

# Broadcom 440X Fast Ethernet Controller User Diagnostics User's Guide

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## Introduction

This document provides information on the b44udiag.exe diagnostic program for the Broadcom 440X Fast Ethernet Controller. When the b44udiag.exe program is started, a series of tests are executed on the 440X Fast Ethernet controller. If a test fails, the b44diag program displays an error and exits to DOS.

The following options are available:

-l <file>	Log data to file
-c <num>	Specify the card to be tested
-l <num>	Iteration number
-t <id>	Disable tests
-T <id>	Enable tests
-r <num>	Input radix
-lbm	Option to specify the number of packets in the MAC Loopback test
-lbp	Option to specify the number of packets in the PHY Loopback test
-lbh	Option to specify the number of packets in the 100BT External Loopback test
-lbt	Option to specify the number of packets in the 10BT External Loopback test

### Example:

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> b44udiag -l test.log -c 1 -l 2 -t A3 -lbm 3000 -lbp 3000 -lbh 3000 -lbt 3000
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## Prerequisites

**OS:** DOS 6.22

**Software:** b44udiag.exe

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## Diagnostic Tests

There are three groups of tests, and each group has some sub-tests.

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## Test Descriptions

### A1. Indirect Control Register Test

**Command:** regtest -i

**Function:** Each register that is specified in the configuration contents read only bit and read/write bit defines. The test writing 0 and 1 by using the indirect addressing method into the test bits ensures that the read only bits are not changed, and read/write bits are changed accordingly.

**Default:** Enabled

## A2. Direct Control Register Test

**Command:** regtest

**Function:** Each register that is specified in the configuration contents read only bit and read/write bit defines. The test writing 0 and 1 into the test bits ensures that the read only bits are not changed, and read/write bits are changed accordingly.

**Default:** Enabled

## A3. Interrupt Test

**Command:** intrtest

**Function:** Verifies the interrupt functionality by enabling interrupt, and waits for an interrupt to occur. It waits for 500 ms and reports an error if it cannot generate interrupts.

**Default:** Enabled

## A4. Built-In Self Test

**Command:** bist

**Function:** Runs the Built-in Self test.

**Default:** Enabled

## B1. LED Test

**Command:** ledtest

**Function:** Tests forcing of the link state for each link speed/duplex.

**Default:** Enabled

## B2. EEPROM Test

**Command:** setest

**Function:** Reads the Serial Prom and verifies the integrity by checking CRC.

**Default:** Enabled

### B3. MII Test

**Command:** miitest

**Function:** Each register that is specified in the configuration contents read only bit and read/write bit defines. The test writing 0 and 1 into the test bits ensures that the read only bits value are not changed, and read/write bits are changed accordingly.

**Default:** Enabled

### B4. Link Status Test

**Command:** linkstatus

**Function:** Reports the current link status.

**Default:** Enabled

### C1. MAC Loopback Test

**Command:** lbtest -m

**Function:** Transmits a 2000 or specified by -lbm option of 1514-byte packets with incrementing data pattern, and checks tx and rx flags and data integrity.

**Default:** Enabled

### C2. PHY Loopback Test

**Command:** lbtest -p

**Function:** This test is same as the [MAC Loopback Test](#), except that the data is routed back via physical layer device.

**Default:** Enabled

### C3. External Loopback Test 100BT

**Command:** lbtest -e

**Function:** This test is same as the [MAC Loopback Test](#), except that the data is routed back via a loopback device

**Default:** Disabled

### C4. External Loopback Test 10BT

**Command:** lbtest -a

**Function:** This test is same as the [MAC Loopback Test](#), except that the data is routed back via loopback device.

**Default:** Disabled

By default, all tests except C3 and C4 are covered unless disabled by the user.

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