

# Cirrus Logic LAN CS8900/CS8920 Ethernet Adapters

## Note

This document was contributed by Cirrus Logic for kernel 2.2.5. This version has been updated for 2.3.48 by Andrew Morton.

Still, this is too outdated! A major cleanup is needed here.

Cirrus make a copy of this driver available at their website, as described below. In general, you should use the driver version which comes with your Linux distribution.

Linux Network Interface Driver ver. 2.00 <kernel 2.3.48>

## 1. Cirrus Logic LAN CS8900/CS8920 Ethernet Adapters

### 1.1. Product Overview

The CS8900-based ISA Ethernet Adapters from Cirrus Logic follow IEEE 802.3 standards and support half or full-duplex operation in ISA bus computers on 10 Mbps Ethernet networks. The adapters are designed for operation in 16-bit ISA or EISA bus expansion slots and are available in 10BaseT-only or 3-media configurations (10BaseT, 10Base2, and AUI for 10Base-5 or fiber networks).

CS8920-based adapters are similar to the CS8900-based adapter with additional features for Plug and Play (PnP) support and Wakeup Frame recognition. As such, the configuration procedures differ somewhat between the two types of adapters. Refer to the "Adapter Configuration" section for details on configuring both types of adapters.

### 1.2. Driver Description

The CS8900/CS8920 Ethernet Adapter driver for Linux supports the Linux v2.3.48 or greater kernel. It can be compiled directly into the kernel or loaded at run-time as a device driver module.

1.2.1 Driver Name: cs89x0

1.2.2 Files in the Driver Archive:

The files in the driver at Cirrus' website include:

readme.txt	this file
build	batch file to compile cs89x0.c.
cs89x0.c	driver C code
cs89x0.h	driver header file
cs89x0.o	pre-compiled module (for v2.2.5 kernel)
config/Config.in	sample file to include cs89x0 driver in the kernel.
config/Makefile	sample file to include cs89x0 driver in the kernel.
config/Space.c	sample file to include cs89x0 driver in the kernel.

### 1.3. System Requirements

The following hardware is required:

- Cirrus Logic LAN (CS8900/20-based) Ethernet ISA Adapter
- IBM or IBM-compatible PC with: \* An 80386 or higher processor \* 16 bytes of contiguous IO space available between 210h - 370h \* One available IRQ (5,10,11, or 12 for the CS8900, 3-7,9-15 for CS8920).
- Appropriate cable (and connector for AUI, 10BASE-2) for your network topology.

The following software is required:

- LINUX kernel version 2.3.48 or higher
  - CS8900/20 Setup Utility (DOS-based)
  - LINUX kernel sources for your kernel (if compiling into kernel)
  - GNU Toolkit (gcc and make) v2.6 or above (if compiling into kernel or a module)

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## 2. Adapter Installation and Configuration

Both the CS8900 and CS8920-based adapters can be configured using parameters stored in an on-board EEPROM. You must use the DOS-based CS8900/20 Setup Utility if you want to change the adapter's configuration in EEPROM.

When loading the driver as a module, you can specify many of the adapter's configuration parameters on the command-line to override the EEPROM's settings or for interface configuration when an EEPROM is not used. (CS8920-based adapters must use an EEPROM.) See Section 3.0 LOADING THE DRIVER AS A MODULE.

Since the CS8900/20 Setup Utility is a DOS-based application, you must install and configure the adapter in a DOS-based system using the CS8900/20 Setup Utility before installation in the target LINUX system. (Not required if installing a CS8900-based adapter and the default configuration is acceptable.)

### 2.1. CS8900-based Adapter Configuration

CS8900-based adapters shipped from Cirrus Logic have been configured with the following "default" settings:

Operation Mode:	Memory Mode
IRQ:	10
Base I/O Address:	300
Memory Base Address:	D0000
Optimization:	DOS Client
Transmission Mode:	Half-duplex
BootProm:	None
Media Type:	Autodetect (3-media cards) or 10BASE-T (10BASE-T only adapter)

You should only change the default configuration settings if conflicts with another adapter exists. To change the adapter's configuration, run the CS8900/20 Setup Utility.

### 2.2. CS8920-based Adapter Configuration

CS8920-based adapters are shipped from Cirrus Logic configured as Plug and Play (PnP) enabled. However, since the cs89x0 driver does NOT support PnP, you must install the CS8920 adapter in a DOS-based PC and run the CS8900/20 Setup Utility to disable PnP and configure the adapter before installation in the target Linux system. Failure to do this will leave the adapter inactive and the driver will be unable to communicate with the adapter.

```
*****
*                               CS8920-BASED ADAPTERS:                               *
*                               *                                                       *
* CS8920-BASED ADAPTERS ARE PLUG and PLAY ENABLED BY DEFAULT. *
* THE CS89X0 DRIVER DOES NOT SUPPORT PnP. THEREFORE, YOU MUST *
* RUN THE CS8900/20 SETUP UTILITY TO DISABLE PnP SUPPORT AND *
* TO ACTIVATE THE ADAPTER. *
*****
```

## 3. Loading the Driver as a Module

If the driver is compiled as a loadable module, you can load the driver module with the 'modprobe' command. Many of the adapter's configuration parameters can be specified as command-line arguments to the load command. This facility provides a means to override the EEPROM's settings or for interface configuration when an EEPROM is not used.

Example:

```
insmod cs89x0.o io=0x200 irq=0xA media=aui
```

This example loads the module and configures the adapter to use an IO port base address of 200h, interrupt 10, and use the AUI media connection. The following configuration options are available on the command line:

io=###	- specify IO address (200h-360h)
irq=##	- specify interrupt level
use_dma=1	- Enable DMA
dma=#	- specify dma channel (Driver is compiled to support Rx DMA only)

```

dmasize=# (16 or 64) - DMA size 16K or 64K. Default value is set to 16.
media=rj45           - specify media type
  or media=bnc
  or media=au1
  or media=auto
duplex=full          - specify forced half/full/autonegotiate duplex
  or duplex=half
  or duplex=auto
debug=#              - debug level (only available if the driver was compiled
                        for debugging)

```

#### Notes:

- a. If an EEPROM is present, any specified command-line parameter will override the corresponding configuration value stored in EEPROM.
- b. The "io" parameter must be specified on the command-line.
- c. The driver's hardware probe routine is designed to avoid writing to I/O space until it knows that there is a cs89x0 card at the written addresses. This could cause problems with device probing. To avoid this behaviour, add one to the io= module parameter. This doesn't actually change the I/O address, but it is a flag to tell the driver to partially initialise the hardware before trying to identify the card. This could be dangerous if you are not sure that there is a cs89x0 card at the provided address.

For example, to scan for an adapter located at IO base 0x300, specify an IO address of 0x301.

- d. The "duplex=auto" parameter is only supported for the CS8920.
- e. The minimum command-line configuration required if an EEPROM is not present is:  
io irq media type (no autotdetect)
- f. The following additional parameters are CS89XX defaults (values used with no EEPROM or command-line argument).
  - DMA Burst = enabled
  - IOCHRDY Enabled = enabled
  - UseSA = enabled
  - CS8900 defaults to half-duplex if not specified on command-line
  - CS8920 defaults to autoneg if not specified on command-line
  - Use reset defaults for other config parameters
  - dma\_mode = 0
- g. You can use ifconfig to set the adapter's Ethernet address.
- h. Many Linux distributions use the 'modprobe' command to load modules. This program uses the '/etc/conf.modules' file to determine configuration information which is passed to a driver module when it is loaded. All the configuration options which are described above may be placed within /etc/conf.modules.

For example:

```

> cat /etc/conf.modules
...
alias eth0 cs89x0
options cs89x0 io=0x0200 dma=5 use_dma=1
...

```

In this example we are telling the module system that the ethernet driver for this machine should use the cs89x0 driver. We are asking 'modprobe' to pass the 'io', 'dma' and 'use\_dma' arguments to the driver when it is loaded.

- i. Cirrus recommend that the cs89x0 use the ISA DMA channels 5, 6 or 7. You will probably find that other DMA channels will not work.
- j. The cs89x0 supports DMA for receiving only. DMA mode is significantly more efficient. Flooding a 400 MHz Celeron machine with large ping packets consumes 82% of its CPU capacity in non-DMA mode. With DMA this is reduced to 45%.
- k. If your Linux kernel was compiled with inbuilt plug-and-play support you will be able to find information about the cs89x0 card with the command:

```
cat /proc/isapnp
```

- l. If during DMA operation you find erratic behavior or network data corruption you should use your PC's BIOS to slow the EISA bus clock.
- m. If the cs89x0 driver is compiled directly into the kernel (non-modular) then its I/O address is automatically determined by ISA bus probing. The IRQ number, media options, etc are determined from the card's EEPROM.
- n. If the cs89x0 driver is compiled directly into the kernel, DMA mode may be selected by providing the kernel with a boot option 'cs89x0\_dma=N' where 'N' is the desired DMA channel number (5, 6 or 7).

Kernel boot options may be provided on the LILO command line:

```
LILO boot: linux cs89x0_dma=5
```

or they may be placed in /etc/lilo.conf:

```
image=/boot/bzImage-2.3.48
append="cs89x0_dma=5"
label=linux
root=/dev/hda5
read-only
```

The DMA Rx buffer size is hardwired to 16 kbytes in this mode. (64k mode is not available).

## 4. Compiling the Driver

The cs89x0 driver can be compiled directly into the kernel or compiled into a loadable device driver module.

Just use the standard way to configure the driver and compile the Kernel.

### 4.1. Compiling the Driver to Support Rx DMA

The compile-time optionality for DMA was removed in the 2.3 kernel series. DMA support is now unconditionally part of the driver. It is enabled by the 'use\_dma=1' module option.

## 5. Testing and Troubleshooting

### 5.1. Known Defects and Limitations

Refer to the RELEASE.TXT file distributed as part of this archive for a list of known defects, driver limitations, and work arounds.

### 5.2. Testing the Adapter

Once the adapter has been installed and configured, the diagnostic option of the CS8900/20 Setup Utility can be used to test the functionality of the adapter and its network connection. Use the diagnostics 'Self Test' option to test the functionality of the adapter with the hardware configuration you have assigned. You can use the diagnostics 'Network Test' to test the ability of the adapter to communicate across the Ethernet with another PC equipped with a CS8900/20-based adapter card (it must also be running the CS8900/20 Setup Utility).

#### Note

The Setup Utility's diagnostics are designed to run in a DOS-only operating system environment. DO NOT run the diagnostics from a DOS or command prompt session under Windows 95, Windows NT, OS/2, or other operating system.

To run the diagnostics tests on the CS8900/20 adapter:

1. Boot DOS on the PC and start the CS8900/20 Setup Utility.
2. The adapter's current configuration is displayed. Hit the ENTER key to get to the main menu.
4. Select 'Diagnostics' (ALT-G) from the main menu. \* Select 'Self-Test' to test the adapter's basic functionality. \* Select 'Network Test' to test the network connection and cabling.

#### 5.2.1. Diagnostic Self-test

The diagnostic self-test checks the adapter's basic functionality as well as its ability to communicate across the ISA bus based on the system resources assigned during hardware configuration. The following tests are performed:

- IO Register Read/Write Test

The IO Register Read/Write test insures that the CS8900/20 can be accessed in IO mode, and that the IO base address is correct.

- Shared Memory Test

The Shared Memory test insures the CS8900/20 can be accessed in memory mode and that the range of memory addresses assigned does not conflict with other devices in the system.

- Interrupt Test

The Interrupt test insures there are no conflicts with the assigned IRQ signal.

- EEPROM Test

The EEPROM test insures the EEPROM can be read.

- Chip RAM Test

The Chip RAM test insures the 4K of memory internal to the CS8900/20 is working properly.

- Internal Loop-back Test

The Internal Loop Back test insures the adapter's transmitter and receiver are operating properly. If this test fails, make sure the adapter's cable is connected to the network (check for LED activity for example).

- Boot PROM Test

The Boot PROM test insures the Boot PROM is present, and can be read. Failure indicates the Boot PROM was not successfully read due to a hardware problem or due to a conflicts on the Boot PROM address assignment. (Test only applies if the adapter is configured to use the Boot PROM option.)

Failure of a test item indicates a possible system resource conflict with another device on the ISA bus. In this case, you should use the Manual Setup option to reconfigure the adapter by selecting a different value for the system resource that failed.

### 5.2.2. Diagnostic Network Test

The Diagnostic Network Test verifies a working network connection by transferring data between two CS8900/20 adapters installed in different PCs on the same network. (Note: the diagnostic network test should not be run between two nodes across a router.)

This test requires that each of the two PCs have a CS8900/20-based adapter installed and have the CS8900/20 Setup Utility running. The first PC is configured as a Responder and the other PC is configured as an Initiator. Once the Initiator is started, it sends data frames to the Responder which returns the frames to the Initiator.

The total number of frames received and transmitted are displayed on the Initiator's display, along with a count of the number of frames received and transmitted OK or in error. The test can be terminated anytime by the user at either PC.

To setup the Diagnostic Network Test:

1. Select a PC with a CS8900/20-based adapter and a known working network connection to act as the Responder. Run the CS8900/20 Setup Utility and select 'Diagnostics -> Network Test -> Responder' from the main menu. Hit ENTER to start the Responder.
2. Return to the PC with the CS8900/20-based adapter you want to test and start the CS8900/20 Setup Utility.
3. From the main menu, Select 'Diagnostic -> Network Test -> Initiator'. Hit ENTER to start the test.

You may stop the test on the Initiator at any time while allowing the Responder to continue running. In this manner, you can move to additional PCs and test them by starting the Initiator on another PC without having to stop/start the Responder.

### 5.3. Using the Adapter's LEDs

The 2 and 3-media adapters have two LEDs visible on the back end of the board located near the 10Base-T connector.

Link Integrity LED: A "steady" ON of the green LED indicates a valid 10Base-T connection. (Only applies to 10Base-T. The green LED has no significance for a 10Base-2 or AUI connection.)

TX/RX LED: The yellow LED lights briefly each time the adapter transmits or receives data. (The yellow LED will appear to "flicker" on a typical network.)

### 5.4. Resolving I/O Conflicts

An IO conflict occurs when two or more adapter use the same ISA resource (IO address, memory address or IRQ). You can usually detect an IO conflict in one of four ways after installing and or configuring the CS8900/20-based adapter:

1. The system does not boot properly (or at all).
2. The driver cannot communicate with the adapter, reporting an "Adapter not found" error message.
3. You cannot connect to the network or the driver will not load.
4. If you have configured the adapter to run in memory mode but the driver reports it is using IO mode when loading, this is an indication of a memory address conflict.

If an IO conflict occurs, run the CS8900/20 Setup Utility and perform a diagnostic self-test. Normally, the ISA resource in conflict will fail the self-test. If so, reconfigure the adapter selecting another choice for the resource in conflict. Run the diagnostics again to check for further IO conflicts.

In some cases, such as when the PC will not boot, it may be necessary to remove the adapter and reconfigure it by installing it in another PC to run the CS8900/20 Setup Utility. Once reinstalled in the target system, run the diagnostics self-test to ensure the new configuration is free of conflicts before loading the driver again.

When manually configuring the adapter, keep in mind the typical ISA system resource usage as indicated in the tables below.

I/O Address	Device	IRQ	Device
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200-20F	Game I/O adapter	3	COM2, Bus Mouse
230-23F	Bus Mouse	4	COM1
270-27F	LPT3: third parallel port	5	LPT2
2F0-2FF	COM2: second serial port	6	Floppy Disk controller

320-32F	Fixed disk controller	7	LPT1
		8	Real-time Clock
		9	EGA/VGA display adapter
		12	Mouse (PS/2)
Memory Address	Device	13	Math Coprocessor
-----	-----	14	Hard Disk controller
A000-BFFF	EGA Graphics Adapter		
A000-C7FF	VGA Graphics Adapter		
B000-BFFF	Mono Graphics Adapter		
B800-BFFF	Color Graphics Adapter		
E000-FFFF	AT BIOS		

## 6. Technical Support

### 6.1. Contacting Cirrus Logic's Technical Support

Cirrus Logic's CS89XX Technical Application Support can be reached at:

Telephone : (800) 888-5016 (from inside U.S. and Canada)  
: (512) 442-7555 (from outside the U.S. and Canada)  
Fax : (512) 912-3871  
Email : [ethernet@crystal.cirrus.com](mailto:ethernet@crystal.cirrus.com)  
WWW : <http://www.cirrus.com>

### 6.2. Information Required before Contacting Technical Support

Before contacting Cirrus Logic for technical support, be prepared to provide as Much of the following information as possible.

1.) Adapter type (CRD8900, CDB8900, CDB8920, etc.)

2.) Adapter configuration

- IO Base, Memory Base, IO or memory mode enabled, IRQ, DMA channel
- Plug and Play enabled/disabled (CS8920-based adapters only)
- Configured for media auto-detect or specific media type (which type).

3.) PC System's Configuration

- Plug and Play system (yes/no)
- BIOS (make and version)
- System make and model
- CPU (type and speed)
- System RAM
- SCSI Adapter

4.) Software

- CS89XX driver and version
- Your network operating system and version
- Your system's OS version
- Version of all protocol support files

5.) Any Error Message displayed.

### 6.3 Obtaining the Latest Driver Version

You can obtain the latest CS89XX drivers and support software from Cirrus Logic's Web site. You can also contact Cirrus Logic's Technical Support (email: [ethernet@crystal.cirrus.com](mailto:ethernet@crystal.cirrus.com)) and request that you be registered for automatic software-update notification.

Cirrus Logic maintains a web page at <http://www.cirrus.com> with the latest drivers and technical publications.

### 6.4. Current maintainer

In February 2000 the maintenance of this driver was assumed by Andrew Morton.

### 6.5 Kernel module parameters

For use in embedded environments with no cs89x0 EEPROM, the kernel boot parameter `cs89x0_media=` has been implemented. Usage is:

```
cs89x0_media=rj45    or
cs89x0_media=au1     or
cs89x0_media=bnc
```