



INTRAPLEX PRODUCTS

AUDIO CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

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Intraplex® Products

Audio encoding and IP transport solution for Studio to Transmitter Link (STL) and Studio to Studio Link (SSL) applications



IP LINK CODEC FAMILY







IP Link Codec Family



- 1 full duplex stereo channel
- 16 48 Khz Audio, AES 192 (Digital MPX)
- 100p add display and GPS timing



- 2 full duplex stereo channels
- 16 48 Khz Audio, AES 192 (Digital MPX)
- 200A replaces 2nd channel with AES67 (AoIP)

- Point to Multipoint with 12 unicast and multicast stream
- DSP based Coding Algorithms: AAC (LC,HE,HEv2,ELD), MPEG (II, III), Opus, G722, Linear, E-aptX
- All models support AES67 input source. IPL 200A supports AES67 output with native PTP
- Internal and external GPS timing for SFN and MFN (expect IP Link 100)

IP Link Connectors



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IP Link MPXp



- Single Channel, Full-Duplex FM MPX or Linear audio codec
- Dual domain supports Analog and Digital MPX simultaneously
- Same platform features as IP Link audio codec, including GPS timing for SynchroCast

IP Link MPXp Input/output



Linear L&R audio for monitoring

Minimum MPX bandwidth requirement is **1.64 Mbs** – lowest among any vendor



IP Link FM MPX Summary

IP Link 100/100p/200/200A

- Only supports **Digital** MPX (AES 192)
- Minimum FM MPX Bandwidth: 3.2
 Mbps
- Fall back and return audio options: uncompressed and compressed audio
- IPL 200 provides capability to transport 2 different MPX streams

IP Link MPXp

- Supports Analog and Digital MPX interface
- Minimum FM MPX bandwidth: 1.64
 Mbps
- Allows mixing in local RDS at the decoder
- Provides redundancy for input and output
- Fall back and return audio options: uncompressed audio

IP Link Key Capabilities

Network Reliability/Security

- 3 network ports
- Hitless packet recovery using Stream Splicing technology (Combination of FEC and duplicate Time/Network diversity streams)
- Source switching at decoder (automatic or manual switching between 3 sources)
- Built-in firewall with packet authentication
- Reliability and alignment for GPIO and PAD data
- IPConnect IP Gateway
 - Provides reliable tunneling of external IP data packets
 - Use cases: HD Radio (E2X), EDI
- Single Frequency Network / Content Sync
 - SynchroCast® Patented technology to provide precision delay (1 usec) of audio at all times
 - Content Sync (New!!) New feature key to enable content sync within 1 msec across Multi-Frequency Network.

Stream Splicing – Typical Topology



- Two networks ports are used for Stream Splicing across WANs, the 3rd port is connected to LAN
- Stream Splicing provides "hitless" protection for Audio and FM-MPX signals
- IPConnect uses Stream Splicing to provide "hitless" protection for E2X, EDI or any IP traffic

Source Switching at Decoder



- Automatic or commanded switching between Primary, Secondary and backup at the decoder
- Secondary or Backup network can be on-demand LTE connection, typically public internet or 950 MHz RF STL.
- Works with Audio, FM-MPX and IPConnect streams

- Multi-encoding channel content can be encoded simultaneously with different formats. Primary use case: Main / Backup network switchover
- Icecast / ShoutCast transmit and receive
 - Automation interface support (Audio vault, Enco)
- EBU R128 for Audio Leveling and Loudness
- Dynamic Initiator Automatic connection setup for NAT traversal
- Internal and external alarm logging via SysLog and SNMPv3 traps
- 1+1 and N+1 redundancy

Upcoming IP Link Products – IP Link 100e



- AoIP Plug-in card for Flexiva
- Full duplex: AES3 input and output
- AoIP Formats: Linear, Compressed, AES67 and Icecast
- Three GigE Network ports for reliability and security
- Reliability:
 - Stream Splicing, Primary, Secondary and Backup audio source switching
 - Supports Secure Reliable Transport (SRT) with encryption for security
 - USB playlist as backup
- 4 In/out GPIO. RS-232 port

Upcoming – IP Link 100c





- Compact half RU hardware
- **Full duplex**: AES3 input and output
- Optional: **Mic** level input
- AoIP formats: Linear, Compressed, AES67 and Icecast
- Three GigE Network ports for reliability and security
- Reliability:
 - Stream Splicing, Primary, Secondary and Backup audio source switching
 - Supports Secure Reliable Transport (SRT) with encryption for security
 - USB playlist as backup
- 4 In/out GPIO. RS-232 port

ASCENT







Ascent Overview





Branded Server



PCIe 8-ch AES/Analog Audio



8-Ch Break Out Box

- Multi-channel Audio Over IP codec supporting 8 to 16 stereo channels
- Built on the technology foundation of Intraplex IP Link codec platform. Same Web look and feel
- Interoperable with IP Link codecs
- Software platform: Ubuntu Linux Server (16.04)
- Hardware: Intel i7-4 Core CPU
- Release 1 is now available

Ascent Connections







2 PCIe slots to hold up to 2 8-channel AES3/Analog cards. Each Card has 16 GPI and 4 GPO contact closures

Typical Deployment Scenarios

- Studio to Studio application
 - Encode and transport of audio channels across studios
 - Use Case: Sirius XM will be deploying Ascent across 4 major studio to encode and transport 16 stereo channels
- Distribution
 - Ascent at the head-end feeding to IP Link codecs at transmitter sites or remote studios
 - Use Case: Wisconsin Public Radio. 5 Ascent servers at various headend sites, will feed to 40 IP Link 200 codecs at remote studios and transmitter sites.
- Contribution
 - Ascent at the head-end receiving audio from IP Link codecs

Ascent - Release 1 Key Specifications

Audio I/O

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- AES3/Analog audio with integrated 8stereo channel audio card (Audio Science). Also works with standard Linux USB audio (ALSA)
- **AES67** input and output
- Sample rates: 32, 44.1, 48 KHz
- GPIO (16 In, 4 Out per card).
 Additional using external Dataprobe
- Combination of 16 stereo encode or decode channels
- Codecs: Uncompressed, AAC-LC, AAC-HE, AAC-HEv2, AAC-xHE, Opus, MPEG II and III
- Multi-coding

Streaming

- RTP and SRT (with 128/256 encryption)
- Up to **150** RTP streams per server
- 64 SRT streams per server
- Dynamic Stream Splicing with RTP and SRT
- FEC (IP Link compatible)
- Primary, Secondary and Backup sources at output channel
- Compatible payload format with IP Link codecs
- LiveLook support for monitoring

Platform

- HTTP/HTTPs same look and feel as IP Link
- Multiple user accounts and access levels
- SNMPv3
- Front Panel Display
- 4 network ports, with ACL
- Hardened USB ports
- Field upgradable
- Extensible licensing capability

Release 1.1 – July 2020

- Ascent Media Gateway
 - Similar capabilities as IPConnect. Will support point to multi-point high bit-rate media, including ATC3 streams
- 1+1 Redundancy
- Email Notification
- Icecast streaming
- Hardware: Ascent PLUS
 - 2 RU
 - Redundant power supply Hot Swappable
 - Redundant fans
 - 4 PCIe slots to support up to 32 stereo channels



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HD LINK







HD Link – 950 (932 to 960) MHz Digital STL System



- Configurable modulation from 32 to 256 QAM and 5 watts of power
- 200, 300, 500 KHz bandwidth configutation
- Flexible service configuration between audio and Ethernet bandwidth.
- "IP Only" mode without any built-in audio cards, entire modem capacity is allocated to Ethernet service
- 2 Ethernet ports, one of the ports can be configured for backup IP path, in case RF path fails

All-IP mode of HD Link



Advantages:

- Allows "hitless" protection using DSS
- Enables transport of Audio and FM MPX signals
- Up to 16 stereo signals (using Ascent) can be transported
- Network 2 can be low speed, IP Link can send low fidelity backup stream
- Backup stream can be on-demand for LTE-Backup

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128 QAM

64 QAM

32 QAM

Connecting - Analog and HD using AES3–Method 1



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Connecting - Analog and HD using AES3–Method 2



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Connecting - Analog and HD using MPX



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