

LINKTROPY[®] 7500 PRO

HARDWARE GUIDE



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1 | OVERVIEW

This *Linktropy 7500 PRO Hardware Guide* describes the physical hardware of the Linktropy 7500 PRO WAN Emulator. The companion *User's Guide* describes the installation, configuration, and operation of the Linktropy WAN emulation functionality. A separate *Quick Start Guide* provides a walk-through for first time configuration.



The Linktropy 7500 PRO contains no user serviceable parts. Opening the chassis voids the warranty. If you believe your unit is not functioning properly, see Section 8 for information on obtaining support.

This guide is for the Linktropy 7500 PRO hardware revision –P1.

2 | INCLUDED ITEMS

The Linktropy 7500 PRO shipping carton contains the following items:

- ▶ Linktropy 7500 PRO hardware unit
- ▶ Rack mount brackets (2) and screws (16)
- ▶ Documentation CD
- ▶ Linktropy 7500 PRO Quick Start Guide
- ▶ RJ-45 1000baseT SFP transceivers (4)
- ▶ AC power cord (U.S.)
- ▶ RJ-45 to DB-9 serial cable

3 | FRONT AND REAR PANELS

Front Panel



The front panel of the Linktropy 7500 PRO contains, from left to right:

CONSOLE: Console interface using RS-232 with an RJ-45 connector. See Section 7 for a pin-out of the console interface.

LINK 1 and LINK 2: Two pairs of 10/100/1000baseT Gigabit Ethernet interfaces with standard RJ-45 connectors. Provides emulation of two separate WAN links between the network segments plugged into the LAN A and LAN B interfaces of each link. Interfaces support jumbo frames up to 9 KB.

LINK 3 and LINK 4: Two pairs of Gigabit Ethernet interfaces with modular SFP connectors. Provides emulation of two separate WAN links between the network segments plugged into the LAN A and LAN B interfaces of each link. See Section 6 for more details on the SFP interfaces. Interfaces support jumbo frames up to 9 KB.

Power LED: Lit green when the unit is powered on. Unlit when power is off

Rear Panel



The rear panel of the Linktropy 7500 PRO contains:

Fan outlets: Hot air is vented through the fan outlets.

MGMT: 10/100/1000baseT Gigabit Ethernet interface with a standard RJ-45 connector for browser-based management of the unit over the network.

Power input: Standard IEC C14 socket for power input. U.S. and Canadian customers should use the supplied power cord to connect the Linktropy 7500 PRO to a power outlet. International customers may need to substitute a local power cord with a standard IEC C13 plug. The Linktropy 7500 PRO handles AC power input from 90 to 264V.

Power switch: The power switch is marked with 0 for OFF and 1 for the ON position.



Please ensure the space around the fan outlet on the back panel and the air intakes on the side panels remains unblocked to provide adequate airflow and prevent overheating.

4 | CAPACITY LIMITATIONS

The Linktropy 7500 PRO can forward up to 1 Gbps of packets in each direction on each of the 4 links up to an aggregate maximum of 4 Gbps at a maximum aggregate rate of 3 million packets per second. These limits apply regardless of whether emulation is enabled or disabled on any of the 4 links. These limits are reduced if any links are configured in routing mode, or if learning bridge functionality is enabled. To avoid reaching these hardware limitations, high traffic links that are not being used for emulation, and are therefore not being limited by the bandwidth, latency, and other emulation constraints, should be disconnected from the device.

The maximum emulation bandwidth may be limited below the hardware capacity of 1 Gbps in each direction by the device's license key. See the *Linktropy User's Guide* for more details on the license key.

5 | RACK MOUNTING

The Linktropy 7500 PRO includes a pair of brackets for mounting the device into a standard 19" rack. Attach the brackets to both sides of the unit using eight of the supplied screws with each bracket as shown in the diagram below.



6 | SFP INTERFACES

The Linktropy 7500 PRO has four Gigabit Ethernet small form-factor pluggable (SFP) interfaces, also known as mini-GBIC, for the four ports of Links 3 and 4. SFP interfaces are modular and support both fiber-optic and copper-based cabling depending on the installed transceiver. Standard copper and fiber transceivers are available from a variety of vendors.

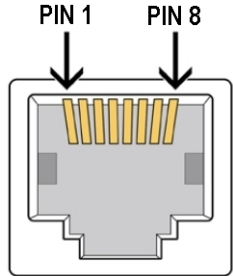
Select an appropriate transceiver type based on network and cabling requirements. Slide the transceiver into the SFP port until it clicks into place.

A set of 4 copper 1000baseT SFP transceivers are included with the Linktropy 7500 PRO to allow all 8 emulation ports to be connected using basic copper cabling with RJ45 interfaces.

The SFP interfaces only support 1 Gbps full duplex transfer mode regardless of whether the transceiver is copper or fiber-optic based.

7 | CONSOLE INTERFACE

Console access to the Linktropy 7500 PRO is through the RJ-45 interface on the front panel labeled “CONSOLE.” An RJ-45 to DB-9 cable is included with the unit to connect the device to a standard PC serial port. The pin-out for the RJ-45 interface is shown below:



The diagram shows a top-down view of an RJ-45 connector. Two arrows point to the first and eighth pins from the left, labeled 'PIN 1' and 'PIN 8' respectively.

Pin	Definition	Pin	Definition
1	CTS/RTS	2	DTR
3	TxD	4	GND
5	GND	6	RxD
7	DSR	8	CTS/RTS

To connect to the console, use a terminal or a computer running terminal emulator software such as HyperTerminal or PuTTY, and set the following parameters:

- 9600 baud
- 8 data bits
- No parity
- 1 stop bit
- Disable flow control

8 | APPOSITE SUPPORT

The Linktropy 7500 PRO comes with a one year hardware warranty and one year of support and maintenance. Extended maintenance packages are available from Apposite or your local Linktropy reseller.

If you believe your unit is not functioning properly and is under warranty, please upgrade to the latest firmware release. If the problem persists, please contact Apposite Support at:

support@apposite-tech.com
1.310.477.9955 ext. 2

When contacting Apposite Support, please include the following information:

- ▶ Linktropy model
- ▶ Serial number
- ▶ Your e-mail address and phone number
- ▶ Installed firmware version
- ▶ A detailed description of the problem



Do not attempt to fix any hardware problem yourself. The Linktropy 7500 PRO contains no user serviceable parts. Opening the chassis voids the warranty.

APPENDIX A

Specifications

Capacity		
Max. Emulation Rate		Up to 1 Gbps full duplex per link
Max. Aggregate Rate		4 Gbps
Max. Packet Rate		3 million packets per second
Interfaces		
Network		4 x 10/100/1000baseT Copper Gigabit Ethernet 4 x SFP Gigabit Ethernet
Management		1 x 10/100/1000baseT Copper Gigabit Ethernet
Console		1 x RS-232
Environmental and Physical		
AC Input Voltage		Auto ranging 90 VAC to 264 VAC
AC Input Frequency		47 to 63 Hz
AC Input Current		8.0 A Max. 1.4 A Typical
Power Draw		155 Watts
Dimensions		16.8" W x 18.0" D x 1.75" H (1 RU) 42.6 cm W x 45.7 cm D x 4.35 cm H (1 RU)
Weight	Product	18 lbs. (8 kg)
	Shipping	23 lbs. (10 kg)
Temperature	Operating	32° to 104°F (0° to 40°C)
	Storage	-4° to 185°F (20° to 85°C)
Humidity	Operating	10% to 95% (non-condensing)
	Storage	10% to 95% (non-condensing)
Certifications		FCC, CE, RoHS
Warranty and Support		
Hardware warranty		1 year
Support and Maintenance		1 year, including all firmware upgrades

APPENDIX B

Regulatory

Federal Communications Commission Notice

This equipment has been tested and verified to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area may cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to take whatever measures may be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

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