

QLogic QLE2694 and QLE2694L

Quad-port Enhanced Gen 5 FC (16GFC) Fibre Channel Adapters



- Industry's first native quad-port solution supporting 16GFC technology
- Four ports of 16GFC Enhanced Gen 5 FC deliver 12,800MBps aggregate bandwidth
- Up to 2.6 million IOPS fuel high performance in AFAs and high-density virtualized environments
- FC-NVMe capability allows concurrent access to NVMe™ and FCP Storage on the same port
- Enhanced reliability, diagnostics and accelerated deployment powered by QLogic® StorFusion™ technology
- Port isolation design offers consistent and reliable performance on each port

OVERVIEW

The QLogic QLE2694/QLE2694L quad-port adapters from Cavium™ are the industry's first Enhanced Gen 5 FC (16GFC) adapters, boasting industry-leading native FC performance with low CPU usage and full hardware offloads.

ENHANCED GEN 5 FC

QLogic's unique Enhanced Gen 5 FC technology provides the industry's first native quad-port 16GFC adapter in both low-profile (QLE2694L) and standard height (QLE2694) form factors. QLogic's Enhanced Gen 5 FC solution offers higher per-port performance (up to 650K IOPS) with lower power consumption (3W per port). In addition, QLogic StorFusion technology delivers streamline provisioning, guaranteed QoS, and improved resiliency while addressing the needs of IT organizations that require reliability, integrated management, and guaranteed network performance.

Enhanced Gen 5 FC technology resolves data center complexities by enabling a storage network infrastructure that supports powerful virtualization features, application-aware services, and simplified management. The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters provide advanced storage networking features capable of supporting the most demanding virtualized and private cloud environments while fully leveraging the capabilities of high-performance 16GFC and all-flash arrays (AFAs). Powerful

management tools automate and simplify SAN provisioning to help reduce cost and complexity, while the unmatched 16GFC performance eliminates potential I/O bottlenecks in today's powerful multiprocessor, multicore servers.

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters provide industry-leading application performance by up to 2.6 million IOPS for physical, virtual, and private cloud environments. QLogic adapters deliver the best throughput performance in virtualized and non-virtualized environments with 12,800MBps of aggregate throughput, per-second. Integrated QLogic StarPower™ technology delivers dynamic power management, which ensures that the PCIe® host bus link uses the minimum number of PCIe lanes to meet the required bandwidth.

NVM EXPRESS® SUPPORT

The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters support the recently ratified FC-NVMe (NVMe over Fibre Channel) protocol and can concurrently support FC-NVMe and FCP-SCSI storage traffic. NVMe storage offers exceptionally high performance at very low latencies. NVMe works best with a network that can provide lossless, low-latency, and high-performing transport. The 2600 Enhanced Gen 5 FC Adapters bring the best of both worlds by offering the highest performance and lowest latency access to NVMe and SCSI storage over an FC network.

VIRTUALIZATION OPTIMIZED

The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters support standards-based virtualization features. Under VMware® ESXi 6.0 and 6.5, I/O requests and responses can be tagged with the virtual machine-ID (VM-ID) of the appropriate virtual machine, providing end-to-end visibility at the VM level. Support for N_Port ID virtualization (NPIV) enables a single FC adapter port to provide multiple virtual ports for increased network scalability. NPIV allows a single FC adapter port to participate in multiple virtual fabric domains for improved availability. In addition, the 16GFC line rate per physical port delivers unmatched storage performance to maximize the number of virtual machines per physical server.

QLOGIC STORFUSION TECHNOLOGY

QLogic's Enhanced Gen 5 FC 16GFC adapters powered by StorFusion technology, include advanced capabilities that are enabled when deployed with supported Brocade® switches. By implementing these industry-leading solutions together, SAN administrators can take advantage of enhanced features that improve availability, accelerate deployment, and increase network performance.

Improved Total Cost of Ownership and Reliability

StorFusion technology delivers advanced link diagnostics, which improve availability and support for high performance fabrics. Using the Diagnostics Port feature with a Brocade® switch that supports ClearLink®, administrators can quickly run a battery of automated diagnostic tests to assess the health of links and fabric components.

The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters support link cable beaconing (LCB), which enables administrators to visually identify both ends of a physical link. In a large data center with hundreds of ports and cables to manage, a simple command turns on port LED beacons on both ends of a link cable connection. Administrators can use LCB to quickly identify connection peer ports without tracing the cable.

QLogic technology includes the read diagnostic parameters (RDP) feature, which provides detailed port, media, and optics diagnostics. From any point in the fabric, an administrator can use RDP to easily discover and diagnose link-related errors and degrading conditions on any N_Port-to-F_Port link.

The extensive suite of diagnostic tools maximizes uptime and performance, allowing organizations to address problems before they impact operations.

Rapid Server Deployment and Orchestration

StorFusion technology includes fabric pre-provisioning services that enable servers to be quickly deployed, replaced, and moved across the SAN. By leveraging fabric-assigned port world wide name (FA-WWN) and fabric-based boot LUN discovery (F-BLD) capabilities, the creation of zones, LUNs, and other services can be completed before the servers arrive on site—eliminating time consuming, manual tasks that typically delay server deployment.

Performance SLA Enforcement with VM-level Quality of Service

Network performance can be dramatically improved by implementing the industry-standard class-specific control (CS_CTL)-based frame prioritization QoS, which helps alleviate network congestion. When QLogic adapters with StorFusion technology are connected to supported SAN fabrics, traffic is classified as it arrives at the switch, and is then processed on the basis of configured priorities. Traffic can be prioritized for delivery or subjected to limited delivery options. As a result, mission-critical workloads can be assigned a higher priority than less time-sensitive network traffic to achieve optimized performance.

Higher Resiliency and Performance with Automatic Error Recovery

Forward error correction (FEC) improves performance and link integrity to support higher end-to-end data rates by automatically recovering from many transmission errors without re-sending the frames. FEC automatically detects and recovers from bit errors, which results in higher availability and performance.

Automatic buffer-to-buffer credit recovery (BB-CR) helps overcome performance degradation, congestion, and link resets caused by buffer credit loss, especially on longer distance and high-loss fiber connections.

SIMPLIFIED MANAGEMENT

QLogic's unified management application, QConvergeConsole® (QCC), provides single-pane-of-glass management across generations of QLogic FC adapters. In addition, QLogic supports all major APIs for deployment flexibility and integration with third-party management tools, including VMware vCenter™ and Brocade Network Advisor.

HIGH AVAILABILITY AND RELIABILITY

QLogic Enhanced Gen 5 FC Adapters continue the tradition of complete port-level isolation across the FC controller architecture. This architecture, unlike other vendor solutions, provides independent function, transmit and receive buffers, an on-chip CPU, DMA channels, and a firmware image for each port. These features enable complete port-level isolation, prevent errors and firmware crashes from propagating across all ports, and provide predictable and scalable performance across all ports. The QLogic architecture delivers ultimate reliability to meet the needs of mission-critical enterprise applications with lower power and fewer CPU cycles, all while maintaining peak performance.

In addition, overlapping protection domains (OPDs) ensure the highest level of reliability as data moves to and from the PCI® bus and FC network.

The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters also provide end-to-end data integrity with support for T10 Protection Information (T10 PI), which prevents the risk of silent data corruption in environments running Oracle® Linux® with the Unbreakable Enterprise Kernel.

LEADERSHIP, CONFIDENCE, AND TRUST

The QLE2694/QLE2694L Adapters are compatible with the same FC software driver stack that has been tested and validated across all major hardware platforms and all major hypervisors and operating systems.

The adapters are backward compatible with existing 4GFC and 8GFC infrastructure, leveraging existing SAN investments.

Cavium technology makes it the undisputed leader in FC adapters, with over 20 years of experience, more than 20 million ports shipped, and multiple generations of FC products that have been the leading choice of Cavium customers. Cavium owns the most established, proven FC stack in the industry, with more FC ports shipped than any other vendor.

Host Bus Interface Specifications

Bus Interface

- QLE2694: PCI Express® 3.0 x8
- QLE2694L: PCI Express 3.0 x8

Host Interrupts

- INTx and MSI-X

Compliance

- *PCI Express Base Specification*, Rev. 3.1
- *PCI Express Card Electromechanical Specification*, Rev. 3.0
- *PCI Bus Power Management Interface Specification*, Rev. 1.2

Fibre Channel Specifications

Throughput

- 3,200Mbps bandwidth per port

Logins

- Support for 2,048 concurrent logins and 2,048 active exchanges
- Expandable to 32K concurrent logins and 32K active exchanges (with DDR3 or host memory)

Port Virtualization

- NPIV

Compliance

- *SCSI-3 Fibre Channel Protocol (SCSI-FCP)*
- *Fibre Channel Tape (FC-TAPE) Profile*
- *SCSI Fibre Channel Protocol-2 (FCP-2)*
- *Second Generation Fibre Channel Generic Services (FC-GS-2)*
- *Third Generation Fibre Channel Generic Services (FC-GS-3)*
- *Fibre Channel Physical Interface 5 (FC-PI5)*

Tools and Utilities

Management Tools and Device Utilities

- QConvergeConsole: a unified management tool (GUI and CLI) that spans generations of QLogic FC adapters
 - VMware vCenter Server Plug-in
 - VMware vSphere™ Web Client Plug-in

Boot Support

- BIOS
- Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI)
- FCode

APIs

- SNIA HBA API V2
- SMI-S

Operating Systems

- For the latest applicable operating system information, see Cavium.com **Downloads**

End-to-End Provisioning and Management Features

The following features require a supported Brocade switch running Fabric OS® version 7.4.0a or later.

Performance

- QoS CS_CTL
- FEC
- Buffer-to-buffer credit recovery (BB-CR): automatic buffer credit loss detection and recovery

Diagnostics

- Diagnostics Port
- LCB
- RDP

Deployment and Management

- FA-WWN
- F-BLD
- FC ping
- FC traceroute
- VM-ID
- Fabric device management interface (FDML) enhancements

Physical Specifications

Ports

- Quad-port, 16GFC

Form Factor

- QLE2694: Standard-height PCIe card (6.6 inches × 4.381 inches)
- QLE2694L: Low-profile PCIe card (6.6 inches × 2.731 inches)

Environment and Equipment Specifications

Temperature

- Operating: 0°C to 55°C (32°F to 131°F)
- Storage: -20°C to 70°C (-4°F to 158°F)

Humidity

- Operating: 10% to 90%
- Storage: 5% to 95%

Maximum Cable Distances

- Multimode optic:

Rate	Cable and Distance (m)			
	OM1	OM2	OM3	OM4
4GFC	70	150	380	400
8GFC	21	50	150	190
16GFC	*	35	100	125

* Not supported

Agency Approvals—Safety

US and Canada

- UL 60950-1
- CSA C22.2

Europe

- TUV EN60950-1
- TUV IEC 60950-1
- CB Certified

Agency Approvals—EMI and EMC (Class A)

US and Canada

- FCC Rules, CFR Title 47, Part 15, Subpart Class A
- Industry Canada, ICES-003: Class A

Europe

- EN55022
- EN55024
- EN61000-3-2
- EN61000-3-3

Japan

- VCCI: Class A

New Zealand and Australia

- AS/NZS: Class A

Korea

- KC-RRA Class A

Taiwan

- BSMI CNS 13438

Ordering Information

QLE2694-SR-CK (Quad Port)

- Ships in an individually packed box with a standard-height bracket installed
- Ships with SR optical transceivers installed

QLE2694L-CK (Quad Port)

- Ships in an individually packed box with a low-profile bracket installed
- Ships with soldered small form factor (SFF) optical transceivers installed



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