HPE Unsupported VMware Inbox Drivers

This quick reference is for customers building their own custom images and/or applying VMware patches to their ESXi hosts.

In some cases, HPE recommends using versions of drivers that conflict with the inbox drivers and they may have different names. The conflicting drivers are specifically not included in the HPE Custom Images listed in the "Impacted HPE Custom Images" column. Earlier versions of the HPE Custom Images include the conflicting drivers. These conflicting drivers need to be removed when creating a custom image and/or applying VMware patches. The HPE recommended drivers and their conflicting drivers are seen below. For more information on the qlfe3 and bnx2 conflict, see the HPE Customer Notice at: https://support.hpe.com/hpesc/public/docDisplay?docLocale=en_US&docId=emr_na-a00044039en_us

For more information see the Deploying and Updating Whitepaper at: https://www.hpe.com/h20195/v2/Getdocument.aspx?docname=a00061651enw

OS Version	HPE Recommended driver	VMware Inbox Driver/Component Conflict/Unsupported	Impacted HPE Custom Images	Impacted HPE Synergy Custom Images
ESXi 7.0U2	Intel-icen	VMware-icen	HPE ESXi 7.0U2 May 2021 Image	HPE Synergy ESXi 7.0U2 May 2021 Image
ESXi 7.0U1	Intel-icen	VMware-icen	HPE ESXi 7.0U1 May 2021 Image	HPE Synergy ESXi 7.0U1 May 2021 Image
ESXi 7.0U2	None	Broadcom-ELX-brcmnvmefc	HPE ESXi 7.0U2 GA (March 2021)	N/A
ESXi 7.0U1	None	Broadcom-ELX-brcmnvmefc	HPE ESXi 7.0U1 GA/October 2020 Image, HPE ESXi 7.0U1 January 2021 Image	N/A
ESXi 6.7/6.5	qfle3 qfle3f qfle3i qcnic scsi-mpt2sas	net-bnx2x scsi-bnx2fc scsi-bnx2i net-cnic misc-cnic-register net-bnx2 lsi-msgpt2	All HPE ESXi 6.7 Gen9 February 2018, ESXi 6.5 U1 Gen9 and newer	All HPE Synergy 6.5 and 6.7 Images
ESXi 6.5	lpfc	brcmfcoe	HPE ESXi 6.5 U2 pre-Gen9 May 2018 Image	N/A

Revision History

Date	Version	Change Description
05.18.21	2.0	Update with May 2021 HPE Custom Image info.
10.06.20	1.0	First release. Pull content from Deploying and Updating Whitepaper into stand-alone, quick reference per customer request.

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