



Mellanox WinOF-2 Release Notes

Rev 1.70.18113



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Release Update History

Table 1 - Release Update History

Release	Date	Description
Rev 1.70.18113	July 5, 2017	Added bug fixes #1072611 and #969892 to Table 10, “Bug Fixes History,” on page 16.
	June 30, 2017	First release of this WinOF-2 version.

1 Overview

These are the release notes for Mellanox WinOF-2 Rev 1.70.18113 Ethernet and InfiniBand drivers.



Please note that WinOF-2 does not support ConnectX-3/ConnectX-3 Pro adapter cards.

1.1 Mellanox WinOF-2 Package Contents

The Mellanox WinOF-2 Rev 1.70.18113 for Windows package contains the following components:

- Ethernet driver
- IPoIB driver
- Basic tools
- Performance tools
- Documentation (README file)

1.2 WinOF-2 VPI Nano Server Package Contents

The package of Mellanox WinOF-2 Rev 1.70.18113 for Windows supports the following components over Nano server:

- Ethernet driver
- IP over InfiniBand (IPoIB)

1.3 Supported Operating System Versions

The following describes the supported operating systems and their roles in a virtualization environment.

Table 2 - Supported Operating System Versions

Virtualization Mode	Supported Host OS	Supported Guest OS
Native	Windows Server 2012	N/A
	Windows Server 2012 R2	
	Windows Server 2016	
	Windows 8.1 Client (64 bit only)	
	Windows 10 Client (64 bit only)	
VMQ	Windows Server 2012	Any supported guest OS for Hyper-V
	Windows Server 2012 R2	
	Windows Server 2016	

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Virtualization Mode	Supported Host OS	Supported Guest OS
SR-IOV (Ethernet only)	Windows Server 2012 R2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows Server 2012 Windows Server 2012 R2 Windows Server 2016 Windows 8.1 Client (64 bit only) Windows 10 Client (64 bit only) Ubuntu 16.04 kernel 4.4.0-77.98
	Windows Server 2016	
SR-IOV Ethernet Linux	MLNX_OFED 3.3 and above	Windows Server 2016

1.4 Certifications

The following describes the driver’s certification status per operating system.

Table 3 - Certifications

Operating System	Logo Certification	SDDC Premium Certification
Windows Client 8.1	Certified	N/A
Windows Client 10	Certified	N/A
Windows Server 2008R2	Certified	N/A
Windows Server 2012	Certified	N/A
Windows Server 2012R2	Certified	N/A
Windows Server 2016	Certified	In progress



This section is updated in accordance with the certifications obtainment.

1.5 Supported Network Adapter Cards

Mellanox Mellanox WinOF-2 Rev 1.70.18113 supports the following Mellanox network adapter cards:

Table 4 - Supported Network Adapter Cards

NICs	Supported Protocol	Supported Link Speed
ConnectX®-4	Ethernet/InfiniBand	10, 25, 40, 50 and 100Gb/s QDR, FDR10, FDR and EDR
ConnectX®-4 Lx	Ethernet	10, 25, 40, and 50Gb/s
ConnectX®-5/Ex	Ethernet/InfiniBand	10, 25, 40, 50 and 100Gb/s

1.5.1 Firmware Versions

Mellanox WinOF-2 Rev 1.70.18113 provides the following firmware for Mellanox NICs:

Table 5 - Firmware Versions

NICs	Recommended Firmware Rev.	Additional Firmware Rev. Supported
ConnectX-4®	12.20.1010	12.17.1010 ^a
ConnectX®-4/Lx	14.20.1010	14.17.1010 ^a
ConnectX-5/Ex	16.20.1010	N/A

a. For SR-IOV support, please refer to [Table 9](#).

1.6 Driver Settings

1.6.1 Azure Package Unique Default Settings

The following registry keys have unique default settings in the Azure package.

Table 6 - Mlx5 Driver Setting

Reg Key default	All	Azure
Roce_mode(mlx5_bus)	2 (RoCE v2)	4 (no RoCE)
eSWUCLoopback	0	1
eSWUCLoopback	0	1
ThreadedDpcEnable	0 - Disable	1 - Enable

2 Changes and New Features in Rev 1.70.18113



This package version is 1.70.50000 The package contains driver version 1.70.18113.

Table 7 - Changes and New Features in Rev 1.70.18113

Category	Description
SR-IOV	Added the ability to load the driver on devices configured for SR-IOV and IPoIB, with no SR-IOV support.
ECN	The default values for ECN configuration are now taken from the firmware. It is still possible to configure the ECN parameters from the driver.
Virtualization	Added support for Linux VF over Hyper-V (Windows PF).
Quality of Service	QoS classification of received packets can now consider the DSCP value in addition to the PCP value.
RDMA	Added RDMA transport diagnostic counters.
Event Log	Added an event log in case the server reaches a certain (configurable) high temperature.
Performance	Added threaded DPC support. This feature is enabled by default.
mlxtool	Added the ability to query ND active connection status.
Packages	Added an Azure specific package with different driver default settings.

For additional information on the new features, please refer to the User Manual.

3 Known Issues

The following table provides a list of known bugs and limitations in regards to this release of WinOF-2.

Table 8 - Known Issues

Internal Ref.	Issue
-	<p>Description: The installation process or restart of the driver does not close any RoCE user space applications running in the background, and may cause a bug check as a result of a stuck cmd</p> <p>WA: It is recommended to close all running RoCE user space applications prior to upgrading the driver.</p> <p>Keywords: Installation/Upgrade</p>
-	<p>Description: Installation/upgrade fails due to PNP failure to copy the driver files to the driver store, and the following text is printed in the event logs: Fault bucket, type 0 Event Name: PnPDriverImportError Response: Not available Attached Files: C:\Users\<user>\AppData\Local\Temp\DMI151A.tmp.log.xml C:\Program Files\Mellanox\MLNX_WinOF2\Drivers\“Current OS”\mlx5.inf</user></p> <p>WA: Reboot the machine and reinstall.</p> <p>Keywords: Installation/Upgrade</p>
-	<p>Description: Installing both WinOF for ConnectX-3 and ConnectX-3 Pro, and WinOF-2 for ConnectX-4 is supported only from WinOF version 5.00 and above.</p> <p>WA: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Installation/Upgrade</p>
654674	<p>Description: When trying to uninstall the mlx5 driver manually (by using pnputil/DPINST or DIFX API), additional hardware scan will be required before viewing the device in the Device Manager or before reinstalling. This used to happen due to a bug in the NetCfgx.dll. (Microsoft case ID is: 115020112345121).</p> <p>WA: Rescan the hardware after performing the uninstallation.</p> <p>Keywords: Installation/Upgrade</p>
650489	<p>Description: While installing the driver on Windows Server 2012, and if SR-IOV mode is disabled in the BIOS and enabled in the firmware, the server might reboot, and the BIOS will hang while loading.</p> <p>WA: To work in SR-IOV mode, enable SR-IOV in BIOS. Otherwise, disable SR-IOV in the firmware using mlxconfig. For further information on how to enable/disable SR-IOV, please refer to the “Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV)” section in the User Manual.</p> <p>Keywords: Installation/Upgrade</p>

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Internal Ref.	Issue
-	<p>Description: On machines configured with NVGRE encapsulation with the encapsulation task offload enabled, incoming VXLAN traffic on the interface may be reported with wrong checksum status.</p> <p>WA: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Virtualization</p>
-	<p>Description: Running Ntttcp without the "-a X" flag (X>1) in a NIC configured with 10GbE may cause low bandwidth in TCP single stream</p> <p>WA: Run Ntttcp with "-a 8" for best performance</p> <p>Keywords: Performance</p>
-	<p>Description: RDMA read on single QP 100GbE RoCE cannot achieve more than 50Gb/s.</p> <p>WA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use more than one QP • Use Jumbo packets (4K) <p>Keywords: Performance</p>
576556	<p>Description: "TCP RSC Average Packet Size" counter under network adapter does not count correctly. This is a known operating system issue.</p> <p>WA: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: General</p>
683840	<p>Description: In Windows Server 2016, the following RDMA counters for VPorts that were created to use RDMA capability will show statistics for all the VPorts connected to the same interface and not for a specific VPort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RDMA Inbound Bytes/sec • RDMA Inbound Frames/sec • RDMA Outbound Bytes/sec • RDMA Outbound Frames/sec <p>WA: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: RDMA</p>
827762/843819	<p>Description: Running SR-IOV VM in Windows Server 2016 over Windows Server 2012 R2 or vice versa, results in VF driver load failure with code 10 error.</p> <p>WA: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: Virtualization</p>
786035	<p>Description: Running applications on top of MS MPI may result in failure.</p> <p>WA: N/A</p> <p>Keywords: RDMA</p>

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Internal Ref.	Issue
877750	Description: Occasionally, the adapter card shows an error of duplicate IPv4 address when disabling and enabling the adapter through Device Manager.
	WA: Reboot the machine instead of disabling and enabling it in the Device Manager.
	Keywords: Device Manager, IPv4
825154	Description: Mellanox WinOF-2 Device Diagnostic and PCI Device Diagnostic counters reported in PerfMon are per device. The counters that are reported per adapter under these sets show the counters for all the devices and not only for the specific adapter.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: perfmon, counters
894614	Description: The nd_*_bw and nd_*_lat tools do not work on Windows server 2012, Windows 8.1 and Windows Server 2012 R2. An error message appears, notifying that the api-ms-win-crt.dll is missing.
	WA: Windows update kb2999226 must be downloaded and installed, in order to obtain the universal c run time dlls. To download the update, go to https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2999226 . To verify that the update is installed, run the following powershell command: <code>get-hotfix -id kb2999226</code>
	Keywords: nd tools, Windows 2012, Windows 2012 R, missing dll, Universal C Runtime
897455F	Description: PXE boot using WinPE over InfiniBand is currently not supported.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: PXE boot, InfiniBand
899853	Description: Uninstallation of the driver does not reset all network adapter configurations to the default values.
	WA: Upon completion of the uninstallation process, run the following powershell command for each network adapter, while replacing <AdapterName> with the name of the relevant network adapter: <code>Reset-NetAdapterAdvancedProperty -Name "<AdapterName>" -DisplayName "*"</code>
	Keywords: Uninstallation, network adapter configurations, Windows Server 2016, Windows 10
778631	Description: IB utils are currently not a part of the WinOF-2 package
	WA: Fabric diagnostic can be done from a managed switch or a different node in the fabric with IB utils support.
	Keywords: InfiniBand, IB utils, fabric diagnostic
900928	Description: The packet sniffer is currently not supported in InfiniBand mode.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: InfiniBand, packet sniffer

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900928	Description: On IPoIB adapters, the network adapter and task manager network counters count all port traffic when only non-RDMA traffic should be shown.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: IPoIB, counters, RDMA
939227	Description: When upgrading from WinOF-2 1.50 to 1.60 or later, the MAC address used for the IPoIB interface changes.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: IPoIB, MAC address
928999	Description: When installing a new driver, driver version queries via WMI may not be up-to-date, due to information caching in the WMI service.
	WA: Stop and restart the WMI service, running the following CMD commands: net stop winmgmt net start winmgmt
	Keywords: driver version queries, WMI, information caching
945026	Description: SR-IOV VFs drivers are not removed correctly in the case of live migration or host driver restart.
	WA: avoid using live migration or host driver restart when SR-IOV VFs are up.
	Keywords: SR-IOV, VFs drivers, live migration, host driver restart
964973	Description: SRQ limit event is not supported in the ND and NDK RDMA programming interfaces.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: SRQ, ND, NDK RDMA
964137	Description: The installation/uninstallation process fails in case that the event viewer is open and the mlx5.sys is locked.
	WA: Make sure to close the event viewer before installing/uninstalling the driver.
	Keywords: installation, uninstallation, event viewer, mlx5.sys
954496	Description: Windows Server 2016 Switch Embedded Teaming (SET) does not work in SR-IOV mode.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: SET, 2016, SR-IOV
953622	Description: An attempt to run the mlx5cmd -sniffer tool with more than 8 command line arguments would fail.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: mlx5cmd -sniffer

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1000390	Description: Configuring different RoCE modes for the VF and PF is not supported.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: RoCE, VF, PF
960950	Description: SR-IOV VFs drivers are not removed correctly in the case of live migration or host driver restart.
	WA: Avoid using live migration or host driver restart when SR-IOV VFs are up.
	Keywords: SR-IOV, VF, live migration
961251	Description: On a dual port device, when the first port is IPoIB and the second port is Ethernet, the device will not start over ISCSI and Windows 2012 in the Ethernet port.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: IPoIB port, Ethernet port, ISCSI, Windows 2012
966409	Description: Windows Server 2016 Switch Embedded Teaming (SET) is not supported in SR-IOV mode.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: SR-IOV, SET
1000390	Description: Configuring a different RoCE mode between VF and PF is not supported
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: RoCE, VF, PF
1070241	Description: SR-IOV VF's live migration is at Beta level. Therefore, not all flows are supported.
	WA: N/A
	Keywords: SR-IOV, VF, live migration
917856	Description: All folders under %PROGRAMFILES%Mellanox\MLNX_WINOF2 are deleted in case of upgrade failure. The old driver remains, and no connectivity loss should occur. The issue occurs only when the upgrade fails after the old version was removed.
	WA: Following the upgrade failure, reinstall the new package folder.
	Keywords: Installation, setup, missing folders

3.1 SR-IOV Support Limitations

The below table summarizes the SR-IOV working limitations, and the driver’s expected behavior in unsupported configurations.

Table 9 - SR-IOV Support Limitations

WinOF-2 Version	ConnectX-4 Firmware Level	Adapter Mode		
		InfiniBand		Ethernet
		SR-IOV On	SR-IOV Off	SR-IOV On/Off
Earlier versions	Up to 12.16.1020	Driver will fail to load and show "Yellow Bang" in the device manager.		No limitations
1.50 onwards	12.17.2020 onwards (IPoIB supported)	“Yellow Bang” unsupported mode - disable SR-IOV via mlxConfig	OK	No limitations

For further information on how to enable/disable SR-IOV, please refer to the “Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV)” section in the User Manual.

4 Bug Fixes History

Table 10 lists the bugs fixed in this release.

Table 10 - Bug Fixes History

Internal Ref.	Issue
969892	Description: Fixed the issue where driver required auto-negotiation by default. This could cause link connectivity problems with devices that do not support auto-negotiation.
	Keywords: Link connectivity, "SavedLinkSpeedValue"
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
1072611	Description: Fixed a BSOD issue when opening RSS counters on perfmon while the machine had only one RSS core that was different from 0.
	Keywords: RSS, counters
	Discovered in Release: 1.60
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
960900	Description: Fixed the traffic counter name from "Packets Received Discarded" to "Packets Received Discarded - No Receive WQEs", as it counts only packets that were dropped due to a lack of receive WQEs.
	Keywords: traffic counter, Receive WQE
	Discovered in Release: 1.70
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
964551	Description: Fixed an issue where the WinOF-2 driver was not loaded on an adapter with an enabled SR-IOV, when the port mode was set to InfiniBand. An error message appeared, stating that the firmware does not support IPoIB.
	Keywords: SR-IOV, IPoIB
	Discovered in Release: 1.60
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
962960	Description: Fixed an issue were in InfiniBand mode, non-default prefix was not supported.
	Keywords: InfiniBand, not-default prefix
	Discovered in Release: 1.60
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
960941	Description: Fixed an issue that caused the command line parsing of mlx5cmd -sniffer to fail when many arguments were provided.
	Keywords: mlx5cmd -sniffer
	Discovered in Release: 1.60
	Fixed in Release: 1.70

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Internal Ref.	Issue
969764	Description: Fixed an issue that could cause the values of the "Minor Stall Watermark Reached" and "Critical Stall Watermark Reached" pause resiliency counters to be reported as zero in some cases, regardless of the real values.
	Keywords: "Minor Stall Watermark Reached", "Critical Stall Watermark Reached"
	Discovered in Release: 1.60
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
1048938	Description: Fixed an issue that could cause an installation failure when installing the same package twice with the following argument: ADDLOCAL=All.
	Keywords: Installation
	Discovered in Release: TBD
	Fixed in Release: 1.70
926267	Description: Fixed an issue which caused VLAN tagging to not operate on ConnectX-5 family devices.
	Keywords: VLAN tagging, ConnectX-5
	Discovered in Release: 1.50
	Fixed in Release: 1.60
903536	Description: Fixed an issue where Environment variables were added only to the current user and not to all users
	Keywords: Environment variables
	Discovered in Release: 1.50
	Fixed in Release: 1.60
704364	Description: Fixed an issue which caused a failure to remove ND providers upon uninstal-lation of the driver.
	Keywords: Uninstallation, ND providers
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.60
894229	Description: Fixed an issue which led to a false report of event log Error Number 66.
	Keywords: False error, event log
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
859577	Description: Fixed an error message on bad command line arguments.
	Keywords: Sniffer
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50

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Internal Ref.	Issue
858620	Description: Fixed an issue which caused the link speed to be persistent over machine reboots when setting it using mlx5cmd.
	Keywords: mlx5cmd, link speed
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
842953	Description: Fixed a wrong RSS hash calculation for encapsulated traffic which led to the wrong usage of RSS CPUs.
	Keywords: RSS hash calculation
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
803652	Description: Fixed an issue which caused the driver to request more resources from the OS than it actually requires.
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
778145	Description: Fixed an issue which prevented adapters with customized device description containing a back slash character not to have counter instances in perfmon. Note: For the fix to take effect, the machine must be rebooted after driver update.
	Keywords: perfmon, counters
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
767939	Description: Removed the registry key that reported the MUP version from the mlx5.inf file in Windows Server 2016.
	Keywords: MUP, INF, Installation
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
689176	Description: Fixed an issue which cause the driver unload process on a machine with many adapter cards to take longer than required.
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50
	Description:
	Keywords:
	Discovered in Release: 1.45
	Fixed in Release: 1.50

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Internal Ref.	Issue
828869	Description: Fixed an issue which prevented VxlanUDPPortNumber update from the driver "Advance properties" tab.
	Keywords: GUI
	Discovered in Release: 1.40
	Fixed in Release: 1.45
823973	Description: Fixed an issue where changing the priority on a server while running SMB Direct traffic could cause a blue screen (BSOD).
	Keywords: RDMA
	Discovered in Release: 1.40
	Fixed in Release: 1.45
824167	Description: Fixed an issue in Windows Server 2016 which caused a PowerShell query to get stuck and cause the installer to hang.
	Keywords: Installation, setup
	Discovered in Release: 1.40
	Fixed in Release: 1.45
751204	Description: Fixed an issue which caused some connections to fail if the IP source port requested was 0 when running many concurrent ND or NDK connections.
	Keywords: RDMA
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40
752051	Description: Removed the "VPI" from Network Device's description. The Network Device's description is now "Mellanox ConnectX-4 Adapter" instead of "Mellanox ConnectX-4 VPI Adapter".
	Keywords: Network Adapters
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40
778372	Description: Fixed an issue causing VMQ VMs multicast traffic to be duplicated when traffic ran on the same physical host.
	Keywords: VMQ VMs multicast traffic
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40
768279	Description: Fixed a BSOD issue when NDK consumers posted to a Queue Pair more work requests than the Queue Pair's size without polling for completions.
	Keywords: NDK
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40

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Internal Ref.	Issue
689041	Description: Fixed an issue causing Virtual Machines' incoming and outgoing tagged traffic to be dropped by the internal eSwitch when QoS policy traffic classes were customized by the user (using, for example, TCP port or EtherType).
	Keywords: Virtualization
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40
752616	Description: Fixed an issue that caused VLAN priority tagging (IEEE 802.1p class of service) not to be added into RDMA packets when VLAN ID is set to 0 (no VLAN).
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40
690163	Description: Fixed an issue that resulted in the message below when enabling/disabling ECN and causing the driver to perform a miniport reset: "FW command fails. op 0x822, status 0x3, errno -22, syndrome 0x507ee9" "mstdump %SystemRoot%\Temp\ <filename>.log was created after fatal error"</filename>
	Keywords: Performance
	Discovered in Release: 1.35
	Fixed in Release: 1.40
654655	Description: Fixed the issue where there was no traffic when configuring VLAN over an SRIOV vSwitch.
	Keywords: SR-IOV
	Discovered in Release: 1.30
	Fixed in Release: 1.35
614123	Description: Fixed the issue where the receive counters of "Mellanox WinOF-2 VPort Traffic Counters" in Perfmon tool included packets that have been discarded in layers above the link layer.
	Keywords: SR-IOV
	Discovered in Release: 1.30
	Fixed in Release: 1.35
664227	Description: Fixed the issue where firmware upgrade did not work in unattended mode.
	Keywords: Installation
	Discovered in Release: 1.30
	Fixed in Release: 1.35

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Internal Ref.	Issue
591753	Description: Fixed QoS counters to count properly.
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 1.20
	Fixed in Release: 1.30
536727	Description: Fixed the issue of when Get-NetAdapterQoS PowerShell command did not return correct values once traffic classes were configured.
	Keywords: General
	Discovered in Release: 1.10
	Fixed in Release: 1.30
515408	Description: Fixed the issue of when traffic counters in the “Task Manager” may show higher numbers than the actual number.
	Keywords: Ethernet
	Discovered in Release: 1.10
	Fixed in Release: 1.20
-	Description: Fixed some general stability issues.
	Keywords: Ethernet
	Discovered in Release: 1.10
	Fixed in Release: 1.20
515406	Description: Fixed the issue of when running performance benchmarks for a short period of time (< 1 sec), this may provide bad latency in Ethernet.
	Keywords: Performance
	Discovered in Release: 1.10
	Fixed in Release: 1.20
574565	Description: Fixed the issue of when there is a pressure in TCP connection establishments, some of these connections may fail.
	Keywords: Performance
	Discovered in Release: 1.10
	Fixed in Release: 1.20

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Feature/Change	Description
Rev.1.60	
General	Added Beta support for ConnectX-5/ConnectX-5 Ex devices
Ethernet	Added Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP), a mechanism that uses the 6-bit Differentiated Services Field (DS or DSCP field) in the IP header for packet classification.
	Added a resiliency mechanism that stops transmission of pauses from the NIC port if pauses are sent for a long period of time.
	Added a dropless mode, which avoids dropping packets when the driver is not posting receive descriptors fast enough to the device (e.g. in cases of high CPU utilization). In this mode, the packets stored in the device may cause the device to generate pause frames.
	Added the ability to handle packet bursts, while avoiding packet drops that may occur when a large amount of packets is sent in a short period of time.
	Added Head of Queue Lifetime Limit, a feature that enables the system to drop the packets that have been awaiting transmission for a long period of time, preventing the system from hanging.
Diagnostics	Added a new diagnostics counters set with information about RSS traffic spread per core, and new RDMA diagnostic counters.
Virtualization	Added the ability to limit the number of memory pages in the host that are used for contexts of VF resources.
	Extended SR-IOV support for up to 96 VFs per port.
Security	Added an anti-spoofing mechanism for the host driver to configure filters on outgoing traffic.
Rev.1.50	
InfiniBand	Added support for InfiniBand and IPoIB including EDR link speed.
RoCEv2 Congestion Management (RCM)	Switches running ECN will report congestion to the sources using CNP messages. The sources (Host), in turn, react by throttling down their injection rates, thus preventing congestion in the fabric.
Virtualization	Added support for IP-in-IP offload
	Added support for disabling packet loopback between VMs.
DCBX	Added support for Data Center Bridging Exchange Protocol at GA level
Receive Path Activity Monitoring	Monitors the devices status continuously tot when the receive pipeline is stalled for a period longer than a pre-configured timeout.
Performance	Optimized MSI-X interrupt vectors' usage to enable efficient work on machines with high core counts.

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Debug-ability	Extended data collected by the system snapshot tool to include QoS configurations.
	Added a counter to detect how many times the link went down and up.
	Added counters for NIC PCIe errors
	Added a registry key to force the driver to post all received packets to the OS with "Low Resources" flag.
	Added low level device counters to enable performance analysis.
	Added counters for driver reset.
Rev. 1.45	
The feature below is applicable to all supported Operating System:	
Link Speed	Added to mlx5cmd the capability to query supported link speeds according to the adapter card. Additionally, it enables the user to force set the range of speeds the adapter supports.
The list of features below are applicable to Window Server 2016 OS :	
Installation	Added support for NANO server.
NDKPI	Added support for NDKPI v2.0 interface.
Virtualization	Added support for RoCE in SR-IOV VM.
	Added support for RoCE in virtualization mode in the hypervisor.
	Added support for "VMMQ" - RSS load-balancing offload in HW for non-SRIOV VMs. Note: RSS for SR-IOV VMs is already available in older versions.
VXLAN Stateless Off-load	Added support for send/receive checksum, LSOv2 and VMQ hardware off-loads on VXLAN encapsulated frames.
PacketDirect	Added support for PacketDirect Provider Interface (PDPI).
Rev. 1.40	
WPP Traces Extraction	WinOF-2 Mellanox driver automatically dumps trace messages that can be used for debugging issues that have recently occurred on the machine.
MTT Optimization	Hardware resource utilization improvement for RDMA applications that use contiguous memory buffers
Data Center Bridging Exchange (DCBX)	[Beta] DCBX is used by DCB devices to exchange configuration information with directly connected peers. DCBX uses Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) to exchange parameters between two link peers.
Packet Sniffer	Added to mlx5cmd a command that allows sniffing packets as seen by the device and creating a .pcap file.
Rev. 1.35	

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Documentation	Release Notes and User Manual documents were removed from the package. A new README file which includes basic installation instructions, summary of main features and requirements has replaced them.
Operating Systems	Added support for Windows 8.1 Client.
RDMA	Changed the default value of RoCE mode from v1 to v2.
	Added the option to configure the RoCE version per adapter.
	Changed UDP source port calculation according to IB spec.
SR-IOV	SR-IOV is at GA level.
	Added support for SR-IOV mode for Windows VM over Linux KVM hypervisor.
Tools	Added the option to view information of current adapter configuration in the snapshot tool.
	Added mstdump utility to reflect the state of a certain adapter by producing several types of events.
Congestion Control	(At beta level) Added support for Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) to avoid congestion hot spots and optimize the throughput of the fabric.
QoS	Priority Flow Control (PFC) is at GA level.
	Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS) is at GA level.
Performance	Improved RDMA latency, RoCE with high scale and cache line alignments.
Utilities	Added support for mlx5cmd utility, which is a generic utility that contains the trace, information and performance tuning utilities.
Wake On LAN	Added the option for a network admin to remotely power on a system or wake it up from sleep mode.
Cables	Added a notification pop-up upon bad cable state in the event viewer.
VF Counters	Added new traffic counters per Virtual Function (VF).
Rev. 1.21	
Virtualization	Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) is a technology that allows a physical PCIe device to present itself multiple times through the PCIe bus. Note: SR-IOV is currently at Beta level and is disabled by default in both the driver and the firmware. In order to enable it, please refer to WinOF-2 User Manual at www.mellanox.com .
QoS	Added support for configuring the global pause mode on the two sides (Rx and Tx). This feature is enabled by default.
Rev. 1.20	
NVGRE	Network Virtualization using Generic Routing Encapsulation (NVGRE) is a network virtualization technology that attempts to alleviate the scalability problems associated with large cloud computing deployment.
Ethernet Network	Enhanced Transmission Selection (ETS) provides a common management framework for assignment of bandwidth to frame priorities.

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Installation	Added support for downgrade. Note that Rev 1.20 is the older version to which downgrade is possible.
Diagnostics	Added the “mlxstat” tool to WinOF-2 package. mlxstat displays information of Mellanox NIC attributes.
Rev. 1.10 (Beta)	
RDMA	Added support for RoCE through NDSPI and NDKPI
Ethernet	Added QoS support for both global and priority-based flow controls
	Added support for VMQ
	Added support for Receive Side Coalescing (RSC)
UI	Added the following proprietary counters as part of the Performance Monitor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mellanox WinOF-2 Traffic Counters • Mellanox WinOF-2 QoS Counters
	Made some fixes in the Device Manager Properties Information tab