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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-MH25G-m2S2T add-on card.

About this Add-on Card

The Supermicro AOC-MH25G-m2S2T is one of the most feature rich 25GbE controllers in the market. Based on the Mellanox® ConnectX-4 Lx EN with features such as VXLAN and NVGRE; it provides flexible connectivity for different networking requirements. It is compatible with 10GbE networks and offers the most cost effective upgrades from 10GbE to 25GbE in Data Center and Cloud deployments. The AOC-MH25G-m2S2T also supports an additional 2-ports of 10GbE RJ45 connectivity, based on the Intel® X550 controller, providing NC-SI for Remote Management. This versatile 25GbE controller is an excellent choice to enhance data center network connectivity when high speed throughput is required.

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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



| Character | Representation | Options |
|-----------|---|--|
| 1st | Product Family | AOC: Add On Card |
| 2nd | Form Factor | S: Standard, P: Proprietary, C: MicroLP, M: Super IO Module (SIOM), MH: SIOM Hybrid |
| 3rd | Product Type/Speed | G: GbE (1Gb/s), TG: 10GbE (10Gb/s), 25G: 25GbE (25Gb/s), 40G: 40GbE (40Gb/s), 50G: 50GbE (50Gb/s), 100G: 100GbE (100Gb/s), IBE: EDR IB (100Gb/s), IBF: FDR IB (56Gb/s), IBQ: QDR IB (40Gb/s), IHF: Host Fabric Interface |
| 4th | Chipset Model (Optional) | N: Niantec (82599), P: Powerville (i350), S: Sageville (X550) |
| 5th | Chipset Manufacturer | i: Intel, m: Mellanox, b: Broadcom |
| 6th | Number of Ports | 1: 1 port, 2: 2 ports, 4: 4 ports |
| 7th | Connector Type (Optional) | S: SFP+/SFP28, T: 10GBase-T, Q: QSFP+, C: QSFP28 |
| 8th | 2 nd Controller/Connector Type (Optional) | G: 1x GbE RJ45, 2G: GbE 2x RJ45, S: 1x 10G SFP+, T: 10GBase-T, 2T: 2x 10GBase-T |

SMC Networking Add-on Cards

| Model | Туре | Form Factor | Controller | Connection | Dimension (w/o Brackets) (L x H) | Power (W) |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| AOC-MGP-I2 | GbE | SIOM | Intel® i350 AM2 | 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 3.7 |
| AOC-MGP-I4 | GbE | SIOM | Intel® i350 AM4 | 4 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 4.4 |
| AOC-MTGN-I2S | 10GbE | SIOM | Intel® 82599ES | 2 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 7.2 |
| AOC-MTG-I4S | 10GbE | SIOM | Intel® XL710-BM1 | 4 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 7 |
| AOC-MTG-I2T | 10GbE | SIOM | Intel® X550-AT2 | 2 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 13 |
| AOC-MTG-I4T | 10GbE | SIOM | 2x Intel® X550-AT2 | 4 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 26 |
| AOC-MHIBF-m1Q2G | FRD IB GbE | SIOM | Mellanox® ConnectX-3 Pro Intel® i350 | 1 QSFP (56Gb/port) 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 9 |
| AOC-MHIBF-m2Q2G | FRD IB GbE | SIOM | Mellanox® ConnectX-3 Pro Intel® i350 | 2 QSFP (56Gb/port) 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 11 |
| AOC-MH25G-b2S2G | 25GbE GbE | SIOM | Broadcom® BCM57414 Intel® i350 | 2 SFP28 (25Gb/port) 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 9 |
| AOC-MH25G-m2S2T | 25GbE | SIOM | Mellanox® ConnectX-4 Lx EN Intel® X550-AT2 | 2 SFP28 (25Gb/port) 2 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 25 |
| AOC-MHFI-I1C | Omni- Path | SIOM | Intel® OP HFI ASIC (Wolf River WFR-B) | 1 QSFP28 (100Gb/port) | 3.622" (92mm) x 3.428" (87.08mm) | 15 |

| Model | Туре | Form Factor | Interface | Controller | Connection | Dimension (w/o Brackets) (L x H) | Power (W) |
|---------------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| AOC-SGP-I2 | GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® i350 AM2 | 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.9" (99mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 3.5 |
| AOC-SGP-I4 | GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® i350 AM4 | 4 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 3.9" (99mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 5 |
| AOC-STG-I2T | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® X540-AT2 | 2 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 13 |
| AOC-STGS-I1T | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® X550-AT | 1 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 9 |
| AOC-STGS-I2T | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® X550-AT2 | 2 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 11 |
| AOC-STG-I4T | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® XL710-BM1 | 4 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 5.9" (14.99cm) x 2.73"(6.9cm) | 15.5 |
| AOC-STGN-I1S | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® 82598EN | 1 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 4.0" (102mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 10 |
| AOC-STGN-I2S | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® 82599ES | 2 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 4.0" (102mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 11.2 |
| AOC-STGF-I2S | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® X710-BM2 | 2 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | TBD | TBD |
| AOC-STG-b4S | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Broadcom® BCM57840S | 4 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 5.4" (137mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 14 |
| AOC-STG-I4S | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® XL710-BM1 | 4 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 8 |
| AOC-S40G-I4S | 10GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® XL710-BM1 | 1 QSFP+ w/ breakout cable to 4 x 10GbE | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | TBD |
| AOC-S25G-b2S | 25GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Broadcom® BCM57414 | 2 SFP28 (25Gb/port) | 5.6" (142mm) x 2.713" (69mm) | 7 |
| AOC-S25G-m2S | 25GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Mellanox® CX-4 LX | 2 SFP28 (25Gb/port) | TBD | TBD |
| AOC-S40G-I1Q | 40GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® XL710-BM1 | 1 QSFP+ (40Gb/port) | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 6.5 |
| AOC-S40G-I2Q | 40GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® XL710-BM2 | 2 QSFP+ (40Gb/port) | 5.9" (150mm) x 2.73" (69mm) | 7 |
| AOC-S100G-m2C | 100GbE | Standard LP | PCI-E x16 | Mellanox® CX-4 EN | 2 QSFP28 (100Gb/port) | TBD | TBD |
| AOC-PTG-I1S | 10GbE | Proprietary | PCI-E x8 | Intel® 82599EN | 1 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 10.04" (255mm) x .78" (20mm) | 7.5 |
| AOC-UG-I4 | GbE | UIO FH | PCI-E x8 | Intel® 82571EB | 4 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 6.6" (167mm) x 3.9" (98mm) | 10 |
| AOC-CGP-I2 | GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® i350 AM2 | 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 4.45" (113mm) x 1.54" (39mm) | 4 |
| AOC-CG-I2 | GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® 82580 | 2 RJ45 (1Gb/port) | 4.45" (113mm) x 1.3" (34mm) | 4 |
| AOC-CIBF-m1 | FDR IB | MicroLP | PCI-E x8 | Mellanox® ConnectX-3 | 1 QSFP (56Gb/port) | 4.85" (123mm) x 1.54" (39mm) | 7 |
| AOC-CTG-I1S | 10GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® 82599EN | 1 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 4.85" (123mm) x 1.54" (39mm) | 10 |
| AOC-CTG-I2S | 10GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® 82599ES | 2 SFP+ (10Gb/port) | 4.85" (123mm) x 1.54" (39mm) | 11 |
| AOC-CTG-I2T | 10GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x8 | Intel® X540-AT2 | 2 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 4.8" (123mm) x 2.75" (77mm) | 13 |
| AOC-CTGS-I2T | 10GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x4 | Intel® X550-AT2 | 2 RJ45 (10GBase-T) | 4.45" (113mm) x 1.54" (39mm) | 12 |
| AOC-C25G-m2S | 25GbE | MicroLP | PCI-E x8 | Mellanox® CX-4 Lx EN | 2 SFP28 (28Gb/port) | 4.45" (113mm) x 1.54" (39mm) | 9 |

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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:

- Super I/O Module (SIOM) Form Factor
- Mellanox® ConnectX-4 Lx EN 25GbE controller Dual SFP28 (Small Form Factor Pluggable) connectors
- Intel® X550-AT2 10GbF controller Dual RJ45 connectors
- Hardware offloads for NVGRE, VXLAN and GENEVE encapsulated traffic
- SR-IOV for virtualization
- Low latency RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE) (25GbE controller only)
- Jumbo Frames support
- NC-SI for Remote Management (10GbE controller only)
- Asset Management Features with thermal sensor
- RoHS compliant 6/6

1-3 Specifications

General

Super I/O Module (SIOM) Form Factor

- Mellanox® ConnectX-4 Lx EN 25GbE controller Dual SFP28 connectors with speed up to 25Gb/s per port
- Intel® X550-AT2 10GbE 10GBase-T controller Dual RJ45 connectors with speed up to 10Gb/s per port

Cables Support

- 25GbE SFP28: Direct attach copper cables and Fiber-optic cables (with required optional transceivers)
- 10GbE RJ45: RJ45 Category-6 up to 55m; Category-6A up to 100m

Power Consumption

Maximum power consumption: 25W

Operating Condition

- 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

Physical Dimensions

Card PCB dimensions: 92mm (3.62in) x 87.1mm (3.43in) (WxD)

Supported Platforms

- Supermicro® motherboards with Super I/O Module slot
- Supermicro® server systems with Super I/O Module slot (see SIOM Compatibility Matrix online at http://www.supermicro.com/support/resources/AOC/AOC_Compatibility_SIOM.cfm))



Note: This product is sold only as part of an integrated solution with Supermicro server systems.

Compliance/Environmental

• RoHS Compliant 6/6, Pb Free



25GbE SFP28 Specifications

Ethernet

- 25GbE/10GbE/1GbE
- IEEE 802.3ad, 802.1AX Link Aggregation
- IEEE 802.1Q, 802.1P VLAN tags and priority
- IEEE 1588v2
- Jumbo frame support (9.6KB)

Enhanced Features

- Hardware-based reliable transport
- Collective operations offloads
- · Vector collective operations offloads
- 64/66 encoding
- Dynamically Connected Transport (DCT)
- Enhanced Atomic operations
- Support for MSI/MSI-X mechanisms

Storage Offloads

• RAID offload - erasure coding (Reed-Solomon) offload

Overlay Networks

Stateless offloads for overlay networks and tunneling protocols

Hardware offload of encapsulation of NVGRE and VXLAN overlay networks

Hardware-based I/O Virtualization

- Single Root IOV
- Multi-function per port
- Multiple gueues per virtual machine
- VMware NetQueue support

Virtualization

- SR-IOV: Up to 256 Virtual Functions
- SR-IOV: Up to 16 Physical Functions per port

CPU Offloads

- RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE)
- TCP/UDP/IP stateless offload
- · LSO, LRO, checksum offload
- RSS (can be done on encapsulated packet), TSS, HDS, VLAN insertion/stripping, Receive flow steering
- Intelligent interrupt coalescence

Management Features

- Remote boot over iSCSI.
- PXE and UEFI

OS Support

- RHEL/CentOS
- Windows

- FreeBSD
- VMware

10GbE RJ45 Specifications

I/O Features

- MXI-X Support
- Intel® Flow Director
- Low Latency
- Multiple Queues 64 Tx and Rx per port
- Tx/Rx IP, SCTP, TCP, and UDP Checksum Offloading (IPv4, IPv6) capabilities
- Tx TCP Segmentation Offload (IPv4, IPv6)

Network Features

- Jumbo frames up to 15.5KB
- IEEE 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE)

Virtualization Features

- Multi-mode I/O Virtualization Operations
- VXLAN Stateless Offloads
- NVGRE Stateless Offloads
- Virtual Machine Device Queues (VMDq)
- 64 Transmit (Tx) and Receive (Rx) Queue Pairs per port
- FPP 64 VFs per port
- Support for PCI-SIG SR-IOV Specification

• IEEE 802.1Q VLAN Support

Management Features

- Preboot eXecution Environment (PXE) support
- iSCSI Remote Boot Support and FCoE
- NC-SI for remote management

OS Support

- Linux RHEL, Linux SLES
- Windows
- FreeBSD
- VMware

1-4 Available SKUs

| SKUs | Part Number | Description |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| AOC-MH25G- m2S2T | AOC-MH25G-m2S2T | 2-port 25 Gigabit & 2-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet Adapter |
| | BKT-0112L | Swappable bracket for 2U+ chassis |
| AOC-MH25G- m2S2TM | AOC-MH25G- m2S2TM | 2-port 25 Gigabit & 2-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet Adapter |
| | BKT-0113L | Internal bracket |

1-5 Similar Products

| Product Part Number | Form Factor | Protocols | Connector Type | Total Ports | Controller |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| AOC-MGP-i2 | SIOM | 1GbE | RJ45 | 2 | Intel® i350 |
| AOC-MGP-i4 | SIOM | 1GbE | RJ45 | 4 | Intel® i350 |
| AOC-MTGN-i2S | SIOM | 10GbE | SFP+ | 2 | Intel® 82599 |
| AOC-MTG-i4S | SIOM | 10GbE | SFP+ | 4 | Intel® XL710 |
| AOC-MTG-i2T | SIOM | 10GbE | RJ45 | 2 | Intel® X550 |
| AOC-MTG-i4T | SIOM | 10GbE | RJ45 | 4 | Intel® X550 |
| AOC-MH25G- b2S2G | SIOM | 25GbE 1GbE | SFP28 RJ45 | 2 | Broadcom® BCM57414 Intel® i350 |
| AOC-MHIBF- m2Q2G | SIOM | InfiniBand FDR GBE | QSFP RJ45 | 2 | Mellanox® ConnectX-3 Pro Intel® i350 |
| AOC-MHIBF- m1Q2G | SIOM | InfiniBand FDR GBE | QSFP RJ45 | 1 2 | Mellanox® ConnectX-3 Pro Intel® i350 |
| AOC-MHFI-i1C | SIOM | Omni-Path | QSFP28 | 1 | Intel® OP HFI ASIC |

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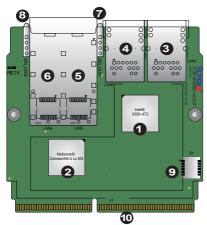
Chapter 2

Hardware Components

2-1 Add-On Card Image and Layout



The AOC-MH25G-m2S2T Image



The AOC-MH25G-m2S2T Layout

| 1. Intel® X550-AT2 | 6. LAN4: SFP28 Port2 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2. Mellanox® ConnectX®-4 Lx EN | 7. 25G_LED1: LAN3 Link/Activity LED |
| 3. LAN1: RJ45 Port1 | 8. 25G_LED2: LAN4 Link/Activity LED |
| 4. LAN2: RJ45 Port2 | 9. S1: DIP Switch |
| 5. LAN3: SFP28 Port1 | 10. J1: PCI-E 3.0 x8 and x4 |

2-2 Major Components

The following major components are installed on the AOC-MH25G-m2S2T:

- 1. Intel® X550-AT2 Controller
- 2. Mellanox® ConnectX®-4 Lx EN Controller
- 3. Dual RJ45 LAN Ports
- 4. Dual SFP28 (Small Form Factor Pluggable) Ports
- 5. Two (2) SFP28 Link/Activity LED Indicators
- 6. S1: DIP Switch

2-3 SFP28 Ethernet Connections

SFP28 (LAN3/LAN4) Connectors

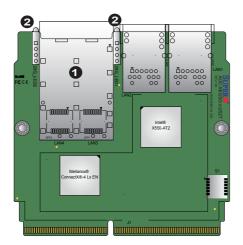
Two small form-factor pluggable (SFP28) optical transceiver connectors (LAN3/LAN4) are located on the add-on card. These SFP28 ports provide Ethernet up to 25GbE network connections. See the layout below for the locations.

SFP28 (LAN3/LAN4) Link/Activity LED Indicators

Two LAN Link/Activity LED indicators are located at 25G_LED1 and 25G_LED2 on the add-on card. 25G_LED1 is used for the SFP28 LAN3 connector, and 25G_LED2, for SFP28 LAN4 connector. See the table below for the LED states.

| LAN Port Activity LED Indicators Assignment/State | | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| LED LAN Port Assigned | | | |
| 25G_LED1 LAN3 Active | | | |
| 25G_LED2 LAN4 Active | | | |
| Green SFP28 LAN Port Active | | | |

| LAN Port Link LEDs LED State | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|--|--|--|
| LED Color Definition | | | | |
| Amber | 10 Gbps | | | |
| Green | 25 Gbps | | | |



1. SFP28 Connectors
2. SFP28 Link/Activity
LED Indicators

2-4 RJ45 LAN Ports and LAN LED indicators

RJ45 LAN Ports (LAN1/LAN2)

There are two RJ45 LAN ports (LAN1/LAN2) on the AOC-MH25G-m2S2T. These LAN ports support connection speeds of 10Gbps. Use a direct-attach RJ45 type LAN cable. See the layout below for the location.

Note: Please refer to page 1-5 for recommended cables.

RJ45 LAN Port LED Indicators

Each LAN port has two LEDs to indicate speed and data activity. Refer to the table below for LED color and definition.

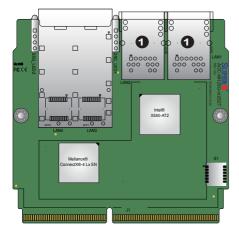
Activity LED



Link LED

| RJ45 LAN Port Link LED (Left) LED State | | | |
|--|---------|--|--|
| LED Color Definition | | | |
| Green | 10 Gbps | | |
| Amber | 1 Gbps | | |
| Off 100 Mbps | | | |

| RJ45 LAN Port Activity LED (Right) LED State | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|--|--|
| LED Color Status Definition | | | | |
| Off Off No Connection | | | | |
| Green | Solid | Link | | |
| Green | Flashing | Active | | |



1. RJ45 LAN Ports

2-5 DIP Switch

DIP Switch

The DIP Switch at S1 provides SMBUS address selection. You can configure the card with static SMBUS address. Refer to the tables below for address selections. See the layout below for the location.

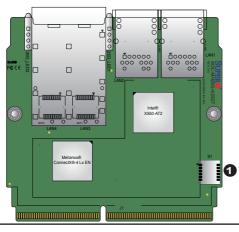


| | S1:DI | P switc | h for u | ser se | lection |
|--|-------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|--|-------|---------|---------|--------|---------|

| Switch Position | OFF (default) | ON | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | SMBUS ARP mode | Static SMBUS address mode | | | |
| 2~5 | Static SMBUS address selection | | | | |
| 6 | Thermal Reading Enable | Thermal Reading Disable | | | |

Static SMBUS address selection table by DIP switch S1

| SMBUS Address | S1 position #5 | S1 position #4 | S1 position #3 | S1 position #2 | |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| 30/D0 | OFF/ON | OFF | OFF | OFF | |
| 32/D2 | OFF/ON | OFF | OFF | ON | |
| 34/D4 | OFF/ON | OFF | ON | OFF | |
| 36/D6 | OFF/ON | OFF | ON | ON | |
| 38/D8 | OFF/ON | ON | OFF | OFF | |
| 3A/DA | OFF/ON | ON | OFF | ON | |
| 3C/DC | OFF/ON | ON | ON | OFF | |
| 3E/DE | OFF/ON | ON | ON | ON | |



1. DIP Switch

Notes

Chapter 3

Installation

3-1 Static-Sensitive Devices

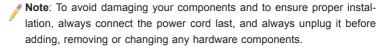
Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) can damage electronic components. To avoid damaging your add-on card, it is important to handle it very carefully. The following measures are generally sufficient to protect your equipment from ESD.

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.
- 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 system, make sure you are static protected.



3-2 Before Installation

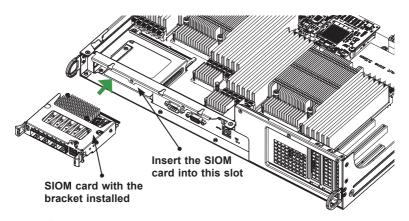
Before you install the add-on card, follow the instructions below.

- 1. Power down the system.
- 2. Unplug the power cord.
- Use industry-standard anti-static equipment such as gloves or a wrist strap and follow the precautions on page 3-1 to avoid damage caused by ESD.
- Familiarize yourself with the server, motherboard, and/or chassis documentation.
- 5. Confirm that your operating system includes the latest updates and hotfixes.

3-3 Installing the Add-on Card

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

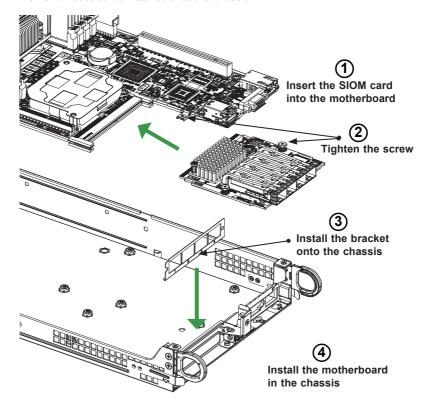
- 1. Remove the server cover and, if any, set aside any screws for later use.
- Remove the add-on card slot cover. If the slot cover has a screw, place it aside for later use
- Position the add-on card in front of the SIOM slot and gently push in both sides of the card until it slides into the slot.



Note: This add-on card does not support hot plug. Please turn off the AC power and remove the power cord from the wall socket before you install or remove the add-on card.

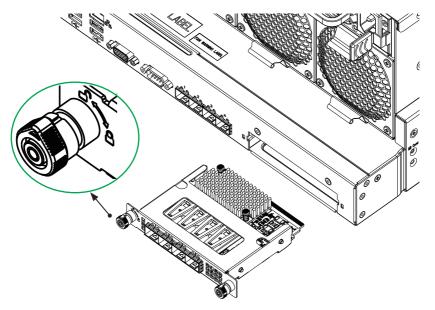
- Secure the add-on card to the chassis. If required, use the screw that you previously removed.
- 5. Attach any necessary external cables to the add-on card.
- 6. Replace the system cover.
- 7. Plug in the power cord and power up the system.

Follow this step to install the add-on card if your system does not support a swappable bracket. Insert the SIOM card in the motherboard and then install the motherboard in the chassis. An internal bracket comes with the SIOM card 1U chassis SKU. It needs to be installed onto the chassis.



Note: It is recommended that the SIOM card installation above be completed by a system integrator or the manufacturer.

Follow the steps below to install the add-on card into your system that supports a swappable bracket. The add-on card must be installed in the swappable bracket before it can be installed in the your system



- 1. Install the add-on card into the swappable bracket.
- Position the add-on card in front of the SIOM slot and gently push in both sides of the card until it slides into the slot.
- Once the card is in the slot, push both knobs in and turn to the right to lock the card in the system. The left knob has the unlock/lock symbols next to it.
 To ensure that the add-on is locked, make sure that the knob position indicator is pointing to the lock symbol.

3-4 Installing Drivers on Windows (for Intel® X550)

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/.

- Run CDR-NIC.
- 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.
- Click on INSTALL DRIVERS AND SOFTWARE.
- 4. Follow the prompts to complete the installation.

3-5 Installing Drivers on Linux (for Intel® X550)

Follow the steps below to install the drivers for Linux.

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
```

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

```
cd ixqbe-x.x.x/src/
```

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 Idistrib.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 ixqbe; modprobe ixqbe
```

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>
```

3-6 Installing Drivers on FreeBSD (for Intel® X550)

Follow the instructions below to install the drivers for 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

- 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
qzip -c ixgb.4 > /usr/share/man/man4/ixqb.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:

```
ifconfig ixqb<interface num> <IP address>
```

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:

```
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:

```
device ixgb
```

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

3-7 Installing Drivers (for Mellanox® ConnectX®-4 Lx EN)

Use the procedures below to install both drivers and firmware for the AOC-MH25G-m2S2T add-on card for both Linux and Windows.

Linux Drivers

Use the following procedures to install drivers on the Linux operating system.

Installing 25G Drivers for the Linux Operating System

- From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > Linux.
- 2. Download the 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 Linux drivers to your system.

Windows Drivers

Use the following procedures to install drivers on the Windows operating system.

Installing 25G Drivers for the Windows Operating System

- From the CDR-NIC LAN driver CD or FTP site, go to the following directory: Mellanox > Windows.
- 2. Choose the desired Windows driver package file.
- 3. Double-click to run and install the driver package file.

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