

4K Headed Video Gateway Reference Design





Making It Easy to Cost-Effectively Deliver High Definition Video

As 4K Ultra High Definition (UHD) becomes a reality, service providers must now consider how to economically and efficiently transmit immersive, engaging video to consumers. Intel and ViXS are collaborating on a joint reference design to create the first DOCSIS 3.0 headed video gateway/media server supporting HEVC Main 10 profile and UHD 4Kp60 content. This gives service providers the capability to cost-effectively manage and deliver UHD video, as well as easily launch new content and services.

Two platforms in one — certification ready

With an Intel® Atom™ processor dedicated for traditional gateway traffic such as Internet, voice, and cable, along with the ViXS XCode* 6400 SoC to deliver UHD 4K content with smoother transitions for up to 1 billion colors, the 4K Headed Video Gateway is coengineered and co-validated. The result is one optimized reference platform that will be available from either company.

The reference design can serve as the primary home gateway. With an Intel Atom processor for the gateway functions along with the ViXS XCode 6400 SoC processing for transcoding, providers can deliver a greater range of applications such as videoon-demand (VoD), gaming, social media and entertainment apps. In addition, the design is certification-ready so ODMs can help manufacturers accelerate time to market.

The reference design supports both headed and headless video gateway functions, as well as a persistent partition between both internal and external clients so that OEMs can preserve their engineering investments and also follow different update cadences for gateway and user experience software. In addition, the platform is partitioned to deliver potential energy savings to its end users. With an entire home DVR (digital video recorder) partitioned into the gateway and media functions partitioned into the client, the DVR can record even when the media client is asleep. By architecting with a consistent gateway-client architecture and clean software partition, OEMs can preserve their engineering investment and reuse their existing software. The net result is a stable user experience for end users and potentially less churn for service providers.

| FEATURE | BENEFIT |
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| Intel [®] Atom [™] Processor | Advanced processing power with low power usage for energy efficiency |
| Gateway Client Partition | Allows OEM to preserve their engineering investment and deliver potential energy cost savings to end users |
| DOCSIS 3.0 | Established standard that significantly increases upstream and downstream transmission speeds |
| 10-bit HEVC Codec | 50% reduction in bandwidth consumption as well as smoother color transitions and the capability of enabling more than 1 billion colors in UHD 4K |
| UHD 4K | Ability to support UHD 4K and 2K decode simultaneously |
| 802.11 A/B/G/N 802.11 A/C | Full range of wireless protocols to meet service provider's needs and eliminate consumer needs for multiple gateways |
| MoCA 2.0 or GbE LAN | Reliable guality of service over home wired network |

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