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Understanding Embedded - Microprocessors

Embedded microprocessors are specialized computing chips designed to perform specific tasks within an embedded system. Unlike general-purpose microprocessors found in personal computers, embedded microprocessors are tailored for dedicated functions within larger systems, offering optimized performance, efficiency, and reliability. These microprocessors are integral to the operation of countless electronic devices, providing the computational power necessary for controlling processes, handling data, and managing communications.

Applications of Embedded - Microprocessors

Embedded microprocessors are utilized across a broad spectrum of applications, making them indispensable in

Details	
Product Status	Obsolete
Core Processor	PowerPC e6500
Number of Cores/Bus Width	4 Core, 64-Bit
Speed	1.8GHz
Co-Processors/DSP	-
RAM Controllers	DDR3, DDR3L
Graphics Acceleration	No
Display & Interface Controllers	-
Ethernet	1Gbps (8), 2.5Gbps (4), 10Gbps (4)
SATA	SATA 3Gbps (2)
USB	USB 2.0 + PHY (2)
Voltage - I/O	-
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 105°C (TA)
Security Features	-
Package / Case	NI-1230-4LS2L
Supplier Device Package	NI-1230-4LS2L
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/nxp-semiconductors/t2080nsn7mqb

3 Application examples

This chip is well-suited for applications that are highly compute-intensive, I/O-intensive, or both.

3.1 1U security appliance

This figure shows a 1U security appliance built around a single SoC. The QorIQ DPAA accelerates basic packet classification, filtering, and packet queuing, while the crypto accelerator, regex accelerator, and compression/decompression accelerator perform high throughput content processing. The high single threaded and aggregate DMIPS of the core CPUs provide the processing horsepower for complex classification and flow state tracking required for proxying applications as well as heuristic traffic analysis and policy enforcement.

The SoC's massive integration significantly reduces system BOM cost. SATA hard drives connect directly to the SoC's integrated controllers, and an Ethernet switch is only required if more than eight 1 GE ports or 4 10 GE ports are required. The SoC supports PCIe and Serial RapidIO for expansion.

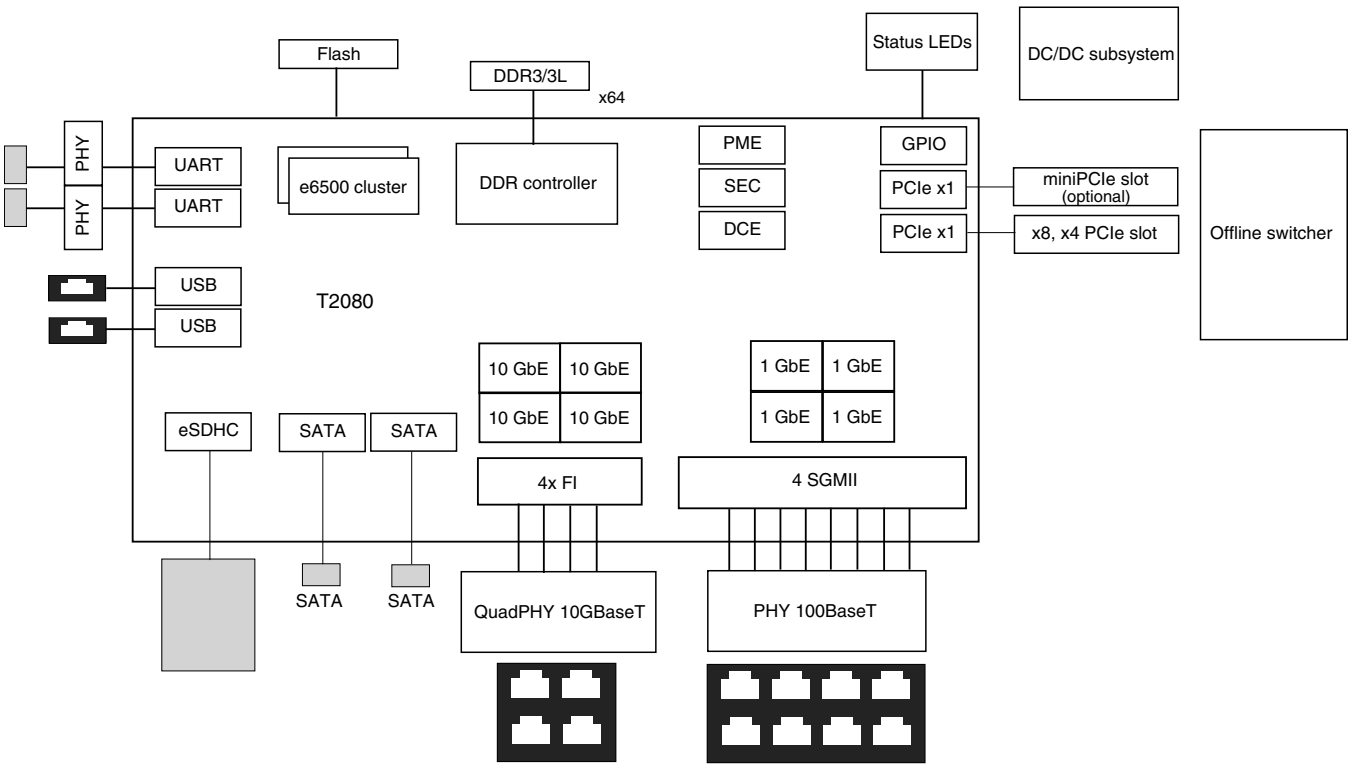

Figure 1. SoC 1U security appliance

3.2 Radio node controller

Some of the more demanding packet-processing applications are found in the realm of wireless infrastructure. These systems have to interwork between wireless link layer protocols and IP networking protocols. Wireless protocol complexity is high, and includes scheduling, retransmission, and encryption with algorithms specific to cellular wireless access networks. Connecting to the IP network offers wireless infrastructure tremendous cost savings, but introduces all the security threats found in the IP world. The chip's network and peripheral interfaces provide it with the flexibility to connect to DSPs, and to

wireless link layer framing ASICs/FPGAs . While the Data Path Acceleration Architecture offers encryption acceleration for both wireless and IP networking protocols, in addition to packet filtering capability on the IP networking side, multiple virtual CPUs may be dedicated to data path processing in each direction.

3.3 Intelligent network adapter

The exact form factor of this card may vary but the concepts are similar. A chip is placed on a small form factor card with an x8 PCIe connector and multiple 10 G Ethernet ports. This card is then used as inline accelerator that provides both line rate networking and intelligent programmable offload from a host processor subsystem in purpose built appliances and servers. This figure shows an example of a T2080 built as a PCI Express form-factor supporting virtualization through SR-IOV with quad 10 G physical networking interfaces.

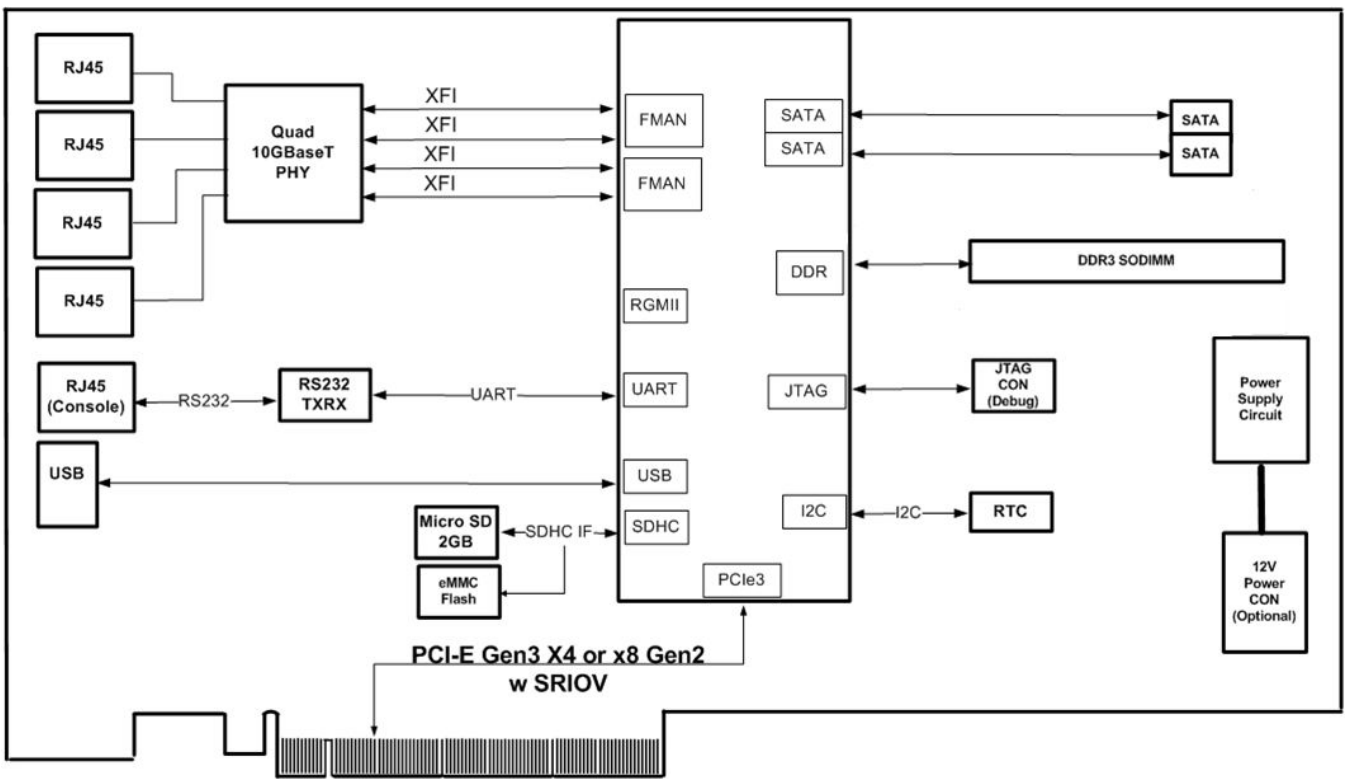

Figure 2. Intelligent network adapter

4 Chip features

This section describes the key features and functionalities of the chip.

4.1 Block diagram

This figure shows the major functional units within the chip.