100G CLR4 Industry Alliance

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Announcing Today

• The formation of an Alliance consisting of end customers, system companies, and optical companies to create a new, open, multi-vendor, 100G optics specification called 100G-CLR4

• 100G CLR4 focus is to address market requirements of large data center customers

• 100G CLR4 is low-power, cost-effective solution for up to 2km

• Duplex single mode fiber: reducing cable fiber count by 75% over parallel optics

• Many companies have announced support for 100G CLR4 alliance

• Open process to create a multi-vendor industry specification
Create an open, multi-vendor specification for a cost-effective, low-power, 100G-CWDM Optical Transceiver in QSFP Form Factor with a reach of up to 2km over duplex single-mode fiber.
Challenges Facing the Data Center
Problem 1: 100G Needed for Data Explosion

Every 60 seconds:
- 98,000+ tweets
- 695,000 status updates
- 11 million instant messages
- 698,445 Google searches
- 168 million+ emails sent
- 1,820TB of data created
- 217 new mobile web users

Problem:
- The ubiquitous data explosion
- 10G and 40G expansion does not support density
- 100G has been Telco focused, too $$ for DC

Result: Pent up demand for cost-effective 100G optics addressing Data Center specific product requirements.
Problem 2: 100G Standard Reach & Price Gap

100G-SR4 limited to 100m reach

Need for up to 2km cost-effective solution

Telco-oriented LR4 10km is $$$

The Reach Gap!

5m CR4

100m SR4

2km

100G CLR4

10km LR4

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Problem 3: Data Centers Growing

Increasing Scale  More Connectivity  Limited Port Density

Microsoft Data Center
Quincy, WA
800,000 Sq Feet
300m across

Source: Quality Technology Services (QTS) data center
Problem 4: Too Many Form Factors

6 Form Factors for 100G

1) CFP
2) CFP2
3) CFP4
4) CXP
5) QSFP
6) CPAK

Data centers require smallest form factor for maximum port density

More differences than 10G or 40G Ethernet ever had
The Solution: 100G CLR4
2 km, CWDM, <3.5W in QSFP Form Factor

- **Small Form Factor**
  - QSFP form factor – smallest 100G
  - 8.5mm x 18mm x 72mm

- **75% Fiber Reduction**
  - Only 2 optical fibers (4 wavelengths)
  - 100Gbps per fiber (1 send, 1 receive)

- **Low power Long distance**
  - Power consumption: < 3.5 Watts
  - Fiber reach: up to 2 km (~20 football fields end-to-end)

- **High Density Products**
  - Enables 36 100G ports in 1 RU

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CLR4 Alliance Formation

- Open to anyone wanting to use build or sell 100G CLR4-based interoperable products
- Alliance has collected product requirements from end-users
- Focus is on requirements of large data center customers
- Work with interested parties to create consensus specification
- Work with companies that will make CLR4-based products
- 100G CLR4 specifications will be available at no charge

Goal: Help accelerate the market for 100Gigabit Ethernet
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Summary and Next Steps

• 100G-CLR4 is a specification for a cost-effective, low-power 100G CWDM transceiver in QSFP form factor
• Release preliminary spec April 2014.
• Collect feedback on initial preliminary spec
• Publish revised consensus spec May 2014
• Get industry to build & deploy 100G CLR4 products
• Anyone can participate and use the open specification
Thank You
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