



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN IN-DISTRO DRIVERS VERSUS HPE DRIVERS?

Linux OS Partners drivers

An in-distro driver is a driver that is submitted by HPE or by an HPE partner into the up-stream kernel.

Our Linux OS partners then pull those drivers from the up-stream kernel. HPE certifies ProLiant servers with in-distro drivers. In-distro drivers are the drivers the Linux OS partner supports.

HPE ProLiant and ProLiant software releases do not always align to Linux OS partner releases. The result is that HPE 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 HPE driver version versus the in-distro driver version.

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

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