

# USB CDC / USBnet (ECM, NCM, ACM)

USB [CDC-ACM](#) (Abstract Control Model), [CDC-ECM](#) (Ethernet Networking Control Model), CDC-NCM (Network Control Model), [OBEX](#) (Object Exchange) and [WCM-Device Management](#) USB class and function drivers

**CDC-ACM** ( [Abstract](#) Control Model) allows [any](#) communication device to provide a serial communication interface (e.g modem devices that send and receive AT commands).

/lib/modules/\$(uname -r)/[kernel/drivers/usb/class](#)目录下看到cdc-acm.ko文件。

**CDC-ECM** ([Ethernet](#) Networking Control [Model](#) ) offers device manufacturers to interface as a standard NIC (Network Interface Card) device. This interface is usually adopted by high speed LAN networking devices allowing high speed Ethernet data transfer over USB.

**CDC-NCM** (Network Control Model).

**OBEX** (Object Exchange) is compliant with the Wireless Mobile Communication OBEX function model, supporting OBEX applications over USB.

**WMC-Device Management** is compliant with the Device Management function model, supporting a minimal AT command based control model.

**RNDIS** - provides CDC like communication capabilities on [Windows](#) PCs supporting the Microsoft RNDIS protocol. Please refer to the[RNDIS](#) webpage for more info.

- ACM - Abstract Communication Model
- ECM - Ethernet Control Module
- NCM - Network Control Model
- OBEX - Object Exchange Function Model
- WMC - Device management Function Model

The **CDC ACM driver** exposes the USB device as a [virtual modem](#) or a [virtual COM port](#) to the operating system.

The driver enables sending both data and AT commands, either through [ACM](#) (separating data and AT commands over different channels) or through Serial Emulation (passing the AT commands as is and as part of the data stream).

The [ECM](#) ( [Ethernet Networking Control Model](#)) protocol is used for exchanging Ethernet-framed data between the device and host. A CDC ECM compliant device exposes itself as a virtual NIC to the host operating system. The NIC is assigned with a MAC and an IP address.

A general use case of a CDC ECM device is a point-to-point Ethernet [adapter](#) to a LAN/WLAN.

The [NCM](#) ( [Network Control Model](#) ) protocol is used for exchanging High Speed Ethernet-framed data between the device and host. A CDC NCM compliant device exposes itself as a virtual NIC to the host operating system. The NIC is assigned with a MAC and an IP address.

A general use case of a CDC NCM device is a Wireless Network Adapter which supports 3.5G/4G networks such as: HSPA+ and LTE.