

Product Overview

This chapter gives an overview of the CDDI and FDDI SBus adapters. It contains information about the hardware and software required to run the SBus adapters, as well as important unpacking and registration information.

CDDI/FDDI SBus adapters are high-performance cards that connect a SPARCstation or SPARCserver to a CDDI or FDDI ring. The adapter provides a single attachment station (SAS) or dual attachment station (DAS) connection that is compliant with Station Management (SMT) 7.3, including a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) agent for network management.

CDDI/FDDI SBus adapters ensure high performance by maximizing data throughput and minimizing network overhead on the host processor. Downloadable firmware permits convenient upgrades and eliminates the need to swap programmable read-only memory (PROM) chips.

Feature Summary

The SBus adapters feature a highly integrated design. They contain several high-performance features to ease internal data flow and minimize overhead on the host processor. To maximize throughput, the adapters support 32-bit-wide SBus data transfers and data bursts of up to 64 bytes. Bus mastering via two specially designed direct memory access (DMA) channels and an onboard SMT processor minimize host processor intervention.

SBus adapters incorporate the current SMT revision (the FDDI Station Management specification). Each adapter includes an SNMP agent, which allows it to be monitored by any SNMP network management station, such as SunNet Manager. The adapter firmware can be downloaded to enable you to easily update SMT versions.

Feature Summary

Single Attachment SBus Adapters

Single attachment SBus adapters (shown in Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2) are designed for a single SBus master (M) slot. The adapter has two LED indicators on the faceplate so that you can easily monitor the adapter's internal status and the CDDI/FDDI link.

Figure 1-1 FDDI Single Attachment SBus Adapter

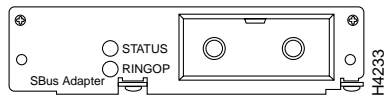
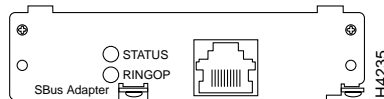


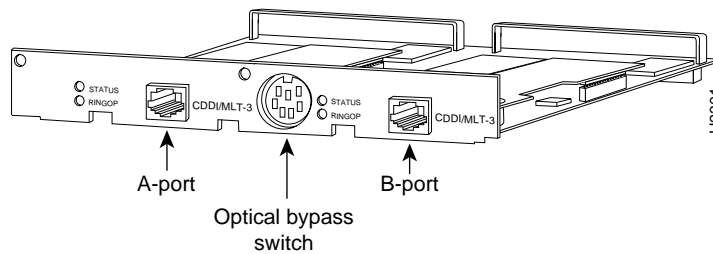
Figure 1-2 CDDI Single Attachment SBus Adapter



Dual Attachment SBus Adapters

Dual attachment SBus adapters are single-board, dual-slot adapters. The adapter has two sets of LED indicators on the faceplate so that you can easily monitor its internal status and the CDDI/FDDI link. There is also a connector for an optical bypass switch. The CDDI version is shown in Figure 1-3.

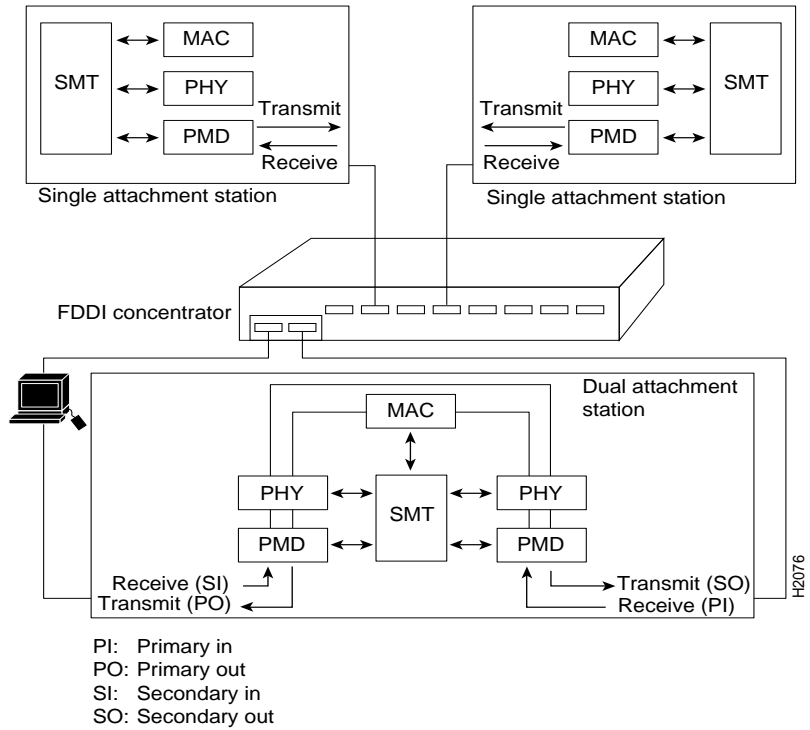
Figure 1-3 CDDI Dual Attachment SBus Adapter



A workstation with a dual attachment adapter can connect directly to the primary and secondary FDDI rings, or be connected to M ports on two concentrators in a dual homed configuration. The adapter has two PHYs (physical), two PMDs (physical medium dependent), one MAC (media access control) sublayer, and one SMT controller. (See Figure 1-4.)

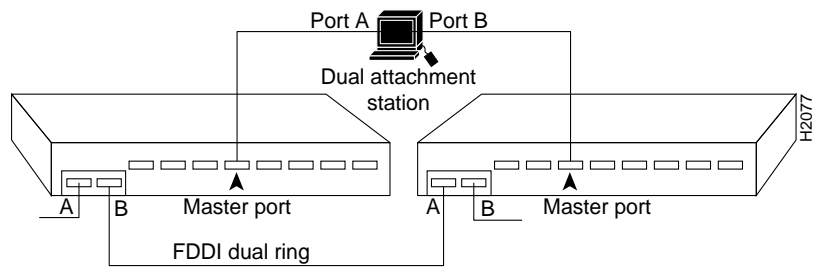
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Figure 1-4 Single Attachment and Dual Attachment Stations



You can also connect a dual attachment station in the redundant configuration called dual homing. In Figure 1-5, a dual attachment station is connected to two concentrators that are connected to the dual ring. Port A on the station is the backup connection and becomes active only if the primary connection (port B) fails.

Figure 1-5 Dual Homing



Feature Summary

Adapter LEDs

Each CDDI/FDDI adapter has two LED indicators on the faceplate so that you can easily monitor the adapter's internal status and the CDDI/FDDI link. Figure 1-6 and Figure 1-7 show the LEDs on both the single and dual attachment adapters. See Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2 for the locations of the LEDs on the single attachment adapters.

Figure 1-6 FDDI Dual Attachment Adapter

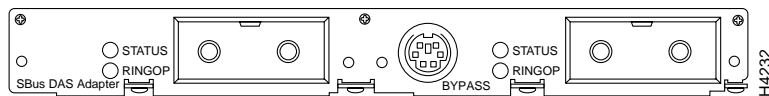
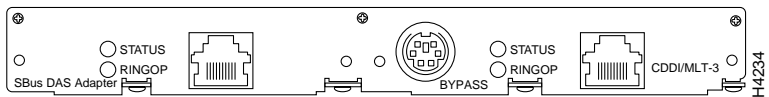


Figure 1-7 CDDI Dual Attachment Adapter



Status LED

The status LED monitors the adapter's status. If this LED is on, the adapter has passed its internal diagnostics test.

Ringop LED

The ringop LED monitors ring operation. If this LED is on, the adapter is connected to the CDDI/FDDI ring. See the section "Checking the Adapter LEDs" in Chapter 4 for a complete description of the ringop LED.

Host System Requirements

This section describes the hardware and software requirements of host systems in which CDDI/FDDI SBus adapters can be installed.

Hardware Requirements

The CDDI/FDDI SBus adapters are designed to be installed in any available SBus M slot in a SPARCstation or SPARCserver. Examples of compatible systems include:

- SPARCstation IPC, IPX, Classic, LX
- SPARCstation 1, 1+
- SPARCstation 2, 5, 10, 20
- SPARCserver Series 600
- SPARCcenter 1000 and 2000

Software Requirements

The SPARCstation must be running SunOS Version 4.1.x or Solaris Version 2.x.

Unpacking Information

Please check your CDDI/FDDI SBus adapter and all package contents carefully to make sure that no damage occurred during shipping.

Package Contents

The CDDI/FDDI SBus adapter package contains the following items:

- CDDI or FDDI SBus adapter
- 3.5-inch SunOS driver diskette (supports SunOS 4.1.x)
- 3.5-inch SunOS driver diskette, multicast (supports multicast version of SunOS 4.1.x)

Unpacking Information

Note The SunOS IP multicast driver works only with the SunOS Version 4.1.x muticast kernel.

- 3.5-inch Solaris driver diskette (supports Solaris 2.x)
- *CDDI/FDDI SBus Adapter User Guide*
- Warranty registration card

Unpacking Your SBus Adapter

Before you open the package, inspect it for damage that might have occurred during shipping. If you notice damage, notify your carrier immediately. Unpack your SBus adapter to ensure that it has arrived in good working order.

- Step 1** Open the package carefully. Keep the packing materials for reuse. You may need them to store, transport, or return the contents. *All materials returned under warranty must be packed in their original packing materials.*
- Step 2** Make sure that the package contains the items listed in “Package Contents.” If a part is missing, contact your customer service representative immediately.
- Step 3** Always heed the handling and antistatic warning (see Chapter 2, “Preparing for Installation”) when removing the adapter from its antistatic protective package. *We recommend that you wear a grounding strap whenever you handle the adapter.*
- Step 4** Examine the adapter for any visible damage other than that caused by shipping. If any damage is noted, report it to your customer service representative immediately.
- Step 5** Store the adapter in the antistatic bag until you are ready to install it in your SPARCstation.
- Step 6** Please fill out the warranty registration card and mail or fax it to Cisco Systems.