

Intel® Ethernet Network Adapter X710-T2L for OCP 3.0



Dual-port energy-efficient OCP NIC 3.0 adapter for 10GBASE-T networks

Key Features

- OCP NIC 3.0 Small Form Factor
- Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) / IEEE 802.3az enabled
- Backward compatible with multi-speed support for 1GbE, 10GBASE-T, and 100BASE-TX
- PCI Express (PCIe) 3.0 x8
- 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 for OCP 3.0. Autonegotiation between port speeds provides maximum flexibility for 10GBASE-T configurations. This low-power adapter also supports Energy Efficient Ethernet to efficiently reduce power consumption during periods of low data activity.

The X710-T2L for OCP 3.0 is 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.

The OCP NIC 3.0 specification defines a standardized design for a new generation of network adapters. Simple and straightforward form factors, clear manageability requirements, and improved serviceability help simplify deployment for current and emerging capabilities.

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, enabling near-native performance and VM scalability. These offloads include 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).

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 virtual functions (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 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 port's 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. New protocols can be added or modified on-demand and applied at runtime 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. Large numbers of flow affinity filters 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.
Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)	• IEEE 802.3az enabled for reduced power consumption. Note: Enabled for 10/1GBASE-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.
Protect, Detect and Recover	• The Intel Ethernet 700 Series implements a design philosophy of platform resiliency with 3 attributes supporting the NIST Cybersecurity Framework: Protect, Detect and Recover. These attributes verify the firmware and critical device settings with built-in corruption detection and automated device recovery to return the device to its originally programmed state.
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.
OCP NIC 3.0 adapter	Compatible with systems that support OCP NIC 3.0 Small Form Factor adapters.
I/O Features for Multi-Core Processor	Servers
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.
MSI-X support	 Minimizes the overhead of interrupts. Load-balancing of interrupt handling between multiple cores/CPUs.
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.
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.
Virtualization Features	
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)	 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. 128 per device (64 per port for Dual Port adapter, 32 per port for Quad Port adapter)
Virtual Machine Load Balancing (VMLB)	• 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	 1536 exact matched packets (unicast or multicast). 512 hash entries each for unicast and multicast. Lower processor usage. Promiscuous (unicast and multicast) transfer mode support. Optional filtering of invalid frames.
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 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 Remote Network Monitoring (RMON) Statistic Counters	• 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.
Supported Management Implementations	•RBT •MCTP •RBT+MCTP
NC-SI (DSP0222)	• Supports NC-SI 1.1 for Pass-Through and Control traffic.
MCTP (DSP0236)	• Supports MCTP 1.2.
MAC address provisioning	• Provisions one or more MAC addresses per NC-SI capable device that can be used for out of band management.
Temperature reporting (ASIC)	• Reports temperature of Intel® Ethernet Controller.

Features	Description
Manageability Features (continued)	
Estimated power consumption reporting	• Reports estimated power consumption of the adapter, excluding transceiver modules.
Firmware inventory and update	Allows firmware updates before OS boot.
Secure firmware	Prevents the execution and update of unsigned and unauthenticated firmware components.
NC-SI package addressing	 Assigns a unique ID to each Ethernet controller sharing a single NC-SI physical connection to prevent addressing conflicts.

Specifications

General

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

Thermals and Airflow			
	Heatsink to Port (0 - 65 °C) Minimum LFM	Heatsink to Port (0 - 55 °C) Minimum LFM	Port to heatsink (0 - 35 °C) Minimum LFM
Dual Port	200 LFM	100 LFM	100 LFM

Power Consumption Link Speed / Traffic Typical Power Max Power		
		Max Power
100 Mbps	4.9 W	5.3 W
1GbE	5.6 W	6.1 W
10GbE	8.8 W	9.5 W

Technical Features	
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 (green = 10Gbps; yellow = 5/2.5/1Gbps, 100Mbps) ACTIVITY (blinking green = transmitting or receiving data; off = no link)

Intel Regulatory	
FCC Class A for World Wide EMC/EMI	Commercial usage
Safety	UL 62368-1 and CAN/CSA C22.2 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
RoHS compliant	Complies with the European Union 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	10/1Gbps and 100Mbps
Bus Type/Bus Width	PCIe 3.0 x8
Interrupt Levels	INTA, MSI, MSI-X
Hardware Certifications	FCC A, cULus, CE, VCCI, BSMI, RCM, KCC, EEE
Controller	Intel® Ethernet Controller X710-AT2
Bracket	Interlock bracket. (Lowest port number is farthest from edge connector)

Physical Dimension	ons
Dimensions	115 mm x 76 mm (OCP NIC 3.0 Small Form Factor)

Dual Port	Cisco Product ID
Server Installed	UCSC-O-ID10GC
Spare adapter	UCSC-O-ID10GC=
Cisco servers suppor	rted*: C225 M6, C245 M6, C220 M7, C240 M7
For up-to-date serve	y indicated as of the date of this publication. r compatibility, please check: oudapps.cisco.com/public/

Supported Operating Systems

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

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