



Overview

Digi EtherLite serial port servers connect asynchronous serial ports to 10BASE-T and 100BASE-T Ethernet connections. Most EtherLite servers support speeds up to 115 Kbps or 230 Kpbs on all ports simultaneously. This table shows all EtherLite models and their capabilities.

EtherLite Models

Model	Serial Ports	Port Protocol	Ethernet Connection	Maximum Baud Rate
EL 2	2	EIA-232	10BASE-T	230Kbps
EL 2	2	EIA-422	10BASE-T	230Kbps
EL 2	2	EIA-485	10BASE-T	230Kbps
EL 8	8	EIA-232	10BASE-T	115Kbps
EL 16	16	EIA-232	10BASE-T	115Kbps
EL 32	32	EIA-232	10BASE-T	115Kbps**
EL 160	16	EIA-232	10/100BASE-T	230Kbps
EL 162	16	EIA-232 or EIA-422*	10/100BASE-T	115Kbps

* Individual ports are configurable as either EIA-232 or EIA-422.
 ** 115 Kbps is not attainable on all ports simultaneously on the EL-32.

Ethernet Cabling Requirements

The EtherLite unit requires an unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) 10Base-T Ethernet or 100Base-TX connection. In order to maintain radio frequency emissions compliance, use EIA/TIA 568-compliant Category 4 or Category 5 for 10Base-T and Category 5 only for 100Base-TX.

Installing the EtherLite Software

Install the hardware before you install the device driver software. Follow the software installation instructions on the Access Resource CD.

Installing the EtherLite Hardware

- Write the Ethernet address of the unit on the following line. It will be needed during software installation. This address is printed on a label attached to the unit.

Ethernet Address # _____

Environmental Specifications

Operating Temperature

32°F (0°C) to 122°F (50°C) for units with less than 32 ports
 32°F (0°C) to 95°F (35°C) for 32-port units

Storage Temperature

-13°F (-25°C) to 167°F (75°C)

Operating or Storage Humidity

0 to 90% non-condensing

AC Power Requirements (maximum)

100-240 VAC, 50-60 Hz
 15W (15VA) for units with less than 32 ports
 25W (25VA) for 32-port units

Power Cord

The recommended power cord for North American units is: UL Listed, CN, detachable type SJT or SVT, 3 conductor, 18 AWG, rated 125 V, 10 A.

CAUTION: To prevent electric shock, do not remove the cover of an EtherLite module. There are no user-serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.

EIA-422 Mode (EtherLite 2 or 162 only)

To operate a port of the EtherLite 162 EIA-422 in EIA-422 mode, set the port's EIA-422 ENABLED switch to the up position. Set the TERMINATION (422 ONLY) switch to the down position. This switch connects a 120 ohm, 1/2 watt resistor across the input signals.

EtherLite 2 EIA-422 ports are hard-wired to EIA-422 mode, and have no termination installed. Pinouts are shown in the table below.

Note: 2-wire multidrop configuration for EIA-422 is **not** supported.

EIA-422 Pinouts

Signal	RJ-45 Pin	Direction
RTS*	1	
RxD(-)	2	input(-)
DCD*	3	
RxD(+)	4	input(+)
TxD(+)	5	output(+)
SG	6	
TxD(-)	7	output(-)
CTS*	8	

*EIA-232 signals on EtherLite EIA-422 only

EIA-485 Mode (EtherLite 2 EIA-485 only)

EtherLite 2 EIA-485 ports are wired for half duplex multiple drop EIA-485 mode and have no termination installed.

EIA-485 Pinouts

Signal	RJ-45 Pin	Direction
No connect	1	
No connect	2	
No connect	3	
TX(A)/RX(A)	4	Bidirectional
TX(B)/RX(B)	5	Bidirectional
GND	6	
No connect*	7	
No connect*	8	

*Do not connect any signal.

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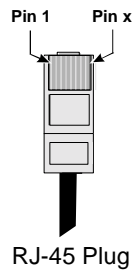
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- Connect the Ethernet cable to the unit using the RJ-45 jack labeled **10BASE-T** or **10/100BASE-T** located on the front of the cabinet. Use the provided straight-through cable to connect the unit to a hub. Connecting directly to an Ethernet card will require a 10Base-T crossover cable (not provided). Note that either wiring scheme requires that the twisted pairs be used for specific pairs of pins: 1&2, 3&6, 4&5, and 7&8.

RJ-45 Pinouts

Straight-through		
Pin	to	Pin
1	to	1
2	to	2
3	to	3
4	to	4
5	to	5
6	to	6
7	to	7
8	to	8

Crossover		
Pin	to	Pin
1	to	3
2	to	6
3	to	1
4	to	2
5	to	4
6	to	5
7	to	7
8	to	8



- Connect the power supply to your unit and an AC outlet. If your unit has an internal power supply, connect the power cord to the unit and an AC outlet.
- Power up the unit. The power LED on the front of the cabinet will flicker while awaiting BOOTP or DHCP service from a host. (It will remain flickering until the unit has been served an IP address by either a bootp or DHCP server.) After an IP address has been received, this LED will remain steadily lit.
- Verify that the **Link** LED is on. If the **Link** LED is not on and the **ON** LED is still flickering, verify that you are using the correct cable type. Also verify that the hub and Ethernet host are powered. If the **ON** LED is flashing slowly, notify Digi Technical Support.
- If the unit does not operate properly, verify that it has power and that both LEDs are on.

Rack Mount Installation

For the EtherLite 32, a rack mount kit is included. The rack mount brackets may be installed at either the front or rear of the unit.

To install each bracket, do the following:

- Remove the two screws on the side of the cabinet.

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- Align the countersunk holes of the bracket with the vacated holes in the cabinet. Use the countersink screws to fasten the bracket to the cabinet.

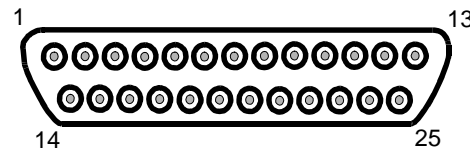
Rack Mount Considerations

When doing a rack mount installation consider the following:

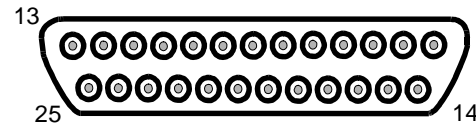
- Cumulative power requirements of the unit and other equipment installed in the rack. Do not overload rack supply circuits.
- Safety and stability. Always stack the rack from bottom up to ensure a stable and safe rack.
Note: The EtherLite 32 weighs 5.8 lbs (2.6 kgs).
- Air flow in the rack. Make sure the unit's ambient temperature does not exceed 95°F (35°C).
- Grounding. Earth ground the unit reliably to the rack system. The earth ground connection must be maintained when the supply connection is other than a direct connection to the branch circuit.

EIA - 232 Connectors

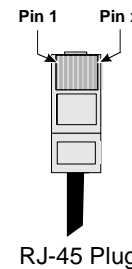
Many EIA-232 serial devices implement their serial ports with DB-25 connectors. The EtherLite units have serial ports implemented with 8-pin RJ-45 modular jacks, with each signal using EIA-232 voltage levels. The figures below shows the pinouts of all these connector types.



Male DB-25



Female DB-25



EIA-232 DTE Pinouts

EtherLite RJ-45 Pin	Signal	DB-25 Pin	DB-9 Pin
1	RTS (out)	4	7
2	DSR (in)	6	6
3	DCD (in)	8	1
4	RxD (in)	3	2
5	TxD (out)	2	3
6	GND	7	5
7	DTR (out)	20	4
8	CTS (in)	5	8

IMPORTANT: RJ-45 cables designed for other Digi products must not be used with Digi EtherLite and SCSI Terminal Server products. The EtherLite RJ-45 pin configuration differs from the configuration of the RJ-45 connectors used on other Digi products. The table above shows the different signals, along with the standard DB-25, DB-9 and the EtherLite 8-pin RJ-45 pinout.

The most convenient method of mating DB-25 and DB-9 serial devices to your EtherLite Port Server is to use RJ-45 to DB-25 and RJ-45 to DB-9 adapters. This allows the DTE/DCE selection to occur at the adapter, while using "straight-through" modular cables. To assure CE (Conformité Européenne) mark compliance (Europe), all serial cables must be shielded. The following RJ-45 to DB-25 adapters are available from Digi International, along with two-meter unshielded straight-through modular cables (SA-0024):

RJ-45 to DB-25 Adapters

P/N 76000450 (DTE to Modems)		
RJ-45 Jack	Signal	DB-25 Male
1	RTS	4
2	DSR	6
3	DCD	8
4	RxD	3
5	TxD	2
6	GND	7
7	DTR	20
8	CTS	5

P/N 76000451 (DCE to Terminals/Printers)		
RJ-45 Jack	Signal	DB-25 Male
1	RTS	5
2	n/c	6
3	DCD	20
4	RxD	2
5	TxD	3
6	GND	7
7	DTR	8
8	CTS	4