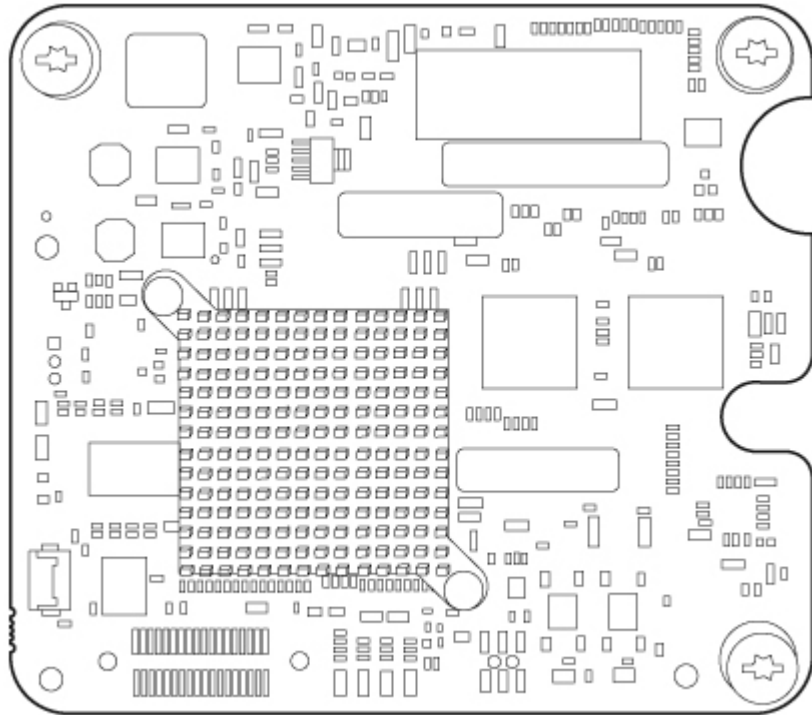


Overview

The NC553m FlexFabric 10Gb mezzanine adapter supports Virtual Connect Flex-10 that allows each 10Gb port to be divided into four physical NICs to optimize bandwidth management for virtualized servers. When connected to a Convergence Enhanced Ethernet (CEE) capable switch, Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) and Ethernet I/O are separated and routed to the corresponding network. For iSCSI storage, the NC553m supports full protocol offload providing better CPU efficiency when compared to software initiators enabling the server to handle increased virtualization workloads and compute-intensive applications. This combination of high-performance network and storage connectivity reduces cost and complexity and provides the flexibility and scalability to fully optimize BladeSystem servers. The NC553m delivers the performance benefits and cost savings of converged network connectivity for HP BladeSystem servers. The dual-port NC553m optimizes network and storage traffic with hardware acceleration and offloads for stateless TCP/IP, TCP Offload Engine (TOE), Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) and iSCSI.



HP NC553m 10Gb 2-port FlexFabric Adapter

Overview

At A Glance

- Industry-leading throughput and latency performance
- Type 1 Adapter supported on all G6 and G7 c-Class servers in mezzanine slots 1, 2 or 3 (full height servers) or slots 1 and 2 (half height servers).
- Dual 10Gb ports provide up to 40Gb full duplex per adapter
- Hardware acceleration and offloads for stateless TCP/IP, TCP Offload Engine (TOE), Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) and iSCSI
- IEEE 802.1p QoS 802.3x flow control, and 802.3ap 10GBase-KR
- Jumbo frames support
- Supports HP's Flex-10 technology that allows setting any bandwidth from 100Mb to 10Gb on up to four physical function NICs or Flex NICs per port when combined with the 10Gb Flex-10 Virtual Connect module
- Supports HP's FlexFabric technology that allows setting any bandwidth from 100Mb to 10Gb on up to four Flex NICs per port when combined with the 10Gb FlexFabric Virtual Connect module. One of the Flex NICs can be configured to support FCoE or accelerated iSCSI.
- Integrated SERDES for backplane configurations (Cost & Power Savings)
- Each FlexNIC and FlexHBA is recognized by the server as a PCI-e physical function device with adjustable speeds from 100Mb to 10Gb in 100Mb increments*

NOTE: Bandwidth adjustment supports speeds from 1 Gb to 10Gb in 100Mb increments on NC553i 2-Port FlexFabric 10Gb Converged Network Adapters and NC553m 2-Port FlexFabric 10Gb Converged Network Adapter.

Models

HP NC553m 10Gb 2-port FlexFabric Adapter

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NOTE: The NC553m requires a minimum of 2 GB of server memory.

NOTE: The NC553m supports linking at 1000Mbps or 10000Mbps when not connected to a Flex-10 device. The NC553m supports 1000Mbps when connected to a 1Gb Ethernet interconnect.

NOTE: The ROM Based Setup Utility (RBSU) feature allows for the configuring of a FlexFabric Adapter to any of the supported protocols. For example iSCSI to FCoE (Fibre Channel over Ethernet). Note that a HP Virtual Connect profile takes precedence over the setting in this menu. Also, some FlexFabric Adapters may require that network boot be enabled in order to configure the protocol. If the protocol is configured without enabling network boot with certain FlexFabric Adapters, the protocol may not take effect. Once the protocol has taken effect on the first boot after configuring this option, network boot may be disabled if desired.

Kit Contents

HP NC553m 10Gb 2-port FlexFabric Adapter

- NC553m mezzanine adapter
- Quick install card
- Product warranty statement
- Drivers, user guide, and utilities via: <http://www.hp.com>



Standard Features

Standard Features

Server Support

- HP ProLiant BL2x220c G6
- HP ProLiant BL280c G6
- HP ProLiant BL460c G6
- HP ProLiant BL460c G7
- HP ProLiant BL465 G6
- HP ProLiant BL465 G7
- HP ProLiant BL490c G6
- HP ProLiant BL490c G7
- HP ProLiant BL495c G6
- HP ProLiant BL620c G7
- HP ProLiant BL680c G7
- HP ProLiant BL685c G6
- HP ProLiant BL685c G7

Storage Support

- HP 2000i G2 Modular Smart Array
- HP All-in-One Storage
- HP MPX200 Multifunction Router
- HP EVA iSCSI Connectivity Option
- HP 4/256 SAN Director iSCSI Blade (FCoE only, iSCSI not supported)
- HP LeftHand P4000 SAN
- HP LeftHand Virtual SAN Appliance
- HP Enterprise Virtual Array 4000/6000/8000 (2Gb)
- HP Enterprise Virtual Array 4100/6100/8100 (4Gb)
- HP Enterprise Virtual Array 4400
- HP Enterprise Virtual Array 4400s
- HP Enterprise Virtual Array 6400/8400
- HP MSA2000 G2 FC Array System
- HP P2000 G3 FC Array System
- HP Disk Array XP10000/12000
- HP Disk Array XP20000/24000 (4Gb)
- HP Disk Array XP20000/24000 (8Gb)

FCoE Switch Support

- HP Nexus 5000 Converged Network Switches
- HP Converged Network Switches
- HP 10/24 FCoE Blade for DC SAN Directors

Warranty

HP branded hardware options qualified for BladeSystem c-Class and p-Class servers are covered by a global limited warranty and supported by HP Services and a worldwide network of HP Authorized Channel Partners. The HP branded hardware option diagnostic support and repair is available for one year from date of purchase, or the length of the server they are attached to, whichever is greater. Support for software and initial setup is available for 90 days from date of purchase. Additional support may be covered under the warranty or available for an additional fee. Enhancements to warranty services are available through HP Care Pack services or customized service agreements.

Additional information regarding worldwide limited warranty and technical support is available at: <http://h18004.www1.hp.com/products/servers/platforms/warranty/index.html>



Performance

Dual-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet Throughput	The NC553m 20,000 Mbps full duplex Ethernet transfer rate per port (40 Gbps aggregate full duplex) delivers outstanding network performance that improves response time and removes bottlenecks required for the next generation data center.
Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE)	Combines the functionality of an industry-standard NIC with an industry-proven Fibre Channel mezzanine card, seamlessly converging the traffic over a shared lossless CEE Ethernet network.
HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10Gb/24-port Module for BladeSystem c-Class	Evolve 10Gb at your own speed! When paired with the HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10Gb/24-port Module for BladeSystem c-Class, take advantage of the Flex NICs, which are PCI Physical Function devices that are OS independent. Server ROM recognizes them as individual NICs Speeds can be set per NIC from 100Mb to 10Gbps in 100Mb increments Three fold increase in number of network connections per port. Up to four physical function NICs per port one of which can be configured to support FCoE or accelerated iSCSI.
Jumbo Frames	The NC553m support for jumbo frames (also known as extended frames) permits up to a 9K byte(KB) transmission unit (MTU) when running Ethernet and/or iSCSI I/O, which is over five times the size of standard 1500 byte Ethernet frame. 8KB jumbo frames are supported when running Ethernet and FCoE I/O concurrently. The use of jumbo frames is a way to achieve higher throughput and better CPU utilization. Jumbo frames are particularly useful for database transfers and tape backups.
802.1p QoS Tagging	IEEE quality of service (QoS) 802.1p tagging allows the adapter to mark or tag frames with a priority level across a QoS-aware network for improved traffic flow.
TCP/IP Stateless Offloading	For overall improved system response, the NC553m supports standard TCP/IP stateless offloading techniques including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TCP/IP checksum offload (TCO) moves the TCP and IP checksum offloading from the CPU to the network adapter.• Large send offload (LSO), also known as TCP segmentation offload (TSO), allows TCP segmentation to be handled by the adapter rather than the CPU.
802.1Q VLANs	IEEE 802.1Q virtual local area network (VLAN) protocol allows each physical port of the NC553m to be separated into multiple virtual NICs for added network segmentation and enhanced security and performance. VLANs increase security by isolating traffic between users. Limiting the broadcast traffic to within the same VLAN domain also improves performance.
TOE	TCP/IP Offload Engine (TOE) moves the processing of data in the TCP protocol stack from the server CPU to the network card, freeing CPU cycles for other duties.



Performance

RDMA Not Supported

iSCSI The NC553m supports accelerated iSCSI and iSCSI INT 13 Boot



Compatibility

Supported Interconnect Modules

- HP 6120XG Blade Switch
- HP 6120G/XG Blade Switch
- HP GbE2c Layer 2/3 Ethernet Blade Switch
- HP 1:10Gb Ethernet BL-c Switch
- Cisco Catalyst Blade Switch 3020 for HP c-Class BladeSystem
- Cisco Catalyst Blade Switch 3120X/G for HP c-Class BladeSystem
- HP 10GbE Pass-Thru Module
- HP Virtual Connect Flex-10 10Gb Ethernet Module
- HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10Gb/24-port Module
- HP Virtual Connect 1/10Gb Ethernet Module
- HP Virtual Connect 1/10Gb-F Ethernet Module

NOTE: Except for the HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10Gb/24-port Module for BladeSystem c-Class, the 6120XG and the HP 10GbE Pass-Thru Module, all other supported interconnects are limited to 1Gb per port connection.



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Related Options

Additional c-Class BladeSystem Adapters	HP NC325m PCI Express Quad Port Gigabit Server Adapter	416585-B21
	HP NC360m Dual Port 1GbE BL-c Adapter	445978-B21
	HP NC364m Quad Port 1GbE BL-c Adapter	447883-B21
	QLogic iSCSI Dual Port Adapter with Virtual Connect for c-Class BladeSystem	488074-B22
	HP NC522m Dual Port Flex-10 10GbE Multifunction BL-c Adapter	467801-B21
	HP NC532m Dual Port Flex-10 10GbE Multifunction BL-c Adapter	467799-B21
	HP NC542m Dual Port Flex-10 10GbE BL-c Adapter	539857-B21
	HP NC550m 10GbE 2-port PCIe x8 Flex-10 Ethernet Adapter	581204-B21
HP 10Gb interconnects	HP Virtual Connect FlexFabric 10Gb/24-port Module for BladeSystem c-Class	455880-B21
	HP 6120XG Blade Switch	516733-B21
	HP Virtual Connect Flex-10 10Gb Ethernet Module for the c-Class BladeSystem	455880-B21
	HP 10GbE Ethernet Pass-Thru Module for c-Class BladeSystem	538113-B21



Technical Specifications

General Specifications	Network processor	BladeEngines (BE3) Controller		
	Data rate	Two ports, each at 20 Gbps full duplex; 40 Gbps aggregate full duplex theoretical bandwidth.		
	Bus type	PCI Express v2.0 (Gen 2) x8		
	Form factor	The NC553m is a Type I card and is supported in any mezzanine slot on all Gen 6 servers.		
	IEEE Compliance	802.1p, 802.1q, 802.1qau 802.3u, 802.3ad, 802.3ae, 802.3ap (10GBase-KX4), 802.3x and 802.3z		
Power and Environmental Specifications	Operating	Temperature	0°C to 55°C / 32°F to 131°F	
		Humidity	10% to 90% non-condensing	
	Power requirement	14W maximum		
	Emissions classification	FCC Class A		
	Agency approvals	USA	FCC (CFR 47 part 15) and UL 60950	
		Canada	ICES-003 and CSA60950	
		Japan	VCCI	
		Korea	MIC (RRL), EMC Registration	
		Australia	ACA, AS/NZS3548/EN55022:1998, EN55024:1998	
		European Union	EN55022:1998 (CISPR 22), EN55024:1998, and IEC60950:1999 (EN60950:2000)	
RoHS Compliance	6 of 6			
Safety	UL Mark (USA and Canada)			
	CE Mark			
	EN 60590			

Operating System Support Microsoft:

Microsoft Windows Server 2003 SP2 (x86 and x64)
Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2, R2 (x86 and x64)
Microsoft Windows Server 2008 SP2, R2 Hyper-V (x86 and x64)

Linux:

RHEL 5.4 (x86 and x64)
RHEL 5.5 (x86 and x64)
SLES 10 SP3 (x86 and x64)
SLES 11 (x86 and x64)

Solaris:

Solaris 10 (x86 and x64)

VMware:

VMware ESX 4.0
VMware ESX 4.1



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