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Preface

About this User's Guide

This user's guide is written for system integrators, PC technicians, and knowledgeable PC users. It provides information for the installation and use of the AOC-CGP-i2 add-on card.

About this Add-on Card

MicroLP adapters, the latest innovation from Supermicro, are designed to fit in the smallest spaces of dense systems. Based on the latest Intel® i350 Ethernet controller, the AOC-CGP-i2 contains advanced features for superior virtualization and application performance. It also provides industry leading power management capabilities to reduce power consumption. This adapter is an ideal solution for customers who are looking to expand network connectivity for dense Twin and MicroCloud server systems.

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### Naming Convention

- **Character**
  - 1st: Product Family
  - 2nd: Form Factor
  - 3rd: Product Type/Speed
  - 4th: Chipset Model (Optional)
  - 5th: Chipset Manufacturer
  - 6th: Number of Ports
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Chapter 1

Overview

1-1 Overview

Congratulations on purchasing your add-on card from an acknowledged leader in the industry. Supermicro products are designed with the utmost attention to detail to provide you with the highest standards in quality and performance. For product support and updates, please refer to our website at http://www.supermicro.com/products/nfo/networking.cfm#adapter.

1-2 Key Features

The key features of this add-on card include the following:

- MicroLP form factor for Twin and MicroCloud Systems
- PCI Express 2.1 (2.5GT/s or 5GT/s)
- Two RJ-45 ports
- Intel® I/O Acceleration Technology (I/O AT) supported
- Support of VMDq, Next-Generation VMDq, and PC-SIG SR-IOV for Virtualized Environments
- Jumbo Frame Support of up to 9.5KB
- IEEE 802.3az – Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)
- Low Power Consumption (4W Typical)
- iSCSI Remote Boot support
- Flexible I/O Virtualization and Quality of Service (QoS)
- PXE Boot Support
- RoHS compliant 6/6

1-3 Specifications

General

- Intel® i350 GbE controller
- Compact size microLP form factor
• PCI-E 2.1 x4 (2.5GT/s or 5GT/s) interface

• Dual RJ-45 connectors

• Intel® PROSet Utility for Windows® Device Manager

• Intel® I/O Acceleration Technology (I/O AT)

• Power consumption: about 4W

**Ethernet Features**

• IEEE 802.3 auto-negotiation for speed, duplex, and flow control

• IEEE 802.3x and 802.3z compliant flow control support

• Automatic cross-over detection function (MDI/MDI-X)

• 1Gb/s Ethernet IEEE 802.3, 802.3u, 802.3ab PHY specifications compliant

• IEEE 1588 protocol and 802.1AS implementation

**Power Management and Efficiency**

• IEEE 802.3az – Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) which reduces power consumption of the PHY by about 50%

• DMA Coalescing reduces platform power consumption

• Active State Power Management (ASPM) support

• LAN disable function

• MAC Power Management controls

• Low Power Link Up – Link Speed Control

**Virtualization Features**

• VM to VM Packet forwarding (Packet Loopback)

• Eight TX and RX queue pairs per port to support VMWare NetQueue and Microsoft VMQ
Chapter 1: Overview

- Flexible Port Partitioning: 32 Virtual Functions
- PC-SIG SR-IOV implementation
- IEEE 802.1q VLAN support
- IEEE 802.1q advanced packet filtering

Performance Features
- TCP/UDP, IPv4, and IPv6 checksum offloads to improve CPU usage
- Low Latency Interrupts
- Tx TCP segmentation offload (IPv4, IPv6) increases throughput and lowers processor usage
- Receive Side Scaling (RSS) for Windows environment, Scalable I/O for Linux environments
- Jumbo Frames support up to 9.5K Bytes
- Intelligent interrupt generation

Remote Boot Options
- Preboot eXecution Environment (PXE) support
- iSCSI remote boot for Windows, Linux, and VMware

OS Support
- Windows® XP SP3, Vista SP2, 7 SP1 2003 SP2, 2008 SP2, 2008 R2S
- RedHat EL 5.5, 6.0; SuSe SLES 10 SP3, 11 SP1
- FreeBSD 8.0
- VMware ESX 4.0, 4.1, 5.0
- Xen
Cables Support

- RJ-45 Category-5/5e up to 100m

Operating Conditions

- Operating temperature: 0°C to 55°C (32°F to 131°F)
- Storage temperature: -40°C to 70°C (-40°F to 158°F)

Physical Dimensions

- Card PCB dimensions: 11.3cm (4.45in) x 3.9cm (1.54in) (L x H)

Compliance/Environmental

- RoHS Compliant 6/6, Pb Free RoHS complaint

Supported Platforms

- Twin and MicroCloud Systems with MicroLP Slot (see table below)

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Notes: (1) = 1U Bracket. (2) = 2U Bracket.

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Chapter 2

Hardware Components

2-1 Add-On Card Image and Layout

The AOC-CGP-i2 Image

2-2 Major Components

The following major components are installed on the AOC-CGP-i2:

1. Intel I350 LAN Controller
2. (RJ45) LAN Port 1 & LED
3. (RJ45) LAN Port 2 & LED
2-3 Connectors: LAN Ports and LAN LED Indicators

Ethernet Ports

Two Ethernet ports (LAN1/LAN2) are located on the add-on card. Plug the RJ45 type cables into LAN Port1~LAN Port2 to provide Ethernet connections. Refer to the add-on card layout on Page 2-1 for the locations of the LAN ports.

GLAN Port LEDs

Two LAN ports (LAN 1~LAN 2) are located on the add-on card. Each Ethernet LAN port has two LEDs. The blinking yellow LED on the left indicates activity. The LED on the right may be a solid green, orange or off to indicate the speed of the connection. See the table at right for more information.

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Chapter 3

Installation

3-1 Static-Sensitive Devices

Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To avoid damaging your add-on card, it is important to handle it very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from ESD.

Precautions

• Use a grounded wrist strap designed to prevent static discharge.

• Touch a grounded metal object before removing the add-on card from the antistatic bag.

• Handle the add-on card by its edges only; do not touch its components, or peripheral chips.

• Put the add-on card back into the antistatic bags when not in use.

• For grounding purposes, make sure that your system chassis provides excellent conductivity between the power supply, the case, the mounting fasteners, and the add-on card.

Unpacking

The add-on card is shipped in antistatic packaging to avoid static damage. When unpacking your component or your system, make sure that the person handling it is static protected.

⚠️ Warning: To avoid damaging your components and to ensure proper installation, be sure to always connect the power cord last, and always remove it before adding, removing or changing any hardware components.
3-2  Add-On Card Brackets

The add-on card ships with a PCB bracket that is pre-installed at the factory. For 1U systems, an I/O bracket is also pre-installed on the card. For 2U systems, the I/O bracket is bundled with the card and must be installed by the customer. See the drawings below for bracket details.

![Diagram of add-on card brackets]

3-3  Before Installation

To install the add-on card properly, be sure to follow the instructions below.

1. Power down the system.

2. Remove the power cord from the wall socket.

3. Use industry standard anti-static equipment (such as gloves or wrist strap) and follow the instructions listed on Page 3-1 to avoid damage caused by ESD.

4. Familiarize yourself with the server, motherboard, and/or chassis documentation.

5. Confirm that your operating system includes the latest updates and hotfixes.
3-4 Installing the Add-on Card

Follow the steps below to install the add-on card into your system.

1. Remove the server cover and, if necessary, set aside any screws for later use.

2. Remove the add-on card slot cover. If the case requires a screw, place the screw aside for later use.

3. Position the add-on card in the slot directly over the connector, and gently push down on both sides of the card until it slides into the PCI connector.

4. Secure the add-on card to the chassis. If required, use the screw that you previously removed.

5. Attach any necessary external cables to the add-on card.

6. Replace the chassis cover.

7. Plug the power cord into the wall socket, and power up the system.

3-5 Installing the Windows Operating System

Follow the steps below to install the drivers needed for your Windows OS support. The controller comes with a driver on the CD-ROM CDR-NIC.

1. Run the CDR-NIC. (If you do not have a product CD-ROM, download drivers from the Supermicro Support Website and then transfer them to your system.)

2. When the SUPERMICRO window appears, click on the computer icon next to the product model.

Note: If the FOUND NEW HARDWARE WIZARD screen displays on your system, click CANCEL.
3. Click on INSTALL DRIVERS AND SOFTWARE.
4. Follow the prompts to complete the installation.

3-6 Installing the Linux Operating System

Follow the steps below to install the driver to a Linux system.

**Build a Binary RPM Package**

1. Run `rpmbuild -tb <filename.tar.gz>`
2. Replace `<filename.tar.gz>` with the specific filename of the driver.

   **Note**: For the build to work properly, the current running kernel MUST match the version and configuration of the installed kernel sources. If you have just recompiled the kernel, reboot the system at this time.

3-7 Building the Driver Manually

Follow the instructions below to build the driver manually.

1. Move the base driver tar file to the directory of your choice. For example:

   `/home/username/igb`

   or

   `/usr/local/src/igb`

2. Untar/unzip archive, where `<x.x.x>` is the version number for the driver tar file:

   `tar zxf igb-<x.x.x>.tar.gz`

3. Change to the driver src directory, where `<x.x.x>` is the version number for the driver tar:

   `cd igb-<x.x.x>/src/`
4. Compile the driver module:

   # make install

   The binary will be installed as:
   
   /lib/modules/<KERNEL_VERSION>/kernel/drivers/net/igb/igb.ko

   The install location listed above is the default location. This location might not be correct for certain Linux distributions.

5. Load the module using either the insmod or modprobe command:

   modprobe igb
   insmod igb

   For 2.6 kernels, the insmod command can be used if the full path to the driver module is specified. For example:
   
   insmod /lib/modules/<KERNEL_VERSION>/kernel/drivers/net/igb/igb.ko

   In addition, when using 2.6-based kernels, make sure that older igb drivers are removed from the kernel before loading the new module. To do this, use:
   
   rmmod igb; modprobe igb

6. Assign an IP address to the interface by entering the following, where x is the interface number:

   ifconfig eth<x> <IP_address>

7. Verify that the interface works. Enter the following, where <IP_address> is the IP address for another machine on the same subnet as the interface that is being tested:

   ping <IP_address>
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