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Document conventions

The document conventions describe text formatting conventions, command syntax conventions, and important notice formats used in Brocade technical documentation.

Text formatting conventions

Text formatting conventions such as boldface, italic, or Courier font may be used in the flow of the text to highlight specific words or phrases.

Format	Description
bold text	Identifies command names
	Identifies keywords and operands
	Identifies the names of user-manipulated GUI elements
	Identifies text to enter at the GUI
<i>italic text</i>	Identifies emphasis
	Identifies variables and modifiers
	Identifies paths and Internet addresses
	Identifies document titles
<code>Courier font</code>	Identifies CLI output
	Identifies command syntax examples

Command syntax conventions

Bold and italic text identify command syntax components. Delimiters and operators define groupings of parameters and their logical relationships.

Convention	Description
bold text	Identifies command names, keywords, and command options.
<i>italic text</i>	Identifies a variable.

Convention	Description
value	In Fibre Channel products, a fixed value provided as input to a command option is printed in plain text, for example, --show WWN .
[]	Syntax components displayed within square brackets are optional. Default responses to system prompts are enclosed in square brackets.
{ x y z }	A choice of required parameters is enclosed in curly brackets separated by vertical bars. You must select one of the options. In Fibre Channel products, square brackets may be used instead for this purpose.
x y	A vertical bar separates mutually exclusive elements.
< >	Nonprinting characters, for example, passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets.
...	Repeat the previous element, for example, <i>member[member...]</i> .
\	Indicates a “soft” line break in command examples. If a backslash separates two lines of a command input, enter the entire command at the prompt without the backslash.

Notes, cautions, and warnings

Notes, cautions, and warning statements may be used in this document. They are listed in the order of increasing severity of potential hazards.

NOTE

A Note provides a tip, guidance, or advice, emphasizes important information, or provides a reference to related information.

ATTENTION

An Attention statement indicates a stronger note, for example, to alert you when traffic might be interrupted or the device might reboot.



CAUTION

A Caution statement alerts you to situations that can be potentially hazardous to you or cause damage to hardware, firmware, software, or data.



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What is new in this document

This document provides instructions to install, uninstall, and upgrade the Brocade Vyatta Controller, its graphical user interface, extensions, and apps.

The Brocade Vyatta Controller Quick Start Guide is a new document.

Supported platform

The Brocade Vyatta Controller is supported on Ubuntu 14.04.

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Brocade Vyatta Controller Overview

The Brocade Vyatta Controller is the first commercial distribution based on the OpenDaylight Helium release.

The features of the controller include:

- Brocade installer
- Brocade GUI
- Multi-vendor support through YANG models and OpenFlow or NETCONF standards
- Third-party extensions supported through a REST API or embedded Java OSGi plugins
- Modular structure provisioned by Apache Karaf

System requirements and prerequisites

This section provides the system requirements and prerequisites for the installation of the Brocade Vyatta Controller.

TABLE 1 System Requirements

Requirement	Minimum	Recommended
RAM	6 GB	16 GB
Network	1 GE	10 GE
CPU	4 Cores	8 Cores
Storage	32 GB	64 GB

Prerequisites for the installation of the Brocade Vyatta Controller and GUI

Ensure that you have the following installed before you install the Brocade Vyatta Controller:

- Ubuntu 14.04
- Oracle Server Java SE JRE 1.7.0_71 or a later version
- Zip
- Unzip
- cURL
- Node.js
- OpenSSH
- Google Chrome

Installing Java and setting the JAVA_HOME environment variable

1. Go to the following web location: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/server-jre7-downloads-1931105.html>
2. Accept the Oracle Binary Code License Agreement for Java SE.
3. Download server-jre-7u71-linux-x64.tar.gz.
7u71 is Java version 1.7.0_71.
4. Enter the following commands to unzip and decompress the folder:

```
tar zxvf server-jre-7u71-linux-x64.tar.gz
sudo mv ./jdk1.7.0_71/ /opt
```
5. Enter the following command to set JAVA_HOME. The path should end with jre.

```
export JAVA_HOME=<path-to-java>
```


(Example: **export JAVA_HOME=/opt/jdk1.7.0_71/jre**)

To check whether the installation was successful, enter the following command:

```
$JAVA_HOME/bin/java -version
```

Sample output showing the version of Java that was installed:

```
java version "1.7.0_71"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.7.0_71-b14)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 24.71-b01, mixed mode)
```

Installing prerequisites for installation: Zip, Unzip, cURL, Node.js, and OpenSSH

Installing Zip and Unzip

1. Enter the following command to download the package lists from the repositories, and update them:
`sudo apt-get update`
2. Enter the following command to install zip:
`sudo apt-get install zip`
3. Enter the following command to install Unzip:
`sudo apt-get install unzip`

Installing cURL

cURL is the command line tool and library that is used for transferring data with URL syntax.

cURL is required for the Node.js installation.

1. Enter the following command to check whether cURL is already installed on your system:
`dpkg -l curl`
2. Enter the following command to download the package lists from the repositories, and update them:
`sudo apt-get update`
3. Enter the following command to install cURL:
`sudo apt-get install curl`

Installing Node.js

Node.js is a platform that is used to build network applications.

The graphical user interface of the controller requires Node.js.

1. Enter the following command to fetch the scripts that are required to set up Node.js:
`curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup | sudo bash -`
2. Enter the following command to install Node.js:
`sudo apt-get install nodejs`
3. **NOTE**
Ensure that the version of Node.js is a version later than v0.10.29. If the version displayed is lower than the required version, re-run the commands in Steps 1 and 2.

Enter the following command to check the version of the Node.js that is installed:

```
node --version
```

Sample output showing the version of Node.js: v0.10.33.

Installing OpenSSH

OpenSSH is a free version of the SSH connectivity tools. In an effort to prevent attacks, OpenSSH encrypts all traffic.

1. Enter the following command to download the package lists from the repositories, and update them:
`sudo apt-get update`
2. Enter the following command to install the OpenSSH server:
`sudo apt-get install openssh-server`

Installing the Brocade Vyatta Controller and GUI

This section provides steps to install the Brocade Vyatta Controller and its graphical user interface (GUI).

Useful commands for the installation of the controller

Command	What it does
<code>--ignore-prereqs</code>	Skips the checking of the minimum CPU and memory requirements of the system by the installer.
<code>--help</code>	Displays the help for the installer.

1. Follow the instructions provided, and download the following installation directories of the Brocade Vyatta Controller that are available at: <http://my.brocade.com>

- a) `bvc-1.1.0.zip`
- b) `bvc-dependencies-1.1.0.zip`

2. Enter the following command to create the `/opt/bvc` directory:

```
sudo mkdir /opt/bvc
```

3. Enter the following command to change the ownership of the directory:

```
sudo chown $USER /opt/bvc
```

4. Enter the following commands to unzip the installation directories:

```
unzip -o bvc-1.1.0.zip -d /opt
unzip -o bvc-dependencies-1.1.0.zip -d /opt
```

These commands create files in the `/opt/bvc/` directory.

5. Enter the following commands to install the controller:

```
cd /opt/bvc
./install
```

The controller and the GUI automatically start at the end of the installation.

The installer displays the URL that invokes the controller GUI. For example: `Server @ http://10.18.160.119:9000/`

Verifying the installation of the Brocade Vyatta Controller

This section provides two methods to verify whether the Brocade Vyatta Controller was correctly installed.

Use either of the following methods to verify an installation of the controller:

- Connect to RESTCONF
- Access the API Doc Explorer application

Connecting to RESTCONF

One way of verifying an installation of the controller is to connect to RESTCONF.

1. After the installation script of the controller is run, open a browser, and go to the following web location: `http://<controller-ip>:8181/restconf/modules`.
2. Log in with the credentials: admin/admin.
The target web page displays a list of the YANG modules that are defined in the controller.

Accessing the API Doc Explorer

Another way of verifying an installation of the controller is to access the API Doc Explorer application.

Go to the following web location: `http://<controller-ip>:8181/apidoc/explorer/index.html`.

The OpenDaylight RestConf API Documentation page displays the following:

- List of APIs supported by the controller
- Mount points for any API that you select

Verifying the installation of the Brocade Vyatta Controller GUI

This section provides steps to verify whether the GUI of the controller was correctly installed.

1. Go to the following web location: `http://<controller-ip>:9000/`
2. Log in with the credentials: admin/admin.
The graphical user interface of the controller, with the Topology, Nodes, and YANG UI tabs, is displayed.

Starting and shutting down the Brocade Vyatta Controller and GUI

1. Enter the following command to start the controller and the GUI:
`/opt/bvc/bin/start`
2. Enter the following command to stop the controller and the GUI:
`/opt/bvc/bin/stop`

Uninstalling the Brocade Vyatta Controller and GUI

This section provides instructions to uninstall the controller and its graphical user interface (GUI).

1. Enter the following command to stop the controller and the GUI:
`/opt/bvc/bin/stop`
2. Enter the following command to remove the `/opt/bvc` directory:
`sudo rm -rf /opt/bvc/`

Installing Brocade Vyatta Controller apps or extensions

The controller apps and extensions such as Path Explorer are available for downloading.

NOTE

For definitions of the terms app and extension, see the [Glossary](#) on page 17.

1. Download the app or extension from the following location: <http://my.brocade.com>.
2. Enter the command to unzip the extension or app into the installation directory. For example, to unzip Path Explorer, enter the following command.

```
unzip bvc-app-pathexplorer-packaging-<version>.zip -d /opt
```

NOTE

In the command, /opt contains the bvc directory.

3. Go to the installation directory by entering the following command.

```
cd /opt/bvc
```
4. Run the installation script by entering the following command.

```
./install
```

 - If the controller is not running, it is started.
 - The jar files are copied, and the features are installed.
 - If this extension is already installed, the server is stopped, karaf is modified, and the controller is restarted.

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Upgrading the controller platform

Brocade Vyatta Controller Platform is a server and user interface process which contains the base controller functionality. The following upgrade scenario uses 1.1.0 as the previous version and 1.1.1.100-SNAPSHOT as the new version.

1. Download `bvc-1.1.1.zip` and `bvc-dependencies-1.1.1.zip` files that are available for downloading at: <http://my.brocade.com>.

2. Enter the following command to stop the controller.
`/opt/bvc/bin/stop`

3. Enter the following command to back up the `/opt/bvc` directory.
`zip -r bvc-<date> /opt/bvc`

In the command, `<date>` is the current date.

4. Unzip the downloaded `bvc` files. You can unzip one file at a time. For example:

```
unzip -f bvc-1.1.1.zip -d /opt
unzip -f bvc-dependencies-1.1.1.zip -d /opt
```

NOTE

- Before you run the installation script, you must unzip both the `bvc-1.1.1.zip` and `bvc-dependencies-1.1.1.zip` files.
- The `-d /opt` must point to the parent folder, which contains the existing `bvc` directory. If you follow the instructions in this task, then the value for the folder is `-d /opt`.
- The `-f` flag is used to stop warnings about overwriting files.

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5. Enter the following command to go to the controller installation directory.
`cd /opt/bvc`

6. Enter the following command to install the controller.
`./install`

The controller is now running.

NOTE

- When the controller platform is upgraded, it rechecks for system conformance.
 - You can upgrade the apps or extensions and the controller platform at the same time. For instructions to upgrade the apps or extensions, see [Upgrading an app or extension](#) on page 16.
 - The upgrade of clusters will be supported in a future release.
 - HTTPS configurations are overwritten if you only upgrade the controller platform. Use the following steps to resolve the issue.
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Resolving the overwriting of HTTPS configurations

Upon an upgrade of the controller platform, the server is restarted with HTTP, instead of HTTPS.

Enter the following commands to resolve the overwriting of HTTPS configurations and to enable HTTPS.

- a) `./bin/stop`
- b) `./bin/setup_https off`
- c) `./bin/setup_https on`
- d) `./bin/start`

Upgrading an app or extension

1. Download the app or extension file from <http://my.brocade.com>. For example, for Path Explorer, download `bvc-app-pathexplorer-packaging-xxx.zip`.

NOTE

For definitions of the terms app and extension, see the [Glossary](#) on page 17.

2. Enter the following command to stop the controller.
`/opt/bvc/bin/stop`
3. Enter the following command to back up the `/opt/bvc` directory.
`zip -r bvc-<date> /opt/bvc`

NOTE

In the command, `<date>` is the current date.

4. Enter the command to unzip the downloaded app or extension file. For example: **`unzip -f bvc-app-pathexplorer-packaging-xxx.zip -d /opt`**.
5. Enter the following command to go to the controller installation directory.
`cd /opt/bvc`
6. Enter the following command to install the controller.
`./install`

The app or extension and the controller are automatically started.

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Glossary

Brocade Vyatta Controller Platform	<p>A server-and-user platform process that contains the functionality of the base controller.</p> <p>For example: <code>bvc-1.1.0.zip</code>, <code>bvc-dependencies-1.1.0.zip</code></p>
Brocade Vyatta Controller app	<p>An app that runs on the Brocade Vyatta Controller Platform and provides additional usage cases, features, or both.</p> <p>For example: <code>bvc-app-pathexplorer-packaging-1.1.0.zip</code>, <code>bvc-app-vyattaems-packaging-1.1.0.zip</code></p>
Brocade Vyatta Controller extension	<p>An extension that modifies or configures the Brocade Vyatta Controller Platform or app. Typically, an extension is bundled with the Brocade Vyatta Controller Platform, a Brocade Vyatta Controller app, or another Brocade product.</p> <p>For example: <code>bvc-ext-l2switch-noflood-packaging-1.0.0.zip</code></p>

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Appendix-A: Changing the Java startup settings

This section provides instructions for changing the settings of the Controller Karaf JAVA: JAVA_HOME, JAVA_MAX_MEM, and JAVA_MAX_PERM_SIZE.

1. Access the /opt/bvc/controller/bin/setenv file.
2. Locate the lines that are similar to the following, and make the required changes:
 - a) **export JAVA_HOME=/opt/jdk1.7.0_71/jre**
 - b) **export JAVA_MAX_MEM=8128m**
 - c) **export JAVA_MAX_PERM_SIZE=512m**
3. Save the file, and exit the editor.
4. Enter the following command to stop the Karaf process:
`/opt/bvc/bin/stop`
5. Restart the Karaf process, by entering the following command, for the new, Java startup settings to take effect:
`/opt/bvc/bin/start`

JAVA_MAX_MEM must have the trailing **m** that denotes Megabytes, or a trailing **G** that denotes Gigabytes.

Ensure that the JAVA_MAX_MEM setting does not exceed the available memory, and leaves at least 15 percent memory for other processes. By default, the installation sets this value to 85 percent of the available memory, up to a maximum of 12 Gigabytes. This value is the current limit for a Java process based on the pause times for garbage collection.