

The 3Com Etherlink Plus (3c505) driver.

This driver now uses DMA. There is currently no support for PIO operation. The default DMA channel is 6; this is `_not_` autoprobe, so you must make sure you configure it correctly. If loading the driver as a module, you can do this with `"modprobe 3c505 dma=n"`. If the driver is linked statically into the kernel, you must either use an `"ether="` statement on the command line, or change the definition of `ELP_DMA` in `3c505.h`.

The driver will warn you if it has to fall back on the compiled in default DMA channel.

If no base address is given at boot time, the driver will autoprobe ports 0x300, 0x280 and 0x310 (in that order). If no IRQ is given, the driver will try to probe for it.

The driver can be used as a loadable module.

Theoretically, one instance of the driver can now run multiple cards, in the standard way (when loading a module, say `"modprobe 3c505 io=0x300,0x340 irq=10,11 dma=6,7"` or whatever). I have not tested this, though.

The driver may now support revision 2 hardware; the dependency on being able to read the host control register has been removed. This is also untested, since I don't have a suitable card.

Known problems:

- I still see "DMA upload timed out" messages from time to time. These seem to be fairly non-fatal though.
- The card is old and slow.

To do:

- Improve probe/setup code
- Test multicast and promiscuous operation

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