

PRODUCT BRIEF

NFE-3240 Appliance Adapters

NETWORK FLOW ENGINE APPLIANCE ADAPTERS

Accelerate Network and Security Aplications

Netronome's Flow Engine family of appliance adapters (NFE-3240) are specifically designed to improve the network performance of x86-based appliances and servers. Available in 2-port 10GbE and 6-port 1GbE options, the NFE-3240 provides up to 20Gb/s of line-rate programmable packet and flow processing per card, providing a 10X performance increase over traditional NICs in real-world network and security applications running on IA/x86 systems. The NFE-3240 enables the acceleration of network and security applications by utilizing high-performance packet processing delivered from 40 networking-optimized processor cores. The NFE-3240 utilizes several techniques to dramatically improve network workloads, including packet classification, stateful flow analysis and per flow match/action processing, Layer 2 switching, Layer 3 routing, IPsec VPN origination/termination, SSL inspection, network address and port translation and dynamic load-balancing of flows across a



- Line-rate flow processing, packet inspection and packet capture across all packet sizes
- Integrated security processing including 20Gb/s of line-rate cryptography and PKI operations
- Green computing through the industry's highest BIPs (billion instructions per second) per watt at 1,800 instructions/packet at 30 million pps

Features

- High-performance network flow processing powered by the NFP-3240 (40 MEs
 @ up to 1.4 GHz)
- Packet classification for up to 64,000 rules
- Stateful flow analysis and action processing for up to 8 million flows in hardware
- Flexible interface options including 2x10GbE and 6x1GbE

virtualized PCIe datapath to parallelize application processing.

• High-speed PCIe Gen2 interface with 8 lanes offering up to 40Gb/s of bandwidth between the NFE and the host x86 system





Netronome's Network Flow
Engine PCle cards offer a highly
programmable heterogeneous
multicore architecture that tightly
couples the Netronome NFP flow
processing cores – for switching
and routing, packet classification,
stateful flow analysis, deep packet
inspection, flow-based load
balancing and security processing –
with the performance and ubiquity
of general-purpose multicore x86
systems over a high speed virtualized
PCle datapath.

Netronome Network Flow Engine Family

	NFE-3240-20F-AB-21	NFE-3240-20F-EA-20	NFE-3240-20F-DC-20	NFE-3240-6C-DC-20
Processor	NFP-3240	NFP-3240	NFP-3240	NFP-3240
Clock Speed	1.4Ghz	1.1Ghz	1.0Ghz	1.0Ghz
TCAM	36Mb	36Mb	Algorithmic (SW)	Algorithmic (SW)
QDR2 SRAM	32MB	32MB		
DDR3 DRAM	8GB	4GB	4GB	4GB
Crypto and PKI	Yes	No	No	No
Virtualized I/O	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ports(s)	2x10GbE	2x10GbE	2x10GbE	6x1GbE
PCI-e Form Factor	Full length, full profile	Full length, full profile	Half length, full profile	Half length, full profile
PCle	Gen2 x8	Gen2 x8	Gen2 x8	Gen2 x8

- Hardware-based cryptography and PKI operations
- Low latency with less than 100μs for inline x86 applications and less than 20μs for traffic offload onto NFE
- I/O virtualization through an enhanced version of the SR-IOV standard
- Packet timestamping with 11ns accuracy
- GPS time synchronization
- Dynamic load balancing to parallelize application performance
- Layer 2 switching / Layer 3 routing
- Network address and port translation (NAPT)
- Full programming flexibility to support network or protocol changes
- Fully supported C APIs
 - An abstraction layer that controls the packet processing occurring in the NFE MEs





SPECIFICATIONS		
Model Number	NFE-3240	
Network Ports	Two 10GbE, six 1GbE	
Processor	NFP-3240	
Clock Speed	up to 1.4Ghz	
TCAM	up to 36MB	
QDR SRAM	up to 32MB @ 300Mhz	
DDR3	up to 8GB @ 1066Mhz	
Port Speeds	10Gb/s or 1,000Mb/s	
Connectors	RJ-45, SFP+	
Bus Type	PCI Express Gen 2 x8	
Power	40W (Nominal) / 65W Maximum	
Diagnostic LEDs	Link status, network activity, and status	
Platforms	64-bit IA/x86-compliant	

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