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### 1) Introduction:

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This Linux driver supports all Neterion's X3100 series 10 GbE PCIe I/O Virtualized Server adapters.

The X3100 series supports four modes of operation, configurable via firmware –

- Single function mode
- Multi function mode
- SRIOV mode
- MRIOV mode

The functions share a 10GbE link and the pci-e bus, but hardly anything else inside the ASIC. Features like independent hw reset, statistics, bandwidth/priority allocation and guarantees, GRO, TSO, interrupt moderation etc are supported independently on each function.

(See below for a complete list of features supported for both IPv4 and IPv6)

### 2) Features supported:

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- i) Single function mode (up to 17 queues)
- ii) Multi function mode (up to 17 functions)
- iii) PCI-SIG's I/O Virtualization
  - Single Root mode: v1.0 (up to 17 functions)
  - Multi-Root mode: v1.0 (up to 17 functions)
- iv) Jumbo frames
  - X3100 Series supports MTU up to 9600 bytes, modifiable using ifconfig command.
- v) Offloads supported: (Enabled by default)
  - Checksum offload (TCP/UDP/IP) on transmit and receive paths
  - TCP Segmentation Offload (TSO) on transmit path
  - Generic Receive Offload (GRO) on receive path
- vi) MSI-X: (Enabled by default)
  - Resulting in noticeable performance improvement (up to 7% on certain platforms).
- vii) NAPI: (Enabled by default)
  - For better Rx interrupt moderation.
- viii) RTH (Receive Traffic Hash): (Enabled by default)

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Receive side steering for better scaling.

ix) Statistics

Comprehensive MAC-level and software statistics displayed using "ethtool -S" option.

x) Multiple hardware queues: (Enabled by default)

Up to 17 hardware based transmit and receive data channels, with multiple steering options (transmit multiqueue enabled by default).

3) Configurable driver parameters:

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i) max\_config\_dev

Specifies maximum device functions to be enabled.

Valid range: 1-8

ii) max\_config\_port

Specifies number of ports to be enabled.

Valid range: 1,2

Default: 1

iii) max\_config\_vpath

Specifies maximum VPATH(s) configured for each device function.

Valid range: 1-17

iv) vlan\_tag\_strip

Enables/disables vlan tag stripping from all received tagged frames that are not replicated at the internal L2 switch.

Valid range: 0,1 (disabled, enabled respectively)

Default: 1

v) addr\_learn\_en

Enable learning the mac address of the guest OS interface in virtualization environment.

Valid range: 0,1 (disabled, enabled respectively)

Default: 0

4) Troubleshooting:

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To resolve an issue with the source code or X3100 series adapter, please collect the statistics, register dumps using ethtool, relevant logs and email them to support@neterion.com.