identification & Authentication

The TOE requires users to be identified and authenticated before they can use functions mediated by the TOE, with the exception of passing network traffic in accordance with its configured switching/routing rules.

3.5 Security Management

The TOE provides a Command Line Interface (CLI) to access the security management functions used to configure and manage its security functionality. Security management commands are limited to authorized users and available only after they have provided acceptable user identification and authentication data to the TOE.

3.6 Protection of the TOE's Security Functions

The TOE implements a number of features designed to protect itself to ensure the reliability and integrity of its security features.

It protects particularly sensitive data such as stored passwords and cryptographic keys so that they are not accessible even by an administrator. It also provides its own timing mechanism to ensure that reliable time information is available (e.g., for log accountability).

The TOE includes functions to perform self-tests so that it might detect when it is failing. It also includes mechanisms (i.e., verification of the digital signature of each new image) so that the TOE itself can be updated while ensuring that the updates will not introduce malicious or other unexpected changes in the TOE.

3.7 TOE Access

The TOE can be configured to display an informative banner when an administrator establishes an interactive session and subsequently will enforce an administrator-defined inactivity timeout value after which the inactive session (local or remote) will be terminated.

3.8 Trusted Path/Channels

The TOE protects interactive communication with administrators using SSHv2 for CLI access, ensuring both integrity and disclosure protection. If the negotiation of an encrypted session fails or if the user does not have authorization for remote administration, an attempted connection will not be established.

The TOE protects communication with external audit servers using TLS connections to prevent unintended disclosure or modification of logs. SSH v2 is used to support SCP which the TOE uses for secure download of TOE updates.

4 Assumptions

The ST identifies the following assumptions about the use of the product:

- It is assumed that there are no general-purpose computing capabilities (e.g., compilers or user applications) available on the TOE, other than those services necessary for the operation, administration and support of the TOE.
- Physical security, commensurate with the value of the TOE and the data it contains, is assumed to be provided by the environment.
- TOE Administrators are trusted to follow and apply all administrator guidance in a trusted manner.

4.1 Clarification of Scope

All evaluations (and all products) have limitations, as well as potential misconceptions that need clarifying. This text covers some of the more important limitations and clarifications of this evaluation. Note that:

1. As with any evaluation, this evaluation only shows that the evaluated configuration meets the security claims made, with a certain level of assurance (the assurance activities specified in *Security Requirements for Network Devices* and performed by the evaluation team).
2. This evaluation covers only the specific device models and software version identified in this document, and not any earlier or later versions released or in process.
3. This evaluation did not specifically search for, nor attempt to exploit, vulnerabilities that were not “obvious” or vulnerabilities to objectives not claimed in the ST. The CEM defines an “obvious” vulnerability as one that is easily exploited with a minimum of understanding of the TOE, technical sophistication and resources.

5 Architectural Information

This section provides a high level description of the TOE and its components as described in the Security Target and guidance documentation.

The TOE consists of a hardware appliance with embedded software installed on a management processor. The embedded software is a version of Brocade’s proprietary Multiservice IronWare Operating System (IOS). The IOS controls the switching and routing of network frames and packets among the connections available on the hardware appliance.

All TOE appliances are configured at the factory with default parameters and an admin and user account with default passwords. Users must login to access the system’s basic features through its Command Line Interface (CLI). However, the product should be configured in accordance with the evaluated configuration prior to being placed into operation. The CLI is a text based interface which is accessible from a directly connected terminal or via a remote terminal using SSH.

The hardware platforms that support the TOE have a number of common hardware characteristics:

- Central processor that supports all system operations
- Dynamic memory, used by the central processor for all system operations
- Flash memory, used to store the operating system image

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- Non-volatile memory, which stores configuration parameters used to initialize the system at startup
- Multiple physical network interfaces either fixed in configuration or removable as in a chassis based product.

During normal operation, IP packets are sent to the management IP address or through the appliance over one or more of its physical network interfaces, which processes them according to the system's configuration and state information dynamically maintained by the appliance. This processing typically results in the frames or packets being forwarded out of the device over another interface, or dropped in accordance with a configured policy.

6 Documentation

6.1 Product Guidance

The guidance documentation examined during the course of the evaluation and delivered with the TOE is as follows:

- Brocade ICX 6610 Stackable Switch Hardware Installation Guide, 9 December 2011
- Brocade FCX Series Hardware Installation Guide, 14 October 2011
- Brocade FastIron SX Series Chassis Hardware Installation Guide, 9 December 2011
- FastIron Configuration Guide, 30 April 2012
- FastIron FIPS Configuration Guide, 31 July 2013.

7 Product Testing

This section describes the testing efforts of the Evaluation Team. It is derived from information contained in the following:

- Evaluation Team Test Report for Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. FastIron SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Router
- Brocade FastIron SX-800 Annex
- Brocade FastIron FCX/ICX Annex.

7.1 Developer Testing

The assurance activities in the Security Requirements for Network Devices do not specify any requirement for developer testing of the TOE.

7.2 Evaluation Team Independent Testing

The evaluation team devised a Test Plan based on the Testing Assurance Activities specified in the Security Requirements for Network Devices. The Test Plan described how each test activity was to be instantiated within the TOE test environment. The evaluation team executed the tests specified in the Test Plan and documented the results in the Team Test Report for Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. FastIron SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Router. Tests were executed on the following sample of platforms claimed in the ST:

- SuperX Series Hardware Platform SX-800—the other SuperX hardware series platform (SX-1600) included in the TOE is functionally equivalent. The same firmware image is executed on

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both platforms and the only differences are in the number (8 or 16) of interface slots (and, consequently, external network connections) supported

- FCX Series Hardware Platform FCX-624S—the other FCX Series devices included in the TOE are functionally equivalent. The same firmware image is executed on all platforms and the only differences are in the number (24 or 48) of ports and the support for Power over Ethernet (PoE)
- ICX Series Hardware Platform ICX 6610-24—the other ICX 6610 devices included in the TOE are functionally equivalent. The same firmware image is executed on all platforms and the only differences are in the number (24 or 48) and type (RJ-45, SFP, or POE+) ports.

An initial round of testing was conducted the week of May 20, 2013 at the vendor's facility in San Jose, CA. This round of testing identified a number of functional areas where the TOE did not satisfy the requirements specified in the Security Requirements for Network Devices. The developer updated the TOE and subsequent testing took place July 31st, August 1st and August 5th. Final product testing took place on August 20, 2013 at the Leidos facility. The developer assisted during the testing phase.

The final round of testing demonstrated the TOE satisfies the security functional requirements specified in the Security Requirements for Network Devices.

The testing performed by the evaluation team is summarized as follows:

- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE's ability to generate the audit events specified in the ST
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE's ability to establish a trusted channel with an external audit server and transfer audit records to the audit server via the trusted channel
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE supports RSA for public key authentication and password-based authentication over SSH
- The evaluation confirmed the TOE drops an SSH connection if it receives a packet over 256K bytes in length
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE supports SSH connections using AES-CBC-128 and AES-CBC-256
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE does not support DH Group 1 and that it does support DH Group 14
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE supports each of the TLSv1.0 ciphersuites specified in the ST
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE supports the specified password composition requirements, including the specified minimum length
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE provides only obscured feedback when authentication information is entered at the local console
- The evaluation team confirmed, for all supported methods of administrator access, the TOE allows access to the CLI when the correct authentication credentials are provided, and denies access when incorrect credentials are provided, and that the services available without authentication are as specified in the ST
- The evaluation team confirmed the time could be set by the administrator and synchronized using an external NTP server. Note, the ST does not make any claims about using cryptographic protocols to protect the connection to the NTP server, so testing with the NTP server occurred only over TCP/IP

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- The evaluation team confirmed a legitimate update could be installed successfully on the TOE and that an illegitimate update was rejected
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE terminated a remote interactive session after the configured period of inactivity had elapsed. The evaluation team used values of 2, 5, and 8 minutes
- The evaluation team confirmed the user was able to terminate both an interactive local session at the TOE console and a remote interactive session over the SSH-provided trusted path
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE terminated a local interactive session after the configured period of inactivity had elapsed. The evaluation team used values of 2, 5, and 8 minutes. Note that the TOE terminates a local interactive session after the inactivity time period has elapsed, rather than locking the session. This is consistent with the selection made in FTA_SSL_EXT.1.1 in the ST
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE displayed a configured notice and consent warning message for each method of access supported by the TOE, i.e., local interactive console, remote interactive SSH using password authentication, and remote interactive SSH using public-key authentication
- The evaluation team confirmed the TOE was able to establish a trusted channel with an external syslog server using TLSv1.0. Testing additionally demonstrated the trusted channel was established with the appropriate cryptographic protocol and algorithms to ensure channel data was not sent in plaintext and modification of channel data would be detected by the TOE. A test was also performed to physically interrupt the connection between the TOE and the external syslog server and to verify that communications remained protected when connectivity was restored
- The evaluation team confirmed the only method of remote administration for the TOE is via SSH—the evaluation team did not identify any interface that could be used to establish a remote administrative session without invoking the trusted path. Testing additionally demonstrated the trusted path was established with the appropriate cryptographic protocol and algorithms to ensure channel data was not sent in plaintext and modification of channel data would be detected by the TOE.

7.3 Penetration Testing

The evaluation team conducted an open source search for vulnerabilities in the product. The open source search did not identify any vulnerabilities applicable to the TOE in its evaluated configuration, but did identify a vulnerability related to another Brocade product (BigIron) with similarities to FastIron. The evaluation team outlined a test for determining if the TOE was susceptible, but analysis of the vulnerability (bypassing ACL rules by using 179 as the source port of a packet) determined it was not relevant as it represents a vulnerability in a TOE capability (packet filtering) that was not subject to evaluation.

8 Evaluated Configuration

The evaluated version of the TOE is Brocade FastIron Switch/Router products with IOS 7.3 including the following series and models:

- SuperX Series Hardware Platforms (FI-SX 800 and FI-SX 1600),

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- ICX Series Hardware Platforms (ICX 6610-24, ICX 6610-24F, ICX 6610-24P, ICX 6610-48, and ICX 6610-48P), and
- FCX Series Hardware Platforms (FCX 624S, FCX 624S-HPOE-ADV, FCX 624S-F-ADV, FCX 648S, and FCX 648S-HPOE-ADV).

9 Results of the Evaluation

The evaluation was conducted based upon the assurance activities specified in Security Requirements for Network Devices, Version 1.1, 8 June 2012 (NDPP), in conjunction with version 3.1, revision 3 of the CC and the CEM. A verdict for an assurance component is determined by the resulting verdicts assigned to the corresponding evaluator action elements. The evaluation team assigned a Pass, Fail, or Inconclusive verdict to each work unit of each assurance component. For Fail or Inconclusive work unit verdicts, the evaluation team advised the developer of issues requiring resolution or clarification within the evaluation evidence. In this way, the evaluation team assigned an overall Pass verdict to the assurance component only when all of the work units for that component had been assigned a Pass verdict.

The validation team's assessment of the evidence provided by the evaluation team is that it demonstrates that the evaluation team performed the assurance activities in the NDPP, and correctly verified that the product meets the claims in the ST.

The details of the evaluation are recorded in the Evaluation Technical Report (ETR), which is controlled by the Leidos CCTL. The security assurance requirements are listed in the following table.

TOE Security Assurance Requirements

Assurance Component ID	Assurance Component Name
ADV_FSP.1	Basic functional specification
AGD_OPE.1	Operational user guidance
AGD_PRE.1	Preparative procedures
ALC_CMC.1	Labeling of the TOE
ALC_CMS.1	TOE CM coverage
ATE_IND.1	Independent testing - conformance
AVA_VAN.1	Vulnerability survey

10 Validator Comments/Recommendations

The validators suggest that the consumer pay particular attention to the evaluated configuration of the device(s). In order to remain CC compliant, the device(s) must first be configured into FIPS mode, then into Common Criteria mode as specified in the Brocade FIPS Configuration Manual. Note that the product includes FIPS validated cryptographic algorithms.

Please note that the functionality evaluated is scoped exclusively to the security functional requirements specified in the Security Target. Other functionality included in the product was not assessed as part of this evaluation. Please note further that certain network related functionality is excluded from the approved configuration and that some networking functions relative to the devices were not tested, nor are any claims made relative to their security.

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The product contains more functionality than was covered by the evaluation. Only the functionality implemented by the SFR's within the Security Target was evaluated. All other functionality provided by the devices needs to be assessed separately and no further conclusions can be drawn about their effectiveness.

11 Annexes

Not applicable.

12 Security Target

The ST for this product's evaluation is Brocade Communications Systems, Inc. FastIron SX, ICX, and FCX Series Switch/Router Security Target, Version 1.0, 30 January 2014.

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