W3100A errata and limitation list

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| Related Mode | Issues | Phenomenon | Solution or recommendation |
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| | FIN,ACK | FIN,ACK is flooding when Close command is | Recommending that Tx_wr_ptr and Tx_ack_ptr registers be |
| | flooding with | executed before all sending data are sank out and | checked to make sure that sending data buffer is empty just |
| TCP | Close | remain empty | before executing close command. |
| | command | | Or please execute init command without issuing close |
| | | | command |
| | Option order | Restriction in handling MSS option field in TCP | Peer should make sure that MSS option field come first and |
| | | option. Received TCP SYN packet is discarded when | is handled ahead of other TCP option fields. This limitation |
| | | MSS option is not the first option prior to any other | will be eliminated in next version. |
| | | option. Only Solaris OS is suffering this issue | |
| | Half close | The receiver which has received FIN flag packet | WIZnet will add a function in the next version. |
| | | cannot send remained data to the sender | |
| | Keepalive | There's no Keepalive timer and function to check | WIZnet will add this function in the next version |
| | | peer's status | |

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| UDP | | Limitation in using UDP socket as it is expected | 1. No problem in case of remote destination rather than |
| | | Same UDP socket cannot be used for more than one | local one or receiving data. |
| | UDP socket | destination when sending data without newly | 2.In case of using less than 4 channels |
| | | opening socket (but it is OK for receiving data). | Assign one unique destination to each channel |
| | | | 3. In case of using more than 4 channels |
| | | | .Avoid trying more than one destination to same socket |
| | | | .Open brand new socket after closing the socket in use |
| | | | every time data sending to other destinations are |
| | | | required |
| IP RAW | | In IP RAW mode, the value in header representing | Recommending that the driver taking care of decoding |
| | Data length in | the received data length is set 4 byte shorter than it | header length handles it and adds 4 bytes length to the |
| | IP RAW mode | actually is | registered one before using it as total data length |
| | | | information |
| | | | But it happens only in IP RAW mode |
| UDP/IP | Max. MSS | Max. MSS length is 1460 Bytes in UDP and IP | Recommending to set MSS value less than 1460 bytes in |
| RAW | | RAW mode | both UDP and IP RAW mode |
| IP | | W3100A discards any fragmented packet | Adjust MSS(Maximum Segment Size) to make fit network |
| | Fragmentation | | MTU(Maximum Transmission Unit). This fragmentation |
| | | | function is not scheduled to be added in the next version. |

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| Others | Ignoring IP packets | IP packets are discarded in IP layer when self IP is set to 0.0.0.0 but incoming packet has different IP from it as a destination IP and come in along with matching MAC address | The case it might happen is when W3100A acks as DHCP client with initial IP address 0.0.0.0 and try to get new IP address from DHCP server but unfortunately DHCP is working in unicast mode for delivering IP to client rather than in broadcasting mode which is most usual |
| | | | Then set DHCP to work in broadcast mode. |
| | Socket status | Socket status bit is set into the closed state (0x00) for a very short period as soon as Close command is delivered to register even though close process is not finished yet and it set back into right status right away | Recommending that driver program don't try read the this close socket status value or don't use this status just after executing close command, rather than please use interrupt mechanism if required. |