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About this User's Guide

This user’s guide is written for system integrators, IT technicians and knowledgeable end users. It provides information for the installation and use of the AOC-CTG-i2S add-on card.

About this Add-on Card

The AOC-CTG-i2S 10-Gigabit Ethernet Adapter is a flexible and scalable Ethernet adapter designed for demanding data center environments. Based on Intel's 82599ES 10GbE network controller, the AOC-CTG-i2S addresses the demanding needs of next-generation data centers by providing virtualization features, LAN and SAN networking flexibility, and proven reliable performance. The AOC-CTG-i2S is designed in a small microLP form factor to fit within Supermicro MicroCloud and Twin server systems.

An Important Note to the User

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Conventions Used in the User's Guide

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

### AOC – STGN – i2S

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1-2 Key Features

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

• Dual SFP+ Connectors

• MicroLP form factor

• PCI Express 2.0 (up to 5GT/s)

• Intel® QuickData Technology

• VMDq, Next-Generation VMDq, and PC-SIG SR-IOV for Virtualized Environments

• Load Balancing on Multiple CPUs

• iSCSI Remote Boot Support

• Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) Support

• Support for most Network Operating Systems (NOS)

• Supports both DAC Twin Axial and LC Fiber-Optic Cables

• RoHS compliant 6/6
1-3 Specifications

General
- Intel® 82599ES 10GbE controller
- Compact size microLP form factor
- Dual SFP+ and dual USB 2.0 ports
- PCI-E 2.0 x8 (5GT/s)
- Load balancing on multiple CPUs
- iSCSI remote boot support
- Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) support
- Intel® PROSet Utility for Windows® Device Manager

I/O Features
- Intel QuickData Technology: DMA engine that enhances data acceleration and lowers CPU usage
- Direct Cache Access (DCA) to avoid cache misses
- MSI-X support to minimize the overhead of interrupts, allowing load-balancing between multiple cores/CPUs
- Tx/Rx IP, SCTP, TCP and UDP checksum offloading capabilities (IPv4, IPv6)
- Receive and transmit side scaling for Windows environments and scalable I/O for Linux environments

Virtualization Features
- Supports virtualization features such as VMDq, Next-Generation VMDq (64 queues per port) and PC-SIG SR-IOV implementation
- IPv6 Offloading
- Flexible Port Partitioning: 32 Virtual Functions
• Advanced packet filtering

• VLAN support to allow creation of multiple VLAN segments

• VXLAN through Software

Manageability Features
• Preboot eXecution Environment (PXE) support

• Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) and Remote Network Monitoring (RMON) statistics counters

• iSCSI remote boot

OS Support

• RedHat EL, SuSe SLES

• FreeBSD

• VMware

Cables Support
• SFP+ direct attached twin axial cables, up to 7 meters

• LC-LC fiber-optic SR cables, up to 300 meters (optional SFP+ transceiver is required)

• LC-LC fiber-optic LR cables, up to 3000 meters (optional SFP+ transceiver is required)

Operating Conditions
• Operating temperature: 0°C to 55°C (32°F to 131°F)
Physical Dimensions

• Card PCB dimensions (without end brackets): 12.32cm (4.85in) x 3.9cm (1.54in) (L x W)

Optional Accessories

• AOC-E10GSFPSR: SFP+ transceiver module for short range fiber cables (up to 300m)

• AOC-E10GSFPLR: SFP+ transceiver module for long range fiber cables (up to 3000m)

• AOC- TSR-FS: SFP+ transceiver module for short range fiber cables (up to 300m)

• AOC-GBIC-FSR2: SFP+ transceiver module for short range fiber cables (up to 300m), single speed (10Gb)

• CBL-0347L: 39.37” (100cm) 10GbE SFP+ to SFP+, Twinax copper cable

• CBL-0456L: 78.74” (200cm) 10GbE SFP+ to SFP+, Twinax copper cable

• CBL-0348L: 118.11” (300cm) 10GbE SFP+ to SFP+, Twinax copper cable

• CBL-0349L: 196.85” (500cm) 10GbE SFP+ to SFP+, Twinax copper cable

Compliance/Environmental

• RoHS Compliant 6/6, Pb Free
Supported Platforms

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

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Note 1: This add-on card (AOC-CTG-i2S) is not recommended for 12-node MicroCloud systems.

Note 2: This product is only available to Supermicro OEM customers and is sold 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-CTG-i2S Image

The AOC-CTG-i2S Layout

2-2 Major Components

The following major components are installed on the AOC-CTG-i2S:

1. Intel 82599ES 10GbE Controller
2. Dual SFP+ Ports (Bottom: Port 1, Top: Port 2)
3. Dual USB 2.0 Ports
2-3 Connectors and 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.

SFP+ Ports
Two SFP+ 10GbE adapter ports are located on the add-on card. Connect a DAC Twin Axial cable or an LC Fiber-Optic cable to the ports to provide Gigabit Ethernet communication. Refer to the add-on card layout on Page 2-1 for the location of the SFP+ port.

Note: For MicroCloud systems, only Molex SFP+ Twinax copper cables are supported.

SFP+ Port LEDs
There are two triangular LEDs located between the dual SFP ports to indicate link speed and activity of each port (left LED is for Port 2, right LED is for Port 1). A 10Gb connection is indicated by a solid or blinking green LED. A 1Gb connection is indicated by a solid or blinking yellow LED. See the table at 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 you are static protected.

Note: 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-0056L (Factory installed MicroLP PCB bracket)

BKT-0061L (Factory installed I/O bracket)

BKT-0062L (Customer installed I/O bracket for 2U system)

For 2U System

For 1U System

Note: For 2U systems, install the I/O bracket to the add-on card before installing the card inside the system.

Removing/Installing the I/O Bracket

Refer to the illustration at right for the following instructions on removing/installing the I/O bracket.

To remove the I/O bracket: Loosen and remove the I/O bracket screw, then gently pull the bracket away from the add-on card.

To install the I/O bracket: Position the bracket so that the I/O cut-outs align with the connectors on the add-on card. Connect the I/O bracket to the add-on card, making sure that the screw hole in the PCB bracket and the I/O bracket are aligned. Secure the bracket to the add-on card using the I/O bracket screw.
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 Drivers on Windows

Follow the steps below to install the drivers for Windows. Download the drivers from the Supermicro FTP site at ftp://ftp.supermicro.com/Networking_Drivers/.

1. Run the CDR-NIC.

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

3. Click on INSTALL DRIVERS AND SOFTWARE.

4. Follow the prompts to complete the installation.

Note: If the FOUND NEW HARDWARE WIZARD screen displays on your system, click CANCEL.

3-6 Installing Drivers on Linux

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.
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/ixgbe
   ```

   or

   ```
   /usr/local/src/ixgbe
   ```

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

   ```
   tar zxf ixgbe-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 ixgbe-x.x.x/src/
   ```

4. Compile the driver module:

   ```
   make install
   ```

   The binary will be installed as:

   ```
   /lib/modules/[KERNEL_VERSION]/kernel/drivers/net/ixgbe/ixgbe.[k]o
   ```

   The install locations listed above are the default locations. They may not be correct for certain Linux distributions. For more information, see the ldistrib.txt file included in the driver tar.

   **Note:** IXGBE_NO_LRO is a compile time flag. The user can enable it at compile time to remove support for LRO from the driver. The flag is used by adding `CFLAGS_EXTRA=-"DIXGBE_NO_LRO"` to the make file when it’s being compiled.

   ```
   make CFLAGS_EXTRA="-DIXGBE_NO_LRO" install
   ```

5. Load the module:

   For kernel 2.6.x, use the modprobe command:

   ```
   modprobe ixgbe <parameter>=<value>
   ```

   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/ixgbe/ixgbe.ko
   ```
In addition, when using 2.6-based kernels, make sure that older ixgbe drivers are removed from the kernel before loading the new module. To do this, use:

```
rmmod ixgbe; modprobe ixgbe
```

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

```
ifconfig ethx <IP_address> netmask <netmask>
```

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>
```

### 3-7 Installing Drivers on FreeBSD

Follow the instructions below to install the drivers in FreeBSD kernel 4.8 or later. In the instructions below, x.x.x is the driver version as indicated in the name of the drive tar file.

✏ Note: You must have kernel sources installed in order to compile the driver module.

1. Move the base driver tar file to the directory of your choice. For example, use /home/username/ixgb or /usr/local/src/ixgb.

2. Untar/unzip the archive:

```
tar xfz ixgb-x.x.x directory
```

3. To install man page:

```
cd ixgb-x.x.x

gzip -c ixgb.4 > /usr/share/man/man4/ixgb.4.gz
```

4. To load the driver onto a running system, perform the following steps:

```
cd ixgb-x.x.x

make
```

or

```
cd ixgb-x.x.x/src

make load
```

5. To assign an IP address to the interface, enter the following:
6. 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:

```
ifconfig ixgb<interface_num> <IP_address>
```

```
ping <IP_address>
```

7. If you want the driver to load automatically when the system is booted:

```
cd ixgb-x.x.x/src
make load
cp if_ixgb.ko /modules
```

Edit `/boot/loader.conf`, and add the following line:

```
if_ixgb_load="YES"
```

or

compile the driver into the kernel (see item 8). Edit `/etc/rc.conf`, and create the appropriate `ifconfig_ixgb<interface_num>` entry:

```
ifconfig_ixgb<interface_num>="<ifconfig_settings>"
```

Example usage:

```
ifconfig_ixgb0="inet 192.168.10.1 netmask 255.255.255.0"
```

8. If you want to compile the driver into the kernel, enter:

```
cd ixgb-x.x.x/src
mkdir /usr/src/sys/dev/ixgb
cp if_ixgb* /usr/src/sys/dev/ixgb
cp ixgb* /usr/src/sys/dev/ixgb
cp Makefile.kernel /usr/src/sys/modules/ixgb/Makefile
```

Edit the `/usr/src/sys/conf/files.i386` file, and add the following line:

```
dev/ixgb/ixgb_hw.c optional ixgb
dev/ixgb/ixgb_ee.c optional ixgb
dev/ixgb/if_ixgb.c optional ixgb
```

Remove the following lines from the `/usr/src/sys/conf/files.i386` file, if they exist:

```
/dev/ixgb/if_ixgb_fx_hw.c optional ixgb
/dev/ixgb/if_ixgb_phy.c optional ixgb
```
Edit the kernel configuration file (i.e., GENERIC or MYKERNEL) in /usr/src/sys/i386/conf, and ensure the following line is present:

```bash
device ixgb
```

Compile and install the kernel. Reboot the system for the kernel updates to take affect.
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