

# EMERALD<sup>TM</sup>

## HIGH-PERFORMANCE KVM

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## EMERALD UNIFIED KVM PLATFORM – KEY FEATURES

The award-winning Emerald™ Unified KVM platform, developed and manufactured by Black Box, ushers in a new day in KVM technology – eliminating sacrificed performance, compromised solutions and fractured networks. The future-proof system provides a high degree of flexibility and network security enabling state-of-the-art KVM extension and switching at industry-leading standards:

- Emerald can be operated as a point-to-point extension or a KVM switching system
- Extend and switch HD (DVI) and pixel-perfect 4K (DisplayPort 1.2) video signals, high-speed USB 2.0 and bidirectional analog audio. Combine 4K and HD in one system
- Provide high-speed KVM access to virtual machines using RDP/RemoteFX or PCoIP – supports VMware®, Microsoft® and Citrix®
- Flexible SFP ports allow for signal transmission over both CATx (100 m) and fiber (up to 10 km)
- Centrally manage your complete enterprise KVM network from the award-winning, user-friendly and web-based KVM management platform Boxilla™
- Use ControlBridge™ or third-party control systems to switch between sources or select presets from a touch screen. This allows simple and flexible operations even within complex control room settings
- Choose between multiple rack mounting options and take advantage of a central power supply
- Use USB-powered ZeroU transmitter units to save valuable rackspace

Emerald is ideal for applications in various industries including critical, 24/7 command and control rooms and process monitoring environments:



BROADCASTING



MEDICAL



AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT



PUBLIC SAFETY



DEFENSE



INDUSTRIAL





EMD2000SE-T (TOP)  
EMD2000SE-R (BOTTOM)



EMD4000T (TOP)  
EMD4000R (BOTTOM)

## EMERALD COMPONENTS

The Emerald™ Unified KVM product family consists of multiple components, including various transmitters (connected to a computer) and receivers (connected to a user station), IP switches, SFP modules as well as a mounting kit for extender units.

## EMERALD TRANSMITTERS & RECEIVERS

With multiple types of extender units, Emerald provides the flexibility you need when connecting user stations with remote computers and servers. Start off with Emerald SE (Standard Edition) receivers and SE or Emerald ZeroU transmitters and add 4K units gradually when you need them. Or, use 4K extenders that also support lower (HD) resolutions and migrate to 4K resolutions at your own pace.

When paired, all Emerald transmitters and receivers can be used as point-to-point extenders, providing KVM signal extension up to 10 km (single-mode fiber). See the diagram on page 5 for more information. By connecting multiple extender units to an IP or matrix switch, you can scale your system to enable cross-point matrix switching between multiple users, computers and virtual machines. This method allows you to connect up to 32 endpoints

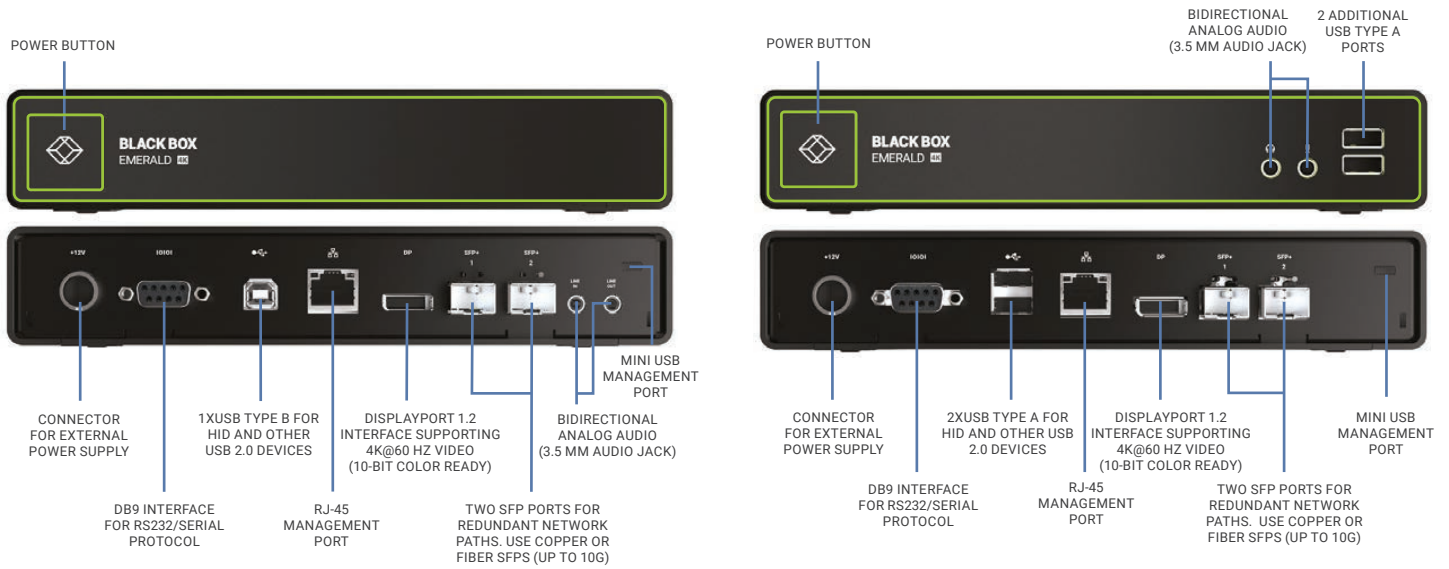
without an additional management appliance. For deployments larger than 32 endpoints, our Boxilla™ KVM management platform will help you manage, monitor and maintain your entire KVM system.

## FEATURES OF EMERALD EXTENDER UNITS

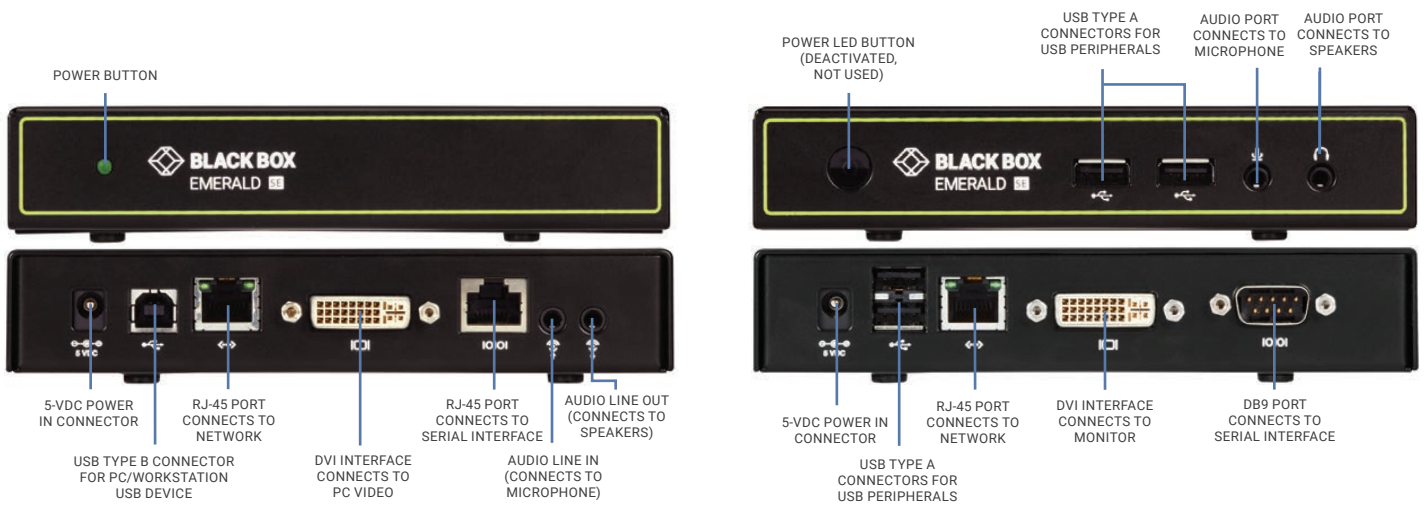
- Access remote, high-speed servers and computers stored safely in your central equipment room
- Switch and extend visually lossless HD or pixel-perfect 4K video (lossless compression, 10-bit color ready); dual-head SE units available
- Extend and share up to four USB devices (HID and/or highspeed, transparent USB 2.0) such as keyboards, mice, Wacom® tablets, touch interfaces or flash drives as well as bidirectional analog audio
- Transmit signals over IP and securely access critical devices over WAN/internet
- Connect via dual network ports for fail-safe operation (Emerald 4K extenders)
- Access virtual machines in real time using RDP 8.1/ RemoteFX or PCoIP, eliminating the need for constant logins
- Supports access to VNC servers



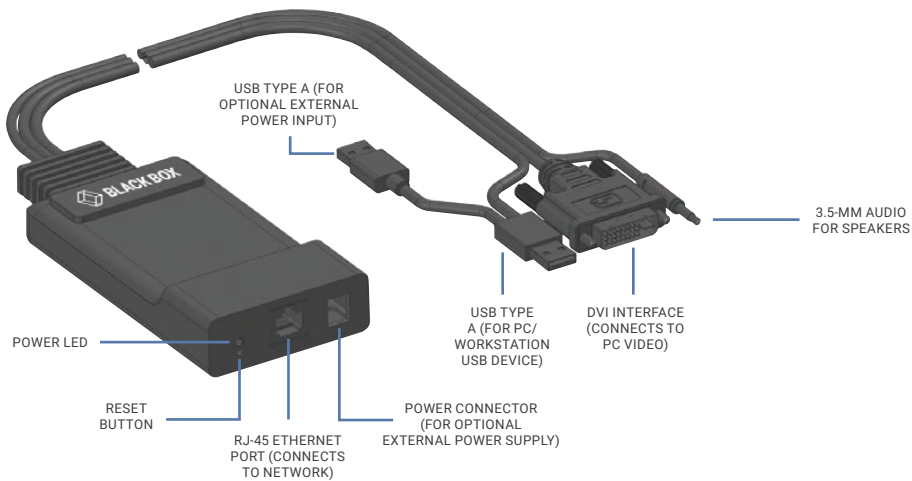
**EMERALD™ 4K TRANSMITTER (EMD4000T) | EMERALD 4K RECEIVER (EMD4000R)**



**EMERALD SE TRANSMITTER (EMD2000SE-T) | EMERALD SE RECEIVER (EMD2000SE-R)**



**EMERALD ZEROU DVI TRANSMITTER (EMD200DV-T)**



ITEM	PART NUMBER
<b>EMERALD 4K EXTENDER</b>	
TRANSMITTER	EMD4000T
RECEIVER	EMD4000R
<b>EMERALD SE EXTENDER</b>	
TRANSMITTER (SINGLE HEAD/DUAL HEAD)	EMD2000SE-T / EMD2002SE-T
RECEIVER (SINGLE HEAD/DUAL HEAD)	EMD2000SE-R / EMD2002SE-R
TRANSMITTER ZEROU	EMD200DV-T

PRODUCT CODE	VIDEO HEADS	RESOLUTION	USB PORTS	NETWORK CONNECTORS, SFP CAGES	SERIAL/ANALOG AUDIO	POWER CONNECTORS
<b>TRANSMITTERS</b>						
EMD4000T	(1) DisplayPort	4096 X 2160	(1) USB 2.0 Type B	(1) RJ-45, (2) SFP+	(1) DB9, (2) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 12-VDC, 3-A
EMD200DV-T	(1) DVI	1920 x 1200	(2) USB 2.0 Type A	(1) RJ-45	(1) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 5-VDC
EMD2000SE-T	(1) DVI	1920 x 1200	(1) USB 2.0 Type B	(1) RJ-45	(1) RJ-45, (2) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 5-VDC, 0.65-A
EMD2002SE-T	(2) DVI	1920 x 1200	(1) USB 2.0 Type B	(1) RJ-45	(2) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 5-VDC, 3-A
<b>RECEIVERS</b>						
EMD4000R	(1) DisplayPort	4096 x 2160	(4) USB 2.0 Type A	(1) RJ-45, (2) SFP+	(1) DB9, (2) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 12-VDC, 3-A
EMD2000SE-R	(1) DVI	1920 x 1200	(4) USB 2.0 Type A	(1) RJ-45	(1) DB9, (2) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 5-VDC, 3-A
EMD2002SE-R	(2) DVI	1920 x 1200	(4) USB 2.0 Type A	(1) RJ-45	(2) 3.5 mm Audio Jack	(1) 5-VDC, 3-A

### SUPPORTED EXTENSION DISTANCE

The supported extension distance of Emerald™ depends on the ports and cables being used. Using copper connections with the Emerald SE RJ-45 port or the Emerald 4K SFP port will allow you to transmit video and peripheral signals up to 100 m.

Using fiber connections with the Emerald 4K SFP/SFP+ ports allows you to extend signals up to 10 km (multimode: 300 m; single-mode: up to 10 km).

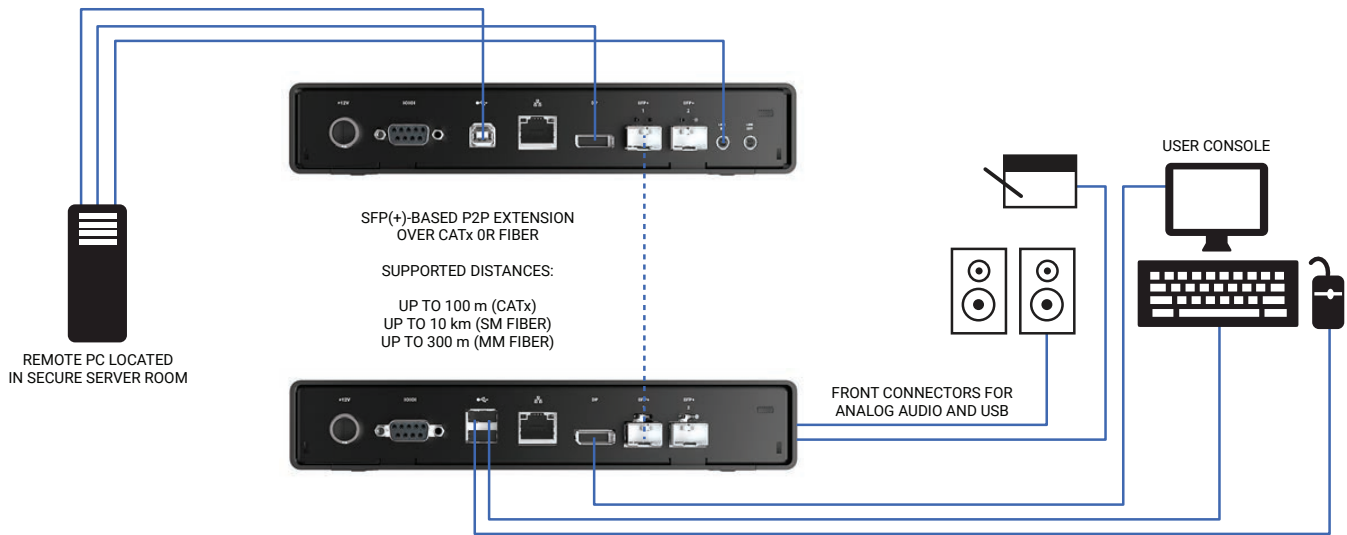


FIGURE 1: EMERALD P2P EXTENSION SETUP





## VIDEO QUALITY

Emerald™ lets you extend and switch high-res, full-motion video signals at up to 60 fps with virtually no transmission latency. Emerald's compression algorithm, developed by Black Box, allows you to adjust the compression rate from full compression – saving bandwidth and allowing the transmission of signals over WAN in real time – up to pixel-perfect video in five easy steps. It supports visually lossless 1920 x 1200 and pixel-perfect 4096 x 2160 resolutions (4:4:4, 10-bit color ready).

The EDID pass-through feature ensures video signals are displayed correctly at all times, supporting a wide range of resolutions to accommodate for different types of screens and operating panels. To support multi-monitor workplaces, Emerald SE extenders are available as dual-head unit options.



## NETWORK SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

For fail-safe operation and maximum uptime, Emerald™ provides network resiliency at every level – all the way up to complete switch-over from one control room to a backup control room location. Emerald’s security and resiliency features enable you to:

- Instantly switch over in case one network connection fails via two network ports on the Emerald 4K units

- Use the central power supply to keep your devices’ power status monitored and provide a redundant power supply. See details on page 8
- Never miss a critical event or run out of bandwidth with Boxilla’s extended KVM status dashboard and automated alerts. See details on page 12

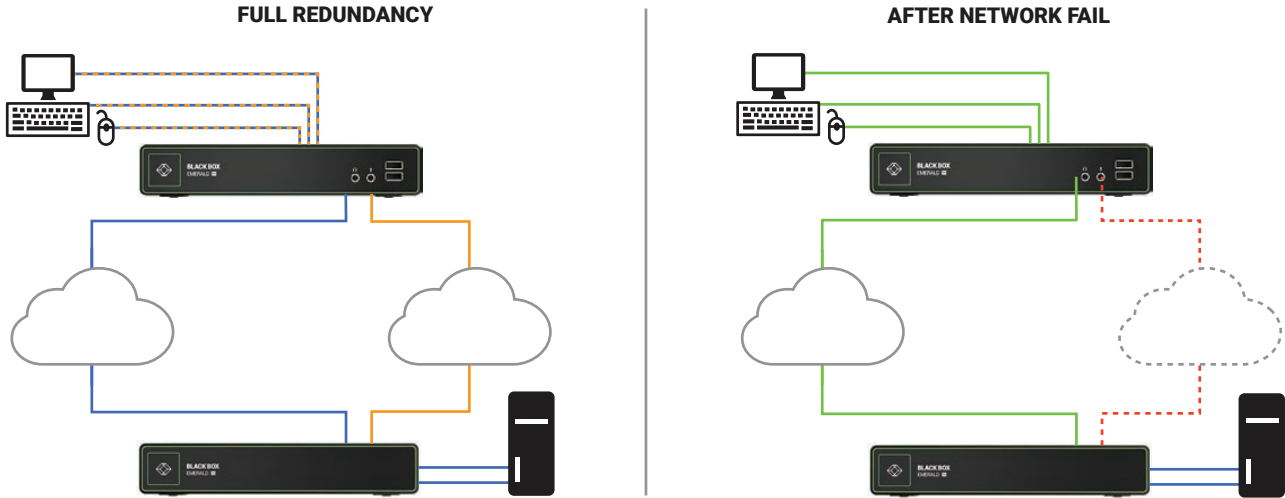
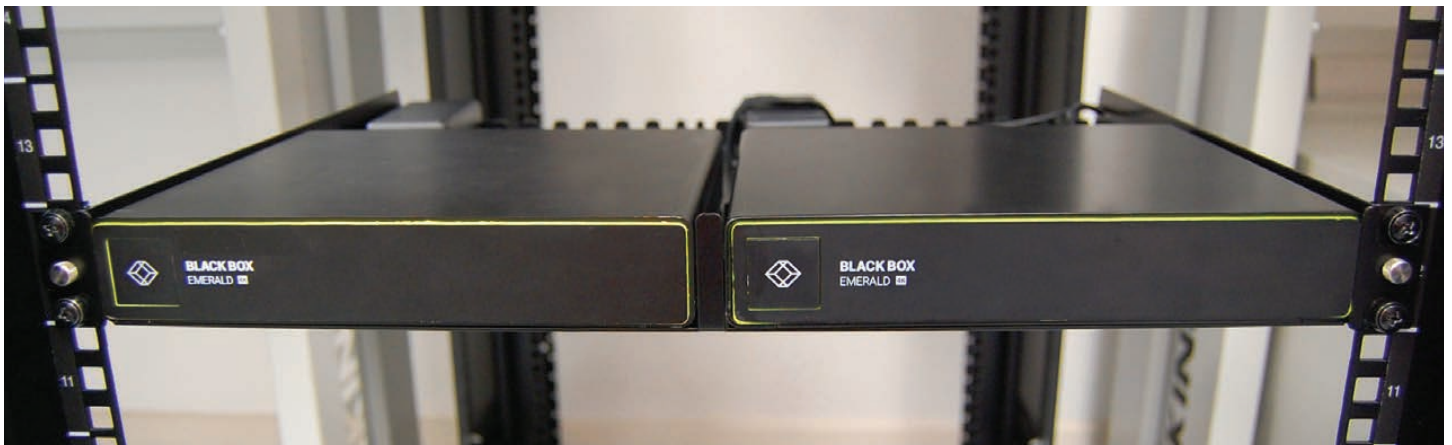


FIGURE 2: REDUNDANT NETWORK PATHS FOR FAIL-SAFE OPERATION

## EMERALD MOUNTING KITS

Emerald units can be mounted on and below tables, behind screens or in racks, using the 19” rack mount kit. The 1U mounting kits are ideal for space-saving installations because they provide space for up to two extender units. Emerald was designed with optimal airflow in mind so the units will not overheat when placed alongside other components in the rack mounting shelf.

ITEM	PART NUMBER
Emerald 4K Rack Mount Kit, 2 Units	EMD4000-RMK1
Emerald SE KVM Single Rackmount Kit	DTX1000-RMK1
Emerald SE KVM Double Rackmount Kit	DTX1000-RMK2



## CENTRAL POWER SUPPLY

For improved power management and fail-safe operation, use the optional central power hub for eight or 16 units.

- Central power feed to 5V or 12V DC devices with up to 20 watts per port
- Web UI for configuration and monitoring of system power status
- Highest resilience when equipped with second, hot-swappable 600k hours power supply
- Clean, professional installation with lockable 3-pin DC connectors in only 1U



FIGURE 3: CENTRAL POWER HUB, 16 PORTS (ACR1000-CPH16R)



FIGURE 4: 12 VDC TO 5 VDC CONVERTER CABLE (ACR1000-12V5-CBL3M)

ITEM	PART NUMBER
Central Power Hub, 16 Port	ACR1000-CPH16R
Central Power Hub, 8 Port	ACR1000-CPH8R
Central Power Hub Redundant Power Supply	ACR1000-CPH-PS
Central Power Hub Power Converter Cable - 12 VDC to 5 VDC, 3-m	ACR1000-12V5-CBL3M

## EMERALD SWITCHES

Emerald™ was designed with the needs of IT planners and integrators in mind. Choose from a variety of Black Box-tested IP switches, third-party IP switches or direct-connect Emerald Matrix Switches that support proprietary (non-IP-based) KVM networks.



FIGURE 5: 10G 28 PORT IP SWITCH (EMS10G28)

ITEM	PART NUMBER
<b>IP SWITCHES</b>	
1G 48 Port	EMS1G48
10G 12 Port	EMS10G12
10G 28 Port	EMS10G28
100G 32 Port	EMS100G32

ITEM	IP NETWORK SWITCHES			
	EMS1G48	EMS10G12	EMS10G28	EMS100G32
Speed	1G	10G	10G	100G
Ports	(48) 10/100/1000BT RJ-45 1.25 Gbps	(12) 10GbE SFP+	(28) 10GbE SFP+	(32) 100 GbE SFP+ or (128) 10GbE SFP+
Cascade Ports	(4) 10G SFP+ 12.5 Gbps	(2) 100G SFP+ ports	(2) 100G SFP+ ports	–
Latency	–	–	–	–
Network	–	–	–	–
Ports	Ethernet	Ethernet	Ethernet	Ethernet
Capacity	260 Gbps FD	960 Gbps	960 Gbps	6.4 Tbps
Dimensions	4.4 (1 RU) x 43.4 x 32 cm (HxWxD)	4.4 (1 RU) x 45 x 20.9 cm (HxWxD)	4.4 (1 RU) x 43.1 x 45.7 cm (HxWxD)	4.4 (1 RU) x 43.4 x 46 cm (HxWxD)
Max Power Consumption	87 W	180 W	290 W	605 W
Power Input	90–264 VAC, 50/60 Hz	100–240 VAC, 50/60 Hz		





## SFP MODULES

Emerald™ 4K extenders provide a high level of flexibility by offering SFP (1 Gbps) and SFP+ (10 Gbps) ports, depending on the type of extender used and system application. Use 1-Gbps SFPs for HD signal transmissions, and 10-Gbps SFP+ modules to transmit 4K60 signals and to aggregate multiple connections through a 100-Gbps IP or direct-connect switch. Emerald supports connectivity through copper, fiber multimode or fiber single-mode cables, using a variety of Black Box and third-party SFP modules.



COMPATIBLE SFPs		
PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE
<b>1-GBPS CONNECTIONS</b>		
LFP417	SFP 1250-Mbps, 1000BASE-T, RJ-45	100 m
LFP411	SFP 1250-Mbps, 850-nm Multimode Fiber, LC	550 m
LFP420	SFP 1250-Mbps, 1550-nm TX, 1310-nm RX, Single-Mode Fiber, LC	10 km
LFP441	SFP, Gigabit Ethernet, 850-nm Multimode Fiber, LC	550 m
LFP442	SFP, Gigabit Ethernet, 1310-nm Single-mode Fiber, LC	20 km
LFP443	SFP, 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ-45 SGMII	100 m
<b>10-GBPS CONNECTIONS</b>		
LSP421	SFP+ - 10-Gb, Extended Diagnostics, 850-nm Multimode Fiber, LC	300 m
LSP422	SFP+ - 10-Gb, Extended Diagnostics, 1310-nm Single-mode Fiber, LC	10 km
LSP441	SFP+ - 10-Gb, Extended Diagnostics, 850-nm Multimode Fiber, LC	300 m
LSP442	SFP+ - 10-Gb, Extended Diagnostics, 1310-nm Single-mode Fiber, LC	10 km
LSP443	SFP+, 10GBASE-T, RJ-45	100 m
<b>100-GBPS CONNECTIONS</b>		
QSFP441	QSFP28 100GBASE-SR4, 850-nm Multimode, MPO	100 m
QSFP442	QSFP28 100GBASE-LR4, 1310-nm Single-mode, LC	10 km

NOTE: Black Box switches will also support generic SFP+ modules.

## EMERALD MATRIX SWITCHING

Combine Emerald Extenders, Switches and SFP Modules into a high-performance KVM switching matrix to instantly connect multiple computers, virtual machines and users. With Emerald, you are no longer limited to the boundaries of network cables,

because it allows you to connect sources across a WAN or the internet. The solutions' advanced network security and resilience features provide 24/7/365 availability for your critical infrastructure.

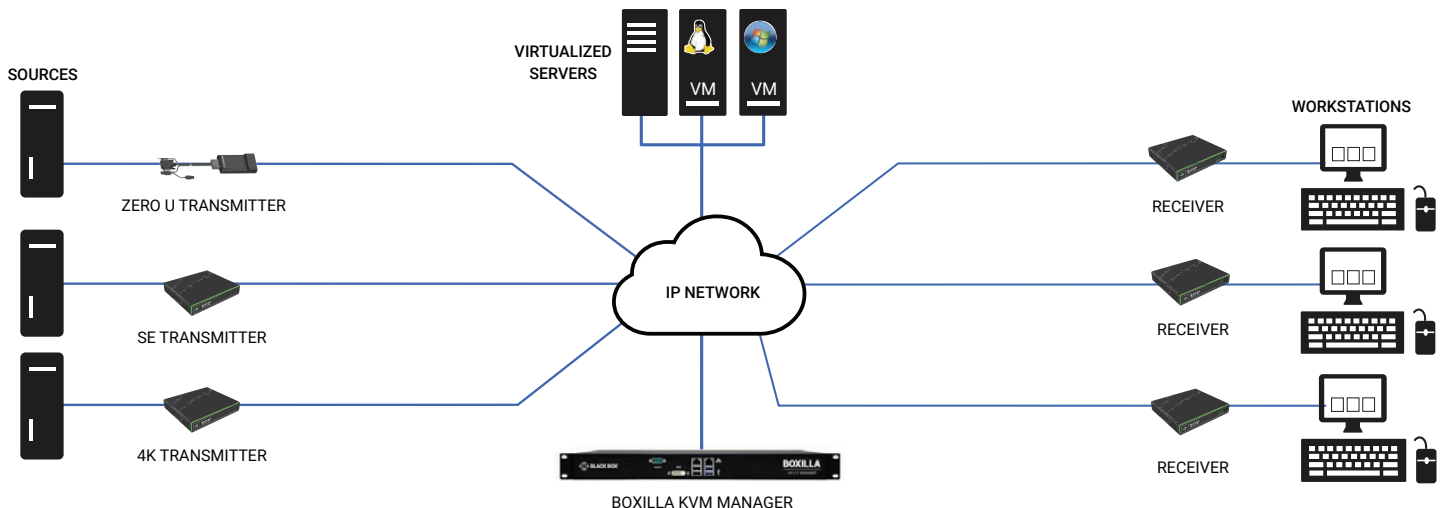


FIGURE 7: EMERALD IP MATRIX SWITCHING SETUP

## Emerald Matrix Switching Features

- Start small and grow your matrix over time by adding additional receivers and transmitters
- Manage up to 32 endpoints with no additional management appliance required; to go beyond, use the Boxilla KVM manager
- Add virtual and physical servers to your KVM matrix and remotely access them via hotkeys, touch-screen interface, USB push buttons or the on-screen menu
- Create matrices supporting HD and 4K resolutions, transparent USB 2.0 devices and bidirectional analog audio
- Cascade multiple IP switches to provide for additional network ports
- Use Emerald's WAN connectivity feature to add remote devices to your matrix as far as the internet reaches
- Create a secure and redundant KVM network through redundant network ports, redundant power supply and the Boxilla network monitoring dashboard
- Create and connect a backup control room configuration to replicate the main control room setup anywhere you have a network connection

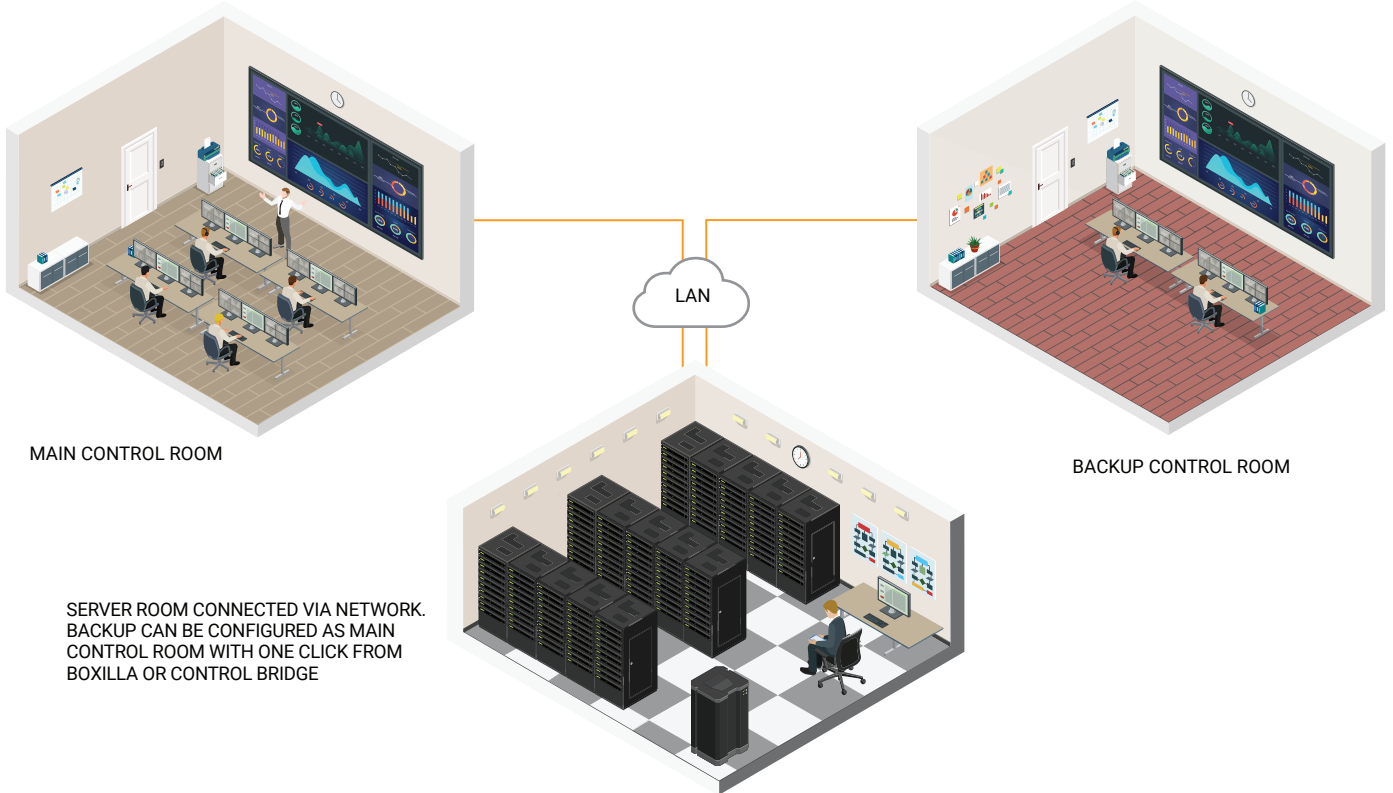
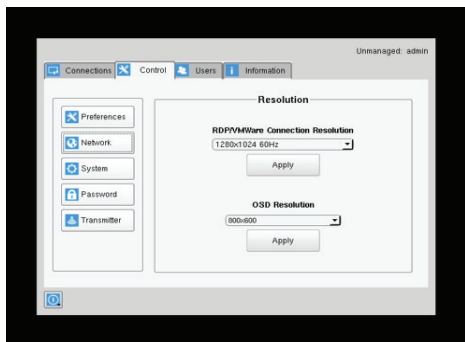


FIGURE 8: BACKUP CONTROL ROOM CONNECTED OVER IP

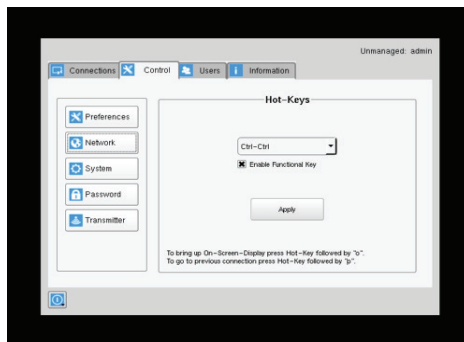
## Emerald UI Menu

The Emerald™ UI Menu comes with many helpful options to configure your extension and switching setup. Manage your small matrix setup by adding/removing users, adding new endpoints to the system,

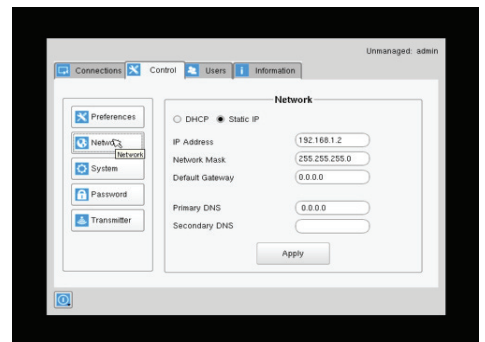
defining screen resolutions, defining hotkeys for switching and much more. For detailed information, download the Emerald manual.



DEFINE SCREEN RESOLUTIONS



DEFINE SYSTEM HOTKEYS



NETWORK SETTINGS



### NETWORK AND BANDWIDTH REQUIREMENTS

Use any managed IP switch supporting Multicast over IGMP and full-wire speed, or rely on specified Emerald™ IP switches. Or use an existing IP network that can provide enough bandwidth to transmit the required data. The required bandwidth depends on the video quality, required resolutions and bandwidth consumed by USB devices. Emerald lets you change the video compression in five easy steps: adjust from highly compressed (ca. 35 Mbps,

1080p@60fps) to pixel perfect (450 Mbps, 1080p@60fps). For pixel-perfect 4K@60Hz 4:4:4 video transmission, a 10-Gbps connection is required.

- 1920 x 1200@60 Hz, full-compression mode: ca. 35 Mbps
- 1920 x 1200@60 Hz, pixel-perfect mode: ca. 450 Mbps
- 4096 x 2160@60Hz; pixel-perfect mode: ca. 10 Gbps

### VIRTUAL MACHINE CONNECTIVITY

Black Box has been pioneering real-time virtual machine KVM connectivity that provides high-performance access to virtualized infrastructure. With Emerald, VM connectivity is brought to a whole new level. Access VMware®, Microsoft® and Citrix® VMs over RDP 8.1/Remote FX or PCoIP. Unlike other methods of accessing VMs, Emerald supports a real-time, high-quality user experience across any

given distance. Users may work with virtual machines just like they are used to from their local PCs. By adding the VMs to a matrix setup, multiple users can switch seamlessly between various physical and virtual desktops without being able to tell the difference. Add VMs to an Emerald matrix setup by connecting them to the IP or matrix switch, eliminating the need for additional transmitter units.

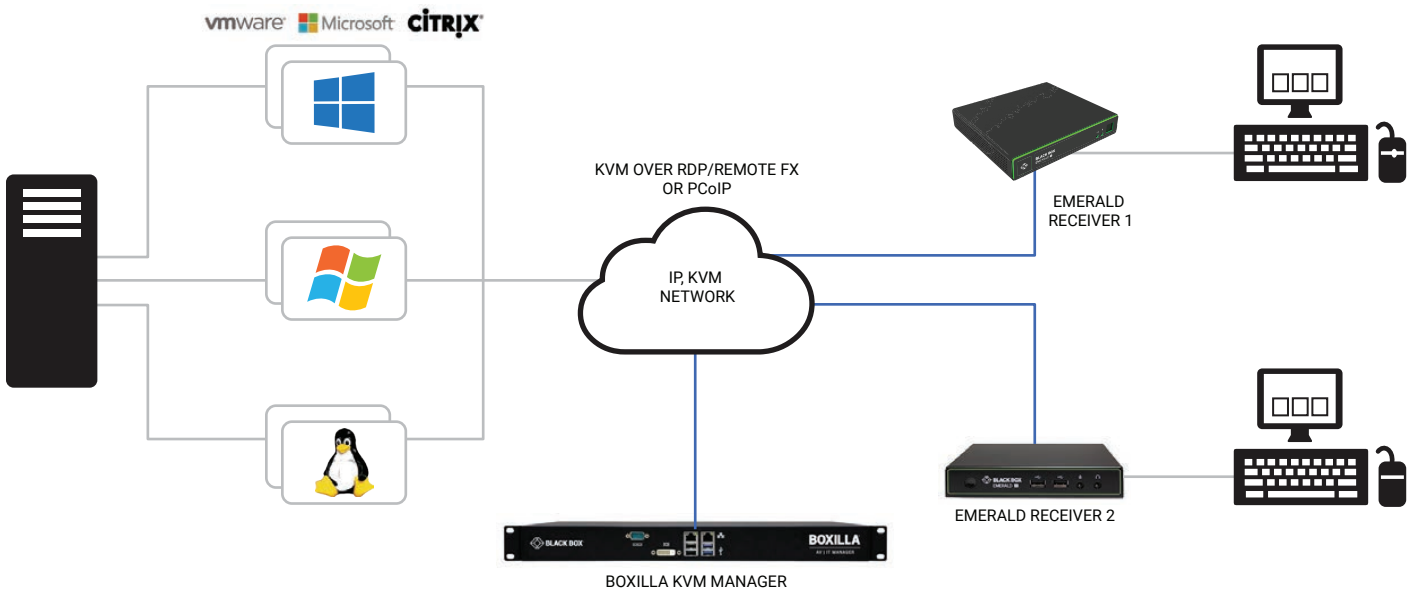


FIGURE 9: REMOTE KVM CONNECTIVITY FOR VIRTUAL MACHINES



### BOXILLA KVM MANAGER

Boxilla™ is a centralized KVM management appliance that allows for centralized, remote management and monitoring of your complete enterprise KVM network. When connected to an Emerald KVM Matrix, Boxilla provides a user-friendly web-based GUI that allows users to auto-detect and connect new endpoints, update firmware, adjust bandwidth consumption, set up automated security alerts and much more. Boxilla comes with multiple license types to accommodate for different KVM network sizes. On top of managing and monitoring your network, Boxilla also enables connections between multiple Black Box KVM systems, such as DKM. This functionality lets you upgrade existing systems without having to replace all components.

### Boxilla Features:

- Manage deployments and user access rights, monitor KVM status, upgrade firmware, extensive troubleshooting and provide network security, all from one central platform
- Auto device discovery and configuration and advanced user authentication
- The command center dashboard provides an instant snapshot and management of your entire KVM network
- Also compatible with Black Box's DKM KVM Matrix Switch to provide a real UNIFIED KVM experience

To learn more, visit [BLACKBOX.COM/BOXILLA](http://BLACKBOX.COM/BOXILLA).

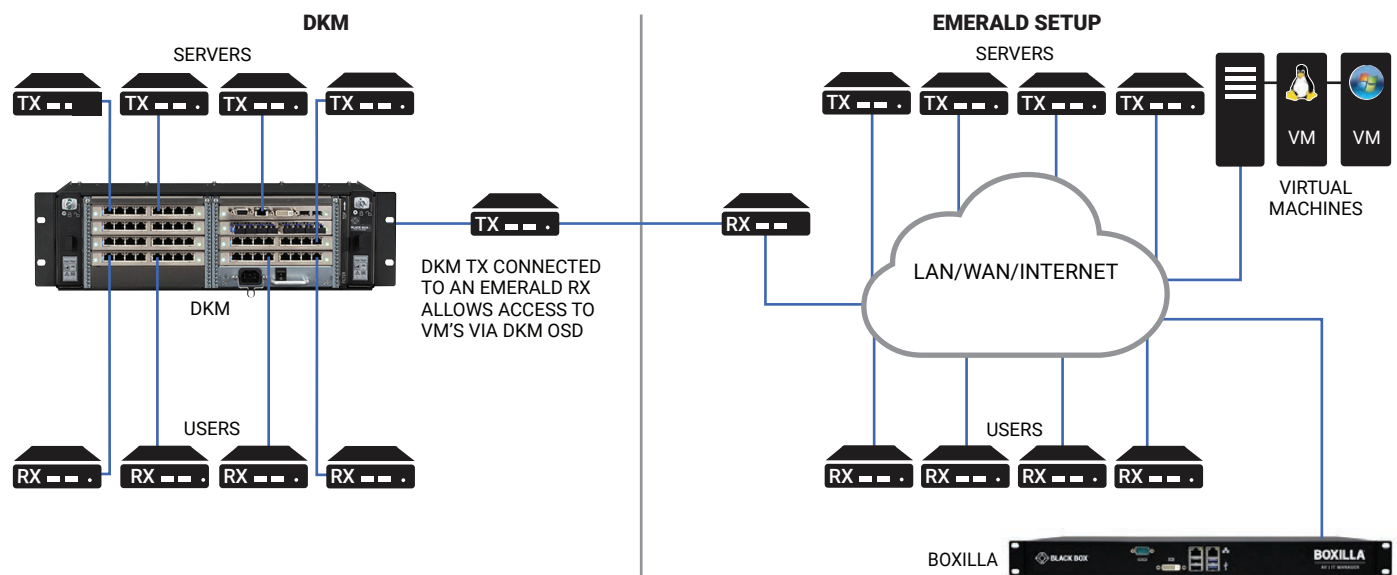


FIGURE 10: CONNECT AN EXISTING DKM SYSTEM WITH EMERALD

## ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

### CONTROLBRIDGE CONTROL PROCESSOR AND TOUCH SCREEN

ControlBridge™ is a versatile control processor and touch-screen-based appliance for room automation and intuitive operations control. It allows you to control all aspects of your control room, including KVM switching, lighting, window shutters, automated furniture position and your video wall.

- Multiple control processors and touchscreen devices (7" and 12") available
- Provides bidirectional control of any IP enabled and other I/O devices

- Active matrix touch-screen display offers resolutions of 1280 x 800, 32-bit (true color) images and full-motion streaming video preview
- Includes built-in microphone, speakers and light and motion sensors
- Set up through a standard web browser
- Black Box will help you to design a custom interface for your specific requirements

To learn more, visit [BLACKBOX.COM/CONTROLBRIDGE](http://BLACKBOX.COM/CONTROLBRIDGE).

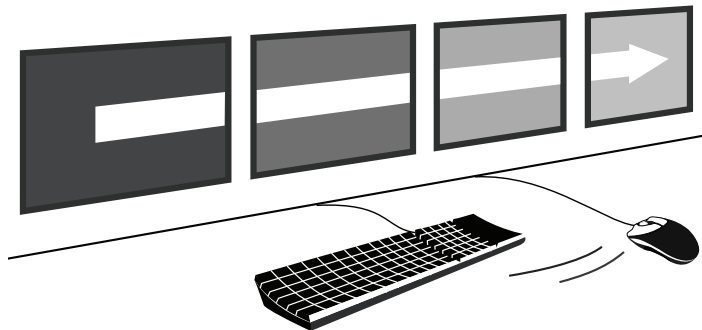




## KM SWITCHES FOR GLIDE & SWITCH CONTROL

Glide & switch allows operators to switch between up to eight computers by moving a mouse from one screen to another, without pressing hotkeys or additional buttons. Black Box KM switches, like the Freedom KM switches, support this feature by connecting a single keyboard and mouse plus additional USB devices to multiple computers.

To learn more, visit [BLACKBOX.COM/FREEDOM](http://BLACKBOX.COM/FREEDOM).



ITEM	PART NUMBER
Freedom II KVM Switch, 4 Ports	KV0004A-R2
Freedom II KVM Switch, 8 Ports	KV0008A-R2



## VIDEO CABLES AND ADAPTERS

Use Black Box quality cables and adapters to connect your Emerald™ KVM system with computers and user consoles. Choose from an extensive product portfolio that includes the following items:



COMPATIBLE CABLES AND ADAPTERS	PRODUCT CODE
<b>VIDEO CABLES</b>	
DisplayPort 1.2 (4K60)	VCB-DP2 Series (various lengths)
DVI SL/DL Cable	EVNDVI02 Series (various lengths)
<b>VIDEO ADAPTERS</b>	
VGA to DVI-D Video Converter, USB Powered (1920 x 1200)	KVGA-DVID
Mini DisplayPort-to-DisplayPort Adapter	VA-MDP12-DP12
DisplayPort to DVI (1920 x 1200)	VA-DP-DVID-A
DisplayPort to HDMI (1920 x 1080)	VA-DP12-HDMI4K-A

## EMERALD KVM - DESIGNED AND BUILT BY BLACK BOX

For many years, Black Box has been pioneering the market for KVM technology solutions globally and has gained a reputation as a trusted solutions provider and consultant.

Emerald has been independently designed and developed by our expert team of engineers located in Limerick, Ireland and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with multiple KVM technology patents. As of today, the team combines an impressive number of years of experience in designing

new KVM technology. By constantly expanding our R&D department, our team is well-suited for developing new solutions, upgrades and features that provide you with the best KVM user experience on the market.

Through our international and local sales and tech support teams, Black Box can provide you with on-site assessment, project planning and tech support. To learn more, visit: [BLACKBOX.COM/COE](http://BLACKBOX.COM/COE).



## WHY BLACK BOX?

### EXPERTISE

Black Box project engineers can assist with system assessment, design, deployment and training.

### BREADTH

Black Box offers the most comprehensive suite of engineered KVM solutions in the industry.

### SUPPORT

Reflecting our commitment to complete satisfaction, our dedicated team of highly trained support technicians is available by phone free of charge, 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

### WARRANTIES

Multi-year warranties with multi-year extensions and replacement options are available.

### EXPERIENCE

Providing leading technology solutions since 1976, Black Box helps more than 175,000 customers in 150 countries build, manage, optimize and secure IT infrastructures.

### CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Black Box offers a Center of Excellence featuring professional services and support agreements that help optimize customers' systems and maximize uptime.

### SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

Our service level agreements give customers access to technical support, product training, dedicated application engineers and more.