

NAME

mge - Marvell Gigabit Ethernet device driver

SYNOPSIS

To compile this driver into the kernel, place the following lines in your kernel configuration file:

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device mge  
device miibus
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DESCRIPTION

The **mge** driver provides support for gigabit Ethernet controller integrated in Marvell system-on-chip devices.

The **mge** driver supports the following media types:

autoselect	Enable autoselection of the media type and options
10baseT/UTP	Set 10Mbps operation
100baseTX	Set 100Mbps operation
1000baseT	Set 1000baseT operation

The **mge** driver supports the following media options:

full-duplex	Set full duplex operation
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The **mge** driver supports polled operation when the system is configured with `DEVICE_POLLING` kernel option, see `polling(4)` for more details.

The **mge** driver supports reception and transmission of extended frames for `vlan(4)`. This capability of **mge** can be controlled by means of the `vlanmtu` parameter to `ifconfig(8)`.

The **mge** driver supports interrupts coalescing (IC) so that raising a transmit/receive frame interrupt is delayed, if possible, until a threshold-defined period of time has elapsed. The following sysctls regulate this behaviour (separately for each path):

dev.mge.X.int_coal.rx_time

dev.mge.X.int_coal.tx_time

Value of 0 disables IC on the given path, value greater than zero corresponds to a real time period and is expressed in units equivalent to 64 ticks of the MGE clock. Maximum allowed value depends on MGE hardware revision. User provided values larger than supported will be trimmed to the maximum supported. More details are available in the reference manual of the device.

HARDWARE

Gigabit Ethernet controllers built into the following Marvell systems-on-chip are known to work with the **mge** driver:

- Orion 88F5182
- Orion 88F5281
- Kirkwood 88F6281 (MGE V2)
- Discovery MV78100 (MGE V2)

There are also Marvell system controllers for PowerPC processors, which include a variation of this gigabit Ethernet module integrated on chip, and they should also work with the **mge** driver, but this wasn't tested:

- MV64430
- MV64460, MV64461, MV64462

SEE ALSO

altq(4), arp(4), miibus(4), netintro(4), ng_ether(4), polling(4), vlan(4), ifconfig(8)

HISTORY

The **mge** device driver first appeared in FreeBSD 8.0.

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