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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-CIBQ-M1 add-on card.

About this Add-on Card

The AOC-CIBQ-m1 is the most compact, powerful InfiniBand adapter on the market. Based on Mellanox ConnectX-3 with Virtual Protocol Interconnect (VPI), it provides the most high performance, flexible interconnect solution for servers used in enterprise data centers and high performance computing. The AOC-CIBQ-m1 simplifies system development by providing both InfiniBand (40Gb/s) and Ethernet (10Gb/s) support in one hardware design. The AOC-CIBQ-m1 is designed in a small microLP form factor to fit within Supermicro Twin and MicroCloud server systems.

An Important Note to the User

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Pay special attention to the following symbols for proper system installation and to prevent damage to the system or injury to yourself:

**Warning**: Important information given to ensure proper system installation or to prevent damage to the components or injury to yourself.

![Note: Additional information given to differentiate between various models or provides information for correct system setup.]

### Naming Convention

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

- Single QSFP (Quad Small Form Factor Pluggable) Connector
- MicroLP Form Factor
- PCI Express 3.0 (up to 8GT/s)
- Virtual Protocol Interconnect (VPI)
- Up to 40Gbps InfiniBand or 10Gbps Ethernet
- CPU offload of transport operations
- Application offload
- GPU communication acceleration
- End-to-end QoS and congestion control
- Hardware-based I/O virtualization
- Ethernet encapsulation (EoIB)
- RoHS compliant 6/6

General

- Mellanox® ConnectX-3 QDR controller
- Compact size microLP form factor
- Single QSFP port and dual USB 2.0 ports
- PCI-E 3.0 x8 (8GT/s) interface
Connectivity

• Interoperable with InfiniBand or 10GbE switches

• Passive copper cable with ESD protection

• Powered connectors for optical and active cable support

InfiniBand

• IBTA Specification 1.2.1 compliant

• Hardware-based congestion control

• 16 million I/O channels

• 256 to 4Kbyte MTU, 1Gbyte messages

Enhanced InfiniBand

• Hardware-based reliable transport

• Collective operations offloads

• GPU communication acceleration

• Hardware-based reliable multicast

• Extended Reliable Connected transport

• Enhanced Atomic operations

Ethernet

• IEEE Std 802.3ae 10 Gigabit Ethernet

• IEEE Std 802.3ad Link Aggregation and Failover

• IEEE Std 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet

• IEEE Std 802.1Q, .1p VLAN tags and priority

• IEEE Std 802.1Qau Congestion Notification
• IEEE P802.1Qaz D0.2 ETS

• IEEE P802.1Qbb D1.0 Priority-based Flow Control

• Jumbo frame support (9.6KB)

**Hardware-based I/O Virtualization**

• Single Root IOV

• Address translation and protection

• Dedicated adapter resources

• Multiple queues per virtual machine

• Enhanced QoS for vNICs

• VMware NetQueue support

**Manageability Features**

• Additional CPU Offloads

• RDMA over Converged Ethernet

• TCP/UDP/IP stateless offload

• Intelligent interrupt coalescence

**Flexboot™ Technology**

• Remote boot over InfiniBand

• Remote boot over Ethernet

• Remote boot over iSCI
Protocol Support
- Open MPI, OSU MVAPICH, Intel MPI, MS MPI, PLATFORM MPI
- TCP, UDP, EoIB, IPoIB, SDP, RDS
- SRP, iSER, NFS RDMA
- uDAPL

Operating Systems/Distributions
- Novell SLES, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), and other Linux distributions
- OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution (OFED)
- OpenFabrics Windows Distribution (WinOF)
- VMware ESX Server 3.5, vSphere 4.0/4.1

Physical Dimensions
- Card PCB dimensions (without end brackets): 12.32cm (4.85in) x 3.90cm (1.54in) (LxW)

Operating Condition
- Operating temperature: 0°C to 55°C (32°F to 131°F)

Compliance/Environmental
- RoHS Compliant 6/6, Pb Free
Supported Platforms

- Supermicro Twin and MicroCloud Server Systems with microLP expansion slot (see table below)

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This product is only available as an integrated solution with Supermicro server systems. For the most current product information, visit: www.supermicro.com.
Chapter 2

Hardware Components

2-1 Add-On Card Image and Layout

The AOC-CIBQ-m1 Image

The AOC-CIBQ-m1 Layout

2-2 Major Components

The following major components are installed on the AOC-CIBQ-m1:

1. Mellanox ConnectX-3 QDR Controller
2. QSFP (Quad Small Form Factor Pluggable) Port
3. Dual USB 2.0 Ports
2-3 Connectors and PCB LEDs

USB Ports
Two USB 2.0 ports are located on the add-on card. Refer to the add-on card layout on page 2-1 for the location of the USB ports.

QSFP Port
A single QSFP port is located on the add-on card. Connect a QSFP cable to the port to provide Infiniband (40Gb/s) and Ethernet (10Gbp/s) communication. Refer to the add-on card layout on Page 2-1 for the location of the QSFP port.

QSFP PCB LEDs
There are two LEDs located on the PCB between the QSFP port and the Mellanox controller (refer to the add-on card layout on Page 2-1 for the location of the LEDs). A blinking yellow LED indicates activity. A solid green, yellow or off LED indicates the type of link-up connection. See the table to the right for more information.

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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.

BKT-0051L (Factory installed MicroLP PCB bracket)

BKT-0052L (Factory installed I/O bracket)

BKT-0053L (Customer installed I/O bracket for 2U system)

For 2U System

For 1U System

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 Drivers and Firmware

Use the procedures below to install both drivers and firmware for the AOC-CIBQ-m1 add-on card for both Linux and Windows.

Linux Drivers

Use the following procedures for installing AOC-CIBF-m1 drivers for the Linux operating system.

**Installing InfiniBand Drivers for the Linux Operating System**

1. From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > InfiniBand > Linux.

2. Choose the *InfiniBand Linux* driver package file.

3. Install the driver by entering the following commands:

   ```
   tar xzvf OFED–<ver>.tgz
   cd OFED–<ver>
   ./install.pl
   ```

   This installs the Linux drivers to your system.

**Installing 10G Drivers for the Linux Operating System**

1. From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > ConnectX_EN > Linux.

2. Choose the *10G Linux* driver package file.
3. Install the driver by entering the following commands:

```
tar xzvf mlnx_en-<ver>.tgz
```

```
cd mlnx_en-<ver>
./install.sh
```

This installs the 10G drivers to your system.

**Windows Drivers**

Use the following procedures for installing AOC-CIBQ-m1 add-on card drivers for the Windows operating system.

**Installing InfiniBand Drivers for the Windows Operating System**

1. From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > InfiniBand > Windows.

2. Choose the desired InfiniBand Windows driver package file.

3. Double-click to run and install the driver package file.

**Installing 10G Drivers for the Windows Operating System**

1. From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > ConnectX_EN > Windows.

2. Choose the desired 10G Windows driver package file.

3. Double-click to run and install the driver package file.
Firmware Update Procedures

Use the following procedures for updating the AOC-CIBQ-m1 add-on card firmware for both the Linux and Windows operating systems.

**Updating Firmware for the Linux Operating System**

1. From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > Firmware_Tool > Linux.

2. Choose the *MFT Linux* package file and untar the package file.

3. Install the package by entering the following command:

   ```
   cd mft-<ver>
   ./install.sh
   ```

4. Install the firmware by the following commands:

   ```
   mst start
   mst status *write down the pci_cr0 device name*
   flint -d <pci_cr0 device name> -i <firmware file name>.bin b
   ```

**Updating Firmware for the Windows Operating System**

1. From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > Firmware_Tool > Windows

2. Choose the desired MFT Windows package file.

3. Double-click to run and install the MFT package file.

4. Open the DOS command prompt and locate the MFT folder.

5. Install the firmware by entering the following commands:

   ```
   mst start
   mst status *write down the pci_cr0 device name*
   flint -d <pci_cr0 device name> -i <firmware file name>.bin b
   ```
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