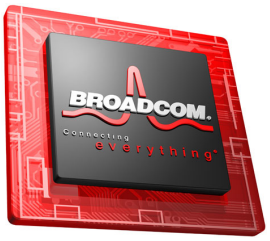
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BCM56502 PRODUCT Brief



24-PORT GbE MULTILAYER SWITCH WITH TWO 10 GbE/HiGig+™ PORTS

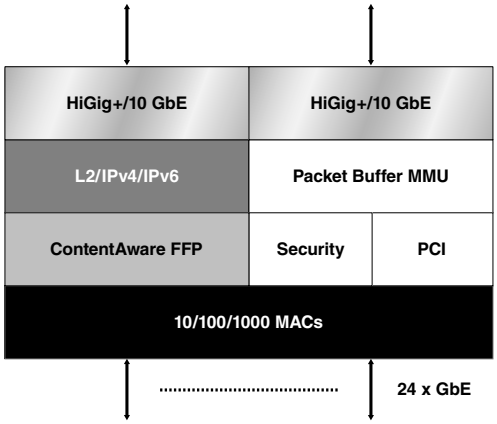
FEATURES

- 24 10/100/1000 Mbps Ethernet ports supporting both copper and fiber connections
- Fifth generation of StrataSwitch® and StrataXGS® product line
- Two 12 Gbps or 10 Gbps HiGig+™ port uplink interfaces
- Two 10 GbE switching ports, CX4 support
- Line-rate switching for all packet sizes and conditions
- On-chip data packet memory and table memory
- IPv6 routing and tunneling
- Advanced Fast Filter Processor (FFP) ContentAware™ classification
- Advanced security features in hardware
- Port trunking and mirroring supported across stack
- Advanced packet flow control:
  - Head-of-line blocking prevention
  - Backpressure support
- Eight QoS queues per port with hierarchical minimum/maximum shaping per Class of Service (CoS) per queue per port
- Standard compliant IEEE 802.1ad provider bridging

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

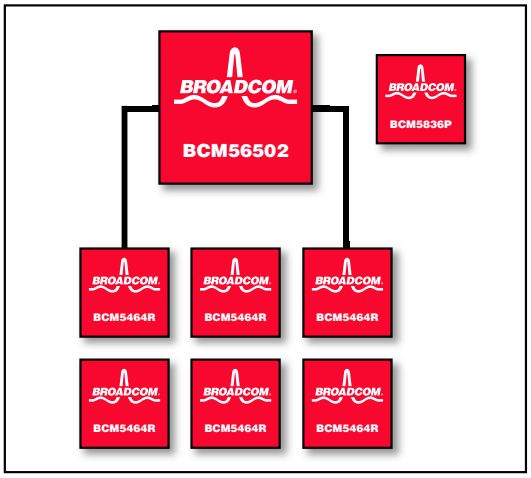
- Highly scalable BroadScale™ processor evolved from five generations of switching experience provides rich features, scalability, and future-proof solutions.
- Optimized for secure-switching and convergence of applications and services in the networks.
- System vendors can build scalable high-performance, high-port density GbE LAN switches in several form factors.
- Multiple CoS and low latency enable the support of VoIP and other voice, video, and data applications.
- Built-in high-speed serial interfaces with Broadcom-unique SerDes technology ease and accelerate system design, while reducing cost and conserving board space.
- Broadcom switch API compatibility enables software reuse and faster time-to-market.
- Small package and low power enables cost-effective and high-performance system design.

24-Port Gigabit Ethernet Multilayer Switch



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OVERVIEW



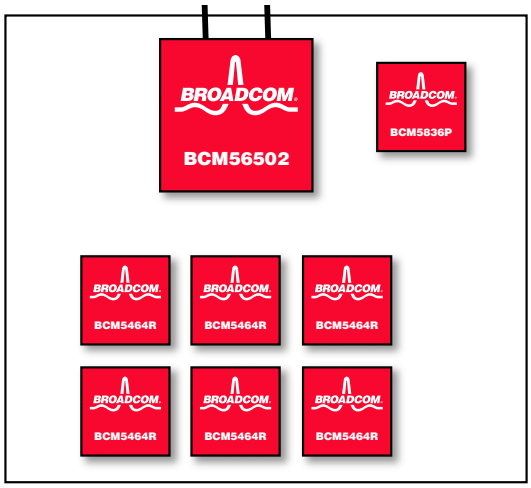
24 10/100/1000 + Two 10-GbE Stand-Alone

The BCM56502 is the fifth generation of the highly-integrated and cost-effective StrataSwitch and StrataXGS product line and is a single-chip solution with 24 GbE ports and two 10 GbE/HiGig+ uplink ports.

The BCM56502 incorporates 24 GbE ports that can operate at 10⁄100⁄1000 Mbps. The uplink ports can operate in two modes: 10 GbE switching mode and HiGig+ uplink mode. The integrated 10 GbE switching ports are CX-4 compliant XAUI interfaces. The HiGig+ uplink interface is used to connect to other StrataXGS devices in a larger stacking system or to the BCM5675/BCM5676 Switch Fabric via a backplane in a multislot redundant chassis system.

With high-integration and high-port density, the BCM56502 family is ideal for Enterprise applications in stand-alone, stackable, and chassis configurations. The BCM56502 configurations are applicable in the edge, aggregation, and core areas of the Enterprise. The BCM56502 is also ideal for embedded switch applications like Blade Server Switch, ATCA chassis, IPDSLAM, 3G Wireless Base Station, and others.

The BCM56502 integrates sophisticated, advanced L3 switching features for cost-effective highly manageable Enterprise networks. The BCM56502 performs IPv6 routing and transition services in hardware, allowing IT managers to deploy L3 switches that are future-proof, highly manageable L3 networks and enable cost-effective transition from IPv4 to IPv6.



24 10/100/1000 + Two HiGig+ Stackable

The ContentAware classification feature of the StrataSwitch and StrataXGS has been further enhanced in the BCM56502 with unmatched flexibility and programmability. The ContentAware engine can be used for applications such as policy-based routing, access control lists, dynamic adaptation to changes in virus threats, and so on.

The BCM56502 has built-in security functions for highly secure Enterprise networks including BroadSAFE™. Utilizing hardware-based identity management and authentication coupled with key management software that directs and manages clients, BroadSAFE Security provides exceptionally strong network security without impacting network performance.

The BCM56502 integrates sophisticated metering, statistics, and traffic management features, optimizing the QoS in the Enterprise networks for voice, video, and data convergence. The BCM56502 also provides rate-adjustable, hardware-based sFlow® implementation and flexible multiple-session remote port-mirroring functionality for efficient network management.

The BCM56502 switch supports a Broadcom Serial Controller (BSC) for communicating with external devices such as serial EEPROM, flash PROM memories, and parallel port devices. The BCM56502 also supports a serial interface for the MII management of physical layer devices.

The BCM56502 switch interfaces to a host CPU via a 32-bit PCI bus running at up to 66 MHz. Bus mastering and advanced DMA is supported for efficient exchange of packet data between CPU memory and the BCM56502 switch.

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