NP-5™ Network Processor

240Gbps NPU for Carrier Ethernet Applications

Mellanox's NP-5 is a highly-flexible network processor with integrated traffic management, targeting Carrier Ethernet Switches and Routers (CESR) and other Carrier Ethernet platforms that require high performance, flexible packet processing and fine-grained traffic management.

TARGET APPLICATIONS

NP-5's flexibility and integration allows system vendors to deliver cost effective solutions that can easily adapt to changing market requirements.

Typical applications include:
- Line cards in modular chassis:
  - Edge and Core Routers
  - Transport Switches
  - Data Center Switches
  - 3G/4G Wireless Infrastructure Equipment

Stand-alone pizza box solutions:
- Ethernet Aggregation Nodes
- Server Load Balancing Switches
- Multi-10Gbps Firewalls & VPN
- Intrusion Detection Appliances
- Network Monitoring and Analysis Services

SOFTWARE TOOLS

Mellanox supplies a comprehensive set of software tools to facilitate system design for NP-5 based products. The toolset manages the data plane and allows designers to edit, build and debug microcode applications for the Mellanox's network processors with a unified GUI. Designers can quickly develop and test the microcode using cycle-accurate simulation and debugging tools including breakpoints, single-step program execution and access to internal resources.

APPLICATIONS LIBRARY

Mellanox offers a library featuring production code and tested reference code to help its customers simplify their development efforts and expedite the time-to-market of their system products. The library includes:
- L2 switching
- Metro Ethernet
- MPLS LER and SER
- IPv4/IPv6 routing
- Access Control Lists (ACL)

- IEEE 1588 1-step implementation
- Fragmentation and defragmentation
- Multicasting
- L23 QoS

HIGHLIGHTS

- 240Gbps wire-speed network processor aimed at Carrier Ethernet applications
- Integrated 240Gbps traffic management providing granular bandwidth control
- Up to 480Gbps peak processing data path and CoS classification
- Suited for line card, services card and pizza box applications
- On-chip control CPU for host CPU offload
- Power management for minimizing line card and system power dissipation
- Operations, Administration and Management (OAM) processing offload
- Synchronous Ethernet and IEEE1588v2 offload for Circuit Emulation Services
- IP reassembly for advanced packet processing offload
- Integrated serial interfaces with support for 64x1GE, 48x10GE, 12x40GE and 4x100GE
- Utilizing DDR3 DRAM memory chips for minimizing power and cost
- SW compatible with Mellanox's NP4 network processor
- RoHS compliant

† For illustration only. Actual products may vary.
SAMPLE APPLICATIONS

**Figure 2.** NP-5 line card with 2x100GE, 6x40GE or 24x10GE network ports, and a dual Interlaken interconnect to a switch fabric. The Traffic Manager is 240Gbps providing 240Gbps egress scheduling or Virtual Output Queuing.

**Figure 3.** Pizza box with 12x 10GE and 3x 40GE network interfaces

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