

Casa Systems C3200 CMTS

Overview

The Casa Systems C3200 Cable Modem Termination System (C3200 CMTS) is a new class of cable edge device that combines a third generation DOCSIS CMTS and an MPEG video Edge-QAM in a very high density, and high availability 3RU platform.



The broadband access over cable market has experienced two generations of DOCSIS CMTS. Most of the products on the market today are either first generation CMTS or second generation CMTS that can be characterized by fixed downstream to upstream ratios, instantaneous bandwidth per subscriber limited to a single RF channel, very low downstream channel density per rack unit, and high cost per unit bandwidth.

The legacy CMTS does not have any MPEG video processing capability and thus makes it necessary to implement two parallel access networks for MPEG video and IP data. With those limitations, the legacy CMTS is not economically viable in the new market of high bandwidth applications such as IPTV or IP video delivery and is not competitive with other broadband access methods such as FTTX.

Feature Highlights

Full DOCSIS 3.0 qualified – Multi-channel DRFI RF for Annex A, B, & C, downstream channel bonding up to 16 channels, upstream channel bonding up to 16 channels, IPv6, AES encryption/decryption, multicast QoS, bonded channel multicast, bonded S-CDMA with multiple logic channels, full DOCSIS 3.0 MIBs, and IPDR

Separate Downstream and Upstream Modules – Unlike traditional CMTS with fixed downstream to upstream ratio, Casa CMTS has separate downstream modules and upstream modules that provide flexible downstream to upstream ratio

Integrated CMTS & Video QAM – DOCSIS traffic & MPEG/DVB video traffic can share the same RF channel

Cost Effectiveness – The lowest cost per DOCSIS channel in the industry. The only economical solution for high bandwidth multimedia IP applications

Software Licensing – Ability to activate additional channels as needed up to the available physical capacity of the module

Superior Density – Offers the highest channel density in the industry, ranging from 80DSx16US for IP video to 48DSx48US for typical broadband service deployment in a single chassis

Best Multi-channel RF performance – Exceeds DOCSIS DRFI specification

Extended Frequency Range – Downstream frequency range up to 1GHz (48~1002MHz)

DOCSIS 1.1 and 2.0 Features – Complete DOCSIS/**EuroDOCSIS** 1.1 and 2.0 feature sets

Rich Operational Features – Rich operational features such as show cable modem, flap list, spectral management and IP bundling ready for deployment

High availability – Dual hot-pluggable AC power supply or DC power supply, hot-pluggable fan tray, and hot-pluggable line card modules, GbE link redundancy As a third generation CMTS, the C3200 has several unique capabilities beyond DOCSIS 3.0 features. First, the C3200 supports complete separation of downstream channel capacity and upstream channel capacity in a single physical chassis, and thus provides a flexible downstream to upstream channel ratio. Cable operators can add downstream channels and upstream channels completely independently within the same chassis. Business users may require more symmetric downstream to upstream traffic ratios, while residential broadband is typically more asymmetric. For IPTV or video-over-IP applications, significantly more downstream traffic is required than the upstream traffic which is mostly for control plane applications.

Second, the C3200 has significantly higher channel density than a second generation CMTS. The extremely high downstream channel density makes it economical to provide video-over-IP service today.

Third, it can support both DOCSIS and MPEG/DVB traffic in a single platform. This unique feature is very important for cable operators to manage their HFC spectral resources in a single platform. It also allows the spectral resources to be shared dynamically between MPEG video, DOCSIS business users and DOCSIS residential users. For example, more bandwidth can be allocated to DOCSIS business traffic during the day while more bandwidth can be allocated to MPEG/DVB video traffic at night to efficiently utilize the spectral resource.

Fourth, The C3200 has the most extensive DOCSIS 3.0 features on the market today. It offers the highest channel bonding capability in both downstream and upstream. This bandwidth scalability from 150Mbps to 800Mbps makes it essentially equivalent to PON in bandwidth capacity.

The revolutionary DOCSIS bandwidth capacity and cost per-bit of DOCSIS bandwidth of the C3200 provides an unprecedented opportunity for cable operators to cost-effectively provision highbandwidth IP services such as IPTV or video-over-IP and interactive gaming in addition to traditional broadband access and VoIP services. The integrated MPEG video capacity of the C3200 provides cable operators the flexibility to offer MPEG or DVB-based broadcast digital cable TV, video-ondemand (VOD), and interactive services in the same platform. The flexibility, multi-functionality and economics of the platform eliminate the need to deploy multiple parallel systems for MPEG TV, IPTV bypass and DOCSIS broadband access. The following sections detail the unique capabilities of the C3200.

Modular and Flexible Architecture

The C3200 CMTS comes in a compact 3RU chassis. It is based on a modular architecture that gives cable operators the maximum flexibility in tailoring their networks according to the requirements of their services. The C3200 consists of a base system with one Switch and Management Module slot and six slots for DOCSIS interface modules (downstream DQM modules or upstream DCU modules).

Any combination of downstream modules and upstream modules are supported by the platform. This enables flexible downstream to upstream channel ratio. The DOCSIS QAM Module (DQM) is a complete DOCSIS downstream unit that includes DOCSIS packet processing, QoS, DOCSIS downstream MAC, PHY, and RF up-conversion.

The DOCSIS Control and Upstream module (DCU) is a complete DOCSIS upstream unit that includes DOCSIS packet processing, DOCSIS upstream MAC and burst mode receivers. A typical configuration for channel-bonded deployment can be 48DSx48US for a 1:1 channel ratio or 32DSx64US for a 1:2 channel ratio. Each downstream QAM channel can be configured to support DOCSIS or MPEG/DVB-C video or a combination of the two.



Extensive DOCSIS 3.0 Features

As a Full DOCSIS 3.0 ready CMTS, the C3200 offers the highest channel bonding capability on the market today. In the downstream direction, up to 16 QAM channels (with DQM16 module) can be bonded yielding up to 800Mbps of instantaneous bandwidth per subscriber. In the upstream direction, up to 16 channels can be bonded to yield 480Mbps instantaneous bandwidth. The C3200 will also support IPv6 and AES encryption and decryption through a firmware upgrade.

High Performance Video QAM

The C3200 downstream channels can also function as a MPEG or DVB-C compliant MPEG video Edge-QAM for digital video applications such as broadcast digital cable TV, video-on-demand, interactive TV, and network DVR. The C3200 receives MPEG-2 over IP/Ethernet packets in multiple program transport streams (MPTS) or single program transport streams (SPTS) through its multiple Gigabit Ethernet ingress interfaces, it then de-multiplexes MPTS and routes the native MPEG-2 packets to its egress QAM interfaces. At the egress interfaces, the remultiplexing function generates multiple program transport streams (MPTS) for the designated cable channels. The C3200 performs PSI/SI table processing, PID filtering and substitution, and PCR de-jittering to satisfy the most demanding needs of various video networks.

The C3200 supports both CBR traffic and VBR traffic for narrowcast applications and broadcast applications. The C3200 is the only product that can make the most efficient use of the RF bandwidth and maintains video quality at the same time through concurrent use of tools such as statistical multiplexing of all MPEG video traffic and DOCSIS traffic, and dynamical scheduling of MPEG and IP traffic.

Rich Operational Features

The C3200 supports industry standard Command Line Interface (CLI) and SNMP for configuration and management. Operational features such as show cable modem, show ARP, spectrum management, CPU and memory resource reporting, user privilege management are available in the current release. Advanced features such as load balancing for bonded channels is also available in the current release.

Extensive IP features such as DHCP Relay and option 82, multiple DHCP servers, proxy ARP, IP subnet bundling, IGMP snooping, IGMP v2 and v3, access control list (ACL) are also available in the current release.

The C3200 currently functions as a Layer 3 routing device. It supports static as well as dynamic routing protocols. In subsequent software releases, Layer 2 bridging, VLAN and L2VPN are supported

Applications

The applications of the C3200 in a cable network can be divided into two categories. The first category the C3200 provides is DOCSIS-based IP applications, such as broadband access, VoIP, and IPTV and videoover-IP etc. The second category the C3200 provides is digital video applications that include SDTV Broadcast over Cable, HDTV broadcast over Cable, VOD, Network Digital Video Recorder (nDVR), interactive gaming, and switched digital video.

C3200 Specifications

System

24x2 Gbps switching capacity MPEG switching from any port to any port Six DOCSIS module slots per system 1~5 Downstream modules per system 1~5 Upstream modules per system

DOCSIS Features

Full DOCSIS 3.0 Qualified (May, 2008)
Full Euro-DOCSIS 3.0
DOCSIS 3.0 downstream channel bonding up to 16 channels
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DOCSIS 3.0 AES encryption/decryption
DOCSIS 3.0 IPv6
DOCSIS 3.0 Multicast
Complete DOCSIS/EuroDOCSIS 1.1 features
DOCSIS/EuroDOCSIS 2.0 A-TDMA (standard)
DOCSIS/EuroDOCSIS 2.0 S-CDMA (optional)
PacketCable 1.5 qualified
PacketCable MultiMedia (PCMM) 1.0
DSG

IP Features

DHCP Relay and option 82 Multiple DHCP servers Proxy ARP IP subnet bundling Static IP routing Multiple default routes IGMP snooping IGMP v2 and v3 Access Control List RIPv2 BGP OSPFv2 PIM-SM L2VPN VLAN tagging IS-IS

Management

RS232 Serial port (DB9) 10/100BaseT management port Command Line Interface (CLI) Telnet and SSH SNMPv1, v2, and v3 Standard DOCSIS and IETF MIBs IPDR Casa Systems Enterprise MIBs Event logging through Syslog Electronic mail notification Resource usage reporting TACACS+ and RADIUS

Additional Features

Dynamic upstream and downstream load balancing Spectrum Management Software-defined MAC domains Software channel licensing Ingress cancellation filtering

MPEG Stream Processing

MPEG de-multiplexing and re-multiplexing Unicast to Multicast conversion PAT and PMT extraction and regeneration PID filtering and remapping PCR jitter removal and re-stamping SI table generation and insertion DVB Simulcrypt scrambling Session-based Encryption

Switch and Management Module (SMM)

10/100/1000 Mbps interfaces 12-port GbE copper or fiber SFP CWDM Full line-rate support

DOCSIS QAM Module (DQM)

Number of ports DQM04 DQM08 DQM16 Channel bonding QAM modulation QAM constellations Data Rates (DOCSIS)

Data Rates (EuroDOCSIS)

Connector Frequency range (edge) Frequency step size Channel width Maximum output power Per Channel

Output step size Output stability Return Loss

Modulation Error Rate Wideband Noise 4 ports per module 4 channels, 1 channel per port 8 channels, 1 channel per port 16 channels, 2 channels per port All channels on a DQM Annex A, B or C 64, 128, & 256 QAM 27 Mbps @ 64 QAM 38 Mbps @ 256 QAM 36 Mbps @ 64 QAM 51 Mbps @ 256 QAM

F-type, 75 Ω 48 to 1002 MHz

5 kHz 6 to 8 MHz (tunable) 61 dBmV @ 1-ch/port 57 dBmV @ 2-ch/port 53 dBmV @ 4-ch/port 0.1 dB ± 0.3 dB 50 ~ 870 MHz, 14 dB 870 ~ 1002 MHz 10 dB 44 dB (equalized) -73 dBc

DOCSIS Control & Upstream Module (DCU)

DCU04	4 channels in 4 ports
DCU08	8 channels in 8 ports
DCU16	16 channels in 8 ports
Channel bonding	All channels on a DCU
Modulation	QPSK, 16, 32 & 64 QAM
A-TDMA or S-CDMA	
Data rate per channel	0.32 – 30.72 Mbps
Input frequency range	5 – 42 MHz (DOCSIS)
	5 – 65 MHz (EuroDOCSIS)
Connector	F-type, 75 Ω

-4 to 26 dBmV

Input range

Mechanical

Form Factor	3RU
Height	5.25 in. /133.35 mm
Width	19 in. /482.6 mm
Depth	23.5 in. / 597 mm
Weight	70 lbs
Mounting	19 inch, 3 rack unit high
Front Panel LED	power, alarm, I/O status

Environmental

Operating temperature	0° to 50° C
Storage temperature	-40° to 70° C
Operating humidity	5% to 95%, non-cond.
Power supply	
AC operating range	90 to 264 V (dual)
DC operating range	-36 to -60 V (dual)
Power consumption	< 700 W (nominal)

Regulatory Compliance

Safety: UL/IEC/CSA 60950-1 EMC: FCC Part 15 Class A and CISPR Class A Immunity: EN61000-4

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