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PCI Bus
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Overview

Thank you for choosing the D-Link DGE-550SX. This introduction gives a general description of the newer networking technologies found on the DGE-550SX.

This Network Interface Card (NIC) is designed to operate at 1000Mbps at full duplex. When running at 1000Mbps, it provides a network throughput of 2Gbps in full-duplex mode.

The card supports IEEE 802.1p Traffic Prioritization for time-sensitive and mission-critical traffic. With IEEE 802.1Q multiple VLAN support, it provides VLAN tables that can filter packets by recognized VLAN tags, strip VLAN tags when received, and insert VLAN tags when transmitted. VLANs can increase the efficiency and provide extra security of your network.

The DGE-550SX provides IEEE802.3x Flow Control Enhancements, which are needed for a network adapter to function with a switch. In full-duplex mode, MAC implements the PAUSE control function. This means when a switch is connected in full-duplex mode and it senses that its buffer will overflow in the near future, the switch will transmit one standard Ethernet packet that causes the DGE-550SX to pause for a period, thus avoiding internal buffer overflow and packet loss.

The NIC enables simple, scalable network migration, providing the benefit of Gigabit Ethernet networking with the familiarity of Ethernet.

Features

Designed for versatility and performance, the DGE-550SX NIC provides the following:

- Hardware VLAN filtering.
- Chip-Level Internet Protocol (CLIP) for IP packet processing.
- IEEE 802.3z compliant.
- Complies with the PCI v2.1 interface standard – supporting operation at 33/66 MHz and 32/64 bit wide data path.
- Full-duplex operation.
- On-board verification of IP header and TCP/UDP checksum.
- On-board screening of VLAN-tagged packets – tagged in compliance IEEE 802.3ac.
- IEEE 802.3z 1000Base-SX Gigabit Ethernet compliant.
- SC optical fiber connector, 850 nm wavelength.
- Transceiver lasers compliant with Laser AEL Class 1 standards and is safe for eye-viewing.
- Accepts 62.5 / 125 micron multi-mode fiber optic cable for a maximum length of 260 meters.

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Installation

Unpack and Inspect

CAUTION: *Under ordinary circumstances, a DGE-550SX card will not be affected by static charge. In some circumstances where you may carry an extraordinarily high static charge, it is good practice to reduce the charge by touching a ground before handling the adapter card.*

Open the shipping carton and carefully remove all items. In addition to a printed copy of this User's Guide, ascertain that you have:

- One DGE-550SX 1000 Mbps PCI Adapter Card.
- DGE-550SX User's Guide CD-ROM

Installing the Adapter

1. Shut down the computer, unplug its power cord, and remove the chassis cover.
2. Insert the contact edge of the DGE-550SX card into the connector of any available PCI Bus Master expansion slot. Press the card firmly into the connector such that the card's contacts are fully seated in the PCI connector.

3. Install the bracket screw that secures the card to the computer chassis.
4. Replace the computer's chassis cover.
5. Reconnect the computer's power cord, and switch computer power on. If the BIOS section of your computer's boot program is Plug-and-Play compliant, then at power-up the BIOS will automatically configure any newly installed DGE-550SX adapter.

NOTE: *Due to a fault in some Plug-n-Play BIOS programs, it happens occasionally that a newly installed adapter is assigned an Interrupt Number which is already assigned to another device. In such a case, a conflict in the Interrupt Number will cause faults in the behavior of both devices. Then it is necessary to run the CMOS Setup utility, and manually assign a non-conflicting Interrupt Number to the PCI bus slot that the DGE-550SX is install in.*

Connecting the Network Cable

The DGE-550SX 1000Base-SX Gigabit Ethernet network adapter card enables operation over 850nm 62.5/125 fiber optic cable to 220 meters and 850nm 50/125 fiber optic cable to 500 meters. The network adapter card uses two SC sockets to terminate the fiber optic cable. The upper socket is used to transmit packets and the lower socket is used to receive packets.

Software Installation

With the wide variety of network architecture in mind, the instructions for driver † software installation are given as README files on the DGE-550SX Software CD-ROM. Review the file README in the root directory for an overview and full installation details; see the README and referenced instruction files in the subdirectory appropriate to your network operating system.

A brief overview of the installation details is as follows: As the DGE-550SX is Plug-and-Play compliant, the driver software should be automatically detected and installed in PCs running Windows 95, 98, and 2000. After “New Hardware Found” dialog boxes for “PCI Ethernet Controller” and “D-Link DGE-550SX Gigabit Ethernet Adapter” are displayed in rapid succession, a “Copying Files” window, and then an “Insert Disk” window appear. The final step is placing the DGE-550SX Software CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive and then making sure the correct location is selected. Once this is done the software installation should be complete.

† Check <http://www.dlink.com> for newest release of drivers.

Troubleshooting

If you experience any problems with the adapter, first: ascertain that the appropriate driver is loaded; that the proper grade of cable is employed for the network connection; and that the supporting hub is properly qualified for the application.

The DGE-550SX Adapter features three LED indicators:

- **Power** Steady green indicates the adapter is powered-up.
- **Link/Act** Steady green indicates a good connection between the adapter and another Ethernet device. Flashing green indicates a good connection (valid Link) with Ethernet packet traffic on it.
- **Full** Steady green indicates the adapter is operating in full-duplex mode.

Specifications

Jumperless Hardware

LAN Chip Set:

- Gigabit Media Access controller: NS DP83820
- Physical interface: NS DP83861

EMI Certifications:

- FCC Class B
- CE Class B
- BSMI Class B
- VCCI Class B
- C-Tick

Host interface: PCI Bus (Bus Master)

I/O base address assigned by Plug and Play system

Interrupt Number Assigned by Plug and Play system

Physical Dimensions: 166 mm (L) x 73 mm (H)

Environment:

- Storage: -25° to 55°C (-13° to 131°F)
- Operating: 0° to 50°C (32° to 122°F)
- Humidity: 5% to 90% non-condensing
- Power Consumption: 10W

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 Country: _____ Date of purchase (Month/Day/Year): _____

Product Model	Product Serial No.	* Product installed in type of computer (e.g., Compaq 486)	* Product installed Computer serial No.

(* Applies to adapters only)

Product was purchased from:

Reseller's name: _____
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 PC NFS 3Com 3+Open Banyan Vines DECnet Pathwork
 Windows NT Windows NTAS Windows '95 Other _____

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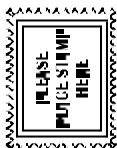
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