Multi-Functional Ethernet/IP Tester - PacketExpert™ 10GX
(10G, 2.5G, 1G Carrier Grade Ethernet Networks)

Overview

GL’s PacketExpert™ 10GX (PXN100/PXN101) is a comprehensive Ethernet/IP test solution supporting industry standard functionalities including wirespeed bit error rate testing (BERT), RFC 2544 / Y.1564 / RFC 6349 tests, packet capture, event-driven triggers and actions, traffic playback, impairment generation, stacked VLAN/MPLS tests, and many others.

The PacketExpert™ 10GX includes two 10/1 Gbps optical ports, and two 10/100/1000 Mbps electrical/optical capable ports. The 10/1 Gbps optical ports can be down-shifted to support 1 Gbps electrical ports, thus offering 4 electrical / 4 optical 1 Gbps ports for Ethernet testing. The same two 10 Gbps ports can be converted to 2.5 Gbps ports with an appropriate SFP and a simple software upgrade. With additional PXN101 licensing installation the unit supports testing on 10G optical ports.

The test tool supports multiple functionalities - Wire speed BERT, Smart Loopback, RFC 2544 Testing, PacketBroker, Record Playback, ExpertSAM™, Multi-Stream UDP/TCP Traffic Generator and Analyzer, and ExpertTCP™. BERT and Smart Loopback features are available on all (4 ports) 1G Electrical or 1G Optical ports.

GL also offers mTOP™ PacketExpert™ 10GX 1U/2U high-density rackmount and mTOP™ Probe with SBC variants. The rack enclosure can be stacked up to 6 PacketExpert™ 10GX USB hardware units to provide high density GigE ports form factor solution for testing GigE switches, routers and network conditions. With additional CXN100 licensing, PacketExpert™ supports Command line Interface (CLI) to access all the functionalities remotely using Python, C# client APIs and MAPS™ CLI Client/Server architecture.

For detailed information on PacketExpert™ 10GX, visit PacketExpert™- Multi-Functional Ethernet/IP Test Solution.

For more details on mTOP™ platforms, refer to Multi-Interface TDM, Optical, and Packet/IP Rackmount & Probe Test Platforms webpage.
Main Features

Hardware
- Comprehensive testing of Wirespeed Ethernet/IP networks up to 10 Gbps (1Gbps, 2.5Gbps, 10Gbps)
- Available in Portable or Rackmount (mTOP™ enclosure w/ Single Board Computer)
- Rack-based variants (mTOP™ 1U/2U rackmount enclosures) provide high density GigE ports form factor solution with multiple PacketExpert™ devices
- Control multiple devices from a single GUI, multiplying the number of ports available per system

Ethernet / IP Testing
- Capable of simultaneous generation/reception of Ethernet to IP traffic at 100% at user-defined or auto-negotiated speed
- Traffic options lets technicians generate Ethernet to IP frames with user-configurable frame length, and frame size with varying traffic rates
- User selectable Electrical and/or Optical interface for ports allows mixed technology testing
- Wire speed BERT, Smart Loopback, RFC 2544, Record and Playback, ExpertSAM™ (Y.1564), IPNetSim™, IPLinkSim™, PacketBroker, Multi-stream Traffic Generation and Analyzer, and ExpertTCP™ (RFC.6349)
- Support for frame lengths from 64 bytes to Jumbo frames (up to 16000 bytes) for applications Wire speed BERT, Smart Loopback, RFC 2544, Record and Playback, ExpertSAM™, PacketBroker, Multi-stream Traffic Generation and Analyzer, and ExpertTCP™
- **Layer-wise Testing** - BERT, RFC 2544 Testing over Framed Ethernet (Layer2), Stacked MPLS (Layer2.5), IP and UDP. BERT testing is also supported on Layer1
- Ability to define Ethernet, IP and UDP header fields
- Multi-board support for all the applications
- With PXN101 licensing, the unit supports testing on 10G optical ports

CLI/ API for Automation and Remote Testing
- PacketExpert™ platforms are based on MAPS™ CLI Server architecture, and can be configured as server-side application based and controlled via standard C#, Python clients to automate execution of test scripts, read responses etc.
- Capability of automation, remote operation, and multi-site connectivity using C#, Python clients
- Multiple PacketExpert™ can be controlled remotely from single client application
- Requires additional CXN100 licensing to access functions remotely

Wire speed BERT
- BERT is applicable for Layers 1, Ethernet (Layer2), up to 3 Stacked VLAN (Q-in-Q), up to 3 Stacked MPLS (Layer 2.5), IP (Layer3) and UDP (Layer4)
- Capable of handling full wire speed BERT, in both directions Electrical/Optical ports
- Single as well as constant rate Bit Error and FCS Error Insertion
- User-defined header parameters for MAC, VLAN, MPLS, IPv4/IPv6 and UDP layers
- Multi-device support for wire-speed BERT and simultaneous BERT/Loopback applications

RFC 2544
- RFC 2544 is applicable for Layers Ethernet, MPLS, IPv4/IPv6
- Supports Throughput, Latency, Frame Loss, and Back-to-Back performance tests
- Uni-directional and bi-directional traffic can be generated and transmitted on single or dual Electrical/Optical ports
- User-defined configuration parameters such as frame size, trial duration, number of trials, etc.
- Multi-device support for single and dual ports RFC 2544 application

Loopback
- Loopback is applicable for Layers Ethernet, MPLS, IPv4/IPv6, and UDP
- Supports both smart loopback (auto layer detection) and user-defined layer-wise loopback capabilities for incoming traffic
- Multi-device support for all port loopback application
Wire Speed BER Testing

PacketExpert™ 10GX supports Wire speed BERT up to 10Gbps simultaneously over Layer 1, Framed Ethernet (Layer2), Stacked VLAN (Q-in-Q), Stacked MPLS (Layer 2.5), IPv4/IPv6, and UDP. It can generate and receive various BER Traffic Patterns, including various industry standard PRBS patterns, User-defined test patterns, Bit Error Insertion, and FCS Error Insertion. Wire speed BERT is also supported on all the four 1000 Mbps Electrical/Optical ports and on two 10 Gbps ports. The screen below displays the PacketExpert™ 10GX GUI, running All Port BER test on two ports Port#1 and Port#2 Optical ports. Optional sequence number insertion allows detecting out-of-sequence packets and packet loss.

All Port Loopback

PacketExpert™ 10GX supports Loopback capability on all 1Gbps ports and two 10Gbps ports. PacketExpert™ 10GX supports layer wise (Layer1/Ethernet/IP/UDP) loopback as well as Smart Loopback. During Smart Loopback, PacketExpert™ 10GX analyzes incoming traffic, automatically detects and swaps Source and Destination Addresses and sends back the traffic on the same port. Smart Loopback handles stacked VLAN and stacked MPLS automatically.
RFC 2544 Testing

PacketExpert™ 10GX supports RFC 2544 tests on all ports (10G - Port#1, Port#2 and 1G – Port#1, Port#2) on Layers 2, 2.5, and 3. RFC 2544 tests includes Ethernet Throughput, Latency, Frame Loss, and Back-to-Back performance tests in accordance with RFC 2544 specifications. The test is setup such that the traffic can be generated and transmitted on either of the ports and the looped back traffic from the DUT is received on the opposite port validating the test parameters.

Automation with CLI/APIs

PacketExpert™ supports Command line Interface (CLI) allowing remote accessibility and to control various functionalities through multiple command-line based clients Python and C#.

- Capability of remote operation, automation and multi-site connectivity using Python, C# clients and MAPS™ CLI server
- Scripts for MAC, VLAN, MPLS, IP and UDP layers testing
- Multiple PacketExpert™ can be controlled remotely from single client application via MAPS™ CLI server
- Scripts for Bert, Loopback, RFC 2544, Record Playback, PacketBroker, Multi Stream Traffic Generator and Analyzer, ExpertTCP, IPNetSim, IPLinkSim, and ExpertSAM™ testing
## Hardware Specifications

### Portable 10GX Hardware Unit

**Physical Specification:**
- Length: 8.45 in. (214.63 mm)
- Width: 5.55 in. (140.97 mm)
- Height: 1.60 in. (40.64 mm)
- Weight: 1.713 lbs. (0.75 kg)

**Bus Interface:** USB 3.0

**SBC Specifications:**
- Intel Core i3 or optional i7 Equivalent, Windows® 11 64-bit Pro OS
- USB 3.0 and USB 2.0 Hub, ATX Power Supply
- USB Type C ports, Ethernet 2.5GigE port
- 256GB Hard drive, 8G Memory (Min)
- Two HDMI ports

**Temperature:** Operating Temperature
- 0° C to +50° C (only up to operating altitude of 5000 feet, and for Optical SFPs only i.e. Non Electrical SFPs)
- +5° to +40° C (for operating altitude up to 10,000 feet, and for both Electrical and Optical SFPs)

**Humidity:** Operating Humidity: 0% to 80% RH
Non-Operating Humidity: 0% to 95% RH

**Altitude:** Operating Altitude: up to 10,000 feet
Non-Operating Altitude: up to 50,000 feet

**Interfaces:**
- 4 x 1G Base-X Optical OR 10/100/1000 Base-T Electrical
- 2 x 100Mbps Base-FX Optical
- 2 x 2.5 Gbps Electrical Interface
- 2 x 10G Base-SR, -LR -ER Optical only
- Single Mode or Multi Mode Fiber SFP support with LC connector

**Protocols:**
- IEEE 802.3ae LAN PHY compliance
- RFC 2544 compliance

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### 1U mTOP™ Rack Based 10GX Hardware Unit

**Physical Specification:**
- Length: 10.4 in. (264.16 mm)
- Width: 8.4 in. (213.36 mm)
- Height: 3.0 in. (76.2 mm)

**SBC Specifications:**
- Intel Core i3 or optional i7 NUC Equivalent, Windows® 11 64-bit Pro OS
- USB 3.0 and USB 2.0 Hub, Power Supply +12 Volts, 3 Amps
- USB Type C ports, Ethernet 2.5GigE port
- 256GB Hard drive, 8G Memory (Min)
- Two HDMI ports

**Temperature:** Operating Temperature
- 0° C to +50° C (only up to operating altitude of 5000 feet, and for Optical SFPs only i.e. Non Electrical SFPs)
- +5° to +40° C (for operating altitude up to 10,000 feet, and for both Electrical and Optical SFPs)

**Humidity:** Operating Humidity: 0% to 80% RH
Non-Operating Humidity: 0% to 95% RH

**Altitude:** Operating Altitude: up to 10,000 feet
Non-Operating Altitude: up to 50,000 feet

**Interfaces:**
- 4 x 1G Base-X Optical OR 10/100/1000 Base-T Electrical
- 2 x 100Mbps Base-FX Optical
- 2 x 2.5 Gbps Electrical Interface
- 2 x 10G Base-SR, -LR -ER Optical only
- Single Mode or Multi Mode Fiber SFP support with LC connector

**Protocols:**
- IEEE 802.3ae LAN PHY compliance
- RFC 2544 compliance

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### PacketExpert™ 10GX mTOP™ Probe

**Physical Specification:**
- Length: 10.4 in. (264.16 mm)
- Width: 8.4 in. (213.36 mm)
- Height: 3.0 in. (76.2 mm)

**SBC Specifications:**
- Intel Core i3 or optional i7 NUC Equivalent, Windows® 11 64-bit Pro OS
- USB 3.0 and USB 2.0 Hub, Power Supply +12 Volts, 3 Amps
- USB Type C ports, Ethernet 2.5GigE port
- 256GB Hard drive, 8G Memory (Min)
- Two HDMI ports

**Temperature:** Operating Temperature
- 0° C to +50° C (only up to operating altitude of 5000 feet, and for Optical SFPs only i.e. Non Electrical SFPs)
- +5° to +40° C (for operating altitude up to 10,000 feet, and for both Electrical and Optical SFPs)

**Humidity:** Operating Humidity: 0% to 80% RH
Non-Operating Humidity: 0% to 95% RH

**Altitude:** Operating Altitude: up to 10,000 feet
Non-Operating Altitude: up to 50,000 feet

**Interfaces:**
- 4 x 1G Base-X Optical OR 10/100/1000 Base-T Electrical
- 2 x 100Mbps Base-FX Optical
- 2 x 2.5 Gbps Electrical Interface
- 2 x 10G Base-SR, -LR -ER Optical only
- Single Mode or Multi Mode Fiber SFP support with LC connector

**Protocols:**
- IEEE 802.3ae LAN PHY compliance
- RFC 2544 compliance

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**Packaging:**
- Pelican Carry Case
**Buyer’s Guide**

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