

ConnectX®

Dual-Port 20 and 40Gb/s InfiniBand Mezzanine HCAs for HP BladeSystem c-Class

ConnectX® 20 and 40Gb/s InfiniBand dual-port I/O cards for HP BladeSystem c-Class deliver low-latency and high-bandwidth for performance-driven server and storage clustering applications in Enterprise Data Center and High-Performance Computing environments. Clustered data bases, parallelized applications and transactional services applications will achieve significant performance improvements resulting in reduced completion time and lower cost per operation. ConnectX simplifies network deployment by consolidating clustering, communications, storage, and management I/O and by providing enhanced performance in virtualized server environments.



Clustered applications running on multi-socket servers using multi-core processors will benefit from the reliable transport connections and advanced multicast support offered by ConnectX. End-to-end Quality of Service (QoS) enables partitioning and guaranteed service levels while hardware-based congestion control prevents hot spots from degrading the effective throughput. ConnectX is capable of scaling to tens-of-thousands of server and storage nodes.

Hardware Offload Architecture

Clustered and client/server applications achieve maximum performance over ConnectX because CPU cycles are available to focus on critical application processing instead of networking functions. Network protocol processing and data movement overhead such as RDMA and Send/Receive semantics are completed in the adapter without CPU intervention. Applications utilizing TCP/UDP/IP transport can achieve industry-leading 40Gb/s throughput when run over ConnectX and its hardware-based stateless offload engines.

I/O Virtualization

ConnectX support for hardware-based I/O virtualization provides dedicated adapter resources and guaranteed isolation and protection for virtual machines (VM) within the server. I/O virtualization with ConnectX gives data center managers better server utilization and LAN and SAN unification while reducing cost, power, and cable complexity.

Storage Accelerated

A unified InfiniBand cluster for computing and storage achieves significant cost-performance advantages over multi-fabric networks. Standard block and file access protocols leveraging InfiniBand RDMA result in high-performance storage access. Fibre Channel frame encapsulation over InfiniBand (FCoIB) hardware offloads enable simple connectivity to Fibre Channel SANs.

Software Support

All Mellanox adapter cards are compatible with legacy TCP/IP and OpenFabrics-based RDMA protocols and software. They are also compatible with InfiniBand and cluster management software available from OEMs. The adapter cards are supported with major operating system distributions.





BENEFITS

- World-class cluster performance
- High-performance networking and storage access
- Guaranteed bandwidth and low-latency services
- Reliable transport
- End-to-end storage integrity
- I/O consolidation
- Virtualization acceleration
- Scales to tens-of-thousands of nodes

KEY FEATURES

- 1us MPI ping latency
- 20 or 40Gb/s InfiniBand ports
- CPU offload of transport operations
- End-to-end QoS and congestion control
- Hardware-based I/O virtualization
- TCP/UDP/IP stateless offload

FEATURE SUMMARY

INFINIBAND

- IBTA Specification 1.2 compliant
- 10, 20 or 40Gb/s per port
- RDMA, Send/Receive semantics
- Hardware-based congestion control
- Atomic operations
- 16 million I/O channels
- 256 to 4Kbyte MTU
- 1GB messages
- 9 virtual lanes: 8 data + 1 management

ENHANCED INFINIBAND

- Hardware-based reliable transport
- Hardware-based reliable multicast
- Extended Reliable Connected transport
- Enhanced Atomic operations
- Fine grained end-to-end QoS

HARDWARE-BASED I/O VIRTUALIZATION

- Single Root IOV
- Address translation and protection
- Multiple queues per virtual machine
- VMware NetQueue support
- PCISIG IOV compliance

ADDITIONAL CPU OFFLOADS

- TCP/UDP/IP stateless offload
- Intelligent interrupt coalescence
- Compliant to Microsoft RSS and NetDMA

STORAGE SUPPORT

- T10-compliant Data Integrity Field support
- Fibre Channel over InfiniBand (FCoIB)

COMPATIBILITY

CPU

- AMD X86, X86_64
- Intel X86, EM64T, IA-32, IA-64

PCI EXPRESS INTERFACE

- PCle Base 2.0 compliant, 1.1 compatible
- 2.5GT/s or 5.0GT/s link rate x8 (20+20Gb/s or 40+40Gb/s bidirectional bandwidth)
- Fits HP BladeSystem c-Class blade servers
- Support for MSI/MSI-X mechanisms

MANAGEMENT AND TOOLS

- OpenSM
- Interoperable with third-party subnet managers
- Firmware and debug tools (MFT, IBADM)

OPERATING SYSTEMS/DISTRIBUTIONS

- Novell SLES, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL), Fedora, and other Linux distributions
- Microsoft Windows Server 2007/2008/CCS
- OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution (OFED)
- OpenFabrics Windows Distribution (WinOF)

PROTOCOL SUPPORT

- HP MPI
- IPolB, SDP, RDS
- SRP, iSER, FCoIB and NFS RDMA
- uDAPL

COMPLIANCE

SAFETY

- US/Canada: cTUVus
- EU: IEC60950
- International: CB

EMC (EMISSIONS)

- USA: FCC, Class A
- Canada: ICES, Class A
- EU: CE Mark (EN55022 Class A, EN55024, EN61000-3-2, EN61000-3-3)
- Japan: VCCI, Class A
- Korea: MIC Class A
- Australia/New Zealand: C-Tick Class A

ENVIRONMENTAL

- EU: IEC 60068-2-64: Random Vibration
- EU: IEC 60068-2-29: Shocks, Type I / II
- EU: IEC 60068-2-32: Fall Test

OPERATING CONDITIONS

- Operating temperature: 0 to 55° C
- Air flow: 200LFM @ 55° C
- Requires 3.3V, 12V supplies

SPECIFICATIONS

- Dual 4X InfiniBand ports
- PCI Express 2.0 x8 (1.1 compatible)
- Single chip architecture
- Mezzanine form factor
- RoHS-R5 compliant
- 12-month warranty





Visit http://www.hp.com for more information.

Mezzanine Cards

Ordering Part Number	InfiniBand Ports	Host Bus	Power (Typ)
448262-B21	Dual 4X 20Gb/s InfiniBand	PCIe 2.0 2.5GT/s	10.2W
492303-B21	Dual 4X 40Gb/s InfiniBand	PCIe 2.0 5.0GT/s	11.5W

