PacketExpert[™] – PacketBroker[™] (Wire-speed Ethernet Tap)



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Ethernet Technology



- Ethernet has become ubiquitous in both Local Area Networks and Wide Area Networks
- Network engineers require the ability to capture the traffic at different locations in the network



Just bigger Pipes, but same Ethernet packets





PacketExpert[™] 1G



- Bit Error Rate Testing
- RFC 2544
- Smart Loopback Functionality
- ITU-T Y.1564 (verify service level agreements)

- Wirespeed Record/Playback Capability
- Multi-Stream Traffic Generator
- PacketBroker
- RFC 6349 (TCP Testing)



Active Network Tap



- Dedicated hardware device FPGA based processing means full 100% wirespeed capability to pass through traffic no drops, no delays, and also to make two separate copies Tx and Rx side
- Hardware filters means wirespeed filtering



PacketBroker™ in Network





Features



- A network tap like application, with additional advanced features such as:
 - > Active network tap capable of handling bidirectional 100% wirespeed traffic upto 1 Gb/s
 - Wirespeed Filtering powerful and easy to use
 - Packet Modification to convey useful information such as Timestamp inband
 - ➤ Output aggregation both direction traffic multiplexed on the same output Based on PacketExpert[™] hardware platform
- Ports 2 and 3 act as the Active/Pass through ports
- Ports 1 and 4 act as the Output ports



PacketExpert[™] 1G Portable Unit

- Interfaces
 - > 2 x 10/100/1000 Base-T Electrical only
 - 2 x 1000 Base-X Optical OR 10/100/1000 Base-T Electrical
 - Single Mode or Multi Mode Fiber SFP support with LC connector
 - Optional 4-Port SMA Jack Trigger Board (TTL Input/Output)
- Protocols:
 - > RFC 2544 compliance
 - > ITU-T Y.1564 (ExpertSAM)
- Power:
 - > +12 volts (Medical Grade), 3 Amps
- Bus Interface:
 - ➤ USB 2.0



PacketExpert™ mTOP™ Probe

Front Panel View



Rear Panel View



- Portable Quad Port Ethernet/VLAN/MPLS/IP/UDP Tester with 4 Electrical Ethernet Ports (10/100/1000 Mbps) and 2 Optical Ports (100/1000 Mbps). Embedded with Single Board Computer (SBC).
- SBC Specs: Intel Core i3 or optional i7 NUC Equivalent, Windows® 11 64-bit Pro Operating System, USB 3.0 and USB 2.0 Ports, 12V/3A Power Supply, USB Type C Ports, Ethernet 2.5GigE port, 256 GB Hard drive, 8G Memory (Min), Two HDMI ports
- Each GigE port provides independent Ethernet/VLAN/MPLS/IP/UDP testing at wire speed for applications such as BERT, RFC 2544, and Loopback. BERT is implemented for all layers.
- RFC 2544 is applicable for Layers 2, 2.5, and 3, and Loopback is applicable for Layers 2, 3, and 4



PacketExpert™ High Density 12/24 GigE Ports mTOP™ Rack

PacketExpert[™] SA (PXE112)



PacketExpert ™ SA (PXE112) is a 12-Port PacketExpert ™ w/ Embedded Single Board Computer (SBC).

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

19" 1U Rackmount Enclosure (If options, then x 3).

PacketExpert[™] SA (PXE124)



PacketExpert™ SA (PXE124) is a 24-Port PacketExpert™ w/ Embedded Single Board Computer (SBC).

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

19" stacked 1U Rackmount Enclosure (If options, then x 6).



MTOP™ PacketBroker™ Rack Unit w/ 4 TTL Triggers



Pulse generated on TTL I/O and is carried over SMA cable to the oscilloscope



Optical Connectors and SFP Transceivers

LC Connectors



850/1310 nm SFP Module



PacketExpert[™] supports LC connectors and 850/1310 nm Small Factor Pluggable (SFP) modules
 Note: In case customer have different type of connectors, then we need converters like LC-to-SC, LC-to-FC and vice-versa



Packet Tap, Filter, Aggregation, Modification, and Output





Capture Traffic of Interest





Header





Filter Combination





Filter Example



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Filter Example (Contd.)

SIP and RTP between 192.168.10.50 192.168.300.25 unidirectional (192.168.10.50 --> 192.168.300.25)





Filter Configuration Menu





Filter Configuration Options





Dynamically Enable/Disable Filters





Dynamically Enable/Disable Filters

	Filter Setup						
	+ +		orts ort 2 Filters Filters	Aggregator Disabled V Outport 1	Out Ports Port 1 Packet Modifier E Port 4 Packet Modifier E	inabled 💌 🔶 O inabled 🔍 🔶 O	utput Enabled 💌 🔶
		Port Filter F1 II	Selection Port 2 Summary F2 F3 F9 F10	2	Activate All Deactiv I F8 I4 II F15 II F16	ate All Operation OR	
	Filter N	0	NOT	Filter Mode	Triggered/Filtered P	Triggered Status	Trigger
Dynamically Enable/Disable		1	NOT	Continuous	9651		
		2	NOT	Continuous	9651		
Fliters, even at run-time		3	NOT	Continuous	9651		
		4	NOT	Continuous	9651		
		5	NOT	Continuous	9651		
		6	NOT	Continuous	9651		
		7	NOT	Continuous	9651		
		8	NOT	Continuous	0		
		9	NOT	Continuous	0		



Trigger Mode



- PacketBroker[™] helps achieve this using the Trigger mode for filters
- In this user can start the filter in Trigger mode, where it starts to look for packet matching the user defined value
- As soon as the first packet matches the filter, the filter is set to be triggered, and stops further capture



Trigger Mode

Fi	Filter Setup								
	+ +	Port 2 Filte Port 3 Filte Port 3 Port Selecti	rs Aggregator Out Port 1 Port 1 Port 1 Port 4 Port	S Modifier Disabled	• •				
	Filter No		Filter Mode	Triggered/Filtered Packets	Triggered Status	Trigger			
	\checkmark	1	Continuous	4382					
	\checkmark	2	Mono Trigger	0	🔶 Waiting	Set			

Filter Setu	up									₽ ×
+ +	In Ports Port 2 Filter: Port 3 Filter:		abled v	→ [Aggregate Port (P4) Packet Modifier Disabled Packet Modifier Disabled Packet Modifier Disabled Disabled Disabled Packet Modifier Disabled	Output E Output E	nabled 💌 nabled 💌	→ ≠		
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Packet Aggregation (Contd.)





Packet Aggregation User Interface

	In Ports	1	Aggregator	î l	Out Ports		
-	Filters	+	Enabled 🛃	-	Port 1 Packet Modifier Disabled	🔶 Output Enabled 💌	-
	Port 3				Aggregate Port (P4)		

- The filtered traffic is combined and sent out through a single output port
- If the combined bandwidth exceeds the wirespeed of the output port, may cause packet loss
- Hence, the onboard memory (2 GB DR2 RAM) is used as a temporary buffer to store the traffic before sent out at wirespeed. Thus, upto 2 GB of traffic can be buffered



Packet Modification



- Need to convey very useful information such as the timestamp, port number, filter number etc. to the analysis tool
- May not have the flexibility to convey it outband may need to do it inband
- PacketBroker[™] provides this functionality by conveying it in the MAC header of the output packets



Packet Modification



- Timestamp, Filter Number, Board Serial Number and Port Number fields are written on top of the Src MAC address and Dst MAC Address fields
- Ethernet CRC is recalculated
- Original MAC header will be lost, but many times, this may be fine if interest is only in higher layers (IP, TCP/UDP etc.)



Packet Modifier Enable/Disable





Packet Modifier Field Config Menu





Packet Modifier Field Configuration

	Packet Modifier Field Con	lig			
Packet Modifier Config	Port Selection Port 2 Insert Filter Number (2 bytes) Insert Board Serial Number (1 b) Insert Port Number (4 bits)	byte)			
Board Serial No Take From Hardware 	← 6 bytes →	♦ 6 bytes	2 bytes	46-1500	→ 4 bytes →
User Configured 54 (0-255)	Original Destination MAC Address	Original Source MAC Add	ress Len/Type	Ethernet Payload (Higher Layers)	Original CRC
	Timestamp (Hardware based 8nsec Acc	urate) Filter Board Serial No. No.	y un us Len/Type	Ethernet Payload (Higher Layers)	New CRC
	8 bytes			46-1500 bytes	< → ^{4 bytes}



Packet Modifier Board Serial Number Config UI





Port Statistics

Port Statistics		
Port Selection Port 3 🔽 Reset		
Description	Tx	Rx
Total Frames	5778759	6237864
Valid Frames	5778760	6237864
Number Of Bytes	5287566315	5278880495
Link Utilisation	-	-
DataRate(Mbps)	9.791688	9.673585
Frame Rate(Frames\Second)	1336.481700	2017.709563
Broadcast Frames	0	0
Multicast Frames	5778763	0
Control Frames	0	0
VLAN Frames	0	0
Pause Frames	0	0
Wrong Opcode Frames	0	0
64 Byte Length Frames	0	0
65-127 Byte Length Frames	0	Ó
128-255 Byte Length Frames	0	222382
256-511 Byte Length Frames	0	0
512-1023 Byte Length Frames	5778770	6015495
1024-1518 Byte Length Frames	0	0
Oversized Frames	0	0
Undersized Frames	-	0
FCS Error Frames	-	0



Thank you

