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Intel® Gigabit CT Desktop Adapter
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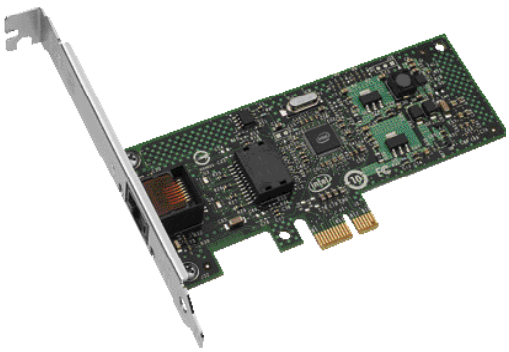
Bringing PCI Express* Gigabit Performance to the Desktop



Connectivity You Can Count On

For PCs with PCI Express* (PCIe*) slots, the Intel® Gigabit CT Desktop Adapter offers the newest technology for maximizing system performance and increasing end-user productivity. Specifically, the Intel Gigabit CT Desktop Adapter uses auto-negotiation to ensure the adapter runs at the highest available network speed (10, 100, or 1000 Mbps), and maintains full bandwidth capacity with the dedicated bandwidth of a PCIe input/output (I/O) bus to provide connectivity you can count on. Based on the low-power Intel® 82574L Gigabit Ethernet Controller, this desktop adapter offers optimal performance in a low-cost, low-power, compact profile. Teaming support and an array of other advanced features enable customers to use this adapter as an entry-level server adapter as well.

Enhancing Desktop Performance Enhances Network Performance

Fast servers and server connections are important for high network performance. However, server speed cannot overcome the drag of slow desktop performance. When a desktop PC initiates a transaction with the network server, the server quickly performs its portion of the transaction, but must wait for the desktop PC to complete its part of the transaction. The slower the PC, the longer the server must wait for transaction completion before moving to the next transaction. With PCIe Gb performance to the desktop, transactions on the PC side complete significantly faster, allowing the network to service more transactions faster.

PCI Express Makes Gigabit Ethernet Even Faster

PCI Express is the third-generation I/O standard with performance that supercedes the previous PCI and PCI-X* slot standards. The key to PCIe performance is its higher dedicated I/O bandwidth. Unlike the PCI bus, which shares its I/O resources with all devices on the bus, PCIe dedicates its I/O to a single device. The Intel Gigabit CT Desktop Adapter allows you to take advantage of this dedicated I/O by combining Gigabit Ethernet with PCI Express to provide high-performance network connectivity for desktops with PCI Express slots. Make the Intel Gigabit CT Desktop Adapter your choice for applications utilizing rich media content such as video streaming, web applications, music, and gaming.

Quick and Easy Installation

Like all Intel® Network Adapters, the Intel Gigabit CT Desktop Adapter is supported by Intel® PROSet Utility for Microsoft* Device Manager and Intel® PRO intelligent install. Intel PROSet simplifies adapter installation and gives you point-and-click power for configuring and managing all of your Intel Network Connections

Intel® CT Desktop Adapter Features and Benefits

Features	Benefits
Intel® 82574L Gigabit Ethernet Controller	High performance and reliability; low power
Interrupt moderation	Delivers increased performance while significantly reducing CPU usage
PCI Express* x1 slot compatible	Designed for high performance on PCI Express desktop architecture while maintaining compatibility with PCI applications
Compatible with Fast Ethernet and Ethernet	Reduces deployment and training costs and enables easy, quick migration to Gigabit Ethernet
10/100/1000 Mbps auto-negotiation	Automatically compatible with Ethernet, Fast Ethernet, and Gigabit Ethernet networks
Support for most network operating systems	Enables widespread deployment
Advanced configuration and power interface (ACPI); Wake on LAN* (WoL); Preboot Execution Environment (PXE)	Enables low-power consumption, remote wake, and remote booting
Remote Management Support	Reduces support costs with remote management based on industry-wide standards
Intel® PROSet Utility for Microsoft* Device Manager	Provides point-and-click power over individual adapters, advanced adapter features, connection teaming, and virtual local area network (VLAN) configuration
Advanced cable diagnostics	Dynamically tests and reports network problems (error rate, cable length) and automatically compensates for cable issues (cross-over cable, wrong pin-out/polarity)
Intel backing	Backed by an Intel® limited lifetime warranty, 90-day, money-back guarantee (U.S. and Canada), and worldwide support
Optimized queues: 2 Transmit (Tx) and 2 Receive (Rx)	Efficient packet prioritization
MSI-X support	▪ Minimizes the overhead of interrupts ▪ Allows load balancing of interrupt handling between different cores/CPUs

Order Codes

Single Unit: EXPI9301CT
Bulk Pack: EXPI9301CTBLK
(order 20, get 20)[2]

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Specifications

General

Product Codes	• EXPI9301CT • EXPI9301CTBLK (Order 20, get 20)
Connectorst	• RJ45
IEEE standards/network topology	• 10/100/1000BASE-T
Wiring	• Category-5 UTP, 4-pair
Platform Feature	• User benefit as single-line bullets
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Adapter Product Features

Intel® PROSet Utility for easy configuration and management	
RoHS1	
Plug and play specification support	Standard
Auto-negotiation, full-duplex capable	
Integrated media access control (MAC) and physical layer (PHY)	
Cable distance	100m Category-5 for 1000/100 Mbps; Category-3 for 10 Mbps
Ships with full-height bracket installed, low-profile bracket added in package	
Receive-side scaling (RSS)	
9 KB jumbo frames	

Network Management

Wired for Management (WfM) baseline v2.0 enabled for servers	
DMI 2.0 support and Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)	
Instrumentation (WMI) and SNMP-Remote Installation Services (RIS)	
ACPI* 1.0 power management	
Wake on LAN* support over PCI Express*	
PXE 2.0 enabled through boot read-only memory (ROM)	

Network Operating Systems (NOS) Software Support

Windows* 2000	
Windows* Server 2003	
Windows* Server 2008	
Windows Professional XP* SP3	
Windows Vista* SP1	
Linux* RHEL 4.6	
Linux* Kernel version 2.6.24	
Linux* Kernel version 2.4.36.2	
RHEL* 5.1	
SLES* 9 SP4	
SLES* 10 SP1	
FreeBSD* 7.0	

Network Operating Systems (NOS) Software Support *(cont.)*

DOS*	
DOSODI*	
SCO OpenServer 6/Unixware* 7.1.x	
Novell Netware* 6.5	
Xen*	
FreeBSD* 5.x or later	
ESX* 3.x* support (for VMware)	

Intel Backing

Limited lifetime warranty	
90-day, money-back guarantee (U.S. and Canada)	

Advanced Software Features

Test switch configuration	Tested with major switch original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)
TCP checksum offload	Transition control protocol (TCP), user diagram protocol (UDP), Internet protocol (IP)
IEEE 802.1p*, Quality of Service (QoS) Support	
IEEE 802.1q*, VLAN Support	
TCP segmentation/large send offload	
Teaming support	
Interrupt moderation	
Tx/Rx IP	

Technical Features

Data rate supported per port	10, 100, and 1000 Mbps
Bus type	PCI Express 1.1 (2.5 GT/s)
Bus width	x1 lane PCI Express operable in x1, x4, x8, x16 slots
Bus speed (x1, encoded rate)	2.5 Gbps uni-directional; 5 Gbps bi-directiona
Interrupt levels	INTA, MSI, MSI-X
IEEE support	802.3z*
Hardware certifications	FCC B, UL, CE, VCCI, BSMI, CTICK, MIC
Controller-processor	Intel® 82574L
Typical power consumption	1.9 W
Operating temperature	0° C to 55° C (32° F to 131° F)
Storage temperature	-40° C to 70° C (-40° F to 158° F)
Storage humidity	90% non-condensing relative humidity at 35° C
LED Indicators	LINK/ACTIVITY LED: off=NO LINK; on=LINK; blinking=ACTIVITY; SPEED LED: off=10 Mb; green=100 Mb; yellow=1000 Mb

Physical Dimensions

Length	11.92 cm (4.696 in)
Width	5.53 cm (2.181 in)
Height of end bracket	12 cm (4.725 in)

For more information on the full line of Intel® Network Adapters for PCI Express*, please visit
http://www.intel.com/products/ethernet/overview.htm

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[2] One driver CD per BLK SKU

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