

# HEAD-TO-HEAD: WHICH SWITCH IS BEST FOR MODERN BUSINESSES?

An independent testing lab identifies switches that excel in performance and TCO.

### THE KEYS TO SUCCESS IN TODAY'S FAST-CHANGING MARKETPLACE

Meet customer demands for new products and services



EXAMPLE: The Internet of Things



Deliver high levels of

customer experience

EXAMPLE: Web-based videoconferencing lets businesses engage more closely with clients

### NEW DEMANDS ON ENTERPRISE NETWORKS

More than ever, enterprise networks require:



Economical acquisition and operating costs



#### The good news:

Enterprises do not have to overpay for superior networking performance.

### TIME TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT SWITCHES

They are the critical networking component for supporting business needs.



#### KEY SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SWITCHES









Throughput

Port density

Latency

Power efficiency

### USE TESTS FROM INDEPENDENT LABS TO INFORM BUYING DECISIONS

A new, independent study by Tolly compares Dell EMC Networking C9010 network director with Cisco Catalyst 6807-XL.\*

## FABRIC FORWARDING CAPACITY



for Dell EMC Networking C9010

1.6 Tbps

for Cisco Catalyst 6807-XL



### PORT DENSITY

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### 50% greater with

Dell EMC Networking C9010



Cisco Catalyst 6807-XL



LATENCY



0.8 to 0.9 microseconds for Dell EMC Networking C9010



9.6 to 14.4 microseconds for Cisco Catalyst 6807-XL



### POWER EFFICIENCY



1.33 Watts/Gbps for Dell EMC Networking C9010



11.9 Watts/Gbps for Cisco Catalyst 6807-XL



### OVERALL: Dell EMC outperformed Cisco



better cost per Gbps throughput



better cost per port



better Watts/Gbps

### THE BOTTOM LINE



Dell EMC customers save on capex and opex costs because throughput and density advantage may mean they need fewer cards or chassis.



Lower latency means users of videoconferencing and other service-sensitive applications do not experience communications breakdowns.



Higher power efficiency translates into lower opex costs.



\*Dell Networking commissioned Tolly to benchmark the Dell Networking C9010 Network Director core switch and compare it to the Cisco Systems Catalyst 6807-XL for L2 performance and power consumption. Tests were run to evaluate single-slot throughput, slot-to-slot throughput, and overall chassis throughput. The results of the testing are illustrated above. For the full report, please visit tolly.com/DocDetail.aspx?DocNumber=216141. Registration is required to view.