

# Software Release End-of-Support and Legacy Support and Availability Notice

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## Overview

This document provides notification of upcoming and existing End-of-Support (EOS) and Legacy Support and Availability (LSA) activity for Brocade<sup>®</sup> software **releases**. Notifications of End-of-Support for Brocade software **products** are not included in this document. The objective is to assist customers and partners in making timely decisions to smoothly transition from software releases that have reached EOS or LSA status to actively supported software versions according to the published milestones.

This document covers major releases of Brocade Fabric OS<sup>®</sup> (FOS) and SANnav<sup>™</sup>, including both SANnav Management Portal and SANnav Global, that have reached an EOS or LSA milestone event since 2014. The LSA and EOS milestone events were first implemented in 2023, replacing the previous End-of-Availability (EOA) milestone event.

Software releases that have reached EOS are no longer available from Broadcom or Broadcom partners. Software releases that have reached LSA are available and supported for a limited set of legacy platforms as noted. FOS release availability for hardware platforms that have entered into their End-of-Life (EOL) phase can be found in the EOL Notification for that platform.

For additional information on the hardware product EOL timeline and FOS EOA milestone event, please refer to the *Brocade Hardware Product End-of-Life and End-of-Support Policy* document.

## Brocade Fabric OS Release EOS and LSA

Fabric OS Major Release	General Availability (GA) Date	EOS or LSA Notice Date	Effective Date	Supported Legacy Hardware Platforms
FOS v8.2.x	November 30, 2017	January 28, 2023	LSA: July 28, 2023	LSA for Brocade Gen 5 supported platforms only
FOS v8.1.x	December 14, 2016	September 15, 2021	March 15, 2022	Release EOS for all platforms
FOS v8.0.x	December 16, 2015	January 31, 2020	July 31, 2020	Release EOS for all platforms
FOS v7.4.x	March 31, 2015	June 30, 2018	LSA: March 30, 2019	LSA for Brocade Gen 4 supported platforms only
FOS v7.3.x	June 27, 2014	N/A	March 14, 2017	Release EOS for all platforms
FOS v7.2.x	July 26, 2013	N/A	March 16, 2016	Release EOS for all platforms
FOS v7.1.x	December 14, 2012	April 15, 2015	LSA: October 15, 2015	Release EOS for all platforms
FOS v7.0.x	April 29, 2011	N/A	September 27, 2014	Release EOS for all platforms
FOS v6.4.x	March 30, 2010	January 21, 2014	LSA: July 23, 2014	Release EOS for all platforms

## Brocade SANnav Release EOS

<b>SANnav Major Release</b>	<b>General Availability (GA) Date</b>	<b>EOS Notice Date</b>	<b>EOS Date</b>
<b>SANnav v2.2.x</b>	<b>December 15, 2021</b>	<b>October 31, 2024</b>	<b>January 15, 2025</b>
SANnav v2.1.x	April 30, 2020	January 28, 2023	July 28, 2023
SANnav v2.0.x	September 26, 2019	September 15, 2021	March 15, 2022
SANnav v1.1.x	December 20, 2018	January 31, 2020	July 31, 2020

## Appendix A: Definitions

### General Availability (GA) Date

The GA date is the date on which the first software release for the given major release level was made generally available to customers; for example, for the FOS v6.4.x release level, the date that FOS v6.4.0 was made available for download and use.

### EOS or LSA Notice Date

The partner and customer End-of-Support and/or Legacy Support and Availability notification begins the transition period. During the 6-month transition period, this major software version will be supported as per the existing customer support agreement.

### EOS Date

After this date, Brocade, a Broadcom company, will no longer support or make available releases on this major version of software. Customers are encouraged to begin transitioning to supported release versions in advance of this date to ensure they are operating with the most secure and reliable software. In addition to this document, release versions that have transitioned to EOS status are also noted in the Brocade Software Release Support and Posting Matrices document available on [Broadcom.com](https://www.broadcom.com). The EOS milestone event for Brocade software releases was referred to as "End-of-Availability" or EOA until 2023.

### LSA Date (FOS Only)

In the case of a major FOS version that supports hardware platforms that cannot be upgraded to a supported major version, the release transitions to Legacy Support and Availability (LSA) status instead of EOS. After the LSA date, the release is only supported and made available on explicitly designated hardware platforms. These legacy hardware platforms are typically in or near their End-of-Life period and availability of new FOS releases for a specific hardware platform depends on the EOL timeline for that individual hardware platform. Please refer to individual hardware product EOL notifications for additional details and information.

In addition to this document, release versions that have transitioned to LSA status are also noted in the Brocade Software Release Support and Posting Matrices document available on [Broadcom.com](https://www.broadcom.com). The LSA milestone event for Brocade software releases was introduced in 2023 to distinguish between a FOS release that has reached full EOS and one that remains supported and available for legacy platforms only.

### Compatibility (FOS Only)

Interoperability testing is not performed with software versions that have reached End-of-Support. Compatibility is not guaranteed when operating fabrics with a combination of products using currently supported versions of software with those using versions that have reached End-of-Support.

### Migration Path

Customers are encouraged to migrate to currently supported software versions available for download from the Brocade Customer Support Portal or Brocade partner assist sites. The current support and posting status for all releases of Brocade software products is documented in the Brocade Software Release Support and Posting Matrices document available on [Broadcom.com](https://www.broadcom.com).

## Revision History

### **Version 1.7; October 31, 2024 (FOS-EOA-OT107)**

- Edited EOS notification for SANnav v2.2.x.

### **Version 1.6; October 31, 2024 (FOS-EOA-OT106)**

- Added EOS notification for SANnav v2.2.x.

### **Version 1.5; July 28, 2023 (FOS-EOA-OT105)**

- Updated to reflect new Software Policy terminology for End-of-Support (EOS) and Legacy Support and Availability (LSA) milestones replacing previous EOA milestones.

### **Version 1.4; January 28, 2023 (FOS-EOA-OT104)**

- Added EOA notifications for FOS v8.2.x and SANnav v2.1.x.

### **Version 1.3; April 15, 2022 (FOS-EOA-OT103)**

- Included information on FOS EOA per platform.

### **Version 1.2; September 15, 2021 (FOS-EOA-OT102)**

- Added EOA notifications for FOS v8.1.x and SANnav v2.0.x.

### **Version 1.1; January 31, 2020 (FOS-EOA-OT101)**

- Combined the EOA notification for SANnav and FOS.
- Added a pending EOA date for FOS v8.0.x and SANnav v1.1.x.

### **Version 1.0; September 4, 2019 (FOS-EOA-OT100)**

- Initial document version.

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