

## What is the difference between in-box drivers versus HP drivers?



An in-box driver is a driver that is submitted by HP or by an HP partner into the up-stream kernel. Our Linux OS partners then pull those drivers from the up-stream kernel. HP certifies ProLiant servers with in-box drivers. In-box drivers are the drivers the Linux OS partner supports.

HP ProLiant and ProLiant software releases do not always align to Linux OS partner releases. The result is that HP often releases drivers that are more current than those found in the distribution. These drivers ultimately make it into the distribution. The one exception is with some drivers you only get the management pieces in the HP driver version versus the in-box driver version.

HP gives customers a choice to run either in-box drivers or HP drivers. Customers should always feel comfortable deploying in-box drivers. HP's goal is to submit all drivers into the upstream kernel except closed source drivers.