

# **1000Base-T Auto Negotiation**

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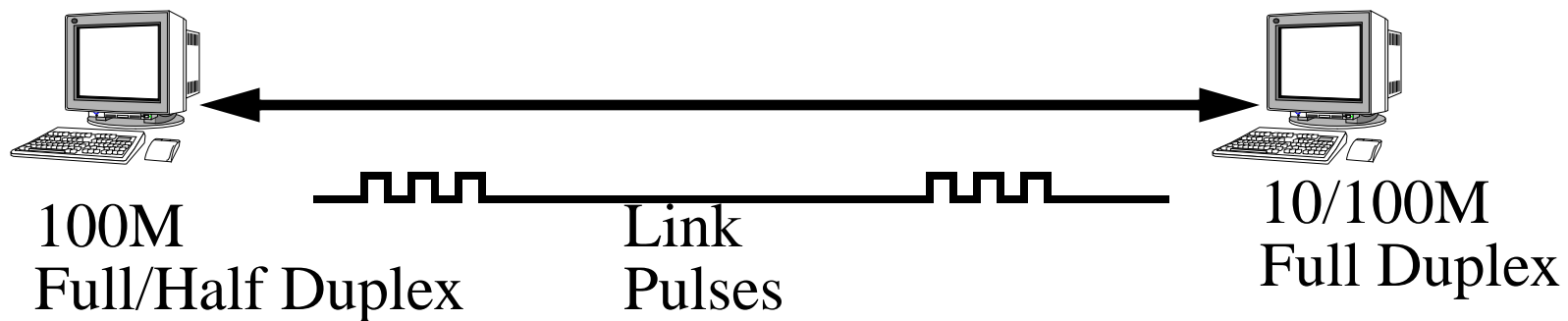
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# Overview

- Brief Auto Negotiation Overview
- General Next Page Exchange
- 1000BASE-T Next Page Exchange
- Priority Table
- Registers
- GMII Pin Order

# What is Auto Negotiation?

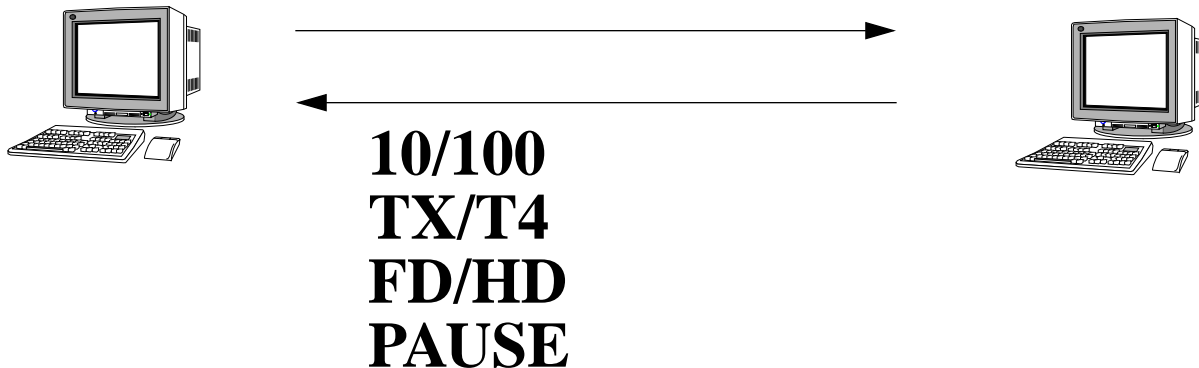
- Method used to exchange information between 2 stations
- Used to Configure operating parameters such as speed and duplex
- Uses 10Base-T Link Pulses for backwards compatibility
- Allows for automatic link establishment without user intervention



# Requirements

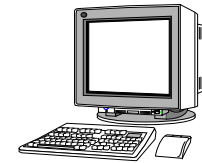
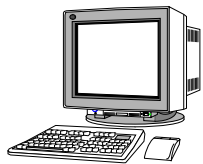
- Requires the ability to Receive and Transmit 10Base-T Link Pulses
- 10Base-T and 100Base-T support parallel detection, hence Auto Negotiation was optional
- 1000Base-T Requires the use of Auto Negotiation, No Parallel Detection only scheme can be supported.
- Next Page exchanges must be used to convey 1000Base-T information
- Utilizes existing clause 28 scheme
  - Little/No modification required
  - Minimize/do not use new registers

# Base Page Exchange



**This must still be supported, even if the PHY is not capable of 10Mbps or 100Mbps modes  
Utilizes Registers 4 and 5.  
Does not require Next Pages(optional)**

# Next Page Exchange



**1000  
FD/HD  
ASYM PAUSE  
MASTER/SLAVE**

**Utilizes Register 7 for Transmitting  
and Register 8 for Receiving.**

**One page at a time is exchanged.  
Toggle and other bits are used for synchronization.**

# 1000Base-T Next Page Information

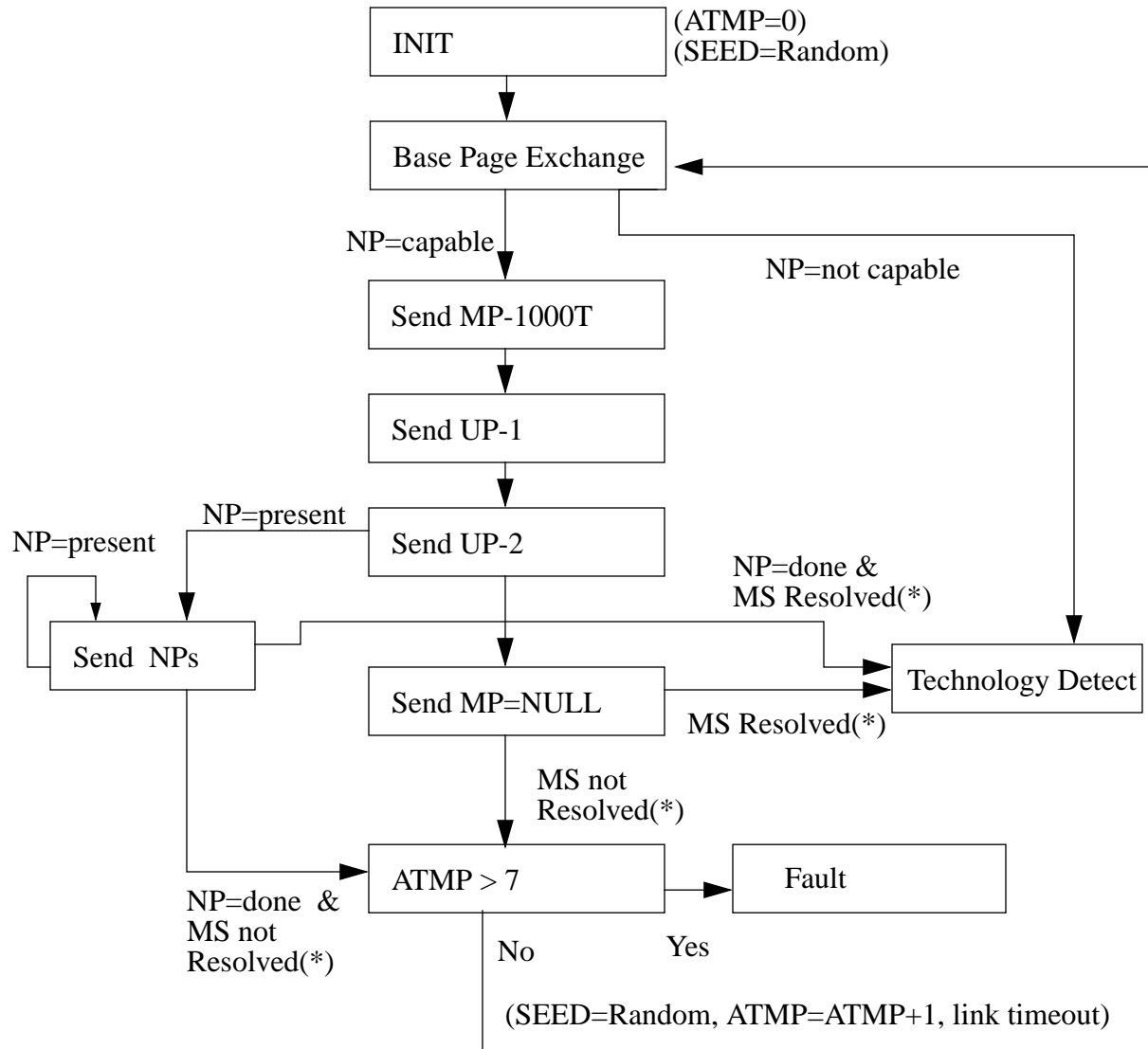
- Master/Slave Override
- Repeater/DTE
- 1000Base-T Full Duplex
- 1000Base-T Half Duplex
- Asymmetric Pause
- TX Coding Type
- Master/Slave Random Seed

# 1000Base-T Use of Next Pages

- Uses the Clause 28 Next Page exchange mechanism.
- Sends 1 Message Code(9) followed by 2 unformatted pages containing the relevant information.
- Scheme does NOT utilize ACK2 bit!
- PHY device must intercept all 1000T Next pages and store them internally for resolution functions.
- PHY device must also source all 1000T Next pages from internal registers.



# 1000Base-T Next Page Flow



Note:  
for illustration only

\*all next pages from link partner have also been received

\*MS Resolved only matters if HCD is 1000T, otherwise bit should be set to true.

ATMP = number of MS resolution attempts

SEED = random seed used for MS resolution

MS = Master/Slave

NP = Next Pages

UP = Unformatted Page

MP = Message Page

# 100Base-T Master/Slave Resolution

- If both devices want to be Master or Slave a tie breaker is needed.
- Using a random seed, the device with the higher value becomes master.
- A maximum of 7 attempts are made to resolve the Master/Slave status.
- More information is available via 100Base-T2 spec or clause 40

# 1000Base-T Priority Table

Table 1—Update to 28B.3 Priority Resolution

| Priority Level                         | Technology                    |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>a ** (highest)</b>                  | <b>1000BASE-T Full Duplex</b> |
| <b>b**</b>                             | <b>1000BASE-T</b>             |
| c                                      | 100BASE-T2 Full Duplex        |
| d                                      | 100BASE-T2                    |
| e                                      | 100BASE-TX Full Duplex        |
| f                                      | 100BASE-T4                    |
| g                                      | 100BASE-TX                    |
| h                                      | 10BASE-T Full Duplex          |
| i (lowest)                             | 10BASE-T                      |
| <b>** represents changes requested</b> |                               |

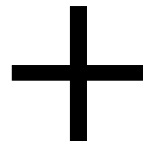
# 1000Base-T Next Page Bit Order

**Table 2: Next page data ordering**

| Bit | MP       | UP-1         | UP-2     |
|-----|----------|--------------|----------|
| 15  | NP       | NP           | NP       |
| 14  | ACK/Rsvd | ACK/Rsvd     | ACK/Rsvd |
| 13  | MP       | MP           | MP       |
| 12  | ACK2     | ACK2         | ACK2     |
| 11  | T        | T            | T        |
| 10  | 0        | Rsvd         | SB10     |
| 9   | 0        | Rsvd         | SB9      |
| 8   | 0        | Rsvd         | SB8      |
| 7   | 0        | Rsvd         | SB7      |
| 6   | 0        | ASM DIR      | SB6      |
| 5   | 0        | TX CODING    | SB5      |
| 4   | 0        | 1000T HD     | SB4      |
| 3   | 1        | 1000T FD     | SB3      |
| 2   | 0        | RPTR/DTE     | SB2      |
| 1   | 0        | M/S MAN CFG  | SB1      |
| 0   | 1        | M/S CFG ENAB | SB0      |

# Registers Required(1000Base-T)

**All standard 10/100 Registers**



**Next Page Transmit(7)**

**Next Page Receive(8)**

**1000Base-T Configuration(9)**

**1000Base-T Status(10)**

**Extended Status(15)**

# Next Page Transmit

**Table 3: Auto Negotiation Next Page Transmit Register (Address 7)**

| Bit                                   | Name                           | Description   | Type <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 7.15                                  | Next Page (NP)                 | 1 = Additional next pages follow<br>0 = Last page   | R/W               |
| 7.14                                  | Reserved                       | Write as 0, ignore on read  | RO                |
| 7.13                                  | Message Page (MP)              | 1 = Message page<br>0 = Unformatted page  | R/W               |
| 7.12                                  | Acknowledge 2 (ACK2)           | 1 = Will comply with message<br>0 = Can not comply with message   | R/W               |
| 7.11                                  | Toggle (T)                     | 1 = Previous value of the transmitted Link Code Word equalled logic zero<br>0 = Previous value of the transmitted Link Code Word equalled logic one | R/W               |
| 7.10:0                                | Message/Unformatted Code Field |   | R/W               |
| 1. R/W = Read/Write<br>RO = Read Only |                                |   |                   |

# Next Page Receive

**Table 4: Auto Negotiation Link Partner Next Page Ability Register (Address 8)**

| Bit                                   | Name                           | Description   | Type <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 8.15                                  | Next Page<br>(NP)              | 1 = Link Partner has additional next pages to send<br>0 = Link Partner has no additional next pages to send   | RO                |
| 8.14                                  | Acknowledge<br>(ACK)           | 1 = Link Partner has received Link Code Word from CHEETAH<br>0 = Link Partner has not received Link Code Word from CHEETAH                          | RO                |
| 8.13                                  | Message Page<br>(MP)           | 1 = Page sent by the Link Partner is a Message Page<br>0 = Page sent by the Link Partner is an Unformatted Page                                     | RO                |
| 8.12                                  | Acknowledge 2<br>(ACK2)        | 1 = Link Partner Will comply with the message<br>0 = Link Partner can not comply with the message   | RO                |
| 8.11                                  | Toggle<br>(T)                  | 1 = Previous value of the transmitted Link Code Word equalled logic zero<br>0 = Previous value of the transmitted Link Code Word equalled logic one | RO                |
| 8.10:0                                | Message/Unformatted Code Field |   | RO                |
| 1. R/W = Read/Write<br>RO = Read Only |                                |   |                   |

# 1000Base-T Configuration

**Table 5: 1000BASE-T/100BASE-T2 Control Register (Address 9)**

| Bit     | Name                       | Description   | Type <sup>1</sup> |
|---------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 9.15:14 | Transmit Test mode         | Default bit values are “00”   | R/W               |
| 9.13    | Receive Test mode          | Default bit value is “0”  | R/W               |
| 9.12    | Master/Slave Config Enable | 1=Enable MASTER-SLAVE Manual configuration value<br>0=Disable MASTER-SLAVE Manual configuration value   | R/W               |
| 9.11    | Master/Slave Config Value  | 1=Configure PHY as MASTER during MASTER-SLAVE negotiation, only when 9.13 is set to logical one.<br>0=Configure PHY as SLAVE during MASTER-SLAVE negotiation, only when 9.13 is set to logical one. | R/W               |
| 9.10    | Repeater/DTE               | 1=Repeater device port<br>0=DTE device  | R/W               |
| 9.9     | 1000T Full Duplex          | 1=Advertise 1000BASE-T Full Duplex<br>0=Advertise 1000BASE-T Full Duplex  | R/W               |
| 9.8     | 1000T Half Duplex          | 1=Advertise 1000BASE-T Half Duplex<br>0=Advertise 1000BASE-T Half Duplex  | R/W               |
| 9.7     | TX Coding                  | 1=Advertise to Link Partner to use 6db transmit coding<br>0=Advertise to Link Partner to use 3db transmit coding  | R/W               |
| 9.6     | ASM DIR                    | Advertise Asymmetric Pause direction bit. See 37.4 for more details. This bit is used in conjunction with PAUSE.  | R/W               |
| 9.5:0   | Reserved                   | Reserved  | R/W               |

1. R/W = Read/Write  
RO = Read Only

**Bits 9.15:9.10 are exactly the same as 100Base-T2**

**Bits 9.9:9.6 are applicable only to 1000Base-T**

**Bits 9.9 and 9.8 are a subset of register 15**



# 1000Base-T Status

**Table 6: 1000BASE-T/100BASE-T2 Status Register (Address 10)**

| Bit                                   | Name                             | Description  | Type <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 10.15                                 | Master/Slave config fault        | 1=MASTER-SLAVE manual configuration fault detected<br>0=No MASTER-SLAVE manual configuration fault detected        | RO                |
| 10.14                                 | Master/Slave resolution complete | 1=MASTER-SLAVE configuration resolution has completed<br>0=MASTER-SLAVE configuration resolution has not completed | RO                |
| 10.13                                 | Local Receiver Status            | 1=Local Receiver OK<br>0=Local Receiver not OK   | RO                |
| 10.12                                 | Remote Receiver Status           | 1=Remote Receiver OK<br>0=Remote Receiver not OK   | RO                |
| 10.11                                 | LP 1000T FD                      | 1=Link Partner is capable of 1000BASE-T Full Duplex<br>0=Link Partner is not capable of 1000BASE-T Full Duplex     | RO                |
| 10.10                                 | LP 1000T HD                      | 1=Link Partner is capable of 1000BASE-T Half Duplex<br>0=Link Partner is not capable of 1000BASE-T Half Duplex     | RO                |
| 10.9                                  | LP TX CODING                     | 1=Link Partner requests that 6db coding be utilized<br>0=Link Partner requests that 3db coding be utilized         | RO                |
| 10.8                                  | LP ASM DIR                       | Link Partners Asymmetric Pause Direction bit. See 37.4 for mappings. This bit is used in conjunction with PAUSE    | RO                |
| 10.7:0                                | Idle Error Count                 | Idle Error Count   | RO/SC             |
| 1. R/W = Read/Write<br>RO = Read Only |                                  |  |                   |

**Bits 10.15:10.12 are exactly the same as 100Base-T2**

**Bits 10.11:10.8 are applicable only to 1000Base-T**

# Extended Status

**Table 7: Extended Status Register (Address 15)**

| Bit     | Name                   | Description  | Type <sup>1</sup> |
|---------|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 15.15   | 1000BASE-X Full Duplex | 1 = PHY able to perform full-duplex 1000BASE-X<br>0 = PHY not able to perform full-duplex 1000BASE-X | RO                |
| 15.14   | 1000BASE-X Half Duplex | 1 = PHY able to perform half-duplex 1000BASE-X<br>0 = PHY able to perform half-duplex 1000BASE-X     | RO                |
| 15.13   | 1000BASE-T Full Duplex | 1 = PHY able to perform full-duplex 1000BASE-T<br>0 = PHY not able to perform full-duplex 1000BASE-T | RO                |
| 15.12   | 1000BASE-T Full Duplex | 1 = PHY able to perform half-duplex 1000BASE-T<br>0 = PHY able to perform half-duplex 1000BASE-T     | RO                |
| 15.11:0 | Reserved               | ignore when read   | RO                |

1. RO = Read Only

# Why Build Mechanism internal to PHY?

- Allows Management-less configuration
- Allows priority resolution to be done internally
- Does not require manual configuration/intervention
- Minimizes changes to Clause 28
- Utilizes existing NP mechanism

# Why not have a register for all LP information?

- Master/Slave information resolution unimportant beyond initial setup
- We have register bits to cover error status
- Would require additional registers
- Repeater/DTE bit is only useful to the link, not the end user

## **Alternate Solution(not recommended)**

- Priority resolution done externally
- Requires manual configuration
- Requires management interaction
- Use Register 0 to set the speed of the device after all NPs have been exchanged
- Then add a bit to register 9 to inform the device to utilize the register 0 configuration values
- Master Slave resolution done externally