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1.0 Overview

This document provides an overview of the changes introduced in the latest Intel® Ethernet Controller/Adapter family of products. References to more detailed information are provided where necessary. The information contained in this document is intended as supplemental information only; it should be used in conjunction with the documentation provided for each component.

These release notes list the features supported in this software release, known issues, and issues that were resolved during release development.

1.1 New Features

1.1.1 Hardware Support

Release	New Hardware Support
29.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None for this release.

1.1.2 Software Features

Release	New Software Support
29.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP6 Support

1.1.3 Firmware Features

Release	New Firmware Support
29.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None for this release

1.2 Removed Features

Release	Hardware/Feature Support
29.2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None for this release.

1.3 Operating Systems Supported

1.3.1 Linux*

Operating Systems supported:

- Linux Real Time Kernel 5.x and 4.x (only on Intel Ethernet E810 Series)
- Linux, v2.4 kernel or higher
- Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* (RHEL) 9.3, 9.4
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.9, 8.10
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15 SP6
- SUSE* Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 15 SP5
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP5
- Canonical* Ubuntu* 22.04 LTS
- Canonical Ubuntu 20.04 LTS
- Debian* 11

Table 1. Supported Operating Systems: Linux

Product	PF Driver	VF Driver	RDMA Driver
Intel® Ethernet 810/820 Series	1.14.13	4.11.3	1.14.33
Intel® Ethernet 700 Series	2.25.11	4.11.3	1.14.33
Intel® Ethernet 10 Gigabit Adapters	5.20.10	4.19.10	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet Gigabit Adapters	5.16.11	Not Supported	Not Supported

1.4 Windows Server

Operating Systems supported:

- Microsoft Windows Server 2022
- Microsoft Windows Server 2019, Version 1903
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016
- Microsoft Azure Stack HCI

Table 2. Supported Operating Systems: Windows Server

Driver	Windows Server 2022	Windows Server 2019	Windows Server 2016
Intel® Ethernet 800 Series			
icea	1.15.121.0	1.15.121.0	1.14.104.0
scea	1.14.222.0	1.14.222.0	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet 700 Series			
i40ea	1.19.164.0	1.19.164.0	1.18.369.0
i40eb	1.19.166.0	1.19.166.0	1.18.369.0
Intel® Ethernet Adaptive Virtual Function			
iavf	1.14.203.0	1.14.203.0	1.14.203.0
v40e	Not Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet 10 Gigabit Adapters and Connections			
ixs	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0
sxa	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0
sxb	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0
ixt	Not Supported	4.1.228.0	4.1.229.0
ixn	Not Supported	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0
vxS	2.1.252.0	2.1.252.0	2.1.232.0
vxn	Not Supported	2.1.252.0	2.1.252.0
Intel® Ethernet 2.5 Gigabit Adapters and Connections			
e2f	1.1.4.43	1.1.4.43	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet Gigabit Adapters and Connections			
e1r	14.0.5.0	14.0.5.0	14.0.6.0
v1q	Not Supported	1.4.7.3	1.4.7.3

1.4.1 Windows Client

Operating Systems Supported:

- Microsoft Windows 11 22H2
- Microsoft Windows 11 21H2
- Microsoft Windows 10 21H2
- Microsoft Windows 10, Version 1809

Table 3. Supported Operating Systems: Windows Client

Driver	Windows 11	Windows 10 21H2 / Windows 10 RS5	Windows 10 RS1
Intel® Ethernet 800 Series			
icea	1.15.121.0	1.15.121.0	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet 700 Series			
i40ea	1.19.164.0	1.19.164.0	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet Adaptive Virtual Function			
iavf	1.14.203.0	1.14.203.0	1.14.203.0
Intel® Ethernet 10 Gigabit Adapters and Connections			
ixs	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0
ixt	Not Supported	4.1.228.0	4.1.229.0
ixn	Not Supported	4.1.254.0	4.1.254.0
vxs	2.1.252.0	2.1.252.0	2.1.232.0
vxn	Not Supported	2.1.252.0	2.1.252.0
Intel® Ethernet 2.5 Gigabit Adapters and Connections			
e2fn	2.1.4.3	1.1.4.43	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet Gigabit Adapters and Connections			
e1r	14.0.5.0	14.0.5.0	14.0.6.0
e1d	12.19.2.60	21H2: 12.19.2.60 RS5: 12.18.9.10	12.18.9.10
e1c	Not Supported	Not Supported	12.15.31.4
v1q	Not Supported	1.4.7.3	1.4.7.3

1.4.2 FreeBSD

Operating Systems supported:

- FreeBSD 14.0
- FreeBSD 13.3

Table 4. Supported Operating Systems: FreeBSD

Driver	PF Driver	VF Driver	RDMA Driver
Intel® Ethernet 810/820 Series	1.40.7	3.0.33	1.3.9
Intel® Ethernet 700 Series	1.14.2	3.0.33	1.3.9
Intel® Ethernet 10 Gigabit Adapters	3.3.38	1.5.38	Not Supported
Intel® Ethernet Gigabit Adapters	2.5.31	Not Supported	Not Supported

1.4.3 ESXi Drivers

Note: Intel® ESXi drivers are available from VMware.

- VMWare ESXi 8.0
- VMware ESXi 7.0

Refer to VMWare's download site for the latest ESXi drivers for Intel® Ethernet® devices.

1.5 NVM Versions Supported

The following table shows the NVM versions supported in this release.

Table 5. Current NVM

Product	NVM Version
810 Series	
E810	4.50
820 Series	
E822	2.28
E823-C	2.28
E823-L	2.28
700 Series	
X710	9.50
X722	6.50
500 Series	
X550	3.60
X552NS	2.10
X552DE	2.10
X553	2.10
200 Series	
I210	2.00

1.6 DDP Versions Supported

The following table shows the versions supported in this release.

Table 6. Current DDP

Package	DDP Version
OS Package	1.3.35.0
Comms Package	1.3.45.0
Wireless Edge Package	1.3.13.0

2.0 Fixed Issues

- None in this release.

3.0 Known Issues

3.1 Intel® Ethernet 800 Series Network Adapters

3.1.1 Intel® Ethernet 810 Series

3.1.1.1 Firmware/NVM/NVM Update

- RDE property (AutoSpeedNegotiationEnabled) needs to be reimplemented to align up with the internal Link Establishment State Machine (LESM).
- When link goes down, recovered clock switches to an incorrect frequency, and the external DPLL shifts the system timing.
- FW incorrectly mapped NC-SI channels to Physical ports when responding to the Intel OEM NC-SI command 0x26 (no other command affected).
- At the absence of MFG modification process, PLDM Type 4 may return incorrect values for Part Number, Serial Number, Manufacturing Date/Time and SKU.
- Host overwrites MTU configuration on startup with AQ commands.

3.1.1.2 Linux

- CGU state handler continuously fails to receive CGU state from FW after NVM update.
Workaround: Driver can be reloaded.
- The Intel SIOV does not work on Rhel, due to backports applied by Red Hat.
- DPDK traffic is stopped after FLR reset. This issue [has been documented](#) in the `rte_eth_dev_reset` API.

Workaround: `testpmd` can be used to recover a VF after a reset.

- When a VF reset happens, `testpmd` will print out "port reset" event to the console.
- Use the "port reset" command to call `rte_eth_dev_reset`, and everything will go back to normal.
- During TC configuration, using the "`ethtool -S <vf_interface>`" command results in a crash due to invalid memory access during reconfiguration of queues.
- In FreeBSD-13.0, iavf virtual interfaces guests may experience poor receive performance during stress.
- Celo process may not be ended or killed while exiting application. As the result current console is non responsive. Stability of the system is not endangered and user can start next console session.
- Changing the inner or outer VLAN tag protocols after setting the private flag "vf-true-promisc-support" disables the promiscuity on the VF's VLAN interfaces.
- When trust is enabled on VF with more than 8 VLAN filters, disabling trust makes all VLAN filters non functional.
- When Firmware is operating in mode when LLDP is ON, the DCB-MAP is not reflecting as configured in both switch and back to back.

Workaround: The workaround for this behavior is to do the power cycle of the setup to see the assigned DCB-MAP is reflecting.

3.1.1.3 FreeBSD Driver

- During traffic in RoCEv2 mode, using large number of QPs (>64), a PE Critical Error may occur. In such circumstances the card may become inoperational, and reboot is required to restore RDMA capability.

3.1.1.4 RDMA Driver

- None for this release.

3.1.1.5 VMware Driver

- None for this release.

3.1.1.6 Windows Driver

- When Large Send Offload (LSO) V2 is enabled, the network adapter is unable to transmit frames larger than the MTU, which can impact network performance. Additionally, the incorrect incrementing of checksums `OID_INTEL_OFFLOAD_LARGE_SEND_VXLAN_COUNT` may lead to inaccurate network statistics.

Workaround: Users can temporarily disable Large Send Offload V2 on their network adapters to allow the transmission of frames larger than the MTU. However, note that this workaround may impact other aspects of network performance. We recommend using this workaround only if absolutely necessary and awaiting the software update for a comprehensive solution.

3.1.1.7 Application Device Queues (ADQ)

3.1.1.8 Pre-Boot

- It is expected that after modifying port options the user is not able to apply any additional configuration changes before the platform is rebooted. Due the error in the driver no warning messages are displayed and the user is able to perform additional changes that can lead to incorrect card configuration.

3.1.2 Intel® Ethernet 820 Series

3.1.2.1 General

- None for this release.

3.1.2.2 Firmware/NVM/NVM Update

- As the issue is not properly isolated yet all we can say is:

In combination with some specific VF-PF drivers timestamp may not work at all on Intel® Ethernet 820 Series devices.

- The 100 MB option, is visible in Windows* Device Manager. However, when it is selected, a link cannot be established.

- There is a limitation that the NVM update tool doesn't allow the user to program PHY FW on Quad 1.
- Using the EPCT tool to change port configuration requires 2 reboots to complete the programming process. Blank mode or PTP initialization failures may be observed after a single reboot and will be resolved after performing a second reboot.
- Allow I2C multiple byte write access for PHY control (device address 0xAC).
- Disable Optical Module Laser when Link/Port is disabled.

3.1.2.3 Linux Driver

- None for this release.

3.1.2.4 FreeBSD Driver

- None for this release.

3.1.2.5 Windows Driver

- None for this release.

3.1.2.6 VMware Driver

- None for this release.

3.2 Intel® Ethernet 700 Series Network Adapters

3.2.1 Windows Driver

- None for this release.

3.2.2 Intel® Ethernet Controller V710-AT2/X710-AT2/TM4

- None in this release.

3.2.3 Linux Driver

- In some cases `./nvmupdate64e` can't initialize the XL710 card in recovery mode.

```
Intel® Ethernet NVM Update Tool  
NVMUpdate version 1.41.3.1  
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```

```
Config file read.
```

```
Warning: Cannot initialize port: [00:059:00:00] Intel® Ethernet Converged Network  
Adapter XL710-Q2
```

```
Warning: Cannot initialize port: [00:059:00:01] Intel® Ethernet Controller XL710  
Generic ID
```

3.2.4 Pre-Boot

- The blink LED test executed from the UEFI setup menu may not work correctly for 10G speed when the link is up for the given port.

3.2.5 VMware Driver

- None for this release.

3.2.6 Firmware/NVM/NVM Update

- Incorrectly reported version for NC-SI over MCTP - reports 1.0.1 and 1.1.0 instead of correct 1.0.0 and 1.1.0.
- Missing functionality. NCSI command 'Get ASIC temperature' returns (0x4b) - returns not supported.
- LLDP receive property preserves the last received data, even when LLDP traffic doesn't contain the TLV item/data.
- NetworkDeviceFunction schema Ethernet. The MACAddress property is not updated to the value in PATCH JSON. This is a regression. The issue is under investigation.
- PATCH request with request to to change FlowControlConfiguration property returns success, but do not really apply changes. The issue is under investigation.

3.3 Intel® Ethernet 500 Series Network Adapters

- Intermittent Traffic Delivery Failure on SLES 15 SP5/SP6 with VF Connected to SW Bridge: an issue has been identified in SLES 15 SP5/SP6 where network traffic from a Virtual Function (VF) connected to a software bridge (SW bridge) may intermittently fail to reach the intended client. This problem is impacting the reliability of network communications in virtualized environments utilizing software bridges.
Result: traffic from vf connected to SW bridge sometimes may not reach a client.

3.4 Legacy Devices

- None for this release.

4.0 NVM Upgrade/Downgrade 800 Series/700 Series and X550

Refer to the Feature Support Matrix (FSM) links listed in [Feature Support Matrix](#) for more detail. FSMs list the exact feature support provided by the NVM and software device drivers for a given release.

5.0 Languages Supported

Note: This only applies to Microsoft Windows and Windows Server Operating Systems.

This release supports the following languages:

Languages	
English French German Italian Japanese	Spanish Simplified Chinese Traditional Chinese Korean Portuguese

6.0 Related Documents

Contact your Intel representative for technical support about Intel® Ethernet Series devices/adapters.

6.1 Feature Support Matrix

These documents contain additional details of features supported, operating system support, cable/modules, etc.

Device Series	Support Link
Intel® Ethernet 800 Series: – E810 – E820 Intel® Ethernet Controller E810 and Intel® Ethernet Connection E82X Feature Comparison Matrix	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/630155 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/739764 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/751546
Intel® Ethernet 700 Series: – X710/XXV710/XL710 – X722 – X710-TM4/AT2 and V710-AT2	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/332191 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/336882 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/619407
Intel® Ethernet 500 Series	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/335253

6.2 Specification Updates

These documents provide the latest information on hardware errata as well as device marking information, SKU information, etc.

Device Series	Support Link
Intel® Ethernet 800 Series	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/616943
Intel® Ethernet 700 Series: – X710/XXV710/XL710 – X710-TM4/AT2 and V710-AT2	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/331430 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/615119
Intel® Ethernet 500 Series – X550 – X540	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/333717 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/334566
Intel® Ethernet 300 Series	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/333066
Intel® Ethernet 200 Series – I210 – I211	https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/332763 https://cdrdv2.intel.com/v1/dl/getContent/333015

6.3 Software Download Package

The release software download package can be found [here](#).

6.4 SourceForge Ethernet Drivers and Utilities

For additional information regarding Linux kernel drivers, refer to the [Intel® Ethernet Drivers and Utilities](#) SourceForge project page.

6.5 Intel Product Security Center Advisories

Intel product security center advisories can be found at:

<https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/security-center/default.html>

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