

# **Chelsio Network Driver for macOS**

Installation and User's Guide



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## 1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing Chelsio Unified Wire adapters. These high speed, single chip, single firmware cards provide enterprises and data centers with high performance solutions for various Network and Storage related requirements.

The Terminator series is Chelsio's next generation of highly integrated, hyper-virtualized 10/25/40/50/100GbE controllers. The adapters are built around a programmable protocol-processing engine, with full offload of a complete Unified Wire solution comprising NIC, TOE, iWARP RDMA, iSCSI, FCoE and NAT support. It scales to true 100Gb line rate operation from a single TCP connection to thousands of connections, and allows simultaneous low latency and high bandwidth operation thanks to multiple physical channels through the ASIC.

Ideal for all data, storage and high-performance clustering applications, the Unified wire adapters enable a unified fabric over a single wire by simultaneously running all unmodified IP sockets, Fibre Channel and InfiniBand applications over Ethernet at line rate.

Designed for deployment in virtualized data centers, cloud service installations and high-performance computing environments, Chelsio Terminator adapters bring a new level of performance metrics and functional capabilities to the computer networking industry.

## 1.1. Features

Chelsio's installer package installs T6, T5, T4 and T3 network drivers for macOS operating system. The network driver provides support for PCI Express Ethernet adapters based on the Chelsio Terminator (T6, T5, T4 and T3) ASIC.

The driver also supports Jumbo Frames, Transmit/Receive checksum offload, TCP segmentation offload (TSO/LSO), MSI Interrupts, Gatekeeper and Large Receive Offload (LRO).

The installer package contains T6/T5/T4/T3 kernel extension installation feature, please refer section Software/Driver Installation for details.

## 1.2. Hardware Requirements

### 1.2.1. Supported Adapters

The following are the currently shipping Chelsio adapters that are compatible with Chelsio macOS Network driver:

### T6 Adapters

- T6225-CR
- T6225-LL-CR
- T6225-SO-CR

- T62100-CR
- T62100-LP-CR
- T62100-SO-CR

### T5 Adapters

- T580-CR
- T580-SO-CR
- T580-LP-CR
- T520-LL-CR
- T520-SO-CR
- T520-CR
- T520-BT
- T540-CR

### T4 Adapters

- T420-CR
- T440-CR
- T404-BT
- T422-CR
- T420-SO-CR
- T420-LL-CR
- T440-LP-CR
- T420-CX

### T3 Adapters

- N310E
- N310E-CXA
- N320E-GEN2
- S310E-SR
- S310E-SR+
- S310E-CXA
- S310E-CR
- N320E-CXA\*
- S320E-CR\*
- S320E-LP-CR\*
- S302E\*
- S320E-CXA\*

<sup>\*</sup>Only port 0 (first port) supported.



Note Spider cables not supported.

## 1.3. Software Requirements

The Chelsio network driver has been developed to run on Intel based platforms in NIC mode. Currently the driver is available for following version(s):

macOS 10.13 (High Sierra 64-bit)
macOS 10.12.x (Sierra 64-bit)
Macintosh OS X 10.11.x (El Capitan 64-bit)

Other versions have not been tested and are not guaranteed to work.

# 1.4. Package Contents

The Chelsio network driver package for macoS consists of the following:

cxgtool.rtf: cxgbtool help file
 cxgb.pkg: driver package
 firmware: firmware binary files

## 2. Hardware Installation

Follow these steps to install Chelsio adapter in your system:

- i. Shutdown/power off your system.
- ii. Power off all remaining peripherals attached to your system.
- iii. Unpack the Chelsio adapter and place it on an anti-static surface.
- iv. Remove the system case cover according to the system manufacturer's instructions.
- v. Remove the PCI filler plate from the slot where you will install the Ethernet adapter.
- vi. For maximum performance, it is highly recommended to install the adapter into a PCIE x8/x16 slot.
- vii. Holding the Chelsio adapter by the edges, align the edge connector with the PCI connector on the motherboard. Apply even pressure on both edges until the card is firmly seated. It may be necessary to remove the SFP (transceiver) modules prior to inserting the adapter.
- viii. Secure the Chelsio adapter with a screw, or other securing mechanism, as described by the system manufacturer's instructions. Replace the case cover.
- ix. After securing the card, ensure that the card is still fully seated in the PCIE x8/x16 slot as sometimes the process of securing the card causes the card to become unseated.
- x. Connect a fiber/twinax cable, multi-mode for short range (SR) optics or single-mode for long range (LR) optics, to the Ethernet adapter or regular Ethernet cable for the 1Gb Ethernet adapter.
- xi. Power on your system.
- xii. Verify if the adapter was installed successfully by using the system\_profiler command. You should see a similar output:
  - a. For T6 adapters

#### ethernet:

Type: Ethernet Controller
Bus: PCI
Slot: Slot-1
Vendor ID: 0x1425
Device ID: 0x6002
Subsystem Vendor ID: 0x1425
Subsystem ID: 0x0000
Revision ID: 0x0000

Revision ID: 0x0000 Link Width: x8 BSD name: cxgb7 Kext name: cxgb.kext

Location: /Library/Extensions/cxgb.kext

Version: 1.16.43b2

### b. For T5 adapters

```
ethernet:

Type: Ethernet Controller
Bus: PCI
Slot: Slot-1
Vendor ID: 0x1425
Device ID: 0x5001
Subsystem Vendor ID: 0x1425
Subsystem ID: 0x0000
Revision ID: 0x0000
Link Width: x8
BSD name: cxgb15
Kext name: cxgb.kext
Location: /Library/Extensions/cxgb.kext
Version: 1.16.43b2
```

### c. For T4 adapters

```
Type: Ethernet Controller
Bus: PCI
Slot: Slot-1
Vendor ID: 0x1425
Device ID: 0x4003
Subsystem Vendor ID: 0x1425
Subsystem ID: 0x0000
Revision ID: 0x0000
Link Width: x8
BSD name: cxgb17
Kext name: cxgb.kext
Location: /Library/Extensions/cxgb.kext
Version: 1.16.43b2
```

Once network driver is installed and loaded, examine the output of dmesg to see if the card is discovered.

### · For T6 adapters:

```
cxgb: isMaster is true for PF0
cxgb:could not parse the configuration file on Master PF 0
cxgb[5:0]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxob: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxgb: Chelsio T6225-SO rev 0 1000/10GBASE-SFP NIC PCIe 2.5 GT/s x8 MSI
cxgb:Chelsio T6225-SO rev 0
cxgb:S/N: PT51160276, P/N: 11012146002
cxgb:Firmware version: 1.16.43.0
cxgb:Bootstrap version: 255.255.255.255
cxgb:TP Microcode version: 0.1.23.2
cxgb:No Expansion ROM loaded
cxgb:Serial Configuration version: 0x2001000
cxgb:VPD version: 0x53
cxgb[5:1]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxgb7: attached with 5 suspended link-layer multicast membership(s)
cxgb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxgb8: attached with 5 suspended link-layer multicast membership(s)
cxgb7: successfully restored 0 suspended link-layer multicast membership(s) (er
cxgb7: passive DA port module inserted
cxgb8: passive DA port module inserted
in6_unlink_ifa: IPv6 address 0xfa78d50d6605628b has no prefix
in6_unlink_ifa: IPv6 address 0xfa78d50d660563db has no prefix
cxgb7: link up, 10Gbps, full-duplex, Tx/Rx PAUSE cxgb8: link up, 10Gbps, full-duplex, Tx/Rx PAUSE
```

### For T5 adapters:

```
cxgb: isMaster is true for PF0
cxgb[5:0]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxgb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxqb: Chelsio T520-CR rev 0 1000/10GBASE-SFP NIC PCIe 2.5 GT/s x8 MSI
cxgb:Chelsio T520-CR rev 0
cxgb:S/N: PT40131094, P/N: 110116050D0
cxgb:Firmware version: 1.16.43.0
cxgb:Bootstrap version: 1.1.0.0
cxqb:TP Microcode version: 0.1.4.9
cxgb:No Expansion ROM loaded
cxgb:Serial Configuration version: 0x1009000
cxgb:VPD version: 0x2
cxgb[5:1]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxgb15: attached with 4 suspended link-layer multicast membership(s)
cxgb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxgb16: attached with 4 suspended link-layer multicast membership(s)
cxgb15: passive DA port module inserted
cxgb16: passive DA port module inserted
in6_unlink_ifa: IPv6 address 0x4594aba2f4de0277 has no prefix
in6_unlink_ifa: IPv6 address 0x4594aba2f4de03c7 has no prefix
cxgb15: link up, 10Gbps, full-duplex, Tx/Rx PAUSE
cxgb16: link up, 10Gbps, full-duplex, Tx/Rx PAUSE
```

#### For T4 adapters:

```
cxgb: isMaster is true for PF0
cxgb:could not parse the configuration file on Master PF 0
cxgb[5:0]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxqb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxgb: Chelsio T440-CR rev 2 1000/10GBASE-SFP NIC PCIe 5.0 GT/s x8 MSI
cxgb:Chelsio T440-CR rev 2
cxgb:S/N: PT27111183, P/N: 110112140D0
cxqb:Firmware version: 1.16.43.0
cxgb:Bootstrap version: 255.255.255.255
cxgb:TP Microcode version: 0.1.9.4
cxgb:No Expansion ROM loaded
cxgb:Serial Configuration version: 0x7071102
cxgb:VPD version: 0x1
cxgb[5:3]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxgb[5:1]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxgb[5:2]: legacy intr index = 0, MSI vectors reported = 1
cxgb17: attached with 4 suspended link-layer multicast membership(s)
cxgb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxgb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
cxgb: IOInterruptEventSource check passed
```

The above outputs indicate the hardware configuration and serial number of the adapter. As observed by the x8, the card is properly installed in an x8 slot on the machine and the card is using MSI interrupts.



Network device names for Chelsio's physical ports are assigned using the following convention: the port farthest from the motherboard will appear as the first network interface. However, for T5 40G adapters, the association of physical Ethernet ports and their corresponding network device names is opposite. For these adapters, the port nearest to the motherboard will appear as the first network interface.

## 3. Software/Driver Installation

# 3.1. GUI

The driver must be installed by the administrator. Any attempt in installing the driver as a regular user will fail.

- If you haven't done already, download the installer package (dmg file) from Chelsio Download Center.
- ii. Mount the disk image *cxgb-x.y.z.dmg* file by double-clicking on it. The disk image should mount as a new device and place you in the base directory of the *cxgb* device. If the disk image is downloaded using Safari browser, it will mount automatically.
- iii. Locate the *cxgb.pkg* installer package inside the mounted device and double-click on it to start the installer.
- iv. A Welcome screen will be displayed. Click "Continue" to proceed.

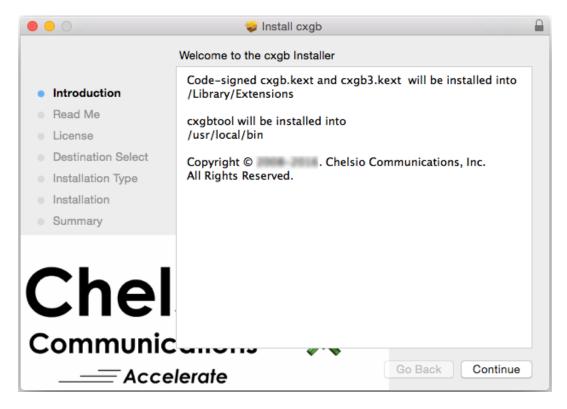


Figure 1 - Installer welcome window

v. The next screen displays important information regarding the drivers for Chelsio adapters. Please read carefully and click "Continue" to proceed.

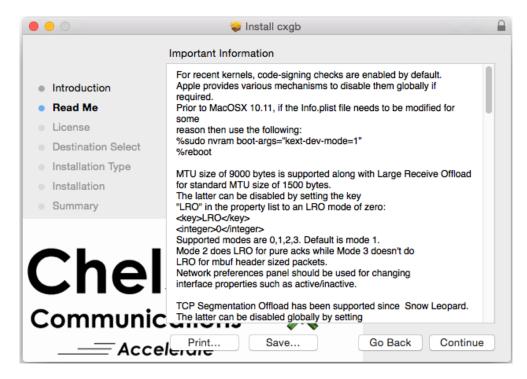


Figure 2 - Readme window

vi. Click "Continue" and then click "Read License" to read Chelsio's End User License Agreement or "Agree" to proceed.



Figure 3 - Chelsio EULA window

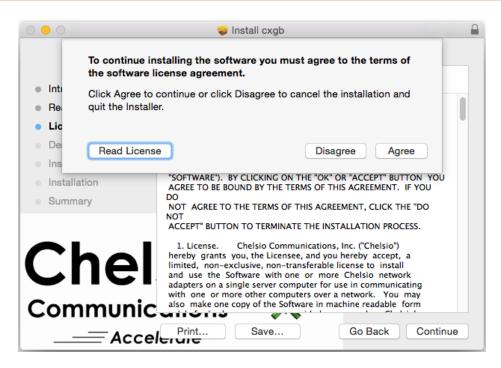


Figure 4 - EULA acceptance prompt

vii. Now, either click "Install" to proceed with complete package installation or "Customize" to select the components to be installed.

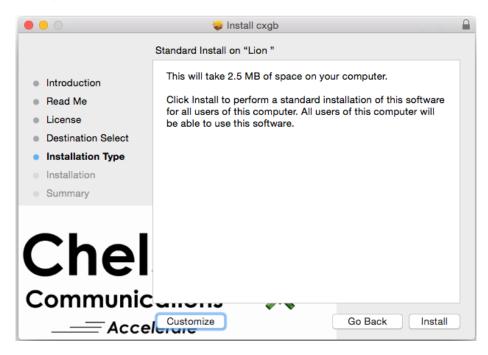


Figure 5 - Customize installation

Note

In custom installation, user can choose between cxgb (T6/T5/T4 kernel extension), cxgb3 (T3 kernel extension) or cxgbtool (command line utility). In standard installation, all three components will be selected & installed.

viii. The selected components will now be installed.

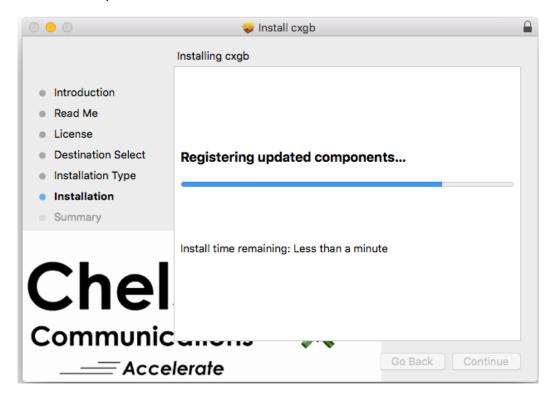


Figure 6 - Installation in progress

ix. Click "Close" to exit the installer.

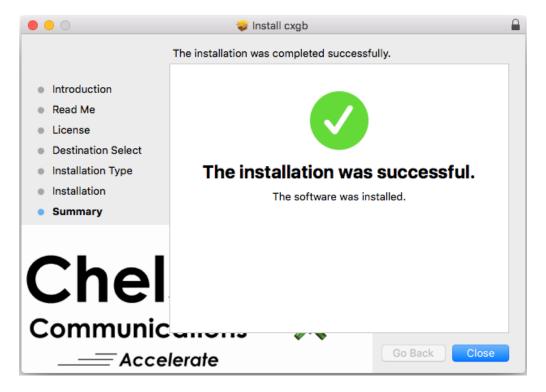


Figure 7 - Installation complete

# 3.2. CLI

i. Mount the disk image cxgb-x.y.z.dmg

```
host:root# hdiutil mount cxgb-x.y.z.dmg
```

The disk image will be mounted to /Volumes directory.

ii. Install the driver:

```
host:root# installer -pkg /Volumes/cxgb-x.y.z/cxgb.pkg -target /
```

### Example:

# 4. Software/Driver Loading

The installer will copy the signed KEXT into /Library/Extensions/ directory.

• To load the T6/T5/T4 network driver run the following command:

host:root# sudo kextload /Library/Extensions/cxgb.kext

• To load the T3 network driver run the following command:

host:root# sudo kextload /Library/Extensions/cxgb3.kext

## 5. Software/Driver Configuration and Fine-tuning

# 5.1. Important Configurable Parameters

### 5.1.1. FEC

Chelsio T6 Unified Wire adapters support changing Forward Error Correction (FEC). The existing FEC settings can be viewed using:

```
host:root# sudo cxgbtool <cxgbX> fec
```

Below is a sample output on T6 25G port:

```
~ admin$ cxgbtool cxgb11 fec
supported: auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon
IEEE 802.3 'auto': auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon
requested: auto (IEEE 802.3)
actual: Base-R/Reed-Solomon
```

### To set FEC:

```
host:root# sudo cxgbtool <cxgbX> fec <value>
```

Here value can be:

rs: Reed-Solomon FEC

baser: Base-R/Reed-Solomon FEC

auto: Use standard FEC settings as specified by IEEE 802.3 interpretations of Cable

Transceiver Module parameters.

off: Turn off FEC.

### Example

Changing FEC from Reed-Solomon to Base-R/Reed-Solomon:

```
:~ admin$ sudo cxgbtool cxgb11 fec
Password:
                 auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon
supported:
IEEE 802.3 'auto': auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon
requested:
                Reed-Solomon
actual:
                 Reed-Solomon
agile:~ admin$ sudo cxgbtool cxgb11 fec baser
agile:~ admin$ sudo cxgbtool cxgb11 fec
supported: auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon
IEEE 802.3 'auto': auto (IEEE 802.3) Base-R/Reed-Solomon Reed-Solomon
requested:
                 Base-R/Reed-Solomon
                 Base-R/Reed-Solomon
actual:
```



- FEC auto-negotiation is not supported on optic link.
- If auto-negotiation is disabled, ensure that the same FEC is set on both sides of the link, for the link to come up.

### 5.1.2. LRO

### Enabling/Disabling

Large Receive Offload (LRO) support is enabled by default. It can be disabled using cxgbtool:

```
host:root# sudo cxgbtool cxgbX lro 0
```

```
:~ root# sudo cxgbtool cxgb9 lro 0
Disabled LRO for all Queues on cxgb9
```

### Displaying status

To verify if LRO is enabled or disabled use:

```
host:root# sudo cxgbtool cxgbX qset
```

In the output, the LRO field should display 0 if disabled and 1 if enabled.



### **5.1.3. TCP Segmentation Offload Support**

TCP Segmentation Offload has been supported since Snow Leopard and enabled by default. It can be disabled globally by using:

```
host:root# sysctl net.inet.tcp.tso=0
```

# 5.2. Kernel Tuning

### 5.2.1. Increasing default parameter values

To increase default parameter values on the client, edit the /etc/sysctl.conf configuration file. For example, if the default value for kern.ipc.maxsockbuf < 2097152 then set it in /etc/sysctl.conf to be 2097152.

### 5.2.2. Increasing mbuf cluster

If dmesg output contains *outputPacket()* zero segments, it means in order to support the workload, the number of mbuf clusters available should be increased as packet drops are occurring. This can be achieved by increasing the number of mbuf clusters using boot-args parameter *ncl*.

See http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3512 for more information.

# **5.3.** Network Device Configuration

Please refer to the operating system documentation for administration and configuration of network devices.



Some operating systems may attempt to auto-configure the detected hardware and some may not detect all ports on a multi-port adapter. If this happens, please refer the operating system documentation for manually configuring the network device.



Network preferences panel should be used for changing interface properties such as active/inactive or MTU size.

# 5.4. exgbtool

The app *cxgbtool* is used to display or change Chelsio network card settings.

Loading firmware and setting hardware registers can only be done using the master physical function which restricts the BSD interface name that can be used as a parameter to *cxgbtool* for those commands. By default, the master physical function is associated with Port 0. The *cxgbtool* command with no parameters will list the master physical function BSD interface name.

For more information, use *cxgbtool* help:

host:root# cxgbtool -h



cxgbtool supports filtering settings on the Chelsio T3 based adapters only.

# 5.5. Firmware Update

The minimum firmware version matching the driver must be loaded before the new driver installed can load, and the loading is initiated by the post-install phase of the installer.

The current driver can load the new firmware using the *loadfw* command of *cxgbtool* that came with the currently installed driver. Follow the steps mentioned below:

- i. If not done already, mount the new disk image *cxgb-x.y.z* file by double-clicking on it. The *cxgb* disk image should mount as a new device and place you in the base directory of the *cxgb* device.
- ii. Browse to the *firmware* directory. For example, if the disk image was mounted to */Volumes,* run the following commands to load the appropriate firmware based on Chelsio adapter family:

host:root# cd /Volumes/cxgb-x.y.z/firmware
host:root# cxgbtool cxgbX loadfw <firmware-file>.bin

# 6. Software/Driver Unloading

• To unload the T6/T5/T4 Network driver run the following command:

host:root# sudo kextunload /Library/Extensions/cxgb.kext

• To unload the T3 Network driver run the following command:

host:root# sudo kextunload /Library/Extensions/cxgb3.kext

1 Note Unloading the driver while traffic is running is not recommended.

# 7. Software/Driver Uninstallation

Before proceeding, refer Software/Diver Unloading chapter and unload the driver depending on the driver type.

• To uninstall the T6/T5/T4 driver run the following command:

host:root# rm -rf /Library/Extensions/cxgb.kext

• To uninstall the T3 driver run the following command:

host:root# rm -rf /Library/Extensions/cxgb3.kext

# 8. Software/Driver Update

For any distribution-specific problems, please check README and Release Notes included in the release for possible workaround.

Please visit Chelsio Download Center for regular updates on various software/drivers. You can also subscribe to our newsletter for the latest software updates.

## 9. Appendix

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