

Using PRIZM to Replace FICON® Bridge Cards in 9032-5 ESCON® Directors



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Are you using FICON Bridge Cards to access legacy ESCON devices?

Did you know ...

- IBM withdrew marketing support for the 9032 Bridge and Director as of 12/31/04
- 9032 Bridge operates at a maximum of 1Gbps
- 9032 Bridge works only with FICON Express channels in FCV mode
- 9032 Bridge does not support FICON switching
- FICON Express channel cards can no longer be purchased from IBM
- FICON Express cards can waste up to 85% of the performance potential of a z9's I/O slot



- **PRIZM** can replace 9032 Bridge and improve performance and connectivity
- **PRIZM** operates at 2Gbps in native FICON mode
- **PRIZM** supports connectivity to FICON Express, Express 2, and Express 4 channel cards
- **PRIZM** supports FICON switching, cascading, and channel extension
- **PRIZM** will help to fully utilize a z9 I/O slot
- **PRIZM** has achieved IBM SAK certification, IBM System Storage Proven, and McDATA OpenReady certification



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