GEARBOX™ 12 Port ASI/IP

Broadcast Quality, Multichannel, Real Time, Standard or High Definition (up to 1080p), Intel® Xeon® 16 Core Based, Integrated ASI Receiver, and MPEG-2 to H.264 or Optional H.265 Transcoder or MPEG-2/4 to MPEG-2/4 Scaler for the IPTV and Cable Industries and Others who Need to Deliver Digital Content in a Cost Effective Way. Based on Embedded Linux®, it Boots Quickly from Flash Drive and Remembers all Settings. Easy to Use GUI Allows Full Config of Each Stream and via SNMP can Report its Status to Remote Network Operations. Will Transcode and Process Multiple Streams up to CPU Limitations. Typical Dedicated Transcodes are up to 52 SD Streams, or 13 1080i/p Streams, or 20 720p60 Streams. Supports RTMP, HTTP, and Live Streaming and Works with Atlas™, Wowza®, and Adobe® Flash® Servers. Supports 50 Simultaneous HLS Users. With Optional Atlas™ Add-on, Supports 1,000 RTMP, DASH, and/or HLS Users Natively.

Features
- Supports HLS (adaptive) for output to mobile devices
- Inputs: Simultaneously receives 1 to 12 DVB-ASI inputs
- IP input (H.264, MPEG-2, or VC-1): UDP, RTP, RTSP, HTTP, HTTP Live, RTMP (pushed from Flash server)
- IP output protocols: UDP, RTP, RTMP (Open Flash), HTTP, with DLNA support
- Supports logo insertion, text overlay, and SCTE 35 compliant cue tone insertion (“ad markers”) on outputs
- Supports rotating key servers like Verimatrix® VCAS™
- Performs AES-128 encryption
- Supports 50 HLS users natively. Optional built-in server supports 1,000+ simultaneous HLS, DASH, and/or RTMP users.
- Supports NTSC or PAL
- Transcoding bit rates: .1 to 15 Mbps
- Creates simultaneous High, Medium, and Low bitrate streams
- Supports 1080i, 1080p, 720p, 576i, 480i, and 480p and any other broadcast or video format
- Simultaneous demodulation, transcoding, and encapsulation
- Transcodes up to 20 720p60 HD streams, or 13 1080i/p HD streams, or 52 SD streams from MPEG-2 to H.264, or vice-versa
- Optional H.265 transcodes are up to 5 720p HD streams, or 3 1080i/p HD streams, or 20 SD streams from MPEG-2 or H.264 to H.265, or vice-versa
- SNMP, REST, SOAP support for remote management and monitoring
- Support for Variable Bit Rate (VBR) encoding maximizes adaptive streaming video quality and bandwidth efficiency
- Tested to work with Atlas™, Wowza®, and Adobe® Flash® media servers
- Tested to work with Akamai, Tulix, Verizon, etc. CDN's
- Tested compatible with major brands of IP devices including Amino™, Roku®, Telergy, Android™, and Apple iPad® and iPhone®
- Tested compatible with major brands of professional H.265, H.264, and MPEG-2 decoders and video servers
- Audio support: AAC, MPEG-1 Layer II, optional MP3, and/or optional “SurCode for Dolby Digital” AC-3
- Settings are remembered when power cycled
- Based on embedded Linux®
- Remote GUI includes scheduling
- Redundant power supply

Overview

The Gearbox™ 12 Port ASI/IP is a real time multichannel streamer, integrated RF receiver, and transcoder designed to receive DVB-ASI signals and transform them into streams that are best suited for customers. It is designed to be scalable, easily adaptable, and field upgradeable to meet the needs of cable and IP network operators who are very comfortable with embedded Linux® based appliances. It relies on an Intel® 16 Core CPU as an accelerator. We have also optimized the transcode engine for reliability, efficiency, and flexibility.

The Gearbox 12 Port ASI/IP is an MPEG-2 to H.264 transcoder or transcoder. It receives multiple DVB-ASI transport streams, transcodes them to H.264 or optional H.265, and outputs them to an IP network. Resulting streams can be viewed with standard transport stream compatible set-top boxes, streaming video, smart phones, or software clients such as VLC or JW Player. The Gearbox 12 Port ASI/IP receives transport streams, demultiplexes the requested services and streams these services using UDP, RTP, RTMP, Adaptive, or HTTP via IP networks as either IP multicast or IP unicast streams. The system transcodes individual streams into H.264 format up to a maximum individual bitrate of 15 Mbps.

The Gearbox 12 Port ASI/IP selects all required PIDs and multiplexes the demultiplexed transport stream packets into IP packets.

The unit provides PID filtering of all unwanted traffic, increasing system performance and the number of channels which can be transmitted per unit.

Programs typically are forwarded (pushed) as transport stream packets via UDP or as RTP (real time protocol) payload (RFC 2250). Pushing can be either unicast or multicast. In addition to push, programs can be forwarded on request (pulled) using HTTP, HTTP Live, RTMP, DASH, etc.

Applications
- IPTV Unicasting, Multicasting, Streaming
- Telco TV ingest
- Hotels, Cruise Lines, Universities, Resorts feeds
- Streaming to designated VideoLAN VLC or similar clients, or to Roku®, Amino™, or other set-top boxes

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Ordering Information

Gearbox 12 Port ASI/IP

Other versions available: MF (Multifunction), ASI 2ch/ASI 2ch, ASI 4ch/ASI 4ch, 8VSB 8 Tuners/IP, IP/IP, QAM 8Ch/IP, ISDB-Tb 8 Tuners/IP, DVB-S/S2 8 Tuners/IP, DVB-S/S2 8 Tuners+DEC/IP, DVB-S/S2 4 Tuners/IP, DVB-T+T2 8 Tuners/IP

Specifications

Supported Resolutions – Input and Output

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<th>Resolution</th>
<th>1920 x 1080</th>
<th>1280 x 720</th>
<th>720 x 576</th>
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<th>480 x 320</th>
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Also supports any custom resolution not listed here, including computer formats like 1280 x 1024, etc. Note: Lower resolution results in higher transcodes. Supports PAL TO NTSC conversion but not NTSC to PAL. Supports closed captioning.

H.265 output resolutions supported are 1080, 720, 576, 480.

H.265 576/480 resolutions only have 4:3 aspect ratio.

DVB-ASI Input

Input: DVB-ASI, 200 Mbps per port

IP Input

IP Input protocols, “wrappers”: UDP, RTP, RTSP, HTTP, RTMP (pushed from Flash server)

IP Output

Audio Output: AAC, MPEG-1 Layer II, optional MP3, and/or optional “SurCode for Dolby Digital” AC-3

Ethernet: Two GigE, optional 10 GigE

Output “wrappers”: UDP, RTP, RTMP (Open Flash), HTTP, with DLNA support

Type: IP-multicast, IP-unicast with “wrappers”

Bit Rates: Multiple H.264 video streams at different bit rates (.1 to 15 mbps), resolutions, and protocols, wrappers, and containers

Optional H.265: H.265 average bit rate supported. No constant or variable.

Quality: 8 bit encoding with 4:2:0 color sampling; optional 4:2:2

Video: NTSC or PAL

Latency: About 1.2 seconds (fixed)

Administration

Access: Web interface, SSH (Secure command line interface)

SNMP: Monitoring and alerts

Scheduling: On, Off support for timeslots

CPU & Operating System

CPU: Intel® Xeon® 16 Core

OS: DVEO embedded Linux® on SSD

Physical & Power

Size – 3 RU high: 19 x 5.25 x 25.2 inches (W x H x D) 48.26 x 13.34 x 64 cm (W x H x D)

Power Supply: 3U 760W – Redundant

Temperature Range: Operating: 0°C ~ +50°C on Full Load Storage & Shipping: -20°C ~ +70°C

Non-operating Humidity: 5% to 95% non-condensing

Weight: 39 lbs. (17.69 kg)

Conformities: UL, BSMI, CSA, FCC, CE, RoHS

Security

Port scanned to MIL requirements prior to shipment

Ad Insertion

SCTE Ad Marker insertion via RS232, USB, IP, Contact closures

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