

NEXTSTEP for Intel Processors

Title: Intel Token Express Token Ring Adapter

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Usage Commentary:

The Intel TokenExpress ISA/16s LAN adapter provides networking at 4 and 16 Mbs in compliance

with the Token Ring 802.5 spec.

The TokenRing driver included with NEXTSTEP also contains support for the 16Mbps Early Token Release (ETR) protocol.

Setup and Installation:

Once physically installed, use Configure to create an entry for the adapter. No special jumper settings are required. Then, run the MS-DOS based utility, "TOKENSET", provided on the configuration diskettes provided with the adapter. Use "TOKENSET" to set the configuration to match that in Configure. Below are the default settings for the card as shipped from the factory. The graphic that follows is a snapshot taken from an Epson Progression system running NEXTSTEP 3.2, with an Intel TokenExpress adapter installed. *(For ASCII email requests the IRQ is set to 9, DMA channel 7, and port address 0xA20 in this example.)*

Intel TokenExpress default TOKENSET settings:

Ring Speed: 4Mbps
Interrupt Level: 2 (for 8-bit slots) 9 (for 16-bit slots)
Cable Type: UTP or STP detected automatically
I/O Address: A20-A23 & A30-A3F
DMA Channel 5 (in 16-bit slots) I/O (in 8-bit slots)
RPL ROM: none

Configure Snapshot from working Epson Progression with TokenExpress Adapter:
tokenexpressNA.tiff ↵

Known Problems:

Release 3.3

See NeXTanswers document 1793_Intel_TokenExpress_Driver_Overview.rtf

Release 3.2 and 3.1

- **Problem:** TokenExpress inspector does not correctly display the IO ports used by the card

Reference: 40507

Description: The TokenExpress inspector always shows an IO port mapping of 32 bytes starting at the specified address. In fact, the card uses only 20 ports mapped in two discontinuous locations. There are 4 possible mappings for the card:

0xa20-0xa23 and 0xa30-0xa3f
0xa24-0xa27 and 0xa40-0xa4f
0xa50-0xa53 and 0xa60-0xa6f
0xa54-0xa57 and 0xa70-0xa7f

Since one can only specify a single range of ports with Configure's UI, the original attempt was to include the range of 0xa20-0xa3f, which is 32 bytes.

Workaround: When configuring the TokenExpress driver simply edit the IO ports field to contain the proper starting address of the first port range, either 0xa20, 0xa24, 0xa50, or 0xa54. The number of bytes mapped will be incorrect so conflict checking will be unreliable, but the driver will properly find a card mapped at the specified location.

Problem: TokenExpress prints 'bad eerom checksum' and aborts

Reference: 38332

Description: The 3.2 TokenExpress driver does not have a robust probe mechanism and often does properly locate the card's IO ports, causing the driver to abort.

Workaround: None.