PRODUCT BRIEF



Intel[®] Ethernet Network Adapter X710-T2L/T4L



Dual and quad-port energy-efficient adapters for NBASE-T and 10GBASE-T networks

Key Features

- Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) / IEEE 802.3az enabled
- Backward compatible with multi-speed support for 5/2.5/1G, 10GBASE-T, and 100BASE-TX
- PCI Express (PCIe v3.0 x8)
- FCC Class B for EMI
- Network Virtualization offloads including VXLAN, GENEVE, NVGRE, MPLS, and VXLAN-GPE with Network Service Headers (NSH)
- Intel[®] Ethernet Flow Director for hardware based application traffic steering
- Dynamic Device Personalization (DDP) enables increased packet processing efficiency for NFV and Cloud deployments
- Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK) optimized for efficient packet processing
- Excellent small packet performance for network appliances and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV)
- I/O virtualization innovations for maximum performance in a virtualized server

Overview

Simplify technology transitions with the Intel® Ethernet Network Adapter X710-T2L and X710-T4L. Auto-negotiation between port speeds provides maximum flexibility in dual and quad-port 10GBASE-T configurations. These low-power adapters also support Energy Efficient Ethernet to efficiently reduce power consumption during periods of low data activity.

The Intel® Ethernet Network Adapter X710-T2L and X710-T4L are part of the Intel® Ethernet 700 Series, the foundation for server connectivity; providing broad interoperability, critical performance optimizations, and increased agility for Communications, Cloud, and Enterprise IT network solutions.

- **Interoperability** Multiple speeds and media types for broad compatibility backed by extensive testing and validation.
- **Optimization** Intelligent offloads and accelerators to unlock network performance in servers with Intel[®] Xeon[®] processors.
- **Agility** Both Kernel and Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK) drivers for scalable packet processing.

Built on more than 35 years of continuous Ethernet innovations, the Intel® Ethernet 700 Series delivers networking performance across a wide range of network port speeds through intelligent offloads, sophisticated packet processing, and quality open source drivers.

All Intel[®] Ethernet 700 Series Network Adapters include these feature-rich technologies:

Flexible and Scalable I/O for Virtualized Infrastructures

Intel® Virtualization Technology (Intel® VT), delivers outstanding I/O performance in virtualized server environments.

I/O bottlenecks are reduced through intelligent offloads such as Virtual Machine Device Queues (VMDQ) and Flexible Port Partitioning, using SR-IOV with a common Virtual Function driver for networking traffic per Virtual Machine (VM), enabling near-native performance and VM scalability. Host-based features supported include:

VMDq for Emulated Path: VMDQ, enables a hypervisor to represent a single network port as multiple network ports that can be assigned to the individual VMs. Traffic handling is offloaded to the network controller, delivering the benefits of port partitioning with little to no administrative overhead by the IT staff.

SR-IOV for Direct Assignment: Adapter-based isolation and switching for various virtual station instances enables optimal CPU usage in virtualized environments.

- Up to 128 VFs, each VF can support a unique and separate data path for I/O related functions within the PCI Express hierarchy.
- Use of SR-IOV with a networking device, for example, allows the bandwidth of a single port (function) to be partitioned into smaller slices that can be allocated to specific VMs or guests, via a standard interface.

Intel® Ethernet Adaptive Virtual Function (Intel® Ethernet AVF): Customers deploying mass-scale VMs or containers for their network infrastructure now have a common Virtual Function (VF) driver. This driver eases SR-IOV hardware upgrades or changes, preserves base mode functionality in hardware and software, and supports an advanced set of features in the Intel® Ethernet 700 Series.

Enhanced Network Virtualization Overlays (NVO)

Network virtualization has changed the way networking is done in the data center, delivering accelerations across a wide range of tunneling methods.

VXLAN, GENEVE, NVGRE, MPLS, and VXLAN-GPE with NSH Offloads: These stateless offloads preserve application performance for overlay networks, and the network traffic can be distributed across CPU cores, increasing network throughput.

Flexible Port Partitioning (FPP)

FPP leverages the PCI-SIG SR-IOV specification. Virtual controllers can be used by the Linux host directly and/or assigned to virtual machines.

- Assign up to 63 Linux host processes or virtual machines per port to virtual functions.
- Control the partitioning of per port bandwidth across multiple dedicated network resources, ensuring balanced QoS by giving each assigned virtual controller equal access to the ports bandwidth.

Network administrators can also rate limit each of these services to control how much of the pipe is available to each process.

Greater Intelligence and Performance for NFV and Cloud deployments

Dynamic Device Personalization (DDP) customizable packet filtering, along with enhanced Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK), support advanced packet forwarding and highly-efficient packet processing for both Cloud and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) workloads.

- DDP enables workload-specific optimizations, using the programmable packet-processing pipeline. Additional protocols can be added to the default set to improve packet processing efficiency that results in higher throughput and reduced latency. With the 700 Series, new protocols can be added or modified on-demand, and applied at run-time using Software Defined Firmware or APIs, eliminating the need to reset or reboot the server. This not only keeps the server and VMs up, running, and computing, it also increases performance for Virtual Network Functions (VNFs) that process network traffic that is not included in the default firmware. Download DDP Profiles
- DPDK provides a programming framework for Intel[®] processors and enables faster development of high-speed data packet networking applications.

Advanced Traffic Steering

Intel[®] Ethernet Flow Director (Intel[®] Ethernet FD) is an advanced traffic steering capability. It consists of a large number of flow affinity filters that direct receive packets by their flows to queues for classification, load balancing, and matching between flows and CPU cores.

Steering traffic into specific queues can eliminate context switching required within the CPU. As a result, Intel® Ethernet FD significantly increases the number of transactions per second and reduces latency for cloud applications like memcached.

FEATURES

DESCRIPTION

GENERAL		
RJ45 connections over CAT5e, CAT6, CAT6A cabling	• Ensures compatibility with cable lengths up to 100 meters. Two or four ports for maximum flexiblity.	
Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)	 IEEE 802.3az enabled for reduced power consumption. Note: Enabled for 10/5/2.5/1GBASE-T, but not for 100BASE-TX 	
Load balancing on multiple CPUs	 Increases performance on multi-processor systems by efficiently balancing network loads across CPU core when used with Receive-Side Scaling (RSS) from Microsoft* or scalable I/O on Linux. 	
Support for most network operating systems	Enables broad deployment for different applications.	
Time Sync (IEEE 1588*, 802.1as)	 Enables networked Ethernet equipment to synchronize internal clocks according to a network master clock; endpoint can then acquire an accurate estimate of the master time by compensating for link latency. 	

I/O FEATURES FOR MULTI-CORE PROCESSOR SERVERS

Tx/Rx IP, SCTP, TCP, and UDP checksum offloading (IPv4 IPv6) capabilities	 Lower processor usage. Checksum and segmentation capability extended to new standard packet type.
Multiple Queues: 1,536 Tx and Rx queues per device	 Network packet handling without waiting for buffer overflow providing efficient packet prioritization. Actual number of queues will vary depending upon software implementation.
MSI-X support	 Minimizes the overhead of interrupts. Load-balancing of interrupt handling between multiple cores/CPUs.
Intel® Ethernet Flow Director (Intel® Ethernet FD)	 An advanced traffic steering capability increases the number of transactions per second and reduces latency for cloud applications like Memcached.

VIRTUALIZATION FEATURES

Next-Generation VMDq	 Up to 256 maximum VMDq VMs supported. Offloads the data-sorting based on MAC addresses and VLAN tags, functionality from the Hypervisor to the network silicon, improving data throughput and CPU usage.
PCI-SIG SR-IOV Implementation (128 per device)	 Provides an implementation of the PCI-SIG standard for I/O Virtualization. The physical configuration of each port is divided into multiple virtual ports. Each virtual port is assigned to an individual VM directly by bypassing the virtual switch in the Hypervisor, resulting in near-native performance. Integrated with Intel[®] VT for Directed I/O (Intel[®] VT-d) to provide data protection between VMs by assigning separate physical addresses in the memory to each VM. 64/port for dual port.
Virtual Machine Load Balancing (VLMB)	• VMLB provides traffic load balancing (Tx and Rx) across VMs bound to the team interface, as well as fault tolerance in the event of switch, port, cable, or adapter failure.
Advanced Packet Filtering	
VLAN support with VLAN tag insertion, stripping and packet filtering for up to 4096 VLAN tags	Ability to create multiple VLAN segments.
VXLAN, NVGRE, GENEVE, VXLAN-GPE+NSH, MPLS	Preserves application performance in network virtualized environments.

MANAGEABILITY FEATURES

Preboot eXecution Environment (PXE) Support	 Enables system boot up via the LAN (32-bit and 64-bit). Flash interface for PXE image.
Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI)	• Enables new technologies during the pre-OS boot process and addresses legacy BIOS limitations on hardware.
Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) and • Easy system monitoring with industry-standard consoles.	
Watchdog Timer	• Gives an indication to the manageability firmware or external devices that the controller or the software device driver is not functioning.

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Connections	RJ45 Copper
RJ45 Copper	2.5GBASE-T and 5GBASE-T: 100 m using CAT5e, CAT6, or CAT6A 10GBASE-T: 55 m using CAT6 , 100 m using CAT6A 100BASE-TX and 1000BASE-T: 100 m using CAT5e, CAT6, or CAT6A

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Operating Temperature	0 °C to 55 °C (32 °F to 131 °F)	
Air Flow	Dual Port 100m: 35 °C to 40 °C, 350LFM-400LFM recommended Quad Port 100m: 35 °C to 40 °C, 350LFM-400LFM recommended	
Storage Temperature	-40 °C to 70 °C (-40 °F to 158 °F)	
Storage Humidity	Maximum: 90% non-condensing relative humidity at 35 °C	
LED Indicators	LINK (solid) and ACTIVITY (blinking) LED color (green = 10Gbps; yellow = 5/2.5/1Gbps; Off=100 Mbps)	

INTEL REGULATORY FCC Class B for World Wide Commercial or residential usage EMC/EMI UL 62368-1 and CAN/CSA C22.2 Safety No. 62368-1-14 -Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment Part 1: Safety requirements European Group Differences and National Differences according to EN 62368-1:2014 Complies with the European Union RoHS-compliant directive 2011/65/EU and its amendments (e.g. 2015/863/EU) to reduce the use of hazardous materials.

ADAPTER FEATURES		
Data Rate Supported Per Port	10/5/2.5/1Gbps and 100Mbps	
Bus Type	PCI Express v3.0 (8 GT/s)	
Bus Width	PCI Express x8	
Interrupt Levels	INTA, MSI, MSI-X	
Hardware Certifications	FCC B, UL, CE, VCCI, BSMI, CTICK, KCC, EEE	
Controller	Intel® Ethernet Controller X710-AT2 (Dual Port) Intel® Ethernet Controller X710-TM4 (Quad Port)	
Bracket	Full-height bracket installed. Low-profile bracket included in package	

POWER CONSUMPTION

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	Dual	Port	Quad	Port
Link Speed / Traffic	Typical Power	Max Power	Typical Power	Max Power
100 Mbps	4.4 W	5.1 W	5.7 W	6.1 W
1GbE	5.2 W	6.0 W	7.1 W	7.5 W
2.5GbE	6.3 W	7.2 W	9.5 W	9.9 W
5GbE	6.7 W	7.7 W	10.5 W	11.1 W
10GbE	8.2 W	9.6 W	13.6 W	14.2 W

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS			
Dimensions	167mm x 69mm		

PRODUCT ORDER CODES		
Configuration	Product Code	
Dual port	X710T2L X710T2LBLK	
Quad port	X710T4L X710T4LBLK	

SUPPORTED OPERATING SYSTEMS

For a complete list of supported network operating systems for Intel® Ethernet 700 Series Adapters visit: intel.com/support/EthernetOS

Warranty

Standard Intel limited warranty, one year. See Intel terms and conditions of sale for more details.

Customer Support

For customer support options in North America visit: intel.com/content/www/us/en/support/contact-support.html



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