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## **Audience**

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- Network administration
- Storage administration
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solve a problem.

Indicates information that could impact Warning:

you or your network.

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#### **About the Netvisor ONE CLI**

This chapter provides information about Pluribus Networks Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI) on a Netvisor ONE switch.

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## **Entering Commands and Getting Help**

Commands, options, and arguments are entered at the CLI prompt. A command name must be typed, but included command-completion and help features contribute to the command entry process.

To display a list of commands you use within a command mode, enter a question mark (?), or use the tab key, or type help at the command prompt.

You also display keywords and arguments for each command with this context-sensitive help feature.

Use the complete commands and display keywords and arguments for each command using the tab key to assist with context-sensitive command help and completion.

Table 1, lists the command that you enter to get help specific to a command, keyword, or argument.

#### **Table 1-1: Getting Help**

abbreviated- command-entry?	Displays a list of commands that begin with a specific character string. Do not leave a space between the string and question mark.
abbreviated- command-entry <tab></tab>	Completes a partial command name.
?	Lists all commands.
command ?	Lists all keywords for the command. Leave a space between the command and the question mark.
command keyword ?	Lists all arguments for the keyword. Leave a space between the command and the question mark.

Where a text string is used, such as *name-string*, the following characters are allowed as part of the text string:

• a-z, A-Z, 0-9, \_ (underscore), . (period), , (comma), : (colon), and - (dash).

**Note:** If you enter an invalid command, using the ? and tab key has no effect and does not return any changes to the CLI.



**Note:** The CLI has an editing ability similar to UNIX and Linux functionality using emacs keys. For example, **p** steps backward through previous commands, **n** moves to the next command in the history, **a** moves to the first character in the command and **e** moves to the end of the line, **u** erases the current line, and **w** erases the previous word. Also, you can use the up and down arrows on your keyboard to retrieve the last command entered at the CLI.



## **Finding Command Options**

The syntax can consist of optional or required keywords.

To display keywords for a command, enter a question mark (?) at the command prompt or after entering part of a command followed by a space.

Netvisor One CLI displays a list of available keywords along with a brief description of the keywords.

For example, if you want to see all of the keywords for the command **user**, enter **user?**.

Table 2, displays examples of using the question mark (?) to assist you with entering commands.

**Table 1-2: Finding Command Options** 

CLI network-admin@switch > ?  All commands: acl-ip-create acl-ip-delete	Displays a list of commands that begin with a specific character string. Do not leave a space between the string and question mark.
Switch> user auth User: <user> Password: <password></password></user>	Completes a partial command name.
?	Lists all commands.
command ?	Lists all keywords for the command. Leave a space between the command and the question mark.
command option ?	Lists all arguments for the option. Leave a space between the command and the question mark.

**Note:** Other useful options, especially for displaying statistics, include: sort, interval, start-time, end-time, duration, count, show-interval, and show-diff-interval. The commands that display the statistics have show-diff-interval as a command option, while other show commands have show-interval as a command option.



## **About Alternate Command Format**

Netvisor ONE provides with an alternate command format, where the commands start with a verb instead of a noun. This format omits the hyphen in the command names.

For example, connection-stats-show can also be entered as show connection-stats.

The command formats have the same features and can be used interchangeably.



## **Specifying IP Address Netmasks**

Some commands call for the specification of an IP address netmask. The Netvisor ONE supports both Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) and subnet notations.

For example, to specify the range of IP addresses from 192.168.0.0 to 192.168.0.255, you can express as:

• IP address: 192.168.0.0/24 or

• IP address: 192.168.0.0:: 255.255.255.0 (netmask)

Here is a sample of the CIDR to subnet notation mapping:

CIDR	Subnet Mask
/24	255.255.255.0
/25	255.255.255.128
/26	255.255.255.192



## **Specifying Measurement Units**

Many commands include input and output of capacity and throughput. Network values are always in bits and storage values in bytes.

Scale factors are allowed on input and displayed in output as well as shown in the following table.

**Table 1-3: Scale Numbers** 

Scale Indicator	Meaning (Networking)	Meaning (Storage)
Kork	Kilobits	Kilobytes
M or m	Megabits	Megabytes
Gorg	Gigabits	Gigabytes
Tort	Terabits	Terabytes



## **Customizing Show Output Formats**

The output generated by the show commands can be customized by using the optional arguments described in the following table.

**Table 1-4: Show Output Formats** 

<pre>format <column_name1>,   <column_name2>,   <column_namex></column_namex></column_name2></column_name1></pre>	Displays only the columns matching the list of column header names. <b>NOTE</b> : The list of column names is comma-separated without spaces.
format all	Displays all available column headers. This output is also called <b>verbose mode</b> .  By default, show commands output a terse set of the most commonly useful column headers.
layout horizontal vertical	Specify if you want to display show output in a horizontal or vertical format. Vertical may be more useful for verbose show outputs. For example:  CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-show format all layout vertical
parsable-delim <separator></separator>	Displays the output of show command by separating columns by the specified <separator> character(s).  For example, parsable-delim, produces a comma-separated output (CSV).  NOTE: If the parsable-delim option is specified, the column header names (titles) are suppressed from the output.</separator>
pager on off	Displays the output as pages (pager on) or as a single scroll-able page (pager off).

Below are some examples of how the output for the show commands are displayed in Netvisor ONE CLI.

To display the select columns, enter the command followed by the option format <column\_name1>, <column\_name2>, <column\_nameX> as below:

CLI (network-admin@pn-1) switch pn-1 lldp-show format switch,



#### local-port, chassis-id, port-id, port-desc

switch	local-port	chassis-id	port-id	port-desc
pn-1	1	0e0000e8	1	spine-cluster cluster link
pn-1	2	1100013f	5	trunk from cluster-1 to spine cluster
pn-1	3	11000141	5	trunk from cluster-1 to spine cluster
pn-1	4	11000147	5	trunk from cluster-2 to spine cluster
pn-1	5	11000145	5	trunk from cluster-2 to spine cluster

To display the output on a local switch that you had logged in (the \* indicates the local switch in the example below). You don't need to specify the switch-name for all the commands that you run on the local switch.

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > switch-local

CLI (network-admin@pn-sw01\*) > lldp-show

local-port	bezel-port	chassis-id	port-id	port-desc	sys-name
1	1	0e0000e8	1	spine-cluster cluster link	pn-sw02
2	2	1100013f	5	trunk from cluster-1 to spine cluster	pn-swl01
3	3	11000141	5	trunk from cluster-1 to spine cluster	pn-swl02
13	13	0e000063	2	PN Switch Port(2	pn-swl06

To display all the switches in a fabric, for example, use the switch <tab> command:

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CLI (network-admin@pn-sw01) > switch
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To display the output in vertical format, for example, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@pn-swl03) > cluster-show layout vertical



mode: master
ports: 1,125,272
remote-ports: 1,125,272
cluster-sync-timeout(ms): 2000

cluster-sync-offline-count: 3

pn-swl02 switch: name: pn-sw10102 state: online cluster-node-1: pn-swl01 cluster-node-2: pn-swl02 tid: 4034 mode: slave ports: 1,125,272 remote-ports: 1,125,272

cluster-sync-timeout(ms): 2000
cluster-sync-offline-count: 3



### **Specifying a Switch or Fabric for Command Scope**

In Netvisor ONE Unified Cloud Fabric, a switch is designed as the building block of a fabric and the goal of Netvisor ONE design is to manage the fabric of switches as a single switch. Due to this capability, you can run the CLI commands on a local switch, a cluster of switches, other switches in the fabric, or the entire fabric. You do not have to login to each switch to run the commands because all the switches are part of the same fabric. By default, you can run the commands on the switch that you had logged-in.

For example, to disable a port (port 5) on the switch that you had logged in (switch-1), use the command,

```
CLI(network-admin@Switch-1) > port-config-modify port 5
disable
```

To specify a different switch for a single command, use the switch prefix. For example, use switch pn-switch-2 port-config-modify port 5 enable to enables port 5 on pn-switch-2, even if the CLI is connected to a different switch in the fabric:

```
CLI(network-admin@Switch-1) > switch pn-switch-2 port-config-
modify port 5 enable
```

To specify a different switch for a series of commands, use the switch prefix with no command. For example,

```
CLI(network-admin@Switch-1) > switch pn-switch-2 <return>
CLI(network-admin@pn-switch-2) >
```

The CLI prompt changes to indicate that pn-switch-2 is the switch you are executing commands. You can run other commands on pn-switch-2 even though the switch that you are physically connected to is switch-1.

For most CLI show commands, the command displays results from all switches in the fabric by default. For example, when the CLI command port-show is entered on the switch, it shows the ports of all switches in the fabric.

To specify that a CLI show command should apply to a specific switch, use the switch prefix to the CLI command. For example, to view the show output of the portshow command of the switch named pn-switch-1, type the command:

CLI(network-admin@Switch-1) > switch pn-switch-1 port-show

switch	port	bezel-port	status
pn-switch-1	9	3	phy-up,host-disabled
pn-switch-1	10	3.2	phy-up,host-disabled



## **Displaying NIC Information and Statistics**

Starting from Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0, you can view the NIC information and packet statistics for management and rear-facing interfaces.

To view the switch NIC information, use the command: switch-nic-info-show.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-nic-info-show

switch-nic-info-show	Display switch NIC information.
name switch-nic-stats-list- name	Specify the name of the interface.

For example, to display the NIC information for the interface eth0, use the command:

The output displays the interface name, driver, version, firmware, speed, reception queue size, and transmitter queue size, among other details.

The switch-nic-stats-show command displays NIC statistics including the number of input packets, input bytes, output packets, output bytes, errors, and drops.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > sw	itch-nic-stats-show
switch-nic-stats-show	Display switch NIC statistics.
time date/time: yyyy-mm- ddTHH:mm:ss	Specify the time to start statistics collection.
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	Specify the start date and time for statistics collection.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	Specify the end date and time for statistics collection.
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration for statistics collection.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval for statistics collection.
since-start	Displays statistics from the start.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays statistics older than the specified date and time.
within-last duration:	Displays statistics within the specified



#d#h#m#s	duration.
name switch-nic-stats-list name	Specify the name of the interface.

For example, to display the NIC statistics on eth0 interface within last 2 minutes, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-nic-stats-show name eth0
within-last 2m layout vertical
time:
            00:22:35
name:
             eth0
ipkts:
             3.22M
ibytes:
            1.92G
opkts:
             1.10M
            277M
obytes:
ierrs:
oerrs:
             0
idrops:
             0
odrops:
             0
            2.08M
imcast:
omcast:
             119K
ibcast:
            121K
            37.3K
obcast:
            2.08M
mcast:
bcast:
            0
ioverruns:
             0
rxnobuf:
            0
icrcerrs:
             0
iframeerrs:
            0
ififoerrs:
             0
ofifoerrs:
             0
ilongerrs:
             0
```

To display the statistics between a specified start-time and end-time, use the sample command:

ishorterrs:

0

```
(network-admin@leaf1) > switch-nic-stats-show start-time
2020-07-21T05:00:00 end-time 2020-07-21T06:00:00 layout
vertical
time:
             05:26:27
name:
             eth0
ipkts:
             25.2M
ibytes:
            3.76G
             29.7M
opkts:
             3.95G
obytes:
             0
ierrs:
oerrs:
             0
idrops:
             0
odrops:
             0
imcast:
             834K
```



omcast: 10.6K 291K ibcast: obcast: 352 834K mcast: bcast: ioverruns: 0 0 rxnobuf: icrcerrs: 0 iframeerrs: 0 ififoerrs: 0 ofifoerrs: 0 ilongerrs: 0 ishorterrs:

time: 05:26:27

To modify the settings for statistics collection, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > s	witch-nic-stats-settings-modify
switch-nic-stats-settings- modify	Modify switch NIC statistics settings.
Specify one or more of the following options:	
enable disable	Enable or disable statistics collection.
interval duration : #d#h#m#s	Specify the time interval to collect NIC statistics. The default value is 1 minute.
disk-space disk-space-number	Specify the disk-space allocated for statistics (including rotated log files). The default value is 50M.

For example, use the command below to modify the interval for statistics collection:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-nic-stats-settings-modify
interval 50s

To view the current settings, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-nic-stats-settings-show

switch: Leaf1
enable: yes
interval: 50s
disk-space: 50M



# **Displaying Connection Statistics**

You can view the statistical data collected while connected to a host by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) >	connection-stats-show
connection-stats-show	Display connection statistics while connected to a host.
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify a time to start statistics collection.
start-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the start-time for statistics collection.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the end-time for statistics collection.
duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration of statistics collection.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval between statistics collection.
since-start	Displays statistics from the start of collection.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays statistics older than a specified duration.
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays statistics within the last specified duration.
count count-number	Specify a count for connection statistics
mac mac-address	Specify the MAC address of connections
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET of connections
vlan <i>vlan_id</i>	Specify the VLAN of connections.
ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address of connections.
port port-number	Specify the port number of connections.
iconns iconns-number	Specify the number of incoming connections.
oconns oconns-number	Specify the number outgoing connections.
obytes	Specify the number of bytes sent from the client side of the connection.
ibytes	Specify the number of bytes received by the client side of the connection.



total-bytes total-bytes-number	Specify the total number of bytes for the connection.
first-seen date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the time at which an entry was first seen.
last-seen date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the time at which an entry was last seen.
last-seen-ago duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration since the statistics was last seen.

To clear connection statistics that was collected while connected to a host, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > connection-stats-clear

To clear the history of connection statistics that was collected while connected to a host, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > connection-stats-clear-history

To modify statistics collection settings, use the command connection-statssettings-modify.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > connection-stats-settings-modify

connection-stats-settings-modify	Modify connection statistics settings.
enable disable	Enable or disable collecting connection statistics.
connection-max-memory connection-max-memory-number	Specify the maximum memory allowed for connection statistics.
connection-backup-enable  connection-backup-disable	Enable or disable backup for connection statistics collection. This option is disabled by default.
connection-backup-interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify backup interval for connection statistics collection.
client-server-stats-max-memory client-server-stats-max-memory-numbe	Specify maximum memory for client server statistics.
client-server-stats-log-enable  client-server-stats-log-disable	Enable or disable client server statistics logging. This option is disabled by default.
client-server-stats-log- interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the client server statistics logging interval.
client-server-stats-log-disk- space disk-space-number	Specify the disk-space allocated for client server statistics logging.



connection-stats-max-memory connection-stats-max-memory-number	Specify the maximum memory allowed for connection statistics.
connection-stats-log-enable   connection-stats-log-disable	Enable or disable connection statistics logging. This option is disabled by default.
connection-stats-log-interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the connection statistics logging interval.
connection-stats-log-disk-space disk-space-number	Specify the disk-space allocated for connection statistics logging.
service-stat-max-memory service-stat-max-memory-number	Specify the maximum memory allowed for service statistics.
fabric-connection-max-memory fabric-connection-max-memory-number	Specify the maximum memory allowed for fabric connection statistics.
fabric-connection-backup- enable fabric-connection- backup-disable	Enable or disable backup for fabric connection statistics collection. This option is disabled by default.
<pre>fabric-connection-backup- interval duration: #d#h#m#s</pre>	Specify the backup interval for fabric connection statistics collection.

In Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1, the logging of connection statistics to disk is disabled by default. Specifically, the options below under the command connection-stats-settings-modify are disabled by default.

connection-backup-enable connection-backup-disable

client-server-stats-log-enable | client-server-stats-log-disable

fabric-connection-backup-enable|fabric-connection-backup-disable

connection-stats-log-enable | connection-stats-log-disable

You can, however, enable any of the options above for a limited duration. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > connection-stats-settings-modify connection-stats-log-enable

**Note:** Pluribus recommends disabling connection statistics to minimize disk usage during normal operations.

To view the connection statistics settings, use the command connection-stats-settings-show:



connection-max-memory: 50M connection-max-count: 52012 connection-current-count: 28482 connection-backup-enable: nο connection-backup-interval: 1m connection-backup-used-disk-space: 5.54M client-server-stats-max-memory: 50M client-server-stats-max-cnt: 71234 client-server-stats-cur-cnt: 132 client-server-stats-log-enable: no client-server-stats-log-interval: 1m client-server-stats-log-disk-space: 50M connection-stats-max-memory: 50M connection-stats-max-cnt: 82956 connection-stats-cur-cnt: 108 connection-stats-log-enable: yes connection-stats-log-interval: 1m connection-stats-log-disk-space: 50M service-stat-max-memory: 1M 4681 service-stat-max-cnt: service-stat-cur-cnt: fabric-connection-max-memory: 10M fabric-connection-max-count: 8090 fabric-connection-current-count: 7234 fabric-connection-backup-enable: no fabric-connection-backup-interval: 1m fabric-connection-backup-used-disk-space: 1.46

In this example, the software has enabled connection statistics logging for a duration of 1m.



## **Running Commands on a Local Switch**

You can specify to run commands locally on a switch by using the switch-local parameter.

For instance, using switch-local port-stats-show displays output for the local switch ports only.



### **Changing Switch Setup Parameters**

You can modify the following switch parameters by using the switch-setup-modify command:

- Switch name
- Management IPv4 and IPv6 addresses
- Management IPv4 and IPv6 netmasks
- Management IPv4 and IPv6 address assignments
- In-band IPv4 and IPv6 addresses
- In-band IPv4 and IPv6 netmasks
- Gateway IPv4 and IPv6 addresses
- Loopback IPv4 and IPv6 addresses
- Primary and secondary IPv4 addresses for DNS services
- Domain name
- NTP server and NTP secondary server
- Timezone
- End User License Agreement (EULA) acceptance and timestamp
- Password
- Date
- Enable or disable host ports
- Message of the Day (MOTD)
- Banner
- Management interface LAG: enable or disable
- LACP mode of the management interface
- NTP enable or disable
- IEEE 802.1X authentication of the management interface (when not part of a LAG)

For example if you want to change the date and time on the switch, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > switch-setup-modify date 2020-01-28 T22:14:27



To view the changed date (see **bold** in output), use the show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@sw-leaf1) > switch-setup-show
switch-name:
                           sw-leaf1
mgmt-ip:
                            10.0.0.01/23
mgmt-ip-assignment:
                           static
mgmt-ip6:
                            aa80::aab4:bbff:fffc:aa65/64
mgmt-ip6-assignment:
                            autoconf
mgmt-link-state:
                            up
mgmt-link-speed:
                            1q
in-band-ip:
                           10.168.0.02/24
in-band-ip6:
                            aa80::640a:94ff:ff52:aa9d/64
in-band-ip6-assign:
                            autoconf
gateway-ip:
                            10.0.0.1
dns-ip:
                            10.10.0.13
dns-secondary-ip:
                            172.10.0.4
domain-name:
                            pluribusnetworks.com
ntp-server:
                            0.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
ntp-secondary-server:
                            1.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
                            America/Los_Angeles
timezone:
date:
                            2020-01-28,22:14:27
hostid:
                            184556370
location-id:
                            6
enable-host-ports:
                            yes
                             * Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc.
banner:
Netvisor(R). This is a monitored system. device-id: 6K1K0Z1
banner: * ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
                            * By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you
banner:
agree to the terms of the Pluribus Networks banner: * End
User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be accessed via
http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command
"eula-show"
```



### **Configuring 802.1X Authentication During Switch Setup**

A Pluribus switch can be connected to an out-of-band network for management purposes using the dedicated management interface.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, it is possible to use the switch-setup-modify command to configure the standard IEEE 802.1X authentication (as a supplicant) on the switch management interface. The interface needs to be connected to an authenticator device and cannot be part of a LAG for this feature to work.

An external network device used for out-of-band connectivity may be capable of running the IEEE 802.1X standard as an authenticator. In such cases, for security purposes the network administrator may want to enable the IEEE 802.1X authentication exchange between the switch management interface (as a supplicant) and the external authenticator.

Once the management interface is configured as supplicant and comes up, it sends out a special 802.1X message (*EAPoL Start*) to start the authentication process. If the authentication of the configured credentials is successful, then the interface is *authorized*. Before the interface is authenticated, only 802.1X packets are allowed and all other traffic is dropped on the authenticator device.

**Note**: In Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0 support was added for the *EAP-MD5* authentication method only. In addition, Netvisor ONE supports the 802.1X-2001 version of the standard for interoperability with older authenticators as well as the 802.1X-2004 version.

802.1X can be configured during a fresh switch install or later using the switch-setup-modify and switch-setup-show commands.

However, the 802.1X configuration requires the creation of a host profile before the feature can be enabled. That cannot be achieved within the switch-setup-modify command, so a two-step process is required.

First, a host profile needs to be created like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > eap-host-profile-create name profile1 mode md5 identity user1 password password for user identity: confirm password for user identity:
```

The profile can be created with local (or cluster) scope and then verified with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > eap-host-profile-show switch name mode identity scope switch profile1 md5 user1 local
```



Then 802.1X can be enabled with the switch-setup-modify command by specifying the newly created profile plus an additional parameter such as the standard version to use:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify mgmt-dot1x-
enable mgmt-dot1x-profiles profile1 mgmt-dot1x-version 802.1X-
2004
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-show
switch-name:
                           switch
mgmt-dot1x-enable:
                            true
mgmt-dot1x-version:
                            802.1X-2004
mgmt-dot1x-profiles:
                            profile1
mgmt-dot1x-status:
                            CONNECTING
mgmt-ip:
                            10.14.8.90/23
mgmt-ip-assignment:
                            static
mgmt-ip6:
                            fe80::660e:94ff:fe4c:de/64
mgmt-ip6-assignment:
                            autoconf
mqmt-link-state:
                            up
mgmt-link-speed:
                            1q
in-band-ip:
                            192.168.3.55/24
                            fe80::640e:94ff:fe03:faf8/64
in-band-ip6:
in-band-ip6-assign:
                            autoconf
                            10.14.8.1
gateway-ip:
dns-ip:
                            10.135.2.13
dns-secondary-ip:
                            10.20.4.1
domain-name:
                            pluribusnetworks.com
                            10.135.2.13
ntp-server:
                            10.20.4.1
ntp-secondary-server:
ntp-tertiary-server:
                            2.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
timezone:
                            America/Los_Angeles
date:
                            2021-04-09,03:37:57
hostid:
                            436207619
location-id:
                            1
enable-host-ports:
                            yes
                             * Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc.
banner:
Netvisor(R). This is a monitored system.
device-id:
                            1648AC5800042
ntp:
                            on
banner:
                                             ACCESS RESTRICTED
TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
                            * By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you
agree to the terms of the Pluribus Networks *
                            * End User License Agreement
banner:
(EULA). The EULA can be accessed via
http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command
"eula-show"
```

The mgmt-dot1x-status line in the output can have one of these values:

- AUTHENTICATED (authentication successful and port authorized)
- CONNECTING (connecting to the authenticator, check periodically for updates)



- UNKNOWN (unknown condition that can occur in corner cases)
- HELD (authentication failed on the authentication backend server)

After connecting, if the credentials are correctly configured both in the backend's database and in the supplicant's profile, the port gets authenticated as shown below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-show switch-name: switch mgmt-dot1x-enable: true mgmt-dot1x-version: 802.1X-2004 profile1 mgmt-dot1x-profiles: mgmt-dot1x-status: **AUTHENTICATED** mgmt-ip: 10.14.8.90/23 mgmt-ip-assignment: static mgmt-ip6: fe80::660e:94ff:fe4c:de/64 mgmt-ip6-assignment: autoconf mqmt-link-state: up mgmt-link-speed: 1q in-band-ip: 192.168.3.55/24 in-band-ip6: fe80::640e:94ff:fe03:faf8/64 in-band-ip6-assign: autoconf gateway-ip: 10.14.8.1 dns-ip: 10.135.2.13 10.20.4.1 dns-secondary-ip: domain-name: pluribusnetworks.com <snip>

The same two-step process can be used during a fresh switch install like so:

Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 6.1 By ANSWERING "YES" TO THIS PROMPT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]? : YES or NO? By ANSWERING "YES" TO THIS PROMPT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]? : YES or NO? By ANSWERING "YES" TO THIS PROMPT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]? : YES or NO? By ANSWERING "YES" TO THIS PROMPT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]? YES or NO? By ANSWERING "YES" TO THIS PROMPT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]? : YES Switch setup required: Switch Name (switch):



```
network-admin Password:
         Re-enter Password:
         Mgmt IP/Netmask (10.14.8.90/23):
         Mqmt IPv6/Netmask:
          In-band IP/Netmask (192.168.3.55/24):
         In-band IPv6/Netmask:
         Gateway IP (10.14.8.1):
         Gateway IPv6:
         Primary DNS IP (10.135.2.13):
         Secondary DNS IP (10.20.4.1):
          Domain name (pluribusnetworks.com):
          Automatically Upload Diagnostics (yes):
         Enable host ports by default (yes):
Switch Setup:
         Switch Name
                                : switch
         Mgmt 802.1x cfg : no
         Mgmt 802.1x profiles :
        Mgmt 802.1x status :
         Switch Mgmt IP
                                : 10.14.8.90/23
         Switch Mgmt IPv6 : fe80::660e:94ff:fe4c:de/64
Switch In-band IP : 192.168.3.55/24
          Switch In-band IPv6 : fe80::640e:94ff:fe03:faf8/64
         Switch Gateway : 10.14.8.1
         Switch IPv6 Gateway : ::
         Switch DNS Server : 10.135.2.13
Switch DNS2 Server : 10.20.4.1
         Switch Domain Name : pluribusnetworks.com
Switch NTP Server : 10.135.2.13
         Switch Timezone : America/Los_Angeles
Switch Date : 2021-04-09,04:00:14
         Switch Date
        Enable host ports : yes
Analytics Store : optimized
Fabric required. Please use fabric-create/join/show
Connected to Switch switch; nvOS Identifier:0x1a000003; Ver:
6.1.0-6010018092
CLI (network-admin@switch) > eap-host-profile-create name
profile1 mode md5 identity user1 password
password for user identity:
confirm password for user identity:
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify mgmt-dot1x-
enable mgmt-dot1x-profiles profile1 mgmt-dot1x-version 802.1X-
2004
```

**Note**: If you try to delete a profile that is in use, you will get an error message:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > eap-host-profile-delete name profile1 eap-host-profile-delete: EAP Host profile profile1 is currently used
```



If you need to delete it, you can create and assign another profile first, then you can delete the old one:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify mgmt-dot1xprofiles profile2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > eap-host-profile-delete name
profile1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > eap-host-profile-show switch name mode identity scope switch profile2 md5 user1 local

802.1X can be disabled with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify mgmt-dot1x-disable



### **Creating Switch Groups**

This feature allows you to create a switch group, and you can create as many switch groups as needed. You provide a name to a group of switches, and a switch can be a member of more than one group.

If a switch is offline when you add it to a group, the configuration fails for that switch. Online switches are added normally.

Switch groups are static and you must manually remove a switch from a group. You cannot use a switch name for the switch group name and a warning message is displayed because the configuration is invalid.

Use the following commands:

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-create

name name-string	Specify a name for the switch group.
description description- string	Specify a description for the switch group.

To create a switch-group with the name, **rack-1-row-1**, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-create name rack-1-
row-1 description "datacenter rack 1"
```

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-delete

name name-string	Specify a name for the switch group.
description description- string	Specify a description for the switch group.

To delete a switch-group with the name, rack-1-row-1, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-delete name rack-1-row-1
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-modify
```

name name-string Specify a name for the switch group.	
---	--

To modify a switch-group with the name, **rack-1-row-1**, and change the description, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-modify name rack-1-row-1 description datacenter



CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-show

name name-string	Displays the name of the switch group.		
description description- string	Displays a description of the switch group.		

To display a switch-group with the name, **rack-1-row-1**, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-show name rack-1-row1

name description -----rack-1-row-1 datacenter

### **Adding Switches to Switch-Groups**

(CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-member-add

name name-string	Specify the name of the switch group to add the member.
member fabric-node name	Specify the name of the switch to add as a member.

To add switch, Leaf-1, to switch-group, **rack-1-row-1**, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-member-add name rack-1-row-1 member Leaf-1

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-member-remove

name name-string		Specify the name of the switch group to remove the member.	
member fabric-node	name	Specify the name of the switch to remove as a member.	

To remove switch, Leaf-1, from switch-group, **rack-1-row-1**, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-member-remove name rack-1-row-1 member Leaf-1

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > switch-group-member-show



name name-string

Displays the name of the switch group.

Displays the name of the switches in a group.

To display switch-group, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-group-member-show switch name member ------ Spine-1 rack-1-row-1 Leaf-1
```

### **Support for Enabling or Disabling LLDP**

This feature provides for a generic LLDP ON/OFF toggle function set at the system level.

Currently, to disable LLDP on a switch you must disable the LLDP configuration on all ports. This resets all related configurations of LLDP protocol setting and LLDP vFlows.

Use the following CLI command to enable and disable the protocol:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-settings-modify [lldp|no-lldp]
```

LLDP packets are executed on the CPU with the help of LLDP vFlows.

To clear all LLDP protocol system flows use the parameter no-lldp.

To add all LLDP protocol system flows use the parameter 11dp.

This approach ensures port LLDP configurations are not disturbed.



# **Configuring System Settings**

You can use the system-settings-modify command to configure a host of system settings. These settings correspond to different features and are discussed in detail in the related sections.

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > s	system-settings-modify		
system-settings-modify	Use this command to modify system settings.		
Specify one or more of the following options:			
optimize-arps no-optimize- arps	Enable or disable ARP optimization. This feature is ON by default. When ON, the Netvisor sends all ARP requests and Gratuitous ARP requests to the local CPU of the corresponding switch, and responds to ARP requests on behalf of the intended ARP targets. This feature corresponds to an ARP-proxy function on the corresponding switch. It is assumed that ARP requests and Gratuitous ARP requests are used by Netvisor to learn the MAC address to IPv4 address mapping, as well as Unknown Unicast and Broadcast traffic when the parameters, manage—unknown—unicast or manage—broadcast are ON. When OFF, the Netvisor learns and bridges ARP requests on the switch ASIC instead of relying on the local CPU.		
lldp no-lldp	Enable or disable LLDP at the system level. The Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) is an open, vendor-independent protocol that advertises a device's identity, abilities, and neighboring devices connected within the Local Area Network.		
policy-based-routing no- policy-based-routing	Enable or disable policy-based routing. Policy-Based Routing (PBR) enables flexible packet forwarding and routing through user defined policies.		
optimize-nd no-optimize-nd	Enable or disable Neighbor Discovery optimization. This feature is ON by default. When ON, Netvisor sends all Neighbor Solicitations and Unsolicited Neighbor Advertisements to the local CPU of the corresponding switch, responds to Neighbor Solicitation requests on behalf of the intended ND targets themselves.		



	This feature corresponds to an ND-proxy function on the corresponding switch. Neighbor Solicitations and Unsolicited Neighbor Advertisements are used by Netvisor to learn the MAC address to IPv6 address mapping, as well as Unknown Unicast and Broadcast traffic when the parameters, manage-unknown-unicast or manage-broadcast are ON. When OFF, Netvisor ONE learns and bridges Neighbor Solicitations on the switch ASIC instead of relying on Netvisor.
reactivate-mac no- reactivate-mac	Enable or disable reactivation of aged out MAC entries. This feature is ON by default. When ON, if a vPort entry is looked up and found as inactive, the corresponding I2-table entry is re-activated on the switch. When OFF, the traffic is flooded on the corresponding broadcast domain by Netvisor ONE. Please note that I2-table entries are refreshed on the Ethernet switch ASIC every time it is used, otherwise it is removed after a time of inactivity corresponding to configured aging period. Requires unknown-unicast to be enabled.
reactivate-vxlan-tunnel- mac no-reactivate-vxlan- tunnel-mac	Enable or disable reactivation of MAC entries over VXLAN tunnels.
manage-unknown-unicast no- manage-unknown-unicast	Enable or disable unknown unicast management. This feature is ON by default. Netvisor sends all unknown-unicast traffic to the local CPU of the corresponding switch. Netvisor learns the source of unknown-unicast packets and floods the packets on the corresponding unknown-unicast domain. When OFF, all unknown-unicast traffic is flooded on the corresponding unknown-unicast domain by the switch instead of relying on Netvisor.
manage-broadcast no-manage- broadcast	Enable or disable broadcast management. This feature is ON by default. Netvisor sends all broadcast traffic to the local CPU of the corresponding switch. Netvisor learns the source of broadcast packets and floods the packets on the corresponding broadcast domain. When OFF, all unicast traffic is flooded on the corresponding broadcast domain by the switch instead of



	relying on Netvisor.
block-loops no-block-loops	Enable or disable loop detection. Netvisor Loop Detection exposes loops to customers using system log messages, port-show output, and vport-show output.  Note: This parameter is available only on NSU, NRU-02, NRU-03, and NRU-S0301 platforms.
auto-trunk no-auto-trunk	Enable or disable auto trunking.
auto-host-bundle no-auto- host-bundle	Enable or disable auto host bundling. This feature enables auto trunking of ports between PN switches and ESXi hosts.
cluster-active-active- routing no-cluster-active- active-routing	Enable or disable active-active routing on a cluster. Here, two cluster switches run vRouters with active-active VRRP in order to provide redundant Layer 3 next hops (using virtual IPs) to both upstream and downstream devices.
fast-route-download no- fast-route-download	Enable or disable fast route download from routesnoop.
fast-interface-lookup no- fast-interface-lookup	Enable or disable fast router interface lookup.
routing-over-vlags no- routing-over-vlags	Enable or disable routing over vLAGs. This feature allows packets crossing the cluster link to be routed without being dropped when egressing vLAGs.
source-mac-miss to-cpu  copy-to-cpu	Specify either of the options as the unknown source MAC learn behavior.
optimize-datapath disable  cluster-only all	<ul> <li>Specify the datapath optimization for cluster, fabric and vRouter communication:</li> <li>disable- disables the datapath optimization.</li> <li>cluster-only- enables datapath optimization for cluster-only, where cluster traffic is redirected to cluster 4094 vNIC.</li> <li>all- enables datapath optimization for fabric and data traffic. The default value is all.</li> </ul>
cpu-class-enable no-cpu- class-enable	Enable or disable CPU class. This feature enables advanced CPTP which operates over 43 independent queues (from 0 to



	42) in order to be able to provide separation and granular control over different types of control plane traffic classes.
usb-port no-usb-port	Enable or disable the USB port on the front of the switch. This is only applicable to switches with ONVL.
use-igmp-snoop-12 use-igmp-snoop-13	Specify whether L2 or L3 tables are to be used for IGMP snooping.
<pre>vle-tracking-timeout &lt;330&gt;</pre>	Set a vLE tracking timeout as a value between 3 and 30s. The default timeout is 3s.
pfc-buffer-limit pfc- buffer-limit-string	Specify the percent of global system buffer space allowed for PFC.
cosq-weight-auto no-cosq- weight-auto	Specify either of the options to enable or disable automatic weight assignment for CoS (Class of Service) queues based on min-guarantee configuration.
lossless-mode no-lossless- mode	Enable or disable lossless mode.
stagger-queries no-stagger- queries	Stagger igmp/mld snooping queries.
sfp28-port-mode 48x25G  36x25G+12x10G/1G  24x25G+24x10G/1G	Configure the sfp28 port mode using one of the three options.  Note: This parameter is available only on AS7326-56X / F9480-V Platforms.
host-refresh no-host- refresh	Enable or disable refreshing host ARP entries to keep L2 entries active.
proxy-conn-retry no-proxy- conn-retry	Enable or disable proxy connection retry.
proxy-conn-max-retry 010	Set the maximum number of proxy connection retry attempts as a value between 0 and 10.
proxy-conn-retry-interval 1002000	Set the number of milliseconds to wait between proxy connection retry attempts. This is a value between 100 and 2000.
nvos-debug-logging no-nvos-debug-logging	Logging mode selection (Direct OR viz. nvlog demon)
manage-12-uuc-drop no- manage-12-uuc-drop	Enable or disable L2 UUC (Unknown Unicast Drop) towards data port.



Enable or disable system debug to capture link information.		
Enable or disable BFD fastpath. This feature is disabled by default.		
Specify the linkscan interval as a value between $10000\mu$ s and $1000000\mu$ s. The default value is $150000\mu$ s.		
Specify the linkscan mode as hardware or software. Software linkscan mode is enabled by default.		
Enable or disable single-pass flood.		

For example, enable Policy-based routing by using the command:

CLI (network-switch) > system-settings-modify policy-basedrouting

Use the system-settings-show command to display the configuration:

```
CLI (network-switch) > system-settings-show
switch:
                                          eri-spine1
optimize-arps:
                                          off
lldp:
                                          on
policy-based-routing:
                                          on
optimize-nd:
                                          off
reactivate-mac:
                                          on
reactivate-vxlan-tunnel-mac:
                                          on
manage-unknown-unicast:
                                          off
manage-broadcast:
                                          off
auto-trunk:
                                          on
auto-host-bundle:
                                          off
                                          on
cluster-active-active-routing:
routing-over-vlags:
                                          off
source-mac-miss:
                                          copy-to-cpu
optimize-datapath:
                                          all
cpu-class-enable:
                                          on
usb-port:
                                          on
                                          use-13
igmp-snoop:
vle-tracking-timeout:
pfc-buffer-limit:
                                          40%
cosq-weight-auto:
                                          off
lossless-mode:
                                          off
snoop-query-stagger:
                                          no-stagger-queries
host-refresh:
                                          off
proxy-conn-retry:
                                          on
                                          3
proxy-conn-max-retry:
                                          500
proxy-conn-retry-interval:
optimize-rxlos:
                                          off
xcvr-link-debug:
                                          disable
```



fastpath-bfd: off 150000 linkscan-interval: linkscan-mode: software single-pass-12-known-multicast: off single-pass-flood: off batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only: off memory-tracker: on symmetric-hash: off hash-suppress-unidir-fields: off prioritize-rx-reasons: off



## **About GREP Support with Netvisor ONE OS**

Netvisor ONE supports filtering output and allows switch administrators to filter output "grep |" from the CLI. This functionality is limited to the following commands:

- running-config-show
- tech-support-show
- help



### **Installing Netvisor ONE and Initial Configuration**

This chapter contains information about initial configuration of your switch as well as commands to manage, upgrade, and restore configurations on a Netvisor ONE switch.

- Changes to the End User License Agreement (EULA)
- Exporting Configurations Using Secure Copy Protocol (SCP)
- Adding License Keys to Netvisor One
- Upgrading the Netvisor ONE Software
- Using the Serial Console Port for Initial Configuration
- Implementing a Fabric Upgrade
- Managing Netvisor ONE Certificates
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- Copying and Importing Configuration
   Files

- Enabling Administrative Services
- Auto-configuration of IPv6 Addresses on the Management Interface
   Support
- Configuring Administrative Session
   Timeout
- Support for Local Loopback IP Addresses
- Confirming Connectivity on the Network
- Configuring REST API Access

- Setting the Date and Time
- Running Shell Commands or Scripts
   Using REST API
- Viewing User Sessions on a Switch
- Managing RMAs for Switches
- Archiving Log Files Outside the Switch
- Configuring the Export and Import of the Switch Configurations for RMA
- Displaying and Managing Boot Environment Information
- Contacting Technical Assistance



### **Changes to the End User License Agreement (EULA)**

Currently, the Netvisor One EULA is displayed when the switch is setup.

Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 6.0.0

By ANSWERING "YES" TO THIS PROMPT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]?: yes

If you enter the EULA option, the output displays the complete EULA text. After this action, it is not possible to confirm EULA acceptance again. In some cases, an integrator may have accepted the EULA on behalf of the actual end user.

A new command is now available to display the EULA acceptance with a timestamp of the event:

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-sw-01) > eula-show
End User License Agreement
Pluribus Networks, Inc.'s ("Pluribus", "we", or "us") software
products are designed to provide fabric networking and
analytics solutions that simplify operations, reduce operating
expenses, and introduce applications online more rapidly.
Before you download and/or use any
of our software, whether alone or as loaded on a piece of
equipment, you will need to agree to the terms of this End
User License Agreement (this "Agreement").
...
PN EULA v. 2.1

eula-show: No fabric
eula-show: Fabric required. Please use fabric-create/join/show
CLI (network-admin@pn-sw-01) >
```



## **Adding License Keys to Netvisor ONE**

**Note**: You can use this feature only on switches that are completely provisioned and where the EULA setup is also completed.

**Caution**: Do not attempt to use this feature on a newly added switch where provisioning of the switch is not done and when the switch is in fresh-install mode or new-install mode.

This feature is applicable when you want to renew an expired license or add additional licenses to an existing license on a switch that was provisioned previously.

Netvisor ONE binds the license key to the serial number of the switch and when downloading or upgrading the Netvisor ONE software, the Pluribus Networks Cloud locates the serial number.

To install the license key, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-license-install key
<key-string>
```

The license key has the format of four words separated by commas. For example,

```
License Key: rental, deer, sonic, solace
```

Once the license key is installed, you can display information about the key using the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-license-show
```

switch: T6001-ON

license-id: NVOS-CLD-LIC-60D

description: Pluribus Open Netvisor OS Linux Cloud Edition

License

expires-on: never

status: VALID



## **Using the Serial Console Port for Initial Configuration**

This procedure assumes that you have installed the switch in the desired location and it is powered on.

**Warning:** Do not connect any ports to the network until the switch is configured. You can accidentally create loops or cause IP address conflicts on the network.

If you are going to cable host computers to the switch, there is an option to enable or disable host ports by default.

- 1. Connect the console port on the rear or front (depending on the model) of the switch to your laptop or terminal concentrator using a serial cable.
- 2. From the terminal emulator application on your computer, log into the switch with the username **network-admin** and the default password **admin**.

Note: Netvisor ONE supports both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses for the in-band interface.

**Warning:** Be sure to type in a static IP address for the management interface during the initial configuration. Netvisor One initially uses DHCP to obtain an IP address, but DHCP is not supported after the initial configuration.

- 3. Begin the initial configuration using the initialization procedure displayed.
- 4. Enter the following details when prompted, an example is provided in the output below:
  - o Accept the EULA agreement
  - o Type-in the switch name. An example is provided in the output below.
  - o Enter and re-enter the password
  - o Enter the Management IP and netmask. An example is provided in the output below.
  - o Enter the In-band IP and netmask. An example is provided in the output below.
  - o Enter the IP address of the Gateway.
  - o Enter the IP address for the primary and secondary DNS.
  - o Enter the domain name.

switch console login: network-admin

Password: admin

root@switch-new:~# cli

Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 6.0

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```
Switch setup required:
Switch Name (switch-new):pn-switch-01
network-admin Password:password <return>
Re-enter Password:password <return>
Mgmt IP/Netmask (10.13.27.218/23):
Mgmt IPv6/Netmask:
In-band IP/Netmask (192.168.10.8/24):
In-band IPv6/Netmask:
Gateway IP (10.13.26.1):
Gateway IPv6:
Primary DNS IP (10.135.2.13):
Secondary DNS IP (10.20.4.1):
Domain name (pluribusnetworks.com):
Automatically Upload Diagnostics (yes):
Enable host ports by default (yes):
Switch Setup:
Switch Name
                           : pn-switch-01
Switch Mgmt IP : 10.13.27.218/23

Switch Mgmt IPv6 : fe80::aa2b:b5ff:febc:c78e/64

Switch In-band IP : 192.168.10.8/24
Switch In-band IPv6 : fe80::640e:94ff:feba:f719/64
Switch Gateway : 10.13.26.1
Switch IPv6 Gateway : ::
Switch DNS Server : 10.135.2.13
Switch DNS2 Server : 10.20.4.1
Switch Domain Name : pluribusnetworks.com
Switch NTP Server : 0.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
Switch Timezone : America/Los_Angeles
Switch Date : 2020-07-20,19:48:20
Enable host ports : yes
Analytics Store : optimized
Fabric required. Please use fabric-create/join/show
Connected to Switch ghspine01-new; nvOS Identifier:0xb001dba;
Ver: 6.0.0-6000016292
CLI (network-admin@switch-new) >
```

When you setup a switch for initial configuration, the host facing ports are enabled by default. However, you can disable the host ports until you are ready to plug-in host cables to the switch. If Netvisor ONE does not detect adjacency on a port during the quickstart procedure, the ports remain in the disabled state.

To enable the ports after plugging in cables, use the port-config-modify port port-list host-enable command. Netvisor ONE enables host ports by default unless you specify NO during the quickstart procedure as displayed below.

```
Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 6.0.0

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HAVE READ THE TERMS OF THE PLURIBUS NETWORKS END USER LICENSE

AGREEMENT (EULA) AND AGREE TO THEM. [YES | NO | EULA]?: yes

Switch setup required:

Switch Name (netvisor): pn-switch-01

network-admin Password: password <return>
```



```
Re-enter Password: ****** <return>
Mgmt IP/Netmask (dhcp): 10.14.2.42/23
Mgmt IPv6/Netmask:
In-band IP/Netmask: 12.1.165.21/24
In-band IPv6/Netmask:
Loopback IP:
Loopback IPv6:
Gateway IP (10.14.2.1):
Gateway IPv6:
Primary DNS IP: 10.135.2.13
Secondary DNS IP: 10.20.4.1
Domain name: pluribusnetworks.com
Automatically Upload Diagnostics (yes):
```

Enable host ports by default (yes): no

#### To verify, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > port-show port 9,10

switch	port	bezel-port	status	config
pn-switch-01	9	3	phy-up,host-disabled	10g
pn-switch-01	10	3.2	phy-up,host-disabled	10g

#### To enable the port (s), use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > port-config-modify port 9,10 enable host-enable
```

CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > port-show port 9,10

switch	port	bezel-port	status	config
pn-switch-01	9	3	up,vlan-up	fd,10g
pn-switch-01	10	3.2	up,vlan-up	fd,10g

You cannot change (enable or disable) the host-ports by using the switch setup process after the initial configuration is done. If you try to modify the host-ports, Netvisor ONE displays an error as displayed in the example here:

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > switch-setup-modify disable-host-ports
```

switch-setup-modify: disable/enable host ports can be set only at initial switch-setup time

During the initial configuration of the switch, if the host ports are disabled, then all ports having the same port configuration will be disabled. This can be viewed using the following command:

```
<CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > port-config-show port
port-list host-enable
```

In this mode, when any port comes up physically, Netvisor ONE automatically sends and



receives LLDP packets to look for peer switches. If Netvisor ONE does not detect an adjacency within 5 seconds, the port is flagged as host-disabled. With this flag set, Netvisor ONE only accepts LLDP packets and does not initiate packet transmission.

CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > port-config-show port 9,10

switch	port	bezel-port	status	config
pn-switch-01	9	3	up,vlan-up,PN-other,LLDP	fd,10g
pn-switch-01	10	3.2	up,vlan-up	fd,10g

After completing switch discovery and fabric creation, use the host-enable option to enable host, server, or router traffic switching, and ports:

CLI (network-admin@pn-switch-01) > port-config-modify port 9 host-enable



### **Managing Netvisor ONE Certificates**

Pluribus Networks includes the Netvisor ONE certificates along with the switches during shipment and you can access the certificates from /var/nvos/certs directory. These certificates are necessary for communication between switches in a fabric and hinders the transactions between fabric members if the certificate expires. You can view the validity (dates valid from and dates valid until) for Netvisor ONE certificate using the switch-info-show command.

When you configure the alarm, the certificate is checked every 24 hours and an alarm is issued if the number of days of expiry is equal to or less than 30 days. The certificate expiry alert is enabled by default for 30 days, but can configured between 7 days through 180 days on Netvisor ONE. You can disable this feature using the cert-expirationalert-modify no-netvisor command.

You can view the certificate expiration alert or alarm configuration by using the cert-expiration-alert-show command and can schedule an alert notification before the certificate expires. You can view the alarm or alert notification in the event.log file and also by running the log-alert-show command. You can also configure a new SNMP trap for certificate expiry on the SNMP services.

Alarm is an event in the event log, an alert in log-alert-show command and a new SNMP trap if the trap server is configured. Frequency of alarm will be every 24 hours until the certificate has expired.

To configure the certificate expiry alert, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch01) > cert-expiration-alert-modify

Specify one or more of the following options:		
netvisor no-netvisor	Specify whether to enable or disable Netvisor ONE certificate expiration alerts.	
days-before-expiration 718	Modify the number of days before expiration to send alerts (Default 30 days). The value ranges from 7 through 180 days.	

To view the alert configuration for the certificate expiry, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch01) > cert-expiration-alert-show

switch: switch01

days-before-expiration(d):

To enable or disable the SNMP trap for certificate expiry alert, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch01) > snmp-trap-enable-modify cert-



expiry | no-cert-expiry where,

Specify whether to monitor certificate cert-expiry | no-cert-expiry expiry or not.

To view the alert configuration details older than an hour, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch01) > log-alert-show older-than 1h

time	switch	code	name	count	last-message
00:17:05	switch01	31008	smf_nvOSd_stop	1	SMF Service stopping nvOSd
00:17:08	switch01	11008	nv0Sd_start	1	version 5.1.5010014665
00:35:49	switch01	31016	certificate_expiry	1	switch cert expiring in 19 days

The switch-info-show command displays the validity (dates valid from and dates valid until) for Netvisor ONE certificate. For example,

CLI (network-admin@nru03-sw-1\*) > switch-info-show

```
model:
                       NRII03
                       1937ST9100075
chassis-serial:
                      Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU D-1557 @ 1.50GHz
cpul-type:
                      Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU D-1557 @ 1.50GHz
cpu2-type:
                      Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU D-1557 @ 1.50GHz
cpu3-type:
                      Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU D-1557 @ 1.50GHz
cpu4-type:
system-mem:
                       30.6G
switch-device:
                      OK
fan1-status:
                       OK
fan2-status:
                       OK
fan3-status:
                      OK
fan4-status:
                      OK
fan5-status:
                      OK
fan6-status:
                      OK
fan7-status:
                      OK
fan8-status:
                      OK
fan9-status:
                      OK
fan10-status:
                      OK
fan11-status:
                      OK
fan12-status:
                      OK
ps1-status:
                      OK
ps2-status:
                      OK
disk-model:
                      Micron_1300_MTFDDAV256TDL
disk-firmware:
                     M5MU000
disk-size:
                       238G
disk-type:
                      Solid State Disk, TRIM Supported
bios-vendor:
                      American Megatrends Inc.
                       1.00.00
bios-version:
netvisor-cert-valid-from: Sep 13 07:00:00 2019 GMT
netvisor-cert-valid-till: Sep 14 06:59:59 2039 GMT
```



# **Viewing the Validity of Netvisor ONE Certificates**

Starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1, you can view the validity of Netvisor ONE certificates on your switch. That is, after you upgrade to version 6.1.1, you can check the validity of certificates available on Netvisor ONE using the cert-switch-show command. You can also REST API command to verify the validity of certificates.

The command output also gets logged into tech-support-show command output and can be helpful during a customer support (TAC) call.

To check the validity of certificates on a switch, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-switch-show
name:
                    /usr/nvos/cert/core.pem
cert-type:
                   server
subject:
                    /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus
Networks/OU=Core
Encryption/CN=Core Encryption
                   /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo
Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA
serial-number: 291
valid-from:
                   Mar 9 10:19:06 2021 GMT
                   Mar 4 10:19:06 2041 GMT
valid-to:
status:
                   Certificate valid for 7174 days
_____
                    /usr/nvos/cert/cacert.pem
name:
name.
cert-type:
                   ca
                /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo
Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA
                    /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo
issuer:
Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA
serial-number: 17400531076958470354 valid-from: Apr 9 11:00:34 2021 GMT
                   Apr 4 11:00:34 2041 GMT
valid-to:
                   Certificate valid for 7205 days
status:
_____
                    /usr/nvos/cert/pkg.pem
name:
cert-type:
subject:
                    /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus
Networks/OU=Package/CN=Package
                    /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo
Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA
serial-number: 31
                   Oct 15 19:24:41 2012 GMT
valid-from:
                   Oct 13 19:24:41 2022 GMT
valid-to:
                   Certificate valid for 458 days
status:
                    /usr/nvos/cert/newswitch.pem
name:
cert-type:
                   server
                    /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus
subject:
```



Networks/OU=New

Switch/CN=New Pluribus Switch

issuer: /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

290 serial-number:

valid-from: Mar 9 10:18:37 2021 GMT valid-to: Mar 4 10:18:37 2041 GMT

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

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/var/nvos/cert/switch.pem name:

cert-type: server

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Switch/CN=hostid:184560120 serial:2126PN8500255

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/CN=Pluribus Update

Server CA

serial-number: 12343

Jun 21 07:00:00 2021 GMT valid-from: Jun 22 06:59:59 2041 GMT valid-to:

Certificate valid for 7284 days status:

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/var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: са

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo subject: Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA issuer: /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 17400531076958470354 valid-from: Apr 9 11:00:34 2021 GMT Apr 4 11:00:34 2041 GMT valid-to:

status: Certificate valid for 7205 days

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name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: ca

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=Pluribus Update DNI CA

issuer: /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 295 valid-from: Mar Mar 9 14:34:32 2021 GMT valid-to: Mar 4 14:34:32 2041 GMT

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

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/var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem name:

cert-type: ca

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=Pluribus Update Celestica CA

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo issuer: Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 296

Mar 9 14:40:07 2021 GMT valid-from:



valid-to: Mar 4 14:40:07 2041 GMT

status: Certificate valid for 7174 days

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name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: ca

subject: /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/CN=Pluribus Update

Leadman CA

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo issuer: Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 298

Mar 9 14:45:58 2021 GMT valid-from: valid-to: Mar 4 14:45:58 2041 GMT

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: ca

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=cb-update.pluribusnetworks.com

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo issuer: Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 297

Mar 9 14:43:55 2021 GMT valid-from: valid-to: Mar 4 14:43:55 2041 GMT

status: Certificate valid for 7174 days

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/var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem name:

cert-type: ca

subject: /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=celestica-update2.pluribusnetworks.com /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo issuer:

Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 299 valid-from: Mar Mar 9 14:47:48 2021 GMT valid-to: Mar 4 14:47:48 2041 GMT

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

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/var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem name:

cert-type: ca

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=celestica-update.pluribusnetworks.com /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo issuer: Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 300

Mar 9 14:48:29 2021 GMT valid-from: Mar 4 14:48:29 2041 GMT valid-to:

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

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name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: са



subject: /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=ct-update2.pluribusnetworks.com

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 301

Mar 9 14:49:17 2021 GMT valid-from: valid-to: Mar 4 14:49:17 2041 GMT

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type:

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=ct-update.pluribusnetworks.com

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 302

valid-from: Mar 9 14:49:56 2021 GMT Mar 4 14:49:56 2041 GMT valid-to:

status: Certificate valid for 7174 days

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/var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem name:

cert-type: ca

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus subject:

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=staging-update.pluribusnetworks.com issuer: /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

303

serial-number:
valid-from: Mar 9 14:50:26 2021 GMT valid-to: Mar 4 14:50:26 2041 GMT

Certificate valid for 7174 days status:

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/var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem name:

cert-type: ca

subject: /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=Pluribus Update Manufacturing CA

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo issuer: Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 110

valid-from: Nov 4 01:08:14 2014 GMT Nov 1 01:08:14 2024 GMT valid-to:

Certificate valid for 1207 days status:

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name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

са cert-type:

/C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/CN=Pluribus Update

Server CA

/O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA



serial-number: 304

status: Certificate valid for 7174 days

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name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: ca

subject: /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=Pluribus Update Advantech CA

issuer: /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 344

 valid-from:
 Apr 21 12:02:10 2021 GMT

 valid-to:
 Apr 16 12:02:10 2041 GMT

status: Certificate valid for 7217 days

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name: /var/nvos/cert/cacerts.pem

cert-type: ca

subject: /C=US/ST=California/O=Pluribus

Networks/OU=Update

Servers/CN=Pluribus Update staging CA

issuer: /O=Pluribus Networks/L=Palo Alto/ST=California/C=US/CN=Pluribus Update Root CA

serial-number: 101

valid-from: Jun 2 22:30:14 2014 GMT valid-to: May 30 22:30:14 2024 GMT

status: Certificate valid for 1053 days

To view the certificate expiration alert, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-expiration-alert-show

switch: sff-pvt-ptf

netvisor: yes
days-before-expiration(d): 180



### **Enabling Administrative Services**

There are many features of the Pluribus Networks fabric that require or can be enhanced using remote access. For example, when packets are written to a log file, you may want to transfer that file from a switch to a different system for analysis. Also, if you are creating a NetVM environment, an IOS image of the guest OS must be loaded on the switch.

You can enhance or modify several services such as SSH, NFS, Web, SNMP, SFTP. To check the status of various services, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf-1) > admin-service-show

Leaf-1 switch: if: mgmt ssh: on nfs: on web: on web-ssl: off 443 web-ssl-port: web-port: 80 web-log: off snmp: on net-api: on icmp: on switch: Leaf-1 if: data ssh: on nfs: on web: on web-ssl: off web-ssl-port: 443 web-port: 80 web-log: off snmp: on net-api: onicmp: on

To modify administrative services, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf-1) > admin-service-modify

admin-service-modify	Modifies services on the switch.		
if if-string	Specify the administrative service interface. The options are mgmt or data.		
ssh no-ssh	Specify if you want to enable or disable SSH.		



web no-web	Specify if you want to enable web management. Use this option to enable REST API access over HTTP.		
web-ssl no-web-ssl	Specify if you want to use SSL and certificates for web services. Use this option to enable REST API access over HTTPS.		
web-ssl-port web-ssl-port- number	Specify the web SSL port.		
web-port web-port-number	Specify the port for web management.		
web-log no-web-log	Specify if you want to turn web logging on or off. <b>Note:</b> This option is for use in debugging with Pluribus support's guidance.		
vrrp no-vrrp	Specify if you want to enable or disable VRRP.		
snmp no-snmp	Specify if you want to enable or disable SNMP.		
net-api no-net-api	Specify if you want to enable or disable Netvisor API.		
icmp no-icmp	Specify if you want to enable or disable Internet Message Control Protocol (ICMP).		

Netvisor ONE supports the file transfer method, SFTP and SFTP is enabled by default on Netvisor ONE. Because SFTP relies on Secure Shell (SSH), you must enable SSH before enabling SFTP.

To enable SSH, use the following command

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-service-modify nic mgmt ssh

To enable SFTP, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-sftp-modify enable

sftp password: <password>

confirm sftp password: <password>

The default SFTP username is sftp and the password can be changed using the admin-sftp-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-sftp-modify

sftp password: <password>

confirm sftp password: <password>



To display the details, use the following commands:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf-1) > admin-service-show

admin-service-show: Fabric required. Please use fabric-create/join/show

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-sftp-show

switch: Leaf1
sftp-user: sftp
enable: yes

Use SFTP from a host to the switch, and login with the username **sftp** and the password configured for SFTP. Then you can download the available files or upload files to the switch.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-service-show

switch nic ssh nfs web web-port snmp net-api icmp

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Leaf1 mgmt on off on 80 off on on



# **Configuring Administrative Session Timeout**

Netvisor ONE sets the administrator sessions to timeout after 60 minutes (by default) of idle time or no activity, but allows you to change the timeout value to a user desirable time. During the session timeout, you are logged out of the CLI and the Shell prompt and your privileges changes to *root user*. To access the switch, you must login again using the CLI or Shell prompt.

To verify the default or user configured session timeout value, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > admin-session-timeout-show

switch: Spine1
timeout: 1h

To modify the timeout value, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > admin-session-timeout-modify

timeout duration: #d#h#m#s

Specify the maximum time to wait for user inactivity before terminating login session.



# **Confirming Connectivity on the Network**

After connecting your switch, take the time to ensure connectivity by pinging an external IP address (supports both IPv4 and IPv6), and pinging a domain to ensure domain name resolution.

To ping the external network from the switch, use the ping command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > ping 2010::2
PING 2010::2(2010::2) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 2010::2: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.69 ms
64 bytes from 2010::2: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.412 ms
64 bytes from 2010::2: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.434 ms
64 bytes from 2010::2: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.418 ms
To ping an IP address from the switch, use the ping command:
CLI (network-admin@switch) > ping 98.138.253.109 : 56 data
bytes
PING 98.138.253.109 (98.138.253.109) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 98.138.253.109: icmp_seq=1 ttl=47 time=51.8 ms
64 bytes from 98.138.253.109: icmp_seq=2 ttl=47 time=51.9 ms
64 bytes from 98.138.253.109: icmp_seq=3 ttl=47 time=53.6 ms
To ping a domain, use the ping command again:
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > ping yahoo.com
PING yahoo.com (98.138.253.109) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from irl.fp.vip.nel.yahoo.com (98.138.253.109): icmp_seq=1 ttl=47 time=52.2 ms
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64 bytes from irl.fp.vip.nel.yahoo.com (98.138.253.109): icmp\_seq=2 ttl=47 time=52.5 ms 64 bytes from irl.fp.vip.nel.yahoo.com (98.138.253.109): icmp\_seq=3 ttl=47 time=51.9 ms 64 bytes from irl.fp.vip.nel.yahoo.com (98.138.253.109): icmp\_seq=4 ttl=47 time=51.8 ms



# **Setting the Date and Time**

You can set the date and time on a switch by modifying the switch configuration using the switch-setup-modify command. For example, to change the date and time to September 24, 2019, 09:30:00, use the following command syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-setup-modify date 2019-09-24T09:30:00
```

To display the configured setting, use the switch-setup-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf2) > switch-setup-show
switch-name:
                            Leaf2
mgmt-ip:
                           10.14.30.18/23
mgmt-ip-assignment:
                            static
mgmt-ip6:
                            2721::3617:ebff:fef7:94c4/64
mgmt-ip6-assignment:
                            autoconf
mgmt-link-state:
                            up
mgmt-link-speed:
                            1q
in-band-ip:
                            192.168.101.7/24
                            fe80::640e:94ff:fe83:cefa/64
in-band-ip6:
                            autoconf
in-band-ip6-assign:
gateway-ip:
                            10.14.30.1
                            10.20.4.1
dns-ip:
                            172.16.1.4
dns-secondary-ip:
                            pluribusnetworks.com
domain-name:
ntp-server:
                            0.us.pool.ntp.org
ntp-secondary-server:
                             0.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
timezone:
                            America/Los_Angeles
date:
                            2019-09-24,09:30:00
hostid:
                            184555395
location-id:
                            7
enable-host-ports:
                            yes
                            * Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc.
banner:
Netvisor(R). This is a monitored system.
device-id:
                            1WDQX42
banner:
                                              ACCESS RESTRICTED
TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
                            * By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you
banner:
agree to the terms of the Pluribus Networks *
                            * End User License Agreement
banner:
(EULA). The EULA can be accessed via
http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command
"eula-show"
```

# **Changing the Default Timezone**

By default, Netvisor sets the default timezone to US/Pacific Standard Time (PST).



To change the timezone, use the switch-setup-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-setup-modify timezone timezone name



# **Viewing User Sessions on a Switch**

Netvisor ONE enables you to view the user sessions on a specified switch and displays all currently logged-in users along with the IP address of the user and login time when you run the command, mgmt-session-show. This information is useful for troubleshooting purposes or while dealing on issues with Pluribus Customer Support teams.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mgmt-session-show

user user-string Displays the user name.

cli-user cli-user-string Displays the name used to log into the

switch.

logged into the switch.

Displays the name of the remote node.

pid pid-number Displays the process ID.

terminal terminal-string Displays the terminal ID

from-ip *ip-address* Displays the IP address of the user.

login-time date/time: yyyy- Displays the time and date that the user

mm-ddTHH:mm:ss

remote-node remote-node-

string

vnet *vnet-string* Displays the vNET assigned to the user.

type cli|api|shell Displays the type of login session.

#### For example,

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mgmt-session-show

user	cli-user	pid	terminal	from-ip	login-time	type
admin	network-admin	13805	pts/3	10.60.1.216	11:20:52	cli
root	network-admin	8589	pts/2	10.14.20.109	11-15,17:16:17	cli
	network-admin				08:24:10	cli
root		19139	pts/1	10.14.22.54	11-15,11:01:08	shell

In this example, the root user represents the user who has all access by default, while the admin user has only customized access privileges.



# **Archiving Netvisor ONE Log Files Outside the Switch**

Netvisor ONE enables you to archive the nvOSd log files to an external file server periodically and these log files may be helpful for troubleshooting purposes. As a network administrator, you can configure the following parameters to enable archiving of the log files:

- Server IP address and hostname
- Username and password
- Log archival interval (minimum interval is 30 minutes and the default value is 24 hours)

On configuring this feature, the log archival configuration parameters are saved in the <code>log\_archival\_config.xml</code> file with an encrypted password string. A binary file deciphers the configuration parameters and also the files that are to be archived. Netvisor ONE sends an empty <code>time-stamped directory</code> to the configured remote server path and subsequently, all the log files

are archived to the newly created remote directory. The new directory in the remote server is created in the *nvOS\_archive.yyymmdd\_hh.mm.ss* format.

Netvisor ONE uses the Secure Copy Protocol (SCP) to archive the log files from the switch to the remote external server at specific intervals. Using the enable or disable parameter in the CLI command, you can start or stop archiving of the log files. You can archive regular log files, a set pattern of log files, or a whole directory from one of the following paths only. If you add files from other paths than the directories specified here, Netvisor ONE displays an error.

- /var/nvOS/log/\*
- /nvOS/log/\*
- /var/log/\*

Use the below CLI commands to configure the log archival parameters and schedule the archival interval.

To modify the archival schedule parameters for the log files, use the command,



archive-server-path <string></string>	Specify the SCP server path to archive the log files in.
archive-interval <304294967295>	Specify the log archival interval in minutes. The range varies from 30 minutes to 4294967295 minutes with a default value of 1440 minutes (one day).
archive-server-password <string></string>	Enter the SCP server password.

For example, if you had modified the log-archival-schedule by specifying the archive-server-username as pn-user, archive-server as pn-server, and archive-server-path as  $/home/pn-server/workspace/log_archival_tests$ , use the command,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-modify archive-server-username pn-user archive-server pn-server archive-server-path /home/pn-server/workspace/log_archival_tests
```

To display the modified configuration, use the command,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-show
```

enable: no
archive-interval(m): 1440

To add the log files to the archival list, use the command,

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-files-add log-file log-file-string

	Specify a comma-separated list of log
log-file log-file-string	file names to add to the archive list.

For example, to add the nvOSd.log or audit. log or all log files or a whole directory, use the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-files-add
log-file /var/nvOS/log/nvOSd.log
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-files-add
log-file /var/nvOS/log/*.log
```

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-files-add
log-file /var/log



CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-files-add
log-file /nvOS/log/audit.log

To view the list of log files that you had scheduled to be archived, use the command,

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-filesshow

/var/nv0S/log/nv0Sd.log
/var/nv0S/log/\*.log
/var/log
/nv0S/log/audit.log

If you try to add an unsupported file or directory, an error message is displayed. For example,

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-files-add
log-file /var/nvOS

/var/nvOS, not from valid logs supported

To remove the log files or a list of log files from the archival list, use the command,

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > log-archival-schedule-filesremove log-file log-file-string

## **Guidelines and Tips**

- When the log-archival-schedule is enabled and if all files are removed from the archival list, the log-archival-schedule gets disabled.
- If the systemd timer expires before the previous log-archival process is finished, then the systemd waits for the process to complete before starting the new process.



# **Displaying and Managing Boot Environment (BE) Information**

Netvisor ONE provides two boot environments (BEs): the current boot environment, and the previous boot environment. The presence of two BEs enable you to rollback or rollforward the software versions or configurations.

During software upgrade, a new boot environment is automatically created to install the new software and after the software upgrade, the switch boots into the newly created BE that is running the new software. Also, during software upgrade the older BE (which was not active) is deleted, and the current BE from where software upgrade started is preserved, and then the switch boots into newer BE with new software. This process ensures that there are only two boot environments (BEs) after upgrade.

To display boot environment information, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bootenv-show

name	version	current	reboot	space	created	apply-current-config
netvisor-1	5.2.1-15718	no	no	0	02-23,04:22:46	false
netvisor-2	6.1.0-17888	yes	yes	0	03-06,20:47:13	false

To reboot the switch into one of the boot environments other than current boot environment, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bootenv-activate-and-reboot name
netvisor-1
```

To delete a boot environment, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bootenv-delete name netvisor-2
```

You can display information about different boot environments on the switch.



# **Exporting Configurations Using Secure Copy Protocol (SCP)**

Netvisor ONE supports export of switch configuration to a configuration bundle. This functionality allows the network administrator to create configuration backups that can be used in cases when the administrator needs to restore the switch configuration to a previous revision of the configuration.

The switch config export functionality in Netvisor ONE can export the configuration bundle to a local disk on the switch or can upload the configuration bundle to an external server using Secure Copy Protocol(SCP). To upload the configuration bundle to an external server using SCP, the upload server should support SCP protocol.

To export a switch configuration, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export
```

Specify any of the following options:						
<pre>export-file switch-config export-file</pre>	File name for exported configuration bundle.					
upload-server upload-server- string	DNS Name or IP address of upload server and path to store configuration bundle on the upload server. Uploads the config file to server via SCP					

#### For example,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-crater) > switch-config-export
export-file crater-backup-04142011 upload-server root@server-
test-67:/var/tmp/
server password:
Uploaded configuration to server at /var/tmp/
CLI (network-admin@switch-crater) >
server password:
Uploaded configuration to server at /root
CLI (network-admin@switch-crater) >
```

During the software upgrade process, Netvisor ONE exports the switch configuration and makes it available at a /export directory that is accessible when the admin connects to the switch using SFTP client. Netvisor ONE stores a maximum of three configuration archives on the switch. All older configurations are deleted.

Similar to Netvisor configuration export functionality, during software upgrade Netvisor can optionally upload the configuration bundle to an external upload server using SCP protocol to create a configuration back up. Similar to switch-config-export command, admin can use upload-server parameter of software-upgrade command to specify details of upload server to upload configurations to the external server.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-crater) > software-upgrade package nvOS-6.1.0-6010018109-onvl.pkg upload-server root@server-test-
```



67:/var/tmp/
server password:
Scheduled background update.
\* software-upgrade-status-show to check the progress
\* software-upgrade-instant-status-show to check the instant upgrade status
Switch will reboot itself.DO NOT reboot manually.
CLI (network-admin@switch-crater) >

On upload server, configuration bundle is saved as below(upgrade-<hostname>-<br/>
<br/>
<br/>
version>-<timestamp>.tar.gz):

root@server-test-67:/var/tmp# ls -l | grep crater
-rw-r--r- 1 root root 16219 Apr 14 14:19
upgrade-switch-crater-crater-rfc-6.1.0-6010018118.2021-0414T14.19.59.tar.gz
root@server-test-67:/var/tmp#



# **Upgrading the Netvisor ONE Software**

Software upgrades are a routine maintenance procedure that must be completed often. However, there are some guidelines to consider before you start the upgrade procedures.

Before you start the upgrade process, obtain the required upgrade software. You can download the software manually and copy it to a switch before beginning the upgrade procedures.

Below are the different upgrade scenarios and respective process:

### **Upgrading from Netvisor ONE Version 3.0.4 or Earlier**

If you are upgrading from Netvisor ONE version 3.0.4 or earlier to Netvisor ONE version 5.x.x, 6.x.x, or 7.x.x, then, you must first upgrade to Netvisor ONE version 3.1.1 before upgrading to a later release. The direct upgrade from version 3.0.4 or earlier to version 5.x.x/6.x.x/7.x.x is not supported.

### **Upgrading from Netvisor ONE Version 6.x.x**

If you are upgrading from Netvisor ONE version 6.x.x version to 7.0.0 GA, 7.0.0 HF, or 7.0.1 GA, the upgrade process also includes upgrading the Linux OS from Ubuntu version 16.04 to 20.04. Hence, you must use the focal upgrade image, that is, *nvOS-focalupg-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-onvl.pkg* by using the command:

CLI> software-upgrade package nvOS-focalupg-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-onvl.pkg

### **Upgrading from Netvisor ONE Version 7.0.0 GA/HF1 version to 7.0.1 or above**

If you are upgrading from Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0 GA or 7.0.0 HF1 to 7.0.1 GA or above, you need to force a release upgrade to include the kernel upgrade. Even though Netvisor version 7.0.0 runs Ubuntu 20.04, the kernel version is different in Netvisor 7.0.1 release. To upgrade to version 7.0.1:

- 1. Download the focal upgrade image, for example, nvOS-focalupg-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-onvl.pkg.
- 2. Rename the file to nvOS-force-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-onvl.pkg
- 3. Upgrade the version by using the commands:

```
CLI> # mv nvOS-focalupg-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-onvl.pkg nvOS-force-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-onvl.pkg
```

CLI> software-upgrade package nvOS-force-7.0.1-70001xxxxx-



onvl.pkg

**Note**: The *force* rename option is relevant to focalupg image only. Please do not rename regular upgrade image with *force* rename option.

### **General Upgrade Procedure**

Software and fabric upgrade process comprises of two distinct phases: (i) the installation (upgrade) of the new software and (ii) a switch reboot to activate the new software.

Read this section completely before starting the software upgrade procedure.

To upgrade the software on a switch, use the software-upgrade command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade

software-upgrade

package upgrade-packagename.pkq

software-upgrade

package upgrade-packagename.pkg

auto-reboot | no-auto-reboot

software-upgrade

package upgrade-packagename.pkg

upload-server uploadserver-

name/ip:/path/to/upload/to

software-upgrade

package upgrade-packagename.pkg

auto-reboot | no-auto-reboot

Starts software upgrade on local switch using software bundle from /sftp/import directory.

Starts software upgrade on local switch using software bundle from /sftp/import directory. Use the auto-reboot or no-auto-reboot parameter to specify whether the switch needs to be automatically rebooted after software upgrade or whether admin will manually reboot the switch at a later time to start with new upgraded software. The default value is auto-reboot.

This parameter is added in Netvisor ONE 6.1.0.

Starts software upgrade on local switch using software bundle from /sftp/import directory and uploads switch configuration backup file to the specified path on server using SCP.

Starts software upgrade on local switch using software bundle from /sftp/import directory. Use the auto-reboot or no-auto-reboot parameter to specify whether switch needs to be



upload-server uploadserver-string

automatically rebooted after software upgrade or not.

The default value is auto-reboot. The presence of upload-server parameter in software-upgrade command uploads switch configuration bundle to the specified path on server using SCP.

software-upgrade-abort

Aborts an *in progress* software upgrade. Note that software upgrade will be aborted when upgrade process completes its current step and reaches

logical next step.

This command is added in Netvisor ONE

6.1.0.

software-upgrade-reboot

Indicates the software upgrade process to reboot the switch after software upgrade is complete. This command is used when no-auto-reboot parameter is specified when software

upgrade is started.

This command is added in Netvisor ONE

6.1.0.

software-upgrade-instantstatus-show

Displays the current (most recent status of software upgrade during a fabric-wide upgrade process. This command accepts various format options of Netvisor CLI. This command is introduced in Netvisor

ONE 6.1.0

software-upgrade-status-show

Displays the current status of software upgrade that is in progress or completed.

Starting with Netvisor ONE 6.1.0 release, additional options such as  $\mathtt{auto-reboot} \mid \mathtt{no-auto-reboot}$ , abort, and  $\mathtt{manual}$  reboot are supported on the  $\mathtt{software-upgrade}$  command. By using these options, you can control the automatic reboot of switch after software upgrade completes or you can abort an upgrade that is in progress.

If you start software upgrade by specifying auto-reboot parameter for software-upgrade command, switch automatically reboots after software upgrade completes and switch boots up with new software version.

However, if you start the software upgrade by specifying the no-auto-reboot parameter for software-upgrade command, switch completes the software upgrade and waits for administrator to manually reboot the switch to boot into upgraded software. After determining that upgrade is complete, you must issue a software-upgrade-reboot command to reboot the switch to boot with upgraded software.

While software upgrade is in progress or software upgrade is complete and switch is waiting for administrator to issue software-upgrade-reboot command, if you want to abort the upgrade and keep switch in current software version, you can use



software-upgrade-abort command to abort the upgrade process. This scenario is explained further in the examples below.

**Note**: The software-upgrade-abort and software-upgrade-reboot commands are supported only if upgrade is started using software-upgrade command. Do not run these commands if you started fabric wide upgrade using fabric-upgrade command. An error message is displayed if you do so.

To start a software upgrade follow the steps below:

1. View the current version of Netvisor ONE on the switch by using command: For example,

CLI network-admin@switch > software-show version: 6.1.0-6010017911

2. Identify the software package. Depending on the version of Netvisor ONE running on your switch, you should use appropriate software upgrade package. Select the appropriate upgrade bundle from the following upgrade matrix table based on the current version on your switch:

Table 2-1: Upgrade Matrix

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<b>Current Software</b>	Target Release for Upgrade	Upgrade Type	Upgrade Software Package					
3.1.x GA	7.0.1 GA	Software Upgrade using release upgrade bundle	nvOS-focalupg- 7.0.1-7000119597- onvl.pkg					
5.x.x OR 6.x.x OR	7.0.1 GA	Software Upgrade using regular offline upgrade bundle	nvOS-focalupg- 7.0.1-7000119597- onvl.pkg					
7.0.0 GA 7.0.0 HF1	7.0.1 GA		nvOS- <b>force</b> -7.0.1- 7000119581- onvl.pkg*					

\*Note: The force rename option is relevant to focalupg image only. Please do not rename regular upgrade image with force rename option.

- 3. Copy the upgrade package to the switch, to do:
  - a) Enable Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) on the switch:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> admin-sftp-modify enable
sftp password:
confirm sftp password:
```



CLI (network-admin@switch)>

b) Upload the Software package to the switch:

04:00

root@server-os-9:~/# sftp sftp@switch The authenticity of host 'switch (10.0.0.02)' can't be established. RSA key fingerprint is SHA256:SI8VQZgJCppbrF4sRcby36Fx7rz3Hh5EJllPPyScLZU. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? Warning: Permanently added 'switch1, 10.0.0.02 (RSA) to the list of known hosts. \* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a monitored system. \* \* ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY \* \* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the terms of the Pluribus Networks \* \* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be accessed via \* \* http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command "eula-show" \* Password: Connected to switch sftp> cd import sftp> put nvOS- nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg Uploading nvOS- nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg nvOS- nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg

4. Start the upgrade process by using the software-upgrade command with package parameter, which allows you to specify the name of the upgrade file. The switch gets automatically rebooted after software upgrade is complete.

nvOS- nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg 100% 332MB 7.5MB/s

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade package nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg Scheduled background update. Use software-upgrade-status-show to check. Switch will reboot itself. DO NOT reboot manually.

**Caution**: Do not reboot or power off the switch during the upgrade procedure. When software upgrade is complete, switch reboots automatically.

5. Monitor the upgrade process using the software-upgrade-status-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch)>software-upgrade-status-show show-interval 5

[Apr11.21:30:41] Starting software upgrade ...

[Apr11.21:30:42] Cleaning old package bundles

[Apr11.21:30:42] Checking available disk space...



```
[Apr11.21:30:42] Avbl free space: 12.69G, Required: 0.62G
[Apr11.21:30:42] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Aprl1.21:30:42] Extracting initial bundle.
log
[Aprl1.21:30:41] Starting software upgrade ...
[Aprl1.21:30:42] Cleaning old package bundles
[Apr11.21:30:42] Checking available disk space...
[Apr11.21:30:42] Avbl free space: 12.69G, Required: 0.62G
[Apr11.21:30:42] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Apr11.21:30:42] Extracting initial bundle.
[Apr11.21:30:50] Decrypting signed bundle.
[Apr11.21:30:52] Extracting signed bundle.
[Apr11.21:31:00] Extracting packages.
[Aprll.21:31:09] Fetching repository metadata.
[Aprl1.21:31:09] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
[Apr11.21:31:11] Computing package update requirements.
[Apr11.21:31:12] Upgrade agent version: 6.0.1-6000116966
[Apr11.21:31:12] Upgrading software upgrade framework
[Aprll.21:31:16] Fetching repository metadata.
[Aprll.21:31:17] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
[Apr11.21:31:17] Computing package update requirements.
[Aprl1.21:31:17] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033
[Apr11.21:31:17] Upgrading nvOS 6.0.1-6000116966 -> 7.0.0-
7000019033
[Apr11.21:32:28] Cleaning up old BEs.
[Apr11.21:32:30] Upgrading nvOS 6.0.1-6000116966 -> 7.0.0-
7000019033
[Apr11.21:32:30] Software upgrade completed. Rebooting.
```

After the switch reboots and you see following message in serial console of the switch, you can SSH to switch as the *network-admin*:

```
nvOS system info:
serial number: 1XXXXXXX00059
hostid: 090XXX9d
device id:
[ OK ] Started NetVisor Operating System.
Starting nvOSd Monitor...
[ OK ] Started nvOSd Monitor.
[ OK ] Reached target Multi-User System.
[ OK ] Reached target Graphical Interface.
[ OK ] Started Stop ureadahead data collection 45s after
completed startup.
Starting Update UTMP about System Runlevel Changes...
[ OK ] Started Update UTMP about System Runlevel Changes.
* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a
monitored system.
* ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY *
```



```
* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the terms of the Pluribus Networks *

* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be accessed via *

* http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command "eula-show" *

switch1 login: network-admin

Password:
Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 6.1

Connected to Switch switch; nvOS Identifier:0x90XXXX9; Ver: 7.0.0-7000019033

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-show
```

To verify that a standalone (non-cluster) switch is fully operational after the software upgrade, you can use the log-event-show command. The 'System is up for service' log message indicates that the switch is ready for forwarding. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-event-show
```

version: 7.0.0-7000019033

```
category time name code level event-type message
------
event 2021-03-10,23:37:40.572119 systemup_alert 11513 note system System is up
for service
```

**Note**: You can also use the 'System is up for service' log message to verify that a switch is functional after a reboot or restart triggered by the following operations: fabric-upgrade, switch-reboot, nvos-restart, fabric-join, cluster repeer, and config import commands.

Apart from upgrading Netvisor ONE on individual switches, starting from Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, you can perform software upgrade on all switches in a fabric using software-upgrade from one switch and reboot the switches to perform fabric-wide software upgrade (software upgrade on all the nodes in a fabric).

You can choose one of the below options to perform software upgrade on all switches from one switch:

- Start software upgrade on entire fabric and reboot the switches sequentially OR
- Start software upgrade on entire fabric and reboot all switches, but not sequentially

### Start software upgrade on entire fabric and reboot the switches sequentially

Follow the steps to perform software upgrade on entire fabric and reboot the switches sequentially:



1. Enable SFTP on all switches and provide the credentials for each switch using the CLI command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> switch * admin-sftp-modify
enable
```

2. Enable shell access for network-admin role on all switches in the fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> switch * role-modify name
network-admin shell
```

3. Download the software upgrade bundle to each switch by entering the below command only on one switch:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * shell cd /sftp/import;wget http://sandy.pluribusnetworks.com//offline-pkgs/onvl/nvOS-7.0.0/nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg
```

4. Start the software upgrade process on all the switches using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * software-upgrade package nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg no-auto-reboot
```

5. Verify that all nodes display the "Waiting for software-upgrade-abort/software-upgrade-reboot" message by using the command individually on each switch:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> software-upgrade-status-show
```

6. Issue the *software-upgrade-reboot* command on each switch in the fabric one by one based on the reboot sequence that best works for your deployment.

#### Start software upgrade on entire fabric and reboot all switches non-sequentially

Follow the steps to perform fabric-wide software upgrade without reboot sequence:

1. Enable SFTP on all switches and provide the credentials for each switch using the CLI command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> switch * admin-sftp-modify
enable
```

2. Enable shell access for *network-admin* role on all switches in the fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * role-modify name network-admin shell
```

3. Download the software upgrade bundle to each switch by entering the below command only on one switch:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> switch * shell cd /sftp/import;wget http://sandy.pluribusnetworks.com//offline-pkgs/onvl/nvOS-7.0.0/nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg
```



4. Start the software upgrade process on all the switches with no-auto-reboot command parameter:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * software-upgrade package nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg no-auto-reboot
```

5. Verify that all nodes display the "Waiting for software-upgrade-abort/software-upgrade-reboot" message by using the command individually on each switch

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> software-upgrade-status-show
```

6. Reboot all the switches except the node where you are running the commands. This step ensures that the software-upgrade-reboot command is executed by all the switches before the node where you originally started the upgrade process goes down.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)> switch <comma separated non controller switches> software-upgrade-reboot
```

7. Reboot the node where you started the upgrade and complete the upgrade process of the fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch <controller node > software-upgrade-reboot
```

Below are some examples of the software upgrade that can be used when you want the switch to not reboot automatically after upgrade is complete, but wants to reboot manually or if you want to abort the software upgrade that is in progress.

• Usage of the software-upgrade command with no-auto-reboot option and later issuing an abort command to abort the upgrade process:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade package nvOS-
7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg no-auto-reboot

CLI (network-admin@ switch) > software-upgrade-status-show
```

log

```
[Mar11.07:47:21] Starting software upgrade ...
[Mar11.07:47:22] Checking available disk space...
[Mar11.07:47:22] Avbl free space: 82.67G, Required: 1.28G
[Mar11.07:47:22] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Mar11.07:47:22] Extracting initial bundle.
[Mar11.07:47:38] Decrypting signed bundle.
[Mar11.07:47:39] Extracting signed bundle.
[Mar11.07:47:56] Extracting packages.
[Mar11.07:48:13] Fetching repository metadata.
[Mar11.07:48:13] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
[Mar11.07:48:13] Computing package update requirements.
[Mar11.07:48:13] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033
[Mar11.07:48:13] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-
7000019033
[Mar11.07:49:01] Waiting for software-upgrade-abort/software-
upgrade-reboot
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-abort



Upgrade running, scheduled abort

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-status-show log

[Mar11.07:47:21] Starting software upgrade ... [Mar11.07:47:22] Checking available disk space... [Mar11.07:47:22] Avbl free space: 82.67G, Required: 1.28G [Mar11.07:47:22] Unpacking local package bundle... [Mar11.07:47:22] Extracting initial bundle. [Mar11.07:47:38] Decrypting signed bundle. [Mar11.07:47:39] Extracting signed bundle. [Mar11.07:47:56] Extracting packages. [Mar11.07:48:13] Fetching repository metadata. [Mar11.07:48:13] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image [Mar11.07:48:13] Computing package update requirements. [Mar11.07:48:13] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033 [Mar11.07:48:13] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-7000019033 [Mar11.07:49:01] Waiting for software-upgrade-abort/softwareupgrade-reboot [Mar11.07:50:39] User indicated software-upgrade-abort [Mar11.07:50:40] User aborted the upgrade. [Mar11.07:50:42] Software upgrade aborted [Mar11.07:50:42] ERR: Upgrade failed: User aborted the upgrade.

 Usage of the software-upgrade command with no-auto-reboot option and later issuing a software-upgrade-reboot command to complete the upgrade process:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade package nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg no-auto-reboot
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-status-show log

```
[Mar11.07:52:59] Starting software upgrade ...
[Mar11.07:52:59] Checking available disk space...
[Mar11.07:52:59] Avbl free space: 82.67G, Required: 1.28G
[Mar11.07:52:59] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Mar11.07:52:59] Extracting initial bundle.
[Mar11.07:53:16] Decrypting signed bundle.
[Mar11.07:53:17] Extracting signed bundle.
[Mar11.07:53:33] Extracting packages.
[Mar11.07:53:50] Fetching repository metadata.
[Mar11.07:53:50] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
[Mar11.07:53:51] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033
[Mar11.07:53:51] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-7000019033
[Mar11.07:54:38] Waiting for software-upgrade-abort/software-
```



#### upgrade-reboot

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-reboot
Upgrade running, scheduled reboot

CLI (network-admin@switch) > Shared connection to switch closed.

#### Check the status on the new BE:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-status-show log
```

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```
[Mar11.07:52:59] Starting software upgrade ...
[Mar11.07:52:59] Checking available disk space...
[Mar11.07:52:59] Avbl free space: 82.67G, Required: 1.28G
[Mar11.07:52:59] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Mar11.07:52:59] Extracting initial bundle.
[Mar11.07:53:16] Decrypting signed bundle.
[Mar11.07:53:17] Extracting signed bundle.
[Mar11.07:53:33] Extracting packages.
[Mar11.07:53:50] Fetching repository metadata.
[Mar11.07:53:50] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
[Mar11.07:53:50] Computing package update requirements.
[Mar11.07:53:51] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033
[Mar11.07:53:51] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-
7000019033
[Mar11.07:54:38] Waiting for software-upgrade-abort/software-
upgrade-reboot
[Mar11.07:57:07] User indicated software-upgrade-reboot
[Mar11.07:57:08] User issued software-upgrade-reboot,
rebooting the switch.
[Mar11.07:57:08] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-
7000019033
[Mar11.07:57:08] Software upgrade completed. Rebooting.
[Mar11.07:59:35] Upgrade agent is listening.
```

### • Usage of the software-upgrade command in default mode:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade package nvOS-7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg

#### log

```
[Marl1.09:32:10] Starting software upgrade ...
[Marl1.09:32:10] Checking available disk space...
[Marl1.09:32:10] Avbl free space: 81.89G, Required: 1.28G
[Marl1.09:32:10] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Marl1.09:32:10] Extracting initial bundle.
[Marl1.09:32:27] Decrypting signed bundle.
[Marl1.09:32:28] Extracting signed bundle.
[Marl1.09:32:44] Extracting packages.
[Marl1.09:33:01] Fetching repository metadata.
```



```
[Mar11.09:33:01] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image [Mar11.09:33:02] Computing package update requirements. [Mar11.09:33:02] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033 [Mar11.09:33:02] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-7000019033 [Mar11.09:33:51] Upgrading nvOS 6.1.0-6010017911 -> 7.0.0-7000019033 [Mar11.09:33:51] Software upgrade completed. Rebooting. Shared connection to switch closed.
```

• Usage of the software-upgrade command in default mode and later issuing an abort command to abort the upgrade process. The software-upgrade-abort command is also supported in the default mode (same as auto-reboot mode):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade package nvOS-
7.0.0-7000019033-onvl.pkg
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-abort
CLI (network-admin@switch) > software-upgrade-status-show
log
[Mar11.09:43:04] Starting software upgrade ...
[Mar11.09:43:04] Checking available disk space...
[Mar11.09:43:04] Avbl free space: 81.15G, Required: 1.28G
[Mar11.09:43:04] Unpacking local package bundle...
[Mar11.09:43:04] Extracting initial bundle.
[Mar11.09:43:13] User indicated software-upgrade-reboot
<====== time at which user initiated the command
[Mar11.09:43:21] Decrypting signed bundle.
[Mar11.09:43:22] Extracting signed bundle.
[Mar11.09:43:38] Extracting packages.
[Mar11.09:43:55] Fetching repository metadata.
[Mar11.09:43:56] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
[Mar11.09:43:56] Computing package update requirements.
[Mar11.09:43:56] Upgrade agent version: 7.0.0-7000019033
[Mar11.09:43:56] User aborted the upgrade.
                                             <==========
place at which actual abort is performed (consistent state)
[Mar11.09:43:56] Software upgrade aborted
[Mar11.09:43:56] ERR: Upgrade failed: User aborted the
upgrade.
```

Another new command added in Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 is the software-upgrade-instant-status-show command, which displays the most current status of the upgrade process of all the switches in the fabric. This command is different from the software-upgrade-status-show command, where all details of the upgrade process is displayed.

Use this command to view the most recent status on each switch in the fabric when you perform the upgrade process on all switches of the fabric (fabric-wide upgrade):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * software-upgrade-instant-status-show show-interval 1
```



switch log
-----Switch1 [Mar11.07:48:13] Upgrading nvOS 6.0.1-6000116966 -> 6.1.0-6010017911
Switch2 [Mar11.07:48:13] Upgrading nvOS 6.0.1-6000116966 -> 6.1.0-6010017911

The switch \* in the above command indicates all the switches in that fabric which is undergoing the software upgrade process.



# Implementing a Fabric Upgrade

A switch that is part of a fabric can be upgraded locally using software-upgrade process or you can start a fabric-wide upgrade of all nodes in the fabric.

While performing a fabric wide upgrade, the switch on which fabric-upgrade command is issued acts as the controller node. It is mandatory to copy the package to /sftp/import/directory of the controller node.

Netvisor ONE copies the upgrade package to other nodes in the fabric as part of fabric-wide upgrade. The controller node monitors the progress of the upgrade on each node and you can view the status of the upgrade using the fabric-upgrade-status-show command. The controller node is identified by an "\*" after the switch name in the status output.

Netvisor ONE enables you to implement a fabric-wide upgrade and reboot the switches at the same time or in a sequential order.

### **Upgrading the Fabric**

Follow the tasks explained here to upgrade all switches in the fabric:

### **Upgrade Commands**

Following are the commands that control the fabric upgrade process:

- **fabric-upgrade-start** begin the upgrade process on entire fabric by specifying the package name
- **fabric-upgrade-status-show** monitor the progress of the upgrade for each node in the fabric
- fabric-upgrade-finish finalize when upgrade is complete
- **fabric-upgrade-abort** abort the entire upgrade process and return switches to their prior state

The fabric-upgrade-start command defines all the future behavior of the upgrade process, that is, any optional settings need to be defined with the <code>start</code> command. In addition, the fabric-upgrade-start command acquires a configuration lock from all the members of the fabric. No configuration changes are permitted during the upgrade process.

The fabric-upgrade-start command includes the following options:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-start

fabric-upgrade-start
Starts the software upgrade or prepare process on entire fabric.

packages sftp-files name
Comma separate list of software bundles.

Specify between 0 and 7 of the following



options:

upgrade on the entire fabric. The default

option is no-auto-finish.

abort-on-failure no-abort-on-

failure

Whether to abort fabric upgrade if a node fails or not. The default option is

no-abort-on-failure.

manual-reboot | no-manual-

reboot

Whether to defer to user for reboot after

upgrade.

download-count 1..5 Number of concurrent downloads. The

default value is 5 (maximum). This option

is introduced in version 6.1.0.

upgrade.

upload-server upload-server-

string

server-password

Upload config file to server via SCP.

SCP host password.

During a fabric upgrade, all members of fabric downloads the upgrade bundle from controller node. By default, fabric upgrade allows a maximum of 5 switches in the fabric to download the upgrade bundle from controller at a given time.

However, this can cause issues if there is bandwidth constraint or can overwhelm the controller node if the controller is of a lower hardware specification switch. To address this issue, starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, you can use the download-count parameter of fabric-upgrade command to reduce the number of concurrent downloads depending upon your network conditions and hardware capabilities of the controller node. By default, the download-count is five.

For example, to set the download count to 2, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-start packages nvOS-6.0.1-6010017911-onvl.pkg download-count 2

### Before you start the fabric-wide upgrade

- 1. Copy image to /sftp/import/ directory of controller node.
- 2. Ensure there is a reliable in-band and/or out-off-band connectivity between fabric members, which helps to distribute the software for the upgrade and monitor the progress of the upgrade process. The distribution of software to the nodes of the fabric is done in parallel, that is, each node receives the software approximately at the same time. An independent communications link is established over the fabric communications path to distribute the software to each node in the fabric.
- 3. Console access to switches are recommended.
- 4. Switches do not accept any configuration commands once upgrade starts, so plan accordingly.



### Copying Image to the Switch

To copy the image:

• First, enable Secure File Transfare Protocol (SFTP) service on all switches by using the following command and create an /sftp/import directory:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch)>switch* admin-sftp-modify
enable
sftp password:
confirm sftp password:
CLI (network-admin@switch)>
```

OR

Enable shell access on all the switches to copy the file to the folder by using the command:

```
CLI(admin@netvisor) > switch* role-modify name network-
admin shell
```

And access the shell:

```
CLI(admin@netvisor) > shell
network-admin@netvisor:~$ cd /sftp/import
network-admin@netvisor:/sftp/import$
```

Copy the image to /sftp/import directory

```
root@server-os-9:~/# sftp sftp@switch
The authenticity of host 'switch (10.0.0.02)' can't be
established.
RSA key fingerprint is
SHA256:SI8VQZgJCppbrF4sRcby36Fx7rz3Hh5EJllPPyScLZU.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added 'switch, 10.0.0.02 (RSA) to the
list of known hosts.
* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a
monitored system. *
* ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY *
* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the terms of the
Pluribus Networks *
* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be
accessed via *
* http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the
command "eula-show" *
Password:
Connected to switch
sftp> cd import
sftp> put nvOS-6.1.0-6010018118-onvl.pkg
Uploading nvOS-6.1.0-6010018118-onvl.pkg
nvOS-6.1.0-6010018118-onvl.pkg
```



nvOS-6.1.0-6010018118-onvl.pkg 100% 332MB 7.5MB/s 04:00

#### Fabric upgrade with manual-reboot option

This option completes in three phases:

- Copy upgrade package to switches in fabric and start upgrade with fabricupgrade-start command.
- Finish or abort fabric upgrade with fabric-upgrade-finish or fabric-upgrade-abort commands.
- Manually reboot switches with the switch-reboot command.

#### **Starting the Fabric Upgrade**

Before starting the upgrade process, ensure that all the nodes of the fabric are online, you can use the command fabric-node-show and check that the state is online for all the nodes.

Use the following command to copy the upgrade package from controller switch to all other switches in the fabric and start the upgrade process.

Run the fabric-upgrade-finish command to reboot the fabric and complete the upgrade process:

CLI network-admin@switch >fabric-upgrade-start packages <image> manual-reboot

The fabric-upgrade-start command defines all behavior of the upgrade process during the upgrade, that is, any optional settings need to be defined with the "start" command (see optional settings below). In addition, the fabric-upgrade-start command acquires a configuration lock from all the members of the fabric. No configuration changes are permitted during the upgrade process.

The optional setting parameters for the fabric-upgrade-start command includes:

- auto-finish specify to start software upgrade on the entire fabric. The default is no-auto-finish.
- abort-on-failure specify if you want the upgrade to stop if there is a failure during the process.
- manual-reboot specify if you want to manually reboot individual switches
  after the upgrade process. If you specify no-manual-reboot, all switches reboot
  automatically after the upgrade is complete.
- prepare specify if you want to perform setup steps prior to performing the upgrade. This step copies the offline software package and then extracts and prepares for the final upgrade process. Once you begin the prepare process, you cannot add new switches to the fabric.



A sample upgrade process is explained below. Start the upgrade process by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-start packages nvOS-6.1.0-6010018118-onvl.pkg auto-finish manual-reboot Warning: This will start software upgrade on your entire fabric.

Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y Scheduled background update.

- \* fabric-upgrade-status-show to check progress
- \* fabric-upgrade-finish to finalize when complete
- \* fabric-upgrade-abort to cancel cleanly
- \* switch-reboot on each switch in fabric to reboot manually when complete

## **Monitoring the Upgrade Process**

The controller node monitors the progress of the upgrade on each node and reports the status of the upgrade by using the fabric-upgrade-status-show command.

There are many interim steps to the upgrade process and to continually monitor the upgrade process use the show-interval (in seconds) option with the fabric-upgrade-status-show command:

Use the following commands to:

• To monitor the progress of the upgrade for each node in the fabric:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-status-show

For example,

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-status-show show-interval 5

log	switch	state	cluster
(0:00:36)Agent needs restart	eq-colo-7	Agent restart wait	aqr07-
08(sec)			
(0:00:34)Agent needs restart	tucana-colo-7	Agent restart wait	spine-
cl(sec)			
(0:03:57)Extracting signed bundle.	aquarius-test-1	Running	
aquarius-test-1-2(sec)			
(0:00:45)Agent needs restart	dorado-test-3	Agent restart wait	dorado-
test-2-3(sec)			
(0:03:57)Extracting signed bundle.	aqr08	Running	aqr07-
08(pri)			
(0:00:28)Agent needs restart	switch*	Agent restart wait	spine-
cl(pri)			
(0:03:57)Extracting signed bundle.	aquarius-test-2	Running	



aquarius-test-1-	0 ( ! )							
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test-2-3(pri)	ccab rebeare		dorado ceb	C 2	rigeric i	CDCAIC	ware	aoraao
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(0:00:47)Agent n			vnv-mini-1		Agent r			
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	cluster 							
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Jpgrade complete	aqr07-08(sec	: )						
(0:01:25)Waiting			cessing			tuca	ana-c	010-7
Jpgrade complete								
(0:06:24)Waiting						aqua	arius	-test-1
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tuc	ana-colo-7	Rek	oot wait
aqu	arius-test-1	Rek	oot wait
dor	rado-test-3	Dak	oot wait
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The first entry in the log is the elapsed time of the upgrade process. It does not include waiting time. The switch with the asterisk (\*) is the upgrade controller node where the fabric-upgrade-start command was issued.

During a fabric-wide upgrade, the messages displayed by the fabric-upgradestatus-show command, based on the current progress status is described in table below:

Table 2-1: Fabric Upgrade Status Description

Message	Description
Downloading package bundle	The upgrade package is downloaded from the initial node to all the other nodes.
Extracting initial bundle	Once successfully downloaded, the offline



	bundle is extracted.
Extracting signed bundle	The signature of the package is verified.
Extracting packages	The packages are extracted and readied to install.
Agent needs restart	The nodes wait for the package to be extracted on all nodes of the fabric.
Upgrading nvOS *	The switch upgrades Netvisor from the older version to the newer one
Waiting for fabric-upgrade- finish/abort	The switches wait for the user to complete the upgrade once it completes using either of the commands mentioned above.

• Once the upgrade package is copied to all switches by fabric upgrade process and the upgrade process is completed, run the fabric-upgrade-finish or fabric-upgrade-abort command to either finish the upgrade or abort it.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-finish
```

Once the upgrade phase is complete, all switches display the *Upgrade complete* message in the log field. You can then reboot the fabric. Following is an example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-finish

log		switch	state
cluster			
(0:13:00)Waiting for spine(sec)	or fabric-upgrade-finish/abort	sw2	Upgrade complete
(0:12:04)Waiting for spine(pri)	or fabric-upgrade-finish/abort	sw1*	Upgrade complete
(0:16:49)Waiting for none	or fabric-upgrade-finish/abort	sw1	Upgrade complete
(0:15:27)Waiting for none	or fabric-upgrade-finish/abort	sw2	Upgrade complete

Finalizing upgrade. Manual reboot of nodes required.

• Manual reboot: each switch in the fabric need to be manually rebooted after the upgrade is completed. The fabric-upgrade-status-show command displays the status as switch waiting to reboot. For example,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-status-show fabric-upgrade-status-show: Switch waiting to reboot
```

At this point, upgrade is completed on all switches, reboot switches one at a time by the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-reboot
```



**Note**: You should **reboot** the controller switch at the end only.

**Note**: All the nodes of the fabric should be running the same software version for the Netvisor ONE features to work correctly.

• During the installation, if there is any issue, the upgrade process can be rolled back using the command fabric-upgrade-abort. To abort the upgrade process and return the switches to their prior state (no reboot needed):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-upgrade-abort

Aborts the fabric upgrade process. All changes to the switches are cleaned up and the server-switches do not reboot. The configuration lock on the fabric is also released. If you issue the fabric-upgrade-abort command during the upgrade process, it may take some time before the process stops because the upgrade has to reach a logical completion point before the changes are rolled back on the fabric. This allows the proper cleanup of the changes.

**Warning**: DO NOT use the switch-reboot command to reboot the switch while upgrade is in progress.

**Note**: During the fabric-upgrade process, the fabric configuration is locked throughout the entire process and you cannot change any configurations during the process.

#### **Related Command:**

Other related commands for fabric-upgrade includes:

- fabric-upgrade-prepare-cancel cancels a fabric upgrade that was prepared earlier.
- fabric-upgrade-prepare-resume resume a fabric upgrade that was prepared earlier.
- fabric-upgrade-prepare-show displays the status of prepared upgrades on the fabric nodes.

### **Review booteny**

A new boot environment is built during the upgrade process. Upon reboot this new boot environment becomes active and the new software is up-and-running on the switch. Generally, it is not required to interact with the boot environments during the upgrade process. It may be necessary to review the boot environments using the command bootenv-show if there is some failure during the upgrade process.



## **Modifying the Fabric Password**

Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0 offers support for changing and resetting the fabric password. Use the fabric-local-modify command to change the current fabric password or reset the password forcefully.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-local-modify

fabric-local-modify	Modify fabric local information.
Specify one or more of the following options:	
vlan 04095	Specify the VLAN assigned to the fabric.
change-password change- password-string	Use this option to change the fabric password after confirming the current password.
reset-password reset-	Use this option to reset the fabric password forcefully.
password-string	<b>Note:</b> Resetting the password requires assistance from Pluribus support.
fabric-network in-band mgmt  vmgmt	Specify the type of interface over which the fabric administration network communicates.
control-network in-band  mgmt vmgmt	Specify the type of interface over which the control plane network communicates.
<pre>fabric-advertisement-network inband-mgmt inband-vmgmt  inband-only mgmt-only</pre>	Specify the interface to send fabric advertisement packets on.

For example, to change the current fabric password, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-local-modify change-password

Please note this will disrupt fabric communications affecting user traffic till the password is changed on ALL nodes.

Please confirm y/n (Default: n):<y>
current password: <current-password>
fabric password: <fabric-password>
confirm fabric password: <fabric-password>
Password changed. Please ensure that the password is changed on all nodes of the fabric.
```

You can leave the <current-password> field empty, if the fabric does not have a preexisting password. Enter the new password in the <fabric-password> field.

If you forget the fabric password, you can reset the same with assistance from Pluribus



#### support. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-local-modify resetpassword

Please note this will disrupt fabric communications affecting user traffic till the password is changed on ALL nodes.

Please confirm y/n (Default: n):<y>
fabric password: <fabric-password>
confirm fabric password: <fabric-password>
fabric-local-modify: Contact Pluribus Networks to reset
password

**Note:** Changing or resetting the fabric password on one of the nodes disrupts fabric communication and can affect the user traffic as well. You must change or reset the password individually on all fabric nodes to re-establish the communication.

If you modify the password on one of the nodes in a fabric, the fabric-node-show output displays the state of other nodes in the fabric as 'offline'.

For example, if you change the password on switch1, while switch2 and switch3 are other nodes in the fabric-node-show output is:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > fabric-node-show layout vertical

name: switch1 fab-name: fabric10

mgmt-ip: 10.10.10.29/23 in-band-ip: 192.168.0.33/24

in-band-vlan-type: public

version: 6.0.0-6000016140

state: online

firmware-upgrade: not-required

device-state: ok

name: switch2
fab-name: fabric10

mgmt-ip: 10.10.10.14/23 in-band-ip: 192.168.0.227/24

in-band-vlan-type: public

version: 6.0.0-6000016140

state: offline

firmware-upgrade: not-required

device-state: ok

name: switch3
fab-name: fabric10

mgmt-ip: 10.10.10.16/23 in-band-ip: 192.168.0.223/24

in-band-vlan-type: public

version: 6.0.0-6000016140

state: offline

firmware-upgrade: not-required

device-state: ok

To add a switch to a fabric, you must authenticate the fabric-join operation by using



#### the fabric password. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > fabric-join name fabric1 password fabric password: <fabric-password> confirm fabric password: <fabric-password> Joined fabric fabric1. Restarting nvOS...

If a cluster node exits a fabric, and the fabric password changes thereafter, you must authenticate the cluster re-peer process by using the new password. For example, to repeer node1 with node2, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@nodel) > fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node node2 password fabric password: <fabric-password> confirm fabric password: <fabric-password> Joined fabric fabric1. Restarting nvOS...



## **Copying and Importing Configuration Files**

You can create a configuration file to import to another switch by using the switch-config-copy-to-import command. To create a configuration file with the name config-092613 to import on another switch, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-copy-to-import export-file config-092613
```

After you create the configuration file, you can export it to /nvOS/export/ directory, and SFTP to it from the target switch.

To review the available files for import and export, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-show
switch export-file
pbg-nvos config-092613.tar.gz
```

Depending on the available remote access services, you can now copy the configuration file to a different switch. For example, you can SFTP to another switch using the IP address of the switch, login as SFTP with the password that you previously set, cd /nvOS/import and get the configuration file.

To upload the configuration file to the target switch and set the configuration from the configuration file, transfer the configuration file to the target switch with the IP address, 192.168.3.35.

To export a configuration to a server, use the switch-config-export command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export
```



# **Auto-configuration of IPv6 Addresses on the Management Interface Support**

#### IPv6 Stateless Address Auto-Configuration (SLAAC)

Like IPv4 addresses, you can configure hosts in a number of different ways for IPv6 addresses. Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) assigns IPv4 addresses dynamically and static addresses assign fixed IP addresses. DHCP provides a method of dynamically assigning addresses, and provides a way to assign the host devices other service information like DNS servers, domain names, and a number of different custom information.

SLAAC allows you to address a host based on a network prefix advertised from a local network router using Router Advertisements (RA). RA messages are sent by default by IPv6 router.

These messages are sent out periodically by the router and include following details:

- One or more IPv6 prefixes (Link-local scope)
- Prefix lifetime information
- Flag information
- Default device information (Default router to use and its lifetime)

Netvisor ONE enables SLAAC by default on the switch.

When you configure IPv6 address on the management interface during setup, the parameter, **assignment**, has two options:

- none Disables IPv6 addresses.
- **autoconf** Configure the interface with SLAAC.



## **Support for Local Loopback IP Addresses**

Netvisor ONE uses the loopback interface as an always up and available virtual interface, and you can assign it a unique IPv4 or IPv6 address. Netvisor ONE uses a loopback interface as a termination address for some routing protocols, because of the availability of the interface. Netvisor ONE allows you to configure a loopback address for a global zone.

- Send a dedicated ping to loopback interface
- Create a BGP neighbor using the loopback Interface with OSPF so reach-ability is there for BGP and BGP next hop self
- Make sure log messages do not show any issues

Netvisor ONE deploys the loopback IP address as persistent in the configuration and not affected by a reboot or reset of Netvisor ONE.

To add a loopback IPv4 or IPv6 address or both to an existing configuration, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch-setup-modify loopback-ip ip-address loopback-ipv6 ipv6-address
```

For example, to add the IPv4 address, 12.1.1.1, and the IPv6 address, 1212::1, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch-setup-modify loopback-ip 12.1.1.1 loopback-ip6 1212::1
```

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch-setup-show format in-band-ip,in-band-ip6,loopback-ip,loopback-ip6, layout horizontal

```
in-band-ip in-band-ip6 loopback-ip loopback-ip6
------
150.1.1.1/24 2001::1/96 12.1.1.1 1212::1
150.1.1.2/24 2001::2/96 12.1.1.2 1212::2
```

After configuring the loopback address, you can SSH to the switch over the management, in-band, or loopback interface using the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > ssh network-
admin@<mgmt/inband/loopback ip-address>
```

Then from CLI, execute the shell command to access the switch shell:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > network-admin@switch:~$
```



# **Configuring REST API Access**

Netvisor ONE enables you to use REST API over HTTP and HTTPS to manage the switches in a fabric, in addition to using the CLI. Though REST API access over HTTP is simpler to configure, Pluribus recommends using HTTPS for security reasons. The vREST web application that runs on the switch enables the REST API client to access the resources on the switch.

Follow the steps below to configure REST API access over HTTP:

• Enable the web service using the command admin-service-modify.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) admin-service-modify if mgmt web

admin-service-modify	Modifies services on the switch.
if if-string	Specify the administrative service interface. The options are mgmt or data.
web no-web	Specify if you want to enable web management. <b>Use this option to enable REST API access over HTTP.</b>
web-ssl no-web-ssl	Specify if you want to use SSL and certificates for web services. <b>Use this option to enable REST API access over HTTPS.</b>
web-ssl-port web-ssl-port- number	Specify the web SSL port.
web-port web-port-number	Specify the port for web management.
web-log no-web-log	Specify if you want to turn on or off web logging.



• Verify configuration using the command admin-service-show:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) admin-service-show

switch	if	ssh	nfs	web	web-ssl	web-ssl-port	web-port	${\tt snmp}$	net-api	icmp
switch1	mgmt	on	off	on	on	443	80	on	off	on
switch1	data	on	off	on	off	443	80	on	off	on

- Download Swagger tool onto the desktop and open index.html file.
- Paste the URL http://<ip-address>/vRest/api-docs into the URL field.
   <ip-address> should be the hostname or management IP address of your switch.
- Click 'Explore'. Commands are populated as below:

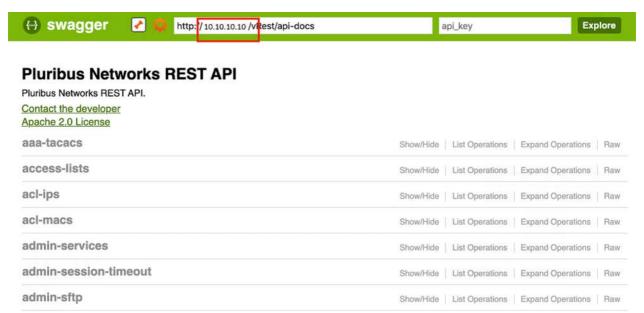


Figure 2-1: Swagger UI for Pluribus REST API

- Right click to enable Chrome Inspect, and view the network tab to ensure that all the commands are loaded.
- Expand one of the CLI commands to see the corresponding GET/POST/DELETE/PUT options.
- Click on the model schema to view the list of configurable options supported under that model (vRest API) which are populated as key-value pairs. Make the required modifications to the values and click 'Try it out!'.



## Using cURL with REST API

To create a VLAN, use the vREST API:

```
$ curl -u network-admin:pluribus!23 -H "Content-
Type:application/json" -X POST http://switch1/vRest/vlans -d
    '{
        "scope": "local",
        "id": 1111,
        "description": "hello world"
        }'
```

By default, all the vRest APIs provide fabric level information. To specifically access the resources of the switch (scope: local), the switch ID needs to be specified in the URL.

For switch ID specific information, use the command:

```
$ curl -u network-admin:pluribus!23 http://switch1/vRest/vlans?
api.switch={hostid} | python -m json.tool
```

as in the following example:

json.tool

```
$ curl -u network-admin:pluribus!23 http://10.10.10.10/vRest/vlans?
api.switch=201327131 | python -m json.tool
```

\$ curl -u network-admin:pluribus!23 http://switch1/vRest/vlans?

For switch information listing a local scope:

```
api.switch=fabric | python -m json.tool

or

$ curl -u network-admin:pluribus!23 http://switch1/vRest/vlans |
python -m json.tool

as in the following example:

$ curl -u network-admin:pluribus!23 http://10.110.0.48/vRest/vlans | python -m
```

# **Configuring REST API Access over HTTPS**

To enable HTTPS communication between a REST API client and Netvisor vREST web service, you have two options:

- 1. You can generate a self-signed certificate using Netvisor CLI and use this certificate for REST web service.
- 2. After creating a self-signed certificate using Netvisor CLI, create a certificate request, get the certificate request signed by a trusted Certificate Authority (CA), import the



signed certificate and CA certificate into Netvisor ONE and use the certificates for REST web service.

Follow the steps below to create the certificates and deploy them:

• Generate self-signed certificate (the private key and the certificate file, in PEM format) using the web-cert-self-signed-create command.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) >	web-cert-self-signed-create
web-cert-self-signed-create	This command creates a self-signed certificate and deletes any existing certificates.
country country-string	Specify the contact address of the organization, starting with the country code.
state state-string	Specify the state or province.
city city-string	Specify the city.
organization organization- string	Specify the name of the organization.
organizational- unit organizational-unit- string	Specify the organizational unit.
common-name common-name- string	Specify the common name. The common name must precisely match the hostname where the certificate is installed.

## For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > web-cert-self-signed-create country US state California city "Santa Clara" organization "Pluribus Networks Inc" organizational-unit Engineering common-name switch1.pluribusnetworks.com
Successfully generated self-signed certificate.

• If you want to get the certificate signed by a trusted Certificate Authority(CA), generate a CSR from the self-signed certificate by using the command web-cert-request-create.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > web-cert-request-create Certificate signing request successfully generated at /sftp/export/switch1.pluribusnetworks.com.csr.

• To view the CSR, use the command web-cert-request-show.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > web-cert-request-show

web-cert-request-show

Displays the certificate signing request.

cert-request cert-request-string Sp

Specify the name of the CSR.

### For example:

----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST---MIICNDCCAYQCAQEwVzELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMxCzAJBgNVBAgMAkNBMQswCQYDVQQH
DAJTSjELMAkGA1UECgwCUE4xDTALBgNVBAsMBEVuZ2cxEjAQBgNVBAMMCWVxLWNV
bG8tMTCCASIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBALMmrZ8hvZ5J+FRs
Lo1sfVtwmmLEaxyhaxD/HNVdXSRhzbQDT20+qySfOudxtWGKyCsuCFFbgMUz7rgu
H1Xle8uwPSoxgTjLGq20sgBQIfNBT5UwDLDuzUUPzMEEjFb3/9Cg1VWju2t1KPim
Gqg3rcA3PCsMeCr/q+9Gz6gfLe6Rfx91yxTA44ZWsOWnvgDdXAPfHOLZ5zBWG8a3
ohgOwMLjy21ytDTA6aR1M9I12MkJwev3t0y6n/CLp6Zigp5wXiArPPnR9sZ+E7so
MqpEzz0rjFDfrNwNAGMzT3WPcmlYRjYrUJ0QsOEQ+O1uHJaNbw1pJEmK2jm97kbk
/HvEFmMCAwEAAaAAMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBQUAA4IBAQCnlgEwzoesbuiCYG7HZJN/
Rxm/NcznpvJXxdlTAdzSbTWWLswrZMyX6bQqUTWEb3qvVccD4tIZShyIGiR0CpCD
22m8LD4+e6/FA6NijjanHkKsRW9Z7ka97TFpsUaH27sUTtfFDDkDImwRIGfns+nu
kTRNMuNiyC/+uHovsvCxS8is3OasQtS1lkG28sZgxisvP17qmfjlb9fQC3pcvR4t
K8GciPMUfgcIA5qLDmCZAg1A6JBMb/UHtUuEnztLrLz4qjWqJJK3pWvdLWZcKDEz
C0t5Dre9ByJ2RT75GdUq2c16xYBGAwZNCzjdhParyBnvn00Mwb6PpPmLGcBQiRNn

• Send the CSR to your trusted CA. You can copy the web-cert-request-show output and send it to the CA for signing the certificate.

You can also connect to the switch by using SFTP and copy the certificate file from /sftp/export location and send it to the CA.

If disabled, use the command admin-sftp-modify enable to enable SFTP.

 Upload the signed certificate, the CA root certificate, and the intermediate CA certificate (if the certificate is signed by an intermediate CA) to /sftp/import directory on the switch using SFTP.

For example, to upload the file server-cert.pem to the /sftp/import directory, follow the steps below:

```
$ sftp sftp@switch1
Password:
sftp> cd /sftp/import
sftp> put server-cert.pem
```

----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST----

• Import the signed server certificate, CA root certificate, and the intermediate certificate (if available) onto the switch using the web-cert-import command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > web-cert-import
```



web-cert-import	This command imports certificates from /sftp/import directory.
file-ca file-ca-string	Specify the name of the CA certificate file.
file-server file-server- string	Specify the name of server certificate file (signed by CA).
file-inter file-inter-string	Specify the name of intermediate CA certificate file.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > web-cert-import file-ca ca.pem file-server server-cert.pem file-inter intermediate.pem Successfully imported certificates.

• After the import is successful, enable web-ssl using the admin-service-modify command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > admin-service-modify if mgmt webssl

• Download the Swagger tool and follow the general steps above to complete the configuration of REST API access.

## **Related Commands**

web-cert-clear
 Use this command to delete previously generated certificates.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > web-cert-clear Successfully deleted all certificate files.

• web-cert-info-show
Use this command to display web certificate information.

#### (network-admin@switch1) web-cert-info-show CLT web-cert-info-show Displays the web certificate information. Specify any of the following options: cert-type ca|intermediate| Specify the one among the options as the certificate type. server subject subject-string Specify the the subject of the certificate. Specify the issuer of the certificate. issuer issuer-string Specify the serial number of the serial-number serial-number certificate. valid-from valid-from-string Specify the time from which the



	certificate is valid.
valid-to valid-to-string	Specify the time at which the certificate expires and is no longer valid.

For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) web-cert-info-show

switch: switch1

cert-type: ca

subject: /C=US/ST=CA/L=SJ/O=PN/OU=Engg/CN=switch1
issuer: /C=US/ST=CA/L=SJ/O=PN/OU=Engg/CN=switch1

serial-number: 1

valid-from: May 7 18:16:10 2019 GMT valid-to: May 6 18:16:10 2020 GMT

switch: switch1
cert-type: server

subject: /C=US/ST=CA/L=SJ/O=PN/OU=Engg/CN=switch1
issuer: /C=US/ST=CA/L=SJ/O=PN/OU=Engg/CN=switch1



# Using cURL to Implement SSL Certificates

Use cURL to automate the upload of the CA root, CA intermediate, and signed switch certificates.

Run the following command for each of the PEM formatted certificates:

```
awk 'NF {sub(/\r/, ""); printf "%s\\n",$0;}' <file-name>.pem
For example:
$ awk 'NF {sub(/\r/, ""); printf "%s\\n",$0;}' /tmp/server-
cert.pem.bkp
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
```

\nMIIDHDCCAgQCAQEwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwVDELMAkGA1UEBhMCSU4xCzAJBgNV\nBAgMAktBMQwwCgYDVQQHDANCTFIxCzAJBgNVBAOMA1BOMQwwCgYDVQQLDANFTkcx\nDzANBgNVBAMMB1NQSU5FMTAeFw0yMDA1MDQxODM4NTZaFw0yMTA1MDQxODM4NTZa\nMFQxCzAJBgNVBAYTAk1OMQswCQYDVQQIDAJLQTEMMAoGA1UEBwwDQkxSMQswCQYD\nVQQKDAJQTjEMMAoGA1UECwwDRU5HMQ8wDQYDVQQDDAZTUE1ORTEwggEiMA0GCSqG\nSIb3DQEBAQUAA4IBDwAwggEKAoIBAQCot16ddH0LNHOrWZt63FHYiArVXYIYbCDh\nWCY6MX3suoXYvKstvRgJkUe/6G5As+vYtwRi2bDqdDsgTC5+Qo4SnjrdTcTM98F+

\n0Qzqv02c+dbzk5GclUkljqq0PHGXRPGOMhou8B/6LI9Hg5XkG+FSfaDGQTM39uj2\nz
zvrMOFn96gzpTBoh40sMoIpnKQLrWeGjlNxaBxhM342cljn1CVmXss/uHMQeang\nsVhP
TynikyxIrDwl9gh/2X1EwzVzpAnUBTUZvJ9rgrceC9GcuGmiPZgxxSruNb0w\nK8xsyH8
/hLwhK4Axgu3a+lfmmKFmSWjywmcxlmQl+jwiMPA/Ty55AgMBAAEwDQYJ\nKoZIhvcNAQ
ELBQADggEBAEG0D/2FcNU6Z6w/6eKbyH855kHSrJyqeU8eoCW9rnOb\nqdnAsFX3aYwiU
CjzSFXpWA3bRr3L7X0Y01x7VSvwITuDvwO431lK29rQfrSvoPiw\nf7fhU7bszlUc2GAu
mU9OEdYBnSI1DzfBawUcPmbDmm+ci27k0po53KDWTbxkBIZR\n20h25LXkmq8ZBzE4vgS
+mAw436nToazB1/vDTMWoBuLVzOUlU8cdcjJUnJBevTbX\nThP691sHVMED8B8Fhl08Bz
IJmQQ9qp1tjplFq1Ea9oEFnT5U5gKvJYy48qEPlW+r\nhRIHysvZXF/dghtrLXDMSBWLl
LofUsDQsh+qLxpo1+k=\n----END CERTIFICATE----\n

Copy the output into the JSON payload.

**Note:** The escape character syntax of \n" must be used as highlighted in red in the example below. Otherwise, the script will fail, and the certificates will not install.



```
$ curl -u network-admin:test123 http://10.100.64.5/vRest/web-
certs/upload -H "content-type:application/json" -v -X POST -d
'{ cert-ca:: -----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
nmiidhdccaqocaoewdoyjkozihvcnaoelboawvdelmakga1uebhmcsu4xczajbqnv\nb
AgMAktBMQwwCgYDVQQHDANCTFIxCzAJBgNVBAoMAlBOMQwwCgYDVQQLDANFTkcx\nDzAN
BgNVBAMMBlNQSU5FMTAeFw0yMDA1MDQxODM4NTZaFw0yMTA1MDQxODM4NTZa\nMFQxCzA
JBgNVBAYTAklOMQswCQYDVQQIDAJLQTEMMAoGA1UEBwwDQkxSMQswCQYD\nVQQKDAJQTj
EMMAoGA1UECwwDRU5HMQ8wDQYDVQQDDAZTUElORTEwggEiMA0GCSqG\nSIb3DQEBAQUAA
4IBDwAwgqEKAoIBAQCot16ddH0LNHOrWZt63FHYiArVXYIYbCDh\nWCY6MX3suoXYvKst
vRgJkUe/6G5As+vYtwRi2bDqdDsgTC5+Qo4SnjrdTcTM98F+
\n00zqv02c+dbzk5Gc1Uk1jqq0PHGXRPGOMhou8B/6LI9Hq5XkG+FSfaDGOTM39uj2\nz
zvrMOFn96gzpTBoh40sMoIpnKQLrWeGjlNxaBxhM342c1jn1CVmXss/uHMQeang\nsVhP
TynikyxIrDwl9gh/2X1EwzVzpAnUBTUZvJ9rgrceC9GcuGmiPZgxxSruNb0w\nK8xsyH8
/hLwhK4Axgu3a+lfmmKFmSWjywmcxlmQl+jwiMPA/Ty55AgMBAAEwDQYJ\nKoZIhvcNAQ
ELBQADqqEBAEG0D/2FcNU6Z6w/6eKbyH855kHSrJyqeU8eoCW9rnOb\nqdnAsFX3aYwiU
CjzSFXpWA3bRr3L7X0Y01x7VSvwITuDvwO4311K29rQfrSvoPiw\nf7fhU7bsz1Uc2GAu
mU9OEdYBnSI1DzfBawUcPmbDmm+ci27k0po53KDWTbxkBIZR\n2Oh25LXkmq8ZBzE4vgS
+mAw436nToazB1/vDTMWoBuLVzOUlU8cdcjJUnJBevTbX\nThP691sHVMED8B8Fhl08Bz
IJmQQ9qp1tjplFq1Ea9oEFnT5U5gKvJYy48qEPlW+r\nhRIHysvZXF/dghtrLXDMSBWLl
LofUsDQsh+qLxpo1+k=\n----END CERTIFICATE----\n", "cert-
server": "----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
\nMIIDHDCCAqOCAQEwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwVDELMAkGA1UEBhMCSU4xCzAJBqNV\nB
AgMAktBMQwwCgYDVQQHDANCTFIxCzAJBgNVBAoMAlBOMQwwCgYDVQQLDANFTkcx\nDzAN
BgNVBAMMBlNQSU5FMTAeFw0yMDA1MDQxODM4NTZaFw0yMTA1MDQxODM4NTZa\nMFQxCzA
JBgNVBAYTAklOMQswCQYDVQQIDAJLQTEMMAoGA1UEBwwDQkxSMQswCQYD\nVQQKDAJQTj
EMMAoGA1UECwwDRU5HMQ8wDQYDVQQDDAZTUElORTEwggEiMA0GCSqG\nS1b3DQEBAQUAA
4IBDwAwqqEKAoIBAQCot16ddH0LNHOrWZt63FHYiArVXYIYbCDh\nWCY6MX3suoXYvKst
vRgJkUe/6G5As+vYtwRi2bDqdDsgTC5+Qo4SnjrdTcTM98F+
\n0Qzqv02c+dbzk5GclUkljqq0PHGXRPGOMhou8B/6LI9Hg5XkG+FSfaDGQTM39uj2\nz
zvrMOFn96gzpTBoh40sMoIpnKQLrWeGjlNxaBxhM342c1jn1CVmXss/uHMQeang\nsVhP
TynikyxIrDwl9gh/2X1EwzVzpAnUBTUZvJ9rgrceC9GcuGmiPZgxxSruNb0w\nK8xsyH8
/hLwhK4Axgu3a+lfmmKFmSWjywmcxlmQl+jwiMPA/Ty55AgMBAAEwDQYJ\nKoZIhvcNAQ
ELBQADqqEBAEG0D/2FcNU6Z6w/6eKbyH855kHSrJyqeU8eoCW9rnOb\nqdnAsFX3aYwiU
CjzSFXpWA3bRr3L7X0Y01x7VSvwITuDvwO4311K29rQfrSvoPiw\nf7fhU7bsz1Uc2GAu
mU9OEdYBnSI1DzfBawUcPmbDmm+ci27k0po53KDWTbxkBIZR\n20h25LXkmq8ZBzE4vqS
+mAw436nToazB1/vDTMWoBuLVzOUlU8cdcjJUnJBevTbX\nThP691sHVMED8B8Fhl08Bz
IJmQQ9qp1tjplFq1Ea9oEFnT5U5gKvJYy48qEPlW+r\nhRIHysvZXF/dghtrLXDMSBWLl
Note: Unnecessary use of -X or --request, POST is already inferred.
* Trying 10.100.64.5...
* TCP NODELAY set
* Connected to 10.100.64.5 (10.100.64.5) port 80 (#0)
* Server auth using Basic with user 'network-admin'
> POST /vRest/web-certs/upload HTTP/1.1
> Host: 10.100.64.5
> Authorization: Basic bmV0d29yay1hZG1pbjp0ZXN0MTIz
> User-Agent: curl/7.54.0
> Accept: */*
> content-type:application/json
> Content-Length: 2348
> Expect: 100-continue
```

< HTTP/1.1 100 Continue

\* We are completely uploaded and fine





## **Running Shell Commands or Scripts Using REST API**

Netvisor ONE version 5.1.0 provides the ability to run shell commands or scripts using REST API or through CLI commands. As a network administrator or as an admin user, you can run the scripts from the directories <code>/opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts</code> (directory and all files are delivered as part of <code>pn-upgrade-agent package</code>) and <code>/usr/bin/pn-scripts</code> (backup directory for running custom scripts).

The commands introduced to enable this feature are: pn-script-show (to view all the available scripts) and pn-script-run name <script-name> (to run a specified script).

## **Usage Guidelines:**

To run a custom script,

- You should have permission to run the script.
- You should not have any duplicate scripts in the directories, /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts and /usr/bin/pn-scripts. In case of duplicate scripts, the script from the directory, /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts takes precedence.
- It is not recommended to execute any scripts that are manually copied to the directory.

You can use the CLI commands or the vREST API to run the scripts. To run the scripts using the CLI commands, for example:

To display the available scripts using the CLI command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > pn-script-show

name
-----
storm.c
testscript.sh
block_learning.pl
cint.sh
```

To display the scripts using vREST API:

```
$ curl -s -u network-admin:test123 http://leo-ext-
leaf1/vRest/pn-scripts
{"data":[{"name":"storm.c"},{"name":"testscript.sh"},
{"name":"block_learning.pl"},{"name":"cint.sh"}],"result":
{"status":"Success","result":[{"api.switch-
name":"local","scope":"local","status":"Success","code":0,"mes
sage":""}]}}%
```

To run the script using the CLI command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > pn-script-run name testscript.sh
```



```
Executing /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts/testscript.sh:
Executing Test PN script!
```

To run the scripts using vREST API, use the following API call:

```
$ curl -s -u network-admin:test123 -X POST http://leo-ext-
leaf1/vRest/pn-scripts/run -d '{ "name" : "testscript.sh" }' -
H "Content-Type: application/json"
{"result":{"status":"Success", "result":[{"api.switch-
name":"local", "scope":"local", "status":"Success", "code":0, "mes
sage":"Executing /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts/testscript.sh:
\nExecuting Test PN script!\n"}]}%
```

To display the API docs of pn-scripts-\*, use the following API call:

```
$ curl -s -u network-admin:test123 http://leo-ext-
leaf1/vRest/api-docs/pn-scripts
{ "apiVersion": "1.0.0", "swaggerVersion": "1.2", "basePath": "/vRes
t","resourcePath":"/pn-scripts","produces":
["application/json", "application/x-ndjson"], "consumes":
["application/json"], "apis":[{"path":"/pn-
scripts", "operations":
[{"method":"GET", "summary":"", "notes":"", "type": "pn-script-
show-response", "nickname": "showPnScripts", "consumes":
[ "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"], "parameters":[]}]},
{"path":"/pn-scripts/run","operations":
[{"method":"POST","summary":"","notes":"","type":"result-
list","nickname":"runPnScript","consumes":
["application/json"], "parameters":
[{"name": "body", "required":false, "type": "pn-script-
run", "paramType": "body", "allowMultiple":false}]}]},
{"path":"/pn-scripts/{name}","operations":
[{"method":"GET", "summary":"", "notes":"", "type": "pn-script-
show-response", "nickname": "showPnScriptByName", "consumes":
["application/x-www-form-urlencoded"], "parameters":
[{"name": "name", "required": true, "type": "string", "paramType": "p
ath", "allowMultiple":false}]}], "models":{"result-list":
{"id":"result-list","required":
["status", "result"], "properties": { "status":
{"type":"string","enum":["Success","Failure"]},"result":
{"type": "array", "items": {"$ref": "result"}}}}, "result":
{"id": "result", "required": ["api.switch-
name", "scope", "status", "code"], "properties": { "api.switch-
name":{"type":"string"}, "scope":{"type":"string", "enum":
["local", "fabric"]}, "status": { "type": "string", "enum":
["Success", "Failure"]}, "code":
{"type":"integer","format":"int32"},"message":
{"type": "string"}}}, "pn-script-show-response": { "id": "pn-
script-show-response","required":
["data", "result"], "properties": { "data":
{"type":"array","items":{"$ref":"pn-script-show"}},"result":
{ "$ref": "result-list" } } }, "pn-script-run": { "id": "pn-script-
```



```
run", "description": "Run PN script", "required":
["name"], "properties": { "name":
    {"type": "string", "description": "desc=Script to
    execute:pattern=^[a-zA-Z0-9_.:-]+$:pattern-help=letters,
    numbers, _, ., :, and -"}}}, "pn-script-show": { "id": "pn-script-show", "description": "Show PN scripts", "required":
    ["name"], "properties": { "api.switch-name":
    {"type": "string"}, "name":
    {"type": "string", "description": "desc=Script to execute"}}}}}}
```



## **Managing RMAs for Switches**

In the event of a switch failure, you must raise an RMA request with the respective hardware vendor.

After the RMA is received, do the following to reconnect the switch back in the fabric:

- 1. Power on the switch
- 2. Connect to the Console window
- 3. Configure the initial switch settings
- 4. Enable SFTP
- 5. Install or upgrade the software to the same version that was available on the failed switch
- 6. Upload or import the previously backed up Configuration file

In Pluribus Unified Cloud Fabric, the configurations can be on per scope basis: Local, Cluster, or Fabric scoped configurations. The scope defines the set of nodes participating in a transaction:

- Local only the local node (switch) participates in the transaction
- Cluster only two cluster peer nodes participate in the transaction
- Fabric all nodes in the same fabric instance participate in the transaction

Based on the switch configurations, use the below processes to restore the configurations on an RMAed switch.

#### **Cluster Re-Peer Process**

When the failed switch is part of a cluster, Pluribus recommends the use the cluster repeer process to restore configuration on the failed switch. Use the fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node command if one of the member-nodes of the cluster is active and none of the nodes in fabric is offline, except the node that is faulty, for which the configuration needs to be restored. In this case, using the fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node command is helpful because each cluster node automatically backs-up the other node's configuration. If one node in cluster fails, the above command restores the configuration from the other node. For details, see the Performing the Cluster Re-peer Process in the Configuring High Availability chapter.

However, if both member-nodes of a cluster fail or is being RMAed, or in the cases where multiple fabric member-nodes are offline, then use the switch-config-import command to restore the configuration on the cluster member-node.



## **Switch Config Export and Import process**

In the case of a standalone switch or a non-cluster node (switch) failure, to restore back the configuration, Pluribus recommends the Switch Config Export-Import process. For details, see the Configuring the Export and Import of the Switch Configurations for RMA in the Installing Netvisor ONE and Initial Configuration chapter.

**Note**: As a best practice, Pluribus recommends to periodically backup the configurations of all fabric nodes (including cluster nodes) and save the configurations on to a external server.



# Configuring the Export and Import of the Switch Configurations for RMA

A switch contains fabric configuration information and local configuration information such as port settings. When a switch is replaced, removed, or otherwise disrupted, you can restore the local configuration information if the configuration was saved earlier.

The information that is saved and restored on the local switch includes the following:

- VNETs with vNET manager running on the switch
- Port VLAN associations
- Network services running on the switch

To display a full list of the current configuration details on a switch, use the running-config-show command.

To save and restore the switch configuration, the following process is involved:

- Exporting (saving) the configuration
- Importing the saved configuration on the replaced (new) switch.

**Note**: Pluribus recommends you to take periodic backup of the switch by exporting the configurations. In the event of a hardware failure, the exported configuration can be imported onto a new replaced switch.

## **Exporting the Configuration**

To save or export the switch configuration to a file, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export

Specify any of the following:

export-file export-file

export-file

export-file

export-file

export-file

export-file

export-file

export-file

switch-config

configuration

Specify a file name for the exported configuration file. See Note below for more details.

the configuration file to an SCP server (that is, on a server outside the switch).

upload-server upload-serverstring The syntax for the upload-server parameter is:

<username>@<servername>:/<pa
th to directory on server>/.
See the example below.

Specify this parameter to upload or save

The file created from the above command is a tar file, which includes a number of



configuration files for the switch. The file is created under /nvOS/export directory.

#### **Configuration File Naming**

If you run the switch-config-export command without including any additional parameters, the file created is in the format: <switch-name-fabric-name.timestamp.tar.gz>. However, if you mention the filename for the configuration file, for example, switch-config-export export-file switch-config export-file command, then the configuration file format is: filename followed by timestamp format.

For example, to export the configuration on a switch (*Leaf1*), which is part of a fabric (*multi-VRF*), use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export
Exported configuration to /nvOS/export/Leaf1-multi-vrf.2020-
10-11T23.46.38.tar.gz
```

where, Leaf1 is the switch name and multi-vrf is the already configured fabric name.

To export the configuration specifying the filename, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export export-file Leaf1
Exported configuration to /nvOS/export/Leaf1.2020-10-
11T23.48.49.tar.gz
```

### **Exporting the Configuration to an External Server using Direct Command:**

Use the switch-config-export command with the upload-server parameter to upload (save) the configuration file to an external SCP server by using the command syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export export-file <file-name> upload-server <username>@<servername>:/<path to directory on server>/
```

For example, to save the configuration file with a name (here, <code>leaf1-config</code>), to the root directory of an external server (here server-test1), use the command and enter the password:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-export export-file leaf1-config upload-server root@server-test1:/root/server password:
Uploaded configuration to server at /root/
```

**Note**: If you specify the upload-server parameter while exporting the configuration file, you do not have to follow the secure FTP (SFTP) process described below to upload the file to an external server.



Pluribus recommends to use the switch-config-export command with the upload-server parameter as this process is faster, easier, and also safer during a switch failure.

To export the configurations from all the nodes (switches) in the fabric, use the switch \* switch-config-export upload-server command. For example, if you have six switches in a fabric, use this command to export the configurations from all six nodes to /build/diags/<name>/tmp directory:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * switch-config-export
upload-server root@server:/build/diags/<name>/tmp
server password:
switch-config-export [switch-leaf1]: switch-leaf1: Uploaded
configuration to server at /build/diags/<name>/tmp
server password:
switch-config-export [switch-leaf2]: switch-leaf2: Uploaded
configuration to server at /build/diags/<name>/tmp
server password:
switch-config-export [switch-leaf3]: switch-leaf3:
                                                    Uploaded
configuration to server at /build/diags/<name>/tmp
server password:
switch-config-export [switch-leaf4]: switch-leaf4: Uploaded
configuration to server at /build/diags/<name>/tmp
server password:
switch-config-export [switch-leaf4]: switch-leaf4: Uploaded
configuration to server at /build/diags/<name>/tmp
```

To view the details of the saved configuration file, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-show switch export-file ------ Leaf1 leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz
```

To view the software version installed on the switch, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > software-show version: 6.0.1-6000116966
```

#### Copying the Configuration to an External Server using SFTP

For any reason if you had missed using the switch-config-export command with the upload-server parameter to upload the file to an external server, you can still copy the configuration file to a different server using SFTP (secure FTP). You must enable the transfer protocol client first before copying the files:

Note: Pluribus recommends to use the direct command as described in the Exporting



the Configuration to an External Server using Direct Command section.

To enable SFTP, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-sftp-modify enable
password: ******
password: ******
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1)
sftp-user: sftp
enable: yes
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1)
```

Then copy the configuration file to a backup server by using the following command:

```
backup-user@backupserver:~$ sftp network-admin@Leaf1
Connecting to Leaf1
Password:

sftp> cd /nvOS/export
sftp> ls
leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz

sftp> get leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz
sftp> bye
backup-user@backupserver:~$
```

**Note**: Whenever you reset a switch by using the switch-config-reset command, Netvisor takes a back-up the configuration file and the file is stored in the same location (/nvOS/export).

## Importing the Saved Configuration on the Replaced (new) Switch

After the switch configuration is exported (see above section), you can import or retrieve the configuration by using the switch-config-import command. Before importing the saved configuration, you must copy (upload) the file back from the backup location.

**Note**: Please ensure to install the same software version (that was available on the replaced switch) onto the new switch.



To copy the configuration file from the backup location, use the following command:

backup-user@backupserver:~\$ sftp network-admin@Leaf1 Connecting to Leaf1 Password:

sftp> cd /nvOS/import
sftp> put leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz
sftp> ls
leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz
sftp> bye

This command copies the configuration tar file from the backup location to the /nvOS/import directory. Once in the /nvOS/import directory, by using the switch-config-import command, you can import the previously saved switch configuration.

Import the previously saved configuration on the new switch by using the switch-config-import command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-import import-file
<file-name>

switch-config-import

import-file switch-config
import-file

Specify Optional parameters:

apply-system-config|ignoresystem-config

Use this command to import the previously saved (exported) switch configuration

Specify the filename of the configuration file that you want to import.

This is an optional parameter. Choose:

- apply-system-config: if you want to import (along with the configuration file) the additional switch settings such as the management IP address, in-band IP address, IPv4 and IPv6 addresses, gateway, etc to the new switch.
- ignore-system-config: if you do not want to import any additional setting, import only the configuration file. The default option is ignore-system-config.

For example, if you want to import the previously saved configuration file ( *leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz*) on the switch *Leaf1*, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch-config-import import-file leaf1.2020-10-11T23.48.49.tar.gz

New configuration imported. Restarting nvOS...



Connected to Switch Leafl; nvOS Identifier:0xb000011; Ver: 6.0.1-6000116966



## **Usage Guidelines for Switch Export-Import Process**

- Pluribus recommends you to backup the configurations on all switches to an external server using the switch-config-export upload-server command to retrieve the configurations in case of a hardware failure.
- The configuration file must use the \*.tar.gz extension to be recognized by nvOS.
- Importing the configuration file causes nvOS to restart which results in a brief interruption in traffic. Hence a scheduled maintenance window is advised.
- The switch-config-import command imports the last backed-up configuration and if the configuration has changed after the last backup, you must manually make those configuration changes after restoring the previously saved configuration.
- There are two options that allow you to control how the switch-configimport command modifies the switch:
  - apply-system-config While replacing a faulty switch, apply this parameter to the switch-config-import command if you want all the switch settings (displayed in the switch-setup-show command output) including hostname, mgmt IP address, in-band IP address, etc., from the old switch to be restored onto the new switch.
  - ignore-system-config Use this parameter if you do not want to restore the additional switch settings from the old switch on to the new switch. This is the default setting.
- The switch-config-reset, software-upgrade, and fabric-upgradestart commands automatically back-up the configuration before executing these commands.
- To restore the configuration on a non-cluster node, use the switch-configimport process described in this section.
- To restore the configuration on a cluster member-node, Pluribus recommends to use the cluster re-peer process. Use the fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node command if one of the member-nodes of the cluster is active and none of the nodes in fabric is offline except the node that is faulty, for which the configuration needs to be restored. This is because each cluster node automatically backs-up the other node's configuration. If one node in cluster fails, the above command restores the configuration from the other node. For details, see the Performing the Cluster Repeer Process in the Configuring High Availability chapter.

However, if both member-nodes of a cluster fail or is being RMAed, or in the cases where multiple fabric member-nodes are offline, then use the switch-configimport command to restore the configuration on the cluster member-node.

**Note**: As a best practice, Pluribus recommends to periodically backup the configurations on all fabric nodes, including cluster nodes and save them to an external server.



# **Contacting Technical Assistance for Troubleshooting Purposes**

While configuring and using the Netvisor ONE fabric, you can contact the Technical Assistance Team for support. Before you contact the TAC team, gather all relevant details regarding the issue.

Use the tech-support-show command to view all details of the running configuration that can help with TAC troubleshooting assistance. You can save and export the log file using SFTP with TAC team.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > tech-support-show
Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 3.1
Connected to Switch leafsw01.xyz; nvOS Identifier:0xb000d95;
Ver: 3.1.3010113816
========= admin-service-show =================
   ssh nfs web web-ssl web-ssl-port web-port snmp net-api
mgmt on off off 443
                                 80
                                         on on
                                                     on
data on on off off 443
                                 80
                                        on on
                                                     on
======= admin-session-timeout-show =========
timeout: 10m
========= admin-sftp-show ===================================
sftp-user:
           sftp
enable:
            yes
========= cluster-bringdown-show =============
vlag-port-staggered-interval:
                          0s
ports-enabled
13-port-bringup-mode:
                                  staggered
13-port-staggered-interval:
                                  3s
vlag-port-bringup-mode:
                                  staggered
vlag-port-staggered-interval:
maximum-sync-delay:
                                  1m
13-to-vlag-delay:
                                  15s
13-to-vlan-interface-delay:
                                  0s
port-defer-bringup-delay:
                                  30s
port-defer-bringup-mode:
                                  staggered
port-defer-bringup-staggered-interval:
<snip>
======== vxlan-stats-settings-show ==========
         yes
enable:
interval:
          30m
disk-space: 50M
diags@jerry:/build/diags/name$
```



# **Configuring Switch Ports**

This section contains information about the configuration and management of switch ports.

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## Introduction

Switch ports are physical interfaces (typically on the front-panel of the device) that are associated with the switch forwarding engine(s) (that is, the forwarding ASICs). They can carry Layer 2 and Layer 3 traffic for data plane and control plane/management purposes.

Netvisor ONE offers numerous techniques to manage and monitor the traffic that traverses switch ports. These features include port statistics, port storm control, port buffering, Class of Service (CoS), Forward Error Correction (FEC), jumbo frame support, port link status detection, and others. Below are the major features discussed in this chapter:

**Port Statistics**: Provide useful information such as the number of incoming and outgoing packets (unicast, multicast, or broadcast), discarded or dropped packets, and errors.

**Port Speed Configuration**: Enables you to configure switch ports with different speed values up to 100 Gbps (depending on the transceiver type).

**Port Storm Control**: This feature limits the percentage of the total available port bandwidth that can be used by broadcast, multicast, or flooded unicast traffic. It can be enabled to prevent excessive flooded traffic from degrading network performance.

**Configuring Port Link Status Detection**: Enables you to configure port link status detection checks on Pluribus switches.

**Port Buffering**: Allocates storage space for packets that cannot be immediately forwarded on a port.

**Class of Service-based Queuing**: Lets you segregate traffic into different queues based on Class of Service priority.

**Forward Error Correction**: A technique to detect and correct a limited number of errors in the transmitted data without the need for re-transmission.

**Static Pre-emphasis:** Static pre-emphasis settings help shape the outputs of ports into a well-defined, clean signal.

**Link Scan Mode**: The Link Scan feature detects physical link state changes. You can configure interrupt-based detection as an alternative to the software-based link scan process.

**Jumbo Frame Support**: Enables ports to accept and forward jumbo frames (frames with an MTU size greater than 1500 bytes)



# **Displaying Port Information**

The Netvisor ONE CLI features multiple commands that display relevant switch port information including transceiver information, physical-to-logical port mappings, Layer 2 configuration of physical ports.

Use the port-show command to display a host of parameters for all the ports with active links. Information displayed for each port includes the IP addresses and MAC addresses of hosts connected to that port. There can be more than one host per port if a network device such as an external switch is connected to it.

The port-show command also displays port status, VLAN ID, VXLAN ID, and configuration details.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > po	rt-show
port-show	Displays port information.
port port-list	Specify the switch network data port number, list of ports, or range of ports. The range of valid port numbers depends on the platform's hardware configuration.
bezel-port bezel-port-string	The port number printed on the device bezel above the physical port's receptacle.
ip <i>ip-address</i>	IP address of a host connected to a switch data port.
mac mac-address	MAC address of a host connected to a switch data port.
vnet vnet-name	Name of the vNET.
bd bridge-domain-name	Name of the bridge domain.
vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	VLAN identifier as a value between 0 and 4095.
vxlan <i>vxlan-id</i>	VXLAN identifier as a value between 0 and 16777215.
hostname hostname	Name of a host connected to a switch data port.
status phy-up up disabled hw- nat-loop mirror-loop mirror- to inuse PN-switch PN-fabric  PN-other PN-cluster PN- internal PN-hypervisor PN- guest snmp-host host uplink  drop-pkts no-pktin no-fwd no- flood STP-BPDUs LLDP trunk	Status of a switch data port.

13-port | remote-13-port | vdp |



dhcp dhcpsvrblocked no-BPDU  LACP-PDUs vlag-active vlag- blocked stp-edge-port LACP- wait adjacency-wait  adjacency-check vlag-wait  multicast-router host- disabled loop vxlan-loopback  vlan-up vle vle-wait phy- down down enabled err- disabled err-bpdu-guard mac- violation stp-bpdu-guard stp- root-guard defer-bringup-wait	
loop-vlans vlan-list	VLANs looping on the ports.
rem-ip <i>ip-address</i>	IP address of the remote switch.
lport lport-number	Logical port number on the switch.
rport rport-number	Port number on the remote switch.
<pre>config fd hd 10m 100m 1g  2.5g 10g 25g 40g 50g 100g  loopback mirror-only autoneg  fiber copper qos jumbo pause  asymetric-pause vxlan- termination no-local- switching fec</pre>	Configured port features.
description description- string	Description of the port.
trunk <i>trunk-name</i>	ID of the trunk that a switch data port is a member of.
recover-time duration: #d#h#m#s	Time left for recovery from err-disable state.
err-bpduguard <i>err-bpduguard-</i> number	Total count of err-disables by BPDU guard.
err-maclimit err-maclimit- number	Total count of err-disables by MAC address limit.
hide-connections	Specifies whether the connections on switch data ports should be displayed.
link-detail	Details of the link such as PHY, link, status etc.



#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > port-show port 2 layout vertical

switch: switch
port: 2
bezel-port: 2

ip: 200.1.23.2

mac: 66:0e:94:b7:90:6f

vlan: 4091

hostname: taurus-dev-spine2

status: up,PN-switch,PN-other,STP-BPDUs,LLDP,13-port,remote-13-port,vlan-up

config: fd,10g

#### **Displaying Port Numbering**

Bezel interface numbers are the labels for ports on the face plate of a switch. As Netvisor ONE supports flexing of ports (breaking a high speed port to lower speed ports) the logical port numbers in the software may not match the bezel interface numbers. The bezel interface numbers may deviate from the logical port numbers in order to represent each logical port uniquely. To display the mapping of logical ports to bezel interface numbers on Netvisor ONE platforms, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bezel-portmap-show
```

bezel-portmap-show

Display the mapping of logical ports to

bezel interface numbers.

port port-number Logical port number.

bezel-intf bezel-intf-string Bezel interface number.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bezel-portmap-show
```

```
switch port bezel-intf
_____
switch 1
           1
switch 2
          1.2
switch 3
           1.3
switch 4
           1.4
switch 5
           2.
switch 6
           3
switch 7
          3.2
switch 8
           3.3
switch 9
           3.4
switch 10
           4
switch 11
           4.2
switch 12
           4.3
switch 13
           4.4
```

As seen from the above output, the bezel interface numbers 1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4 represent a physical port's receptacle connected to a breakout cable with four transceivers. Such transceivers are mapped to logical ports 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. For example, it can be a 40 GbE QSFP+ receptacle that is divided into four 10 GbE SFP+ ports or a 100 GbE QSFP28 receptacle that is divided into four 25 GbE SFP28 ports. Also, you can infer from the output that bezel interface 2 is not connected to a breakout cable as there is only a single corresponding logical interface.



## **Displaying Physical Port Information**

You can display physical port information by using the port-phy-show command.

The command displays port state and mode, speed and auto-negotiation settings, Ethernet mode, default VLAN, maximum frame size, and status information.

port-phy-show	Displays physical port information.
port <i>port-list</i>	Specify the switch data port number, list of ports, or range of ports. Port numbers must be in the range of 1-64.
bezel-port bezel-port-string	The bezel port number.
state off admin-down  adminpwrdown bist dfe-tuning  down local-fault partially- up remote-fault up failed	State of physical ports.
autoneg <i>autoneg-string</i>	Auto-negotiation setting of physical ports
speed <i>speed-number</i>	Speed of physical ports.
eth-mode unconfigured  disabled 1000base-x sgmii  1000base-kx 2500base-x  6Gbase-kr 6Gbase-cr 10Gbase- kr 10Gbase-cr 10Gbase-sr AN- 73 Xaui 10Gbase-kx4 10Gbase- cx4 24Gbase-kr4 24Gbase-cr4  40Gbase-kr4 xlaui 40Gbase- cr4 40Gbase-sr4 no-phy- present MII gmii TBI 10G- XGMII 1G-RGMII sfi xfi cx  kr4 sr4 lr4 er4 cr4 cx4 kx4  caui4 kr2 er2 cr2 sr2 lr2  xlaui2 cx2 sr lr er cr kx kr  zr base-x sys-default caui  aoc xlppi psm4 base_t  base_cx base_lx base_sx	Ethernet mode.
max-frame <i>max-frame-number</i>	The Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) for the port.
def-vlan <i>def-vlan-number</i>	Default VLAN identifier of the physical port.



1	1	up	none	100000	caui4	9412	1
5	5	down	none	100000	caui4	1540	1
9	9	down	none	100000	caui4	1540	1
13	13	down	none	100000	caui4	1540	1
17	17	up	none	100000	caui4	1540	4091
21	21	down	none	100000	caui4	1540	1
25	25	down	none	100000	caui4	1540	1

## **Displaying Transceiver Information**

To display information on the transceivers connected to a switch, use the port-xcvr-show command. The displayed information includes vendor name, part number, and the serial number of the transceiver.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > p	ort-xcvr-show
port-xcvr-show	Display port transceiver information.
port port-list	List of ports.
bezel-port bezel-port-string	The bezel port number.
vendor-name vendor-name- string	Vendor name of the transceiver.
part-number part-number- string	Part number of the transceiver.
serial-number serial-number- string	Serial number of the transceiver.
type unknown sfp qsfp	Type of the transceiver.
eth-mode unconfigured   disabled   1000base-x   sgmii   1000base-kx   2500base-x   6Gbase-kr   6Gbase-cr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-cr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-cr   10Gbase-cr   10Gbase-cr   10Gbase-cr   10Gbase-kr   10Gbase-cr   10	Transceiver Ethernet mode.



<pre>aoc xlppi psm4 base_t  base_cx base_lx base_sx</pre>	
cbl-len cbl-len-number	Active Optical Cable (AOC) or Direct Attach Cable (DAC) length.
temp[C] temp[C]-string	Transceiver temperature in degrees Centigrade.
vcc33[V] vcc33[V]-string	3.3V supply voltage.
<pre>tx-bias1[mA] tx-bias1[mA]- string</pre>	Transmit bias current (mA).
tx-pwr[dBm] tx-pwr[dBm]- string	Transmit power (dBm).
rx-pwr[dBm] rx-pwr[dBm]- string	Receive power (dBm).

switch	port	bezel-port	cch) > port-xcvr-s	part-number	serial-number
switch		25	Amphenol	123456789	ABC00000000DEF
switch	_	27	Amphenol	123456789	ABC00000000DEF
switch	28	28	Amphenol	123456789	ABC00000000DEF
switch	45	45	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	46	46	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	47	47	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	48	48	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	49	49	Amphenol	123456789	ABC00000000DEF
switch	50	50	Amphenol	123456789	ABC0000000DEF
switch	51	51	Amphenol	123456789	ABC0000000DEF
switch	52	52	Amphenol	123456789	ABC0000000DEF
switch	53	53	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	54	54	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	55	55	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	56	56	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	65	65	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	66	66	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	67	67	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001
switch	68	68	PluribusNetworks	123456780	HIJ00001



# **Displaying Port Statistics**

The port statistics information is useful for understanding the data traffic on switch ports. Port statistics information includes the number of incoming and outgoing packets (classified as unicast, multicast, and broadcast), bytes dropped, bytes discarded, Head-End-Replicated (HER) packets, and errors. Use the port-stats-show command to display the port statistics for all active ports on a switch:

CLI	(network-admin@switch)	) >	port-stats-show
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_	
port-stats-show	Displays port statistics.
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify a time for the packet count statistics using the timestamp format yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.
start-time <i>start-time</i>	Specify a start time for the packet count statistics using the timestamp format yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.
end-time end-time	Specify an end time for the packet count statistics using the timestamp format YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS
duration duration	Specify the duration in seconds.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval between statistics collection.
since-start no-since-start	Specify if the statistics are collected from the start of collecting statistics.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify if the statistics are older than the duration in days, hours, minutes, and seconds.
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify if the statistics are within the duration in days, hours, minutes, and seconds.
port port-list	Specify one or more switch network data port numbers. Multiple ports can be specified as a comma-separated list of numbers or a range (-).
bezel-port bezel-port-string	Specify the bezel ports.
description description	Displays the port description.
counter counter-number	Displays the counter number.
ibytes ibytes-number	Displays the incoming number of bytes.
ibits ibits-number	Displays the number of incoming bits.
iUpkts <i>iUpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming unicast packets.



iBpkts <i>iBpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming broadcast packets.
iMpkts <i>iMpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming multicast packets.
iPauseFs <i>iPauseFs-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming pause frames.
iCongDrops iCongDrops-number	Displays the number of incoming packets dropped due to congestion.
idiscards idiscards-number	Displays the number of incoming packets discarded.
ierrs <i>ierrs-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming packets with errors.
obytes obytes-number	Displays the number of outgoing bytes.
oUpkts oUpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing unicast packets.
oBpkts oBpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing broadcast packets.
oMpkts oMpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing multicast packets.
oPauseFs oPauseFs-number	Displays the number of outgoing pause frames.
oCongDrops oCongDrops-number	Displays the number of outgoing packets dropped due to congestion.
odiscards odiscards-number	Displays the number of outgoing discarded packets.
oerrs oerrs-number	Displays the number of outgoing packets with errors.
mtu-errs mtu-errs-number	Displays the number of MTU errors.
HER-packets HER-pts-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) packets.
HER-bytes HER-bytes-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) bytes.
HER-bits HER-bits-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) bits.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-stats-show port 1 format all

layout vertical

time: 22:45:12

port: 1
bezel-port: 1
description:
counter: 0
ibytes: 170K



ibits: 1.39M iUpkts: 165 iBpkts: 22 iMpkts: 402 iPauseFs: iCongDrops: 0 idiscards: 2 46 ierrs: obytes: 144K obits: 1.18M oUpkts: 158 oBpkts: 4 oMpkts: 249 oPauseFs: 0 oCongDrops: odiscards: 48 0 oerrs: 0 mtu-errs: HER-pkts: 0 HER-bytes: 0 HER-bits: 0



# **Configuring Port Speed**

Netvisor ONE enables you to configure switch ports with different speed values up to 100 Gbps depending on the specific transceiver. For example, you must use SFP transceivers for ports configured with speeds of 1 Gbps, and SFP+ or QSFP transceivers for ports configured with speeds of 10 Gbps or higher.

With a transceiver that is capable of breakout configuration, you can divide a 40 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) port into four logical 10 GbE ports or a 100 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) port into four logical 25 GbE ports. You must first disable a port before creating this configuration.

Use the port-config-modify command to configure the desired throughput on a port.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify

port-config-modify	Modify port configuration.
Specify one among the two following parameters:	
port port-list	Specify a single port or a list of ports. <b>Note:</b> If more than one port is specified, the list must be comma-separated without spaces.
description description- string	Specify the port description.
Specify any of the following options:	
speed disable 10m 100m 1g  2.5g 10g 25g 40g 50g 100g	Specify the port speed. Ports configured for speeds of 1G must be equipped with SFP transceivers. Ports configured for 10G or higher must be equipped with SFP+ or QSFP+ transceivers.
egress-rate-limit unlimited	Specify an egress rate limit for the port.
eth-mode 1000base-x sgmii  xlaui gmii sfi xfi cx kr4  sr4 lr4 er4 cr4 cx4 kx4  caui4 kr2 er2 cr2 sr2 lr2  xlaui2 cx2 sr lr er cr kx kr  zr base-x sys-default caui  aoc xlppi psm4 base_t  base_cx base_lx base_sx	Select one of the ethernet modes from the available options.
autoneg no-autoneg	Specify if the port auto-negotiates the port speed with a peer.
jumbo no-jumbo	Specify if the port forwards jumbo frames. Jumbo frames are Ethernet frames with more than 1500 bytes of



	payload.
enable disable	Specify if the port is enabled and forwards or drops frames.
lacp-priority <i>integer</i>	Specify the LACP priority for the port. If you specify a low value for the priority, the port has a higher priority. This is a value between 1 and 65535.
reflect no-reflect	Specify if the port reflects frames received for loopback testing.
edge-switch no-edge-switch	Specify if the port connects to another Pluribus Networks device or is an uplink to a third-party switch or host.
pause no-pause	Specify if you want to pause traffic on the port.
description description- string	Specify a description for the port.
loopback no-loopback	Specify to use loopback or no loopback.
vxlan-termination no-vxlan- termination	Specify if a VXLAN terminates on a port
mirror-only no-mirror- receive-only	Specify if the port receives mirrored traffic only.
port-mac-address mac-address	Specify the MAC address for the physical port.
send-port send-port-number	Specify the port to send traffic.
loop-vlans vlan-list	Specifies VLANs that are looping on the network.
routing no-routing	Specify if the port is participating in routing on the switch.
defer-bringup no-defer- bringup	Specify if you want to delay port activation.
host-enable host-disable	Specify if you want host-facing ports enabled or disabled.
crc-check-enable crc-check- disable	Specify if you want CRC checking performed by the port. This is applicable to a switch in Virtual Wire mode. The default value is crc-check-disable.
dscp-map dscp-map name none	Specify a DSCP map name to enable on port.
local-switching no-local- switching	Specify if local switching is allowed on the port.
allowed-tpid vlan q-in-q q-	Specify the allowed TPID in addition to



in-q-old	0x8100 on VLAN header
fabric-guard no-fabric-guard	Specify if you want loop detection enabled on the port.
fec no-fec fec-auto	Specify to enable port forward correction error (FEC) mode.

For example, to configure a 40 GbE port as four 10 GbE ports, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-config-modify port 49-52 speed 10g

To unify the four logical ports and to set the port configuration back to 40 GbE, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-config-modify port 49 speed 40g



# **Configuring Port Storm Control**

A traffic storm occurs when packets flood the LAN, creating excessive load and degrading network performance. When enabled, port storm control discards the excess unicast, multicast, or broadcast traffic that is detected on a port.

Use the port-storm-control-modify command to modify the percentage of total available bandwidth that can be used by broadcast, multicast, or unicast traffic.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-storm-control-modify

port-storm-control-modify	Modify port storm control configuration.
port port-list	Specify a single port or a list of ports.
unknown-ucast-level unknown- ucast-level-string	Specify the bandwidth to be allotted for unknown unicast as a percentage of the port link speed. The default is 30%.
unknown-mcast-level unknown-mcast-level-string	Specify the bandwidth to be allotted for unknown multicast as a percentage of the port link speed. The default is 30%.
broadcast-level broadcast- level-string	Specify the bandwidth to be allotted for broadcast as a percentage of the port link speed. The default is 30%.

To set the available bandwidth for broadcast traffic to 10% of port link speed on port 5, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-storm-control-modify port 5
broadcast-level 10

Use the port-storm-control-show command to display the configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-storm-control-show					
switch	port	speed	unknown-ucast-level	unknown-mcast-level	broadcast-level
Leaf1	1	100g	30%	30%	30%
Leaf2	2	25g	30%	30%	30%
Leaf3	3	25g	30%	30%	30%
Leaf4	4	25g	30%	30%	30%
Leaf5	5	100g	30%	30%	10%
Leaf6	6	25g	30%	30%	30%

This setting discards broadcast traffic if it exceeds 10% of the link speed on port 5.



# Configuring 10/100M Override Using Bel-Fuse SFP-1GBT-05 on F9372-X Platforms

**Note**: This feature is applicable for F9372-X or AS5812-54X platforms.

Auto-negotiation function between two connected devices stipulates a set of shared parameters - link speed, duplex mode, and flow control. The F9372-X or AS5812-54X platform, with the Bel-Fuse SFP-1GBT-05 copper transceiver plugged into one of its ports, can support legacy 10M/100M devices that do not have auto-negotiation capability. As the SFP-1GBT-05 transceiver performs auto-negotiation by default, this function should be disabled on the F9372-X switch through nvOS. An operating link speed of either 10M or 100M can be configured. With the exception of F9372-X, the 10/100M override capability is not available on other switch platforms and is supported only on the SFP-1GBT-05 transceiver.

Use the command below for disabling auto-negotiation and overriding the link speed on F9372-X platform. Enter the *port number* on which the transceiver is connected in the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-config-modify port <port number> speed <10m|100m> no-autoneg

port-config-modify	Use this command to update port configuration.
	Specify the ports that need to be configured as a list separated by commas.
port <port-list></port-list>	<b>Note</b> : For 10/100M override, specify the port number on which the transceiver is connected.
Specify one or more of the following options:	
speed <disable 10m 100m 1g></disable 10m 100m 1g>	Specify one among the options as the speed at which the port should operate.
ppeed (dipuble 10m 100m 19)	<b>Note</b> : specify the speed as either 10m or 100m for legacy device support.
	Specify either of the options to enable auto-negotiation or to disable it.
autoneg no-autoneg	<b>Note</b> : auto-negotiation has to be disabled to achieve 10/100M override.

For example, to disable auto-negotiation on port 38 and set a speed of 10M, use the command below:



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) port-config-modify port 38 speed 10m no-autoneg

However, the device do not get reprogrammed upon reinsertion. To recover from this, remove and re-add the 10M/100M override port configuration. [PR30110]



# **Configuring Fabric and vRouter Communication through KNET-vNICs**

**Note:** This feature is available only on Dell and whitebox platforms that do not have rear-facing NICs.

From Netvisor ONE 6.0.1 release onwards, Pluribus provides support for using KNET-vNIC as the OVS uplink from the CPU to OVS. The KNET exposes a standard network interface that is connected as an uplink port to OVS for forwarding fabric, cluster, or vRouter packets. This implementation avoids copying of traffic between OVS and nvOSd and ensures direct transmission of fabric, cluster, and vRouter NIC packets between OVS and the CPU. Therefore, communication through KNET-vNICs results in improved CPU datapath performance.

To support cluster, fabric, and vRouter traffic using KNET-vNIC, you must enable KNET on Whitebox platforms that do not have rear-facing NICs by using the system-settings-modify command.

To enable or disable KNET, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-settings-modify optimize-datapath disable|cluster-only|all

Specify the datapath optimization for cluster, fabric, and vRouter communication:

• disable: disables datapath optimization.

• cluster-only: enables datapath optimization for cluster-only, where cluster traffic is redirected to cluster 4094 vNIC.

• all: enables datapath optimization for fabric and data traffic.

The default value is all.

To view the existing configuration on a local switch, use the system-settings-show command:



CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-settings-show format
 optimize-datapath
 optimize-datapath: all

To view the settings on all the switches in the fabric, use the system-settings-show command prefixed with switch \* as below:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch \* system-settings-show
format optimize-datapath
optimize-datapath: all

**Note**: Pluribus recommends rebooting the switch by using the switch-reboot command after running the system-settings-modify optimize-datapath command.



# **Using Port Buffering**

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Leaf1 49 0%

Leaf1 53 0%

Leaf1 65 0%

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Leaf1 71

Leaf1 72

Port buffering allocates storage for packets that cannot be immediately forwarded or processed on a port. To display port buffer information, use the port-buffer-show command. This command displays ingress and egress buffer utilization for each port.

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	port-buffer-show
port-buffer-show	Display port buffer information.
time date/time: yyyy-mm- ddThh:mm:ss	Time to start statistics collection.
start-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Start time of statistics collection
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	End time of statistics collection
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Duration of statistics collection
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Interval between statistics collection.
since-start	Specify to display port buffering since start.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify an older-than time to display port buffering.
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify a within-last time to display port buffering.
port port-list	The list of ports.
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer- switch port ingress-used-buf ingress-used	show N-buf-val egress-used-buf egress-used-buf-val
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Use the port-buffer-settings-modify command to enable the collection of port buffer information and to modify the logging interval and buffer size for the command output above.

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CLI	(network-admin@switch)	>	port-buffer-settings-modify
por	t-buffer-settings-modif	У	Modify port buffer settings.



enable disable	Specify if you want to enable or disable the collection of port buffer information.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval for the logging of port buffer information.
disk-space disk-space-number	Specify the amount of memory to be allotted for the collection of port buffering information. The default value is 50MB.

For example, to set an interval of 2 minutes for logging port buffer information, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer-settings-modify
interval 2m

To display the port buffering settings, use the port-buffer-settings-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer-settings-show

switch: switch
enable: yes
interval: 2m
disk-space: 50M

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# **Configuring Queues 8 and 9 for Control Traffic**

During network traffic congestion, if all traffic is dispatched with the same priority, mission critical traffic may get dropped with the same probability as lower priority traffic. To mitigate this issue, Netvisor ONE allows you to configure traffic prioritization on a per port basis through Quality of Service (QoS) queues. QoS queues allow the switch to differentiate and prioritize various traffic types and avoid random loss of data. The hardware supports Strict Priority (SP) and Deficit Weighted Round Robin (DWRR) scheduling for the QoS queues.

Netvisor ONE assigns default weights to each queue. However, you can view and modify these weights to suit your requirements. You can also configure data rate limits, minimum guaranteed bandwidth, and maximum bandwidth on a queue basis.

**Note:** This feature is available only on NRU01, NRU02, NRU03, and NRU-S0301 platforms.

Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1 introduces queues 8 and 9 to isolate user traffic from internal control traffic. In previous versions of Netvisor ONE, fabric and control traffic used queues 6 and 7 which were also used by user traffic. This release eliminates the contention between user traffic and control traffic, as fabric and control messages are now moved from queues 6 and 7 to queues 8 and 9. The queues 8 and 9 are mapped to system vFlow classes control2 and control3 respectively. This feature provides improved stability and resiliency to the network especially in cases where the network is overloaded.

To enable gueues 8 and 9, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify cos8-and-
9-queue
!!!! Please reboot the system for cos 8 and 9 queue setting to
take effect correctly !!!!
```

**Note:** You must reboot the system for the queues 8 and 9 to become operational.

To view all flow classes, use the command:

CLI (network-a	admin@sw	itch) :	<pre>vflow-c</pre>	lass-show
name	scope	type	priority	cos
meter	fabric	system	0	0
class0	fabric	system	0	0
class1	fabric	system	1	1
class2	fabric	system	2	2
class3	fabric	system	3	3
class4	fabric	system	4	3
class5	fabric	system	5	4
class6	fabric	system	6	4
class7	fabric	system	7	5



control3	fabric	system	13	9
control2	fabric	system	12	8
control	fabric	system	11	7
lossless	fabric	system	10	6
class8	fabric	system	10	6
guaranteed_bw	fabric	system	9	6



# **Configuring Port Rate Limit**

By using the command port-cos-rate-setting-modify, you can stipulate a port speed in packets per second (pps) to regulate the traffic corresponding to each QoS queue. This command is used for rate limiting the traffic of the port queues.

CLI	(net	twork-admin@switch)	>	port-cos-rate-setting-modify
port	-cos-r	ate-setting-modify		Modify port queue rate limit.
port	con	trol-port data-port span-por	ts	Specify the port type to set QoS rate limit.
cos0	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos1	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos2	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos3	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos4	-rate	unlimited 010000000		Specify the rate limit (pps) for the queue.
cos5	-rate	unlimited 010000000		Specify the rate little (pps) for the queue.
cos6	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos7	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos8	-rate	unlimited 010000000		
cos9	-rate	unlimited   010000000		

### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-rate-setting-modify port data-port cos0-rate 50000



#### To display the port rate limit configuration, use the command:

The output displays the port rate limit configuration for control ports, data ports, and span ports. The data ports and span ports are platform specific. The default rate for each queue is 100000 packets per second. The queues 8 and 9 must be enabled for the columns cos8-rate(pps) and cos9-rate(pps) to be displayed.

#### Note:

- The port-cos-rate-setting-modify and port-cos-rate-settingshow commands are available only when CPTP is disabled
- Queues 8 and 9 are available only on NRU01, NRU02, NRU03, and NRU-S0301 platforms.



## **Configuring Minimum and Maximum Bandwidth on Ports**

In older releases, Netvisor ONE allowed rate limiting only for CPU facing (PCIe, data and span) ports. The current version of Netvisor ONE support bandwidth guarantees on switch ports. You can configure bandwidth guarantees at egress queue level and manage prioritized traffic. Use this feature for setting Service Level Agreements (SLAs). In addition to the support for configuring maximum bandwidth policing at the vFlow level, you can also set a guaranteed minimum bandwidth.

Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of minimum and maximum bandwidth at a per port level. You can configure bandwidth guarantees as a percentage of port speed, and Netvisor ONE determines the data rate internally upon command execution. Additionally, when you update a port speed, the port configuration internally re-adjusts the minimum or maximum bandwidths on the applicable ports. However, when you logically divide a breakout cable into multiple ports of lower bandwidth, you need to adjust the port queue bandwidths manually.

Use the port-cos-bw-modify command to configure minimum and maximum bandwidth:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify

port-cos-bw-modify	Modify port CoS bandwidth settings.
cos integer	Specify the CoS priority between 0 and 9.
port port-list	Specify the physical port(s).
min-bw-guarantee min-bw-guarantee-string	Specify the minimum bandwidth as a percentage.
<pre>max-bw-limit max-bw-limit- string</pre>	Specify the maximum bandwidth as a percentage.
weight priority no-priority	Specify to enable or disable weight scheduling after the bandwidth guarantee is met.

For example, to configure a minimum bandwidth guarantee of 10 percent on ports 2-5 with a QoS queue of 5, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify port 2-5 cos 5 min-bw-guarantee 10

Use the port-cos-bw-show command to view the configuration.



CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > port-cos-bw-show

cos integer	Specify the CoS priority.
port port-list	Specify the physical port(s).

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-show					
switch	cos	port	min-bw-guarantee	max-bw-limit	weight
switch	0	1-72	0%	100%	16
switch	1	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	2	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	3	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	4	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	5	1,6-72	0%	100%	32
switch	5	2-5	10%	100%	32
switch	6	1-72	0%	100%	64
switch	7	1-72	0%	100%	127

**Note:** The port-cos-bw-show command displays only modified port configurations. Ports not displayed in the show command output default to the settings of 100% link capacity, and no minimum guarantee for each QoS queue.

Configuring a maximum bandwidth limit helps in rate limiting or shaping the traffic on the egress queue. For example, to configure a minimum bandwidth of 20% and a maximum bandwidth of 80% on ports 11-13 for queue 4, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify port 11-13 cos 4 min-bw-guarantee 20 max-bw-limit 80

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-show						
	switch	cos	port	min-bw-guarantee	max-bw-limit	weight
	switch	0	1-72	0%	100%	16
	switch	1	1-72	0%	100%	32
	switch	2	1-72	0%	100%	32
	switch	3	1-72	0%	100%	32
	switch	4	1-72	0%	100%	32
	switch	4	11-13	20%	80%	32
	switch	5	1,6-72	0%	100%	32
	switch	5	2-5	10%	100%	32
	switch	6	1-72	0%	100%	64
	switch	7	1-72	0%	100%	127

Changing the port settings to new values overrides the previous settings.



# **Configuring QoS Queue Weights**

Netvisor ONE automatically weights QoS queues in accordance with the minimum bandwidth guarantees. When you configure minimum bandwidth for a queue, the remaining bandwidth is assigned to the rest of the queues in the same ratio as the minimum bandwidth. For information on configuring minimum bandwidth, see Configuring Minimum and Maximum Bandwidth on Ports section.

When you configure a minimum bandwidth without specifying a weight value, the weight for the port and queue is automatically set on a scale of 1 to 100. For example, if you configure queue 1 with a minimum bandwidth of 10% and queue 2 with 30%, the weights are set to 10 and 30, respectively.

If auto-configuration of weights is disabled, you can also assign desired weight values to the queues. When you configure queue weights manually, the bandwidth that remains after meeting the minimum bandwidth guarantee is proportioned among the queues in accordance with the assigned weights.

To enable or disable automatic weight assignment for QoS queues, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify cosq-weight-auto | no-cosq-weight-auto

#### Note:

- If you enable auto configuration of queue weights, you cannot change the weights
  using the port-cos-bw-modify command thereafter. You can still use the
  command to enable strict priority queue.
- When you enable this feature, weights for all the queues that do not have minimum bandwidth configured are set to the default value of 1.

Use the port-cos-weight-modify command to change the queue weight of ports on the control panel (PCIe and CPU ports). This command assigns weights on a queue basis only and does not allow a per port configuration of weights.



#### CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-weight-modify

port-cos-wei	ight-modify	Modify port queue weight.
cos0-weight	priority no-priority	
cos1-weight	priority no-priority	
cos2-weight	priority no-priority	
cos3-weight	priority no-priority	
cos4-weight	priority no-priority	Specify if you want to enable or disable
cos5-weight	priority no-priority	strict priority. Or, specify the weight for the queue as an integer between 0 and 127.
cos6-weight	priority no-priority	
cos7-weight	priority no-priority	
cos8-weight	priority no-priority	
cos9-weight	priority no-priority	

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-weight-modify cos5-weight 64
```

To display the port queue weight configuration, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-weight-show cos0-weight: 16 cos1-weight: 32 cos2-weight: 32 cos3-weight: 32 cos4-weight: 32 cos4-weight: 32 cos5-weight: 64 cos6-weight: 64 cos7-weight: 127
```

You can use the command port-cos-bw-modify to change the queue weight of ports on the front panel. This command provides granular control over bandwidth and weight settings for port queues.

ort-cos-bw-modify
Modify port CoS bandwidth settings.
Specify the CoS priority between 0 and 9.
<b>Note:</b> queues 8 and 9 are platform specific.
Specify the physical port(s).
Specify the minimum bandwidth as a percentage.



max-bw-limit max-bw-limit- string	Specify the maximum bandwidth as a percentage.
weight priority no-priority	Specify to enable or disable weight scheduling in proportion to the minimum bandwidth guarantee. Or, specify a scheduling weight

## For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify cos 5 port 10 weight 64

Additionally, you can configure strict priority scheduling for any of the queues. If strict priority is configured on a queue, Netvisor ONE gives this queue a higher priority over the other queues.

To configure strict priority for queue 6, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify cos 6 weight
priority



# **Displaying and Configuring Port Queue Statistics**

You can view the port queue statistics by using the command port-cos-stats-show. This command displays the number of bits of transmitted and dropped packets on a per queue basis.

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	port-cos-stats-show		
port-cos-stats-show	Display per port CoS queue statistics.		
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Time to start statistics collection.		
start-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Start time for statistics collection.		
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	End time for statistics collection.		
duration: #d#h#m#s	Duration of statistics collection.		
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Interval between statistics collection.		
since-start	Displays statistics from the start of collection.		
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays statistics older than a specified duration.		
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays statistics within the last specified duration.		

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-show layout vertical switch: switch time: 21:36:59 port: 21 cos0-obits: 0 cos0-dropbits: 0 cos1-obits: cos1-dropbits: 0 cos2-obits: 0 cos2-dropbits: 0 cos3-obits: 0 cos3-dropbits: cos4-obits: 0 cos4-dropbits: 0 cos5-obits: 0 cos5-dropbits: 0 cos6-obits: cos6-dropbits: 0 cos7-obits: 0 cos7-dropbits: 0



### To modify the port queue statistics collection settings, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-settings-modify

<pre>port-cos-stats-settings- modify</pre>	Modify port CoS statistics collection settings.		
enable disable	Specify if you want to enable or disable statistics collection.		
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval to collect statistics.		
disk-space disk-space-number	Specify the amount of memory allocated for statistics (including rotated log files). The default value is 50MB.		

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-settings-modify
enable

To view the port CoS statistics collection settings, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-settings-show

switch: Spine-1

enable: yes interval: 30m disk-space: 50M

You can clear port queue statistics by using the command port-cos-stats-clear.



# **Configuring Forward Error Correction**

**Note:** This feature is supported only on the following platforms. The support is for 25 GbE and 100 GbE unless stated otherwise.

Ericsson: NRU02 (100 GbE only), NRU03, NRU-S0301

Dell: S5232F-ON, S5248F-ON, S5224F-ON, Z9264

Edgecore: AS7726-32X, AS7326-56X, AS5835-54X, AS7816-64X

Freedom: F9432-C, F9476-V, F9460-X, F9664-C

Forward Error Correction (FEC) or channel coding is an error correction technique that helps to detect and correct a limited number of errors in transmitted data without the need for re-transmission. In this method, the sender sends a redundant Error Correcting Code (ECC) along with the data frames using a fixed, higher forward channel bandwidth.

The IEEE 802.3-2018 standard for Ethernet introduced the support for FEC on 25 GbE or 25 Gbps port link. For details, refer to the clauses 74, 91 and 108 in the IEEE 802.3-2018 standard.

From Netvisor ONE version 5.1.4 onward, you can enable or disable FEC by using the Netvisor ONE CLI or REST API commands on individual 25 GbE ports or 100 GbE ports on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms and 100 GbE ports on NRU02 platform.

From Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 onward, the FEC support is extended to the AS7816-64X (F9664-C), AS7726-32X (F9432-C), AS7326-56X (F9476-V), AS5835-54X (F9460-X) and Z9264 platforms on 25 GbE and 100 GbE connections.

To implement FEC on 25 GbE and 100 GbE ports, Netvisor ONE follows the IEEE 802.3-2018 standard rules. (Refer to Table 105-2 and Table 80-3 of the IEEE 802.3-2018 standard).

You can enable the FEC feature by using the port-config-modify command while ensuring that eth-mode and auto-neg configurations are consistent with the FEC configuration.

The FEC feature can be enabled on:

- DAC cables with auto-negotiation enabled
- Optical cables without auto-negotiation (no-autoneg)
- 1. To configure FEC on the above platforms, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify

port-config-modify

Use this command to modify the port configuration to enable FEC.



Specify a physical port or the list of ports you want to configure for FEC support.		
ions based on cable and transceivers in		
Select one of the ethernet modes from the available options.		
Specify one of the options to enable or disable auto-negotiation on the physical port .		
Specify one of the options to enable or disable the port forward error correction (FEC) mode.		

**Note**: For NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms, eth-mode should be set to sysdefault.

2. On NRU03 and NRU03-S0301 platforms, in addition to the above configuration, use the port-cable-type-modify command to configure the port type as sysdefault to ensure that the correct FEC setting is applied.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cable-type-modify port
<port-list> type sys-default

port-cable-type-modify	Use this command to associate a cable type with port (s).		
Specify between 2 and 3 of the following options:			
port <port-list></port-list>	Specify the list of ports you want to associate with the cable type.		
type optical dac sys-default	Specify the cable type: optical or dac associated with the specified ports.		
	Specify the port cable assembly type from one of the options. Note that this optional parameter is applicable only for DAC cable types.		
cable-sub-type default ca-n ca-l ca-s	<b>Note</b> : The cable sub type (N, L, or S) is a hardware-specific parameter based on the material used by the cable manufacturer. Hence, you must consult the vendor specification to identify the cable assembly type before configuring this parameter.		

You can verify the configurations by using the port-fec-status-show command.



**Note**: All lengths of Ericsson RPM 777 053/xx and 777 054/xx cables are of assembly type CA-L.

**Note**: All four lanes of QSFP port share the same type or sub-type.

When configuring the cable type, please follow the guidelines below for both 25 GbE and 100 GbE ports:

- The cable-sub-type option is not valid for optical cables.
- The cable-sub-type option is not required for DAC cables operating at 100Gbps (non-flexed) as assembly type does not factor into the FEC variant per IEEE 802.3 2018.
- The type keyword is also used by Netvisor ONE to determine the pre-emphasis setting used for this port. This capability was introduced in Netvisor ONE release 5.1.3.

**Note**: The type and cable-sub-type parameters are not required to be configured for NRU02.

## **Usage Guidelines**

- For NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms, the port cable type must be configured as sys-default.
- For DAC cables, physical port auto-negotiation should be configured for the peer links to come up.
- For optical cables, you can enable or disable FEC explicitly on both peers. Autonegotiation should not be enabled.
- For DAC cables, the cable sub-type can be CA-S, CA-L, CA-N which is independent of the cable length. For example, you can have a 3 meter type S, 3 meter type N, or 3 meter type L cable.
- For optical cables, the cable-sub-type configuration is not allowed.
- For DAC cables, the eth-mode should be set to CR (25G) or CR4 (100G).
- The eth-mode should be configured by using the port-config-modify command to ensure the proper setting of the physical layer and also to address any link failure issues.
- 4. To clarify the FEC configuration further, an example configuration is provided below:
- Configure FEC on a 25 GbE port on a DAC cable connected on port 21 by using the commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cable-type-modify port 21 type dac cable-sub-type ca-l

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 21 ethmode cr autoneg fec enable

Configure FEC on a 25 GbE port (port 17) using a multi-mode optical cable by using



#### the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cable-type-modify port 17 type optical

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 17 eth-mode sr no-autoneg fec enable

• Verify port status after FEC configuration:

**Note**: It is not mandatory to configure the no-autoneg parameter for optical cables, but is specified here to ensure that the port is operating without *auto-negotiation*.

 View the configured cable type and assembly type configuration by using the portcable-type-show command on NRU03 or NRU-S0301:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cable-type-show switch port type cable-sub-type switch none dac ca-s switch none dac ca-l switch none dac ca-n switch none dac default switch none optical default switch 1-125 sys-default default
```

• Configure FEC on a 100G port on NRU02 by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 25 fec enable



**Note**: For NRU02 platforms, the port-cable-type and eth-mode configuration is not required.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 25 layout vertical

switch: switch

port: 25 bezel-port: 7

ip: 192.170.20.110 mac: 66:0e:94:f6:37:f2

hostname: nru02-alpha2

status: up, PN-switch, PN-other, STP-BPDUs, LLDP, vlan-up

config: fd,100g,fec

To view the details of the configuration use the port-fec-stats-show command. For example,

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-fec-stats-show

switch	time	port	BaseR-Fec-Corr	BaseR-Fec-UnCorr	Rs-Fec-Corr	Rs-Fec-UnCorr
switch	12:34:00	5	0	0	0	0
switch	12:34:00	7	0	0	0	0
switch	12:34:00	8	0	0	0	0
switch	12:34:00	9	0	0	0	0
switch	12:34:00	10	0	0	0	0
switch	12:34:00	17	0	0	0	0

**Caution:** If you enable FEC between Cisco Nexus switches and the Pluribus switches AS7816-64X, F9664-C, or Z9264, the link may not come up. This is not an issue of Netvisor ONE or Pluribus switches.



# **Configuring Static Pre-Emphasis (Signal Integrity) Port Settings**

The SerDes (serializer/deserializer) component in switch ports has several associated Signal Integrity (SI) parameters that help in shaping the output into a clean and well-defined signal based on the transmission line characteristics of the signal traces. This output shaping is used to cancel-out factors such as reflection and signal attenuation and enables the receiver to get a clean and well-defined signal. Collectively, these signal integrity parameters are also known as pre-emphasis settings.

If the pre-emphasis settings are incorrect, you may encounter unacceptable bit error rate (BER), especially when the port speed scales to higher values. The pre-emphasis settings vary per port based on the circuit board layout, the operational speed of the port, and the transmission medium (cable type and length).

**Note**: Refer to the cable manufacturer documentation where the required preemphasis values are defined.

This feature is not available on the following platforms:

• F9372-X (AS5812-54X)	• F9372-T (AS5812-54T)	• F9532L-C (AS7712-32X)
• F9572L-V (AS7312- 54XS)		

In earlier releases, Netvisor ONE had limitations to dynamically change the preemphasis settings based on the configured port number and port speed. However, from Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0 onward, you can override the default settings for a specified set of ports by using the port-cable-type-modify port <port-list> type [optical|dac] command. For the cable-type parameter, select either dac cable setting (for copper DAC cable, which is the default setting) or optical cable setting (for optical transceivers).

The port cable type database saves the details of the cable type you had configured by using the above CLI. However, if the cable type is not specified, then a default DAC cable length value of 3m is assumed for the port. These settings are then saved to the hardware database (registers).

When you modify the port speed or the cable type, the signal integrity or pre-emphasis settings are written to the hardware. If the port is already enabled, then the port gets disabled and then re-enabled while the settings are being written to the hardware. You are prompted to proceed with the changes prior to the port being disabled and reenabled. Additionally note that, when a port that you want to modify is part of a port group, then all the ports in that port group are modified with the new signal integrity settings.

The DAC settings in Netvisor ONE is mapped to the 3m DAC settings, which is the current default on all Pluribus supported switches, except Z9100-ON.



#### Note - Guidelines for Z9100-ON platforms:

- During a fresh installation of Netvisor ONE 6.0.0, by default, all the ports are automatically set to optical cable type.
- While modifying the cable type, out of all the SFP ports, you cannot modify ports 129 and 130 (bezel ports 33 and 34) to dac cable type due to a hardware limitation on the Z9100-ON platform.

To change the cable type, and consequently, the pre-emphasis (Signal Integrity) settings for a specified port on any platform, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cable-type-modify port
<port-list> type optical|dac
```

port-cable-type-modify	Use this command to associate a cable type with port (s)
port <port-list></port-list>	Specify the list of ports you want to associate with the cable type.
type optical dac sys-default	Select the cable type: optical or dac be to associated with the specified ports.
cable-sub-type default ca-n ca-l ca-s	Specify the port cable sub-type. The cable-sub-type parameter is applicable only for NRU03 and NRU-S03 platforms with 25G FEC support.  Ignore the cable-sub-type parameter for all other platforms.

To view the currently applied cable type settings for all ports, use the command:

# **Example: Pre-Emphasis Settings Configuration**

Let us consider an example to further explain the changes implemented by this feature.

First verify the current port and cable type settings on a switch by using the port-cable-type-show command. From Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0, only *optical* and *dac* cable types are supported.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > port-cable-type-show port type cable-sub-type
---- none dac ca-s
none dac ca-l
none dac ca-n
```



```
none dac default
none optical default
1-24 sys-default default
```

The default string in the cable-sub-type column is used to display which settings have not been changed by the user.

Now, modify the settings for port 1 by using the below command below (See the warning message regarding the application of the settings to all member ports in the port group) and confirm to proceed:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > port-cable-type-modify port 1-4 type optical
Warning: updating SI settings will apply to all ports in a port group and will flap enabled ports
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
Updated SI settings for port(s) 1-4 to optical
```

The system log file and nvOSd log file are automatically updated to reflect the Signal Integrity (SI) setting changes.

View the updated settings by using the command:

To reset all the ports to dac cable type, use this command with the port all parameter:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > port-cable-type-modify port all type dac
```

```
Warning: updating SI settings will apply to all ports in a port group and will flap enabled ports
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
Updated SI settings for port(s) 1-24 to dac
```

View the changed settings again by using the command:



```
none optical default none sys-default default
```

**Note**: For platforms with copper RJ-45 ports such as S4148T-ON, an *invalid* message is displayed while modifying the port cable type to optical cable type for the copper ports. For example,

```
CLI (network-admin@S4148T) > port-cable-type-modify port all type optical

Warning: updating SI settings will apply to all ports in a port group and will flap enabled ports

Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
```

View the details using the show command:

CLI (network-admin@S4148T) > port-cable-type-show port all

Updated SI settings for port(s) 49-56,65-72 to optical

SI settings invalid for port(s) 1-48 for optical

switch	port	type	cable-sub-type
S4148T	none	dac	ca-s
S4148T	none	dac	ca-l
S4148T	none	dac	ca-n
S4148T	1-48	dac	default
S4148T	49-72	optical	default
S4148T	none	sys-default	default

**Note:** This feature's settings are applied when you modify either the port speed or the cable type for a specified port. That is, the pre-emphasis (SI) settings in Netvisor ONE are applied during the initial port configuration when the port speed is modified by using the port-config-modify command, and also when the cable type is modified using the port-cable-type-modify command.

**Caution:** This feature enables you to modify the pre-emphasis settings by modifying the *cable-type* and *port speed*. However, the link quality could be impacted if incorrect settings are chosen and caution must be taken to ensure correct settings are configured.

## **Guidelines and Limitations**

The following guidelines and limitations should be considered while configuring the preemphasis settings on a switch port:

- The pre-emphasis settings are written to hardware whenever you change the cable type using the port-cable-type-modify command.
- The pre-emphasis settings are written to hardware whenever you change the port speed using the port-config-modify command.



• For Z9100-ON platforms with copper SFP ports, the cable type, dac is not accepted by Netvisor ONE. If you try to change the cable type for a single SFP copper port by using the port-cable-type-modify command, then an error is displayed as follows:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cable-type-modify port 129 type dac
Warning: updating SI settings will apply to all ports in a port group and will flap enabled ports
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
port-cable-type-modify: Invalid cable type setting

- However, if both portall and type optical parameters are used on a switch with copper ports, then the settings are selectively applied only to the optical ports, and no error is displayed.
- For those platforms that have hidden ports, such as S4148T-ON with 48 x 10GBaseT and 4 x 100 GbE ports, the cable type changes are skipped when port all parameter is specified in the port-cable-type-modify command.
- For platforms on which no pre-emphasis settings are configured on the ports, a minimum port speed of 10 Gbps is assumed.
- While this feature allows you to select the pre-emphasis settings, the link quality
  may get impacted if incorrect settings are applied. Ensure to apply the correct preemphasis settings during initial configuration.
- Currently the 3m DAC setting is implemented for all DAC cable lengths.

### **Related Commands**

CLI (network-admin@nru03-switch) > port-config-modify

port-c	onfig-modify	Use this command to modify a port configuration.
port p	ort-list	Specify the port or list of ports that you want to modify.
speed	disable 10g 25g 40g 100g	Specify the physical port speed.



# **Configuring Link Scan Mode**

The link scan feature in Netvisor ONE detects physical link state changes. Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0 (and later) supports interrupt-based link state change detection, in addition to the software-based link scan mode available in the previous versions. The software-based link scan mode performs state polling to detect changes at regular configurable intervals. When the link scan mode is set to hardware, on the other hand, the software uses the interrupt infrastructure to provide an improved detection mechanism for link state changes.

You can configure the link scan mode and interval by using the system-settings-modify command:

system-settings-modify	Use this command to modify system settings.
linkscan-interval	Specify the linkscan interval as a value between 10000 $\mu s$ and 1000000 $\mu s$ . The default value is 150000 $\mu s$ .
	<b>Note:</b> This parameter is not applicable when the link scan mode is hardware.
linkscan-mode software	Specify the linkscan mode as hardware or software. Software linkscan mode is enabled by default.
	<b>Note:</b> Pluribus recommends software linkscan mode.

For example, to enable interrupt-based link state change detection, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify linkscan-mode hardware
```

To view the current configuration, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format
linkscan-mode
linkscan-mode: hardware
```

To modify the link scan interval used in software-based mode to 100,000  $\,\mu$ s, enter the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify linkscan-interval 100000
```

To view the details, enter the command:



11dp: on policy-based-routing: off optimize-nd: off reactivate-mac: on reactivate-vxlan-tunnel-mac: manage-unknown-unicast: off off manage-broadcast: auto-trunk: on auto-host-bundle: off cluster-active-active-routing: on fast-route-download: off fast-interface-lookup: on routing-over-vlags: off

source-mac-miss: copy-to-cpu

snoop-query-stagger: no-stagger-queries

host-refresh: off proxy-conn-retry: on proxy-conn-max-retry: 500 proxy-conn-retry-interval: manage-12-uuc-drop: on disable xcvr-link-debug: fastpath-bfd: off linkscan-interval: 100000 linkscan-mode: hardware

single-pass-flood: off

**Note:** To avoid flaps, the link scan mode must match on both the switch ports connected by a link.



# **Configuring Maintenance Mode**

Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 introduces the Maintenance Mode feature in which the software prevents user traffic from entering or leaving a switch and gracefully steers the traffic to network peers. This mode is useful during hardware or software maintenance of the switch including Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA), correction of out of sync fabric transactions, cluster re-peer, switch power down or reboot, and software upgrade. This functionality is supported on cluster nodes, non-cluster spine nodes, and standalone switches. In a use case where you need to enable maintenance mode on a standalone switch, you must ensure that an alternate path exists if the switch goes down.

**Note:** You can enable maintenance mode only when control-network and fabric-network are configured as mgmt. You cannot change the fabric and control networks or the fabric VLAN while in maintenance mode.

A switch does not leave the fabric while entering maintenance mode. When you issue the command to enable maintenance mode, Netvisor ONE follows the normal port bring down sequence and disables all the user ports. Any cluster bring down configuration is also applicable. The sequence of actions performed by the software while entering maintenance mode (for a cluster switch) is as follows:

- Bring down orphan ports
- Bring down vLAG ports
- Disable VRRP service and BGP graceful shutdown
- Bring down Layer 3 ports
- Bring down ports with defer-bringdown configured
- Bring down cluster ports

While in maintenance mode, you can execute all CLI or REST API commands except port enable commands. The software defers all port enable actions and enables the ports only after exiting maintenance mode. If you reboot or power cycle the switch while in maintenance mode, the switch comes back up and stays in maintenance mode and does not enable any user ports.

A switch (cluster member) follows the below sequence of actions while leaving maintenance mode:

- Bring up cluster ports
- Enable VRRP and BGP services
- Bring up Layer 3 ports
- Bring up vLAG ports
- Bring up orphan ports or ports with defer-bringup configured

The switch assumes data forwarding responsibilities upon leaving maintenance mode. All pre-configured settings for cluster bring up are applicable during the exit and therefore, Netvisor ONE enforces staggered or delayed port bring based on the existing configuration. For more information, see the 'Restoring Ports for Cluster Configurations' section of the 'Configuring High Availability' chapter.



Use the command system-state-modify to enable or disable maintenance mode. For example, to enter maintenance mode, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-state-modify maintenance-
enable
Warning: This configuration can have traffic impact. If
required, collect system snapshot via save-diags prior to this
command
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) >
```

**Note:** Pluribus recommends collecting the output of the save-diags command before entering maintenance mode. This helps in recording the state of the switch.

To view the status of maintenance mode, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-state-show
system-state: Maintenance mode, Ports disabled
```

To leave maintenance mode, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-state-modify maintenance-disable
```

**Note:** You must ensure that transactions (fabric and cluster TIDs) are in sync with the rest of the fabric before executing the command to disable maintenance mode.

Use the system-state-show command to view the status:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-state-show
system-state: Operational, Ports enabled
```

The system-state-show command also displays the current state of port bring up or port bring down:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-state-show
system-state: coming up, 13 to vlag wait
system-state: coming up, vlag ports being enabled
system-state: coming up, defer bringup ports wait
```

When a switch enters or leaves maintenance mode, an event log messages is logged, as seen from the log-event-show output:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-event-show
event maintenance_enabled(11529) : level=note event-type=system : : System is in
Maintenance mode
event maintenance_disabled(11530) : level=note event-type=system : : System is in
Operational mode
```

You can enforce maintenance mode on a switch as soon as the cluster re-peer process is complete by using the sample command:



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node
Leaf1 maintenance-enable

This operation is useful when replacing a cluster node and if you want to be in maintenance mode after the re-peer process.



## **Configuring Forced Port Link-up**

The Ethernet standard requires a port to have an active RX connection to a peer device to be able to negotiate link parameters (for example, for auto-negotiation purposes) before the port can be brought into *up* state.

In some special cases, though, (for example for security purposes) using both RX/TX wire connections/fiber strands in a port is not required when only unidirectional connectivity is being used: in such cases, in fact, only the RX wire connections/fiber strands are expected to receive traffic from the TX of the peer device (whose RX is unused). This unidirectionality is expected when one peer port is supposed to only receive traffic and the other one is supposed to only transmit it. However, in normal circumstances, connecting only the RX on one port to the TX on the other would not generate a link-up on the latter.

In other words, for security purposes, to prevent traffic from going back into the production network, only one half of the cable (TX to RX) is connected, where the traffic only goes out of the production network and not back into the network.

Starting from Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, the forced port link-up feature is available on the following platforms:

- Dell: S5248F-ON, S5232F-ON, S5224F-ON, S5048F-ON, Z9264F-ON
- Edgecore: AS7312-54XS, AS7712-32X, AS7816-64X, AS7726-32X, AS7326-56X, AS5835-54X/AS5835-54T, AS5812-54T/AS5812-54X
- Freedom: F9572L-V, F9532L-C, F9664-C, F9432-C, F9480-V, F9460-X/F9460-T, F9372-T/F9372-X

**Note**: The forced port link-up feature can be enabled both in VirtualWire mode as well as in switch mode by using virtual Port Groups (vPGs) for Network Packet Broker deployments.

When a port is enabled for forced link-up:

- Port with only TX connection can transmit packets.
- When configuration changes are done on the TX port, RX port should also come up. That is, both ports (port with TX connection and the peer switch with only RX connection) should be in *Up* state.

You can configure the forced port link-up feature by using the port-force-linkup-add command.

**Note**: Run the above command only on the switch with the TX connection port. That disables *fault detection* on the TX connection port as well as disables the RX connection on the TX port. That is, the forced port link-up feature cannot be enabled if the RX and TX cables are connected between ports. Running the above command also ensures disabling of TX connection and fault detection on the peer switch, enabling the RX port to come up.



For the forced port link-up feature, Pluribus recommends the following:

- Port speed of 1, 10, 25, 40, or 100 Gbps.
- Optical LC cable type

switch 55 52

Any optical transceiver (QSFP and SFP) with an LC connector

You can configure a port(s) to be forced link-up even when its RX connector/fiber is not connected to any peer device by using the port-force-linkup-add command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-force-linkup-add

port-id port-id-number	Specify the port numbers allowed for force linkup.
	Specify the RX or TX side of the port. The default value is TX.
mode tx rx	<b>Note</b> : If two Pluribus switches are used, then there is no need to set RX only mode on the peer side.

The ports that are forced link-up remain persistent on switch reboot and so to disable the forced link-up ports, use the port-force-linkup-remove port-id port-id-number command.

To view the ports that are forced link-up with no RX connection, use the port-force-linkup-show command.

Below is an example to configure force link-up on port 6 by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-force-linkup-add ports 6
mode tx
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-force-linkup-show
switch ports mode
_____
switch 6
             tx
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show
switch port bezel-port ip
                                         hostname
                                                       status
                           mac
              config
switch 0 0 169.254.2.1 66:0e:94:d6:8e:2e switch up,PN-internal,stp-edge-
switch 2 2 169.254.2.1 66:0e:94:7c:a8:33 switch1 up,PN-switch,PN-other,STP-
BPDUs, LLDP, vlan-up fd, 10g
switch 6 6
                                                 up, vlan-up
             fd,10g
switch 42 42 169.254.2.1 66:0e:94:dc:f4:59 switch2 up,PN-switch,PN-other,STP-
BPDUs, LLDP, vlan-up fd, 10g
```

169.254.2.1 66:0e:94:7c:a8:33 switch1 up,PN-switch,PN-other,STP-



```
BPDUs, LLDP, vlan-up fd, 100g
```

Port 6 above has no RX connection, but with this configuration the software is able to force the port in up state.

Use the following command to disable this configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > port-force-linkup-remove ports 6
```

To view the transceiver details for port 6, use the command:q

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-xcvr-show port 6
```

# **Guidelines while Configuring Forced Port Link-Up**

Before configuring forced port link-up, ensure the following on the TX port:

- Auto-negotiation is disabled.
- The link-learning feature is disabled.
- Port flexing (breaking a high speed port to lower speed ports) is not allowed after enabling the force link-up feature.
- Fault detection is disabled to implement the forced port link-up feature. Hence if the TX cable gets disabled for any reason, to identify the issue, you must use the port-xcvr-show command on the TX connected port.

**Note**: The forced port link-up feature can be used in VirtualWire setups and Network Packet Broker deployments.

For details about these features, see the:

- Configuring Pluribus Network Packet Broker section in the Configuring and Using Network Management and Monitoring chapter of this Guide.
- VirtualWire Configuration Guide

#### Limitations

- The forced port link-up feature is not supported on ports that are flexed (that is, you cannot enable force link-up if the port is flexed).
- The forced port link-up feature cannot be enabled if a duplex cable is used to connect ports.
- Link training is disabled for this feature and so the ports shows as down in 11dp-show output.



# Infrastructure Support for Transceiver Online Insertion and Removal (OIR)

The Transceiver OIR infrastructure supports the following three operations:

- Detecting the insertion or removal of optical devices and cables into or from the front-panel ports, thereby allowing subsequent actions to take place.
- Initializing the optical devices and cables at system start-up, and also as they are inserted into the chassis during run-time.
- Configuring key parameters into the hardware based on the required settings for the optical devices and cables as they are detected.

**Note**: The support for the Transceiver OIR infrastructure was provided on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms in Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1 and on Wedge100-32X in version 6.1.0. Starting with Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, the OIR infrastructure is also supported on the following platforms:

- Dell: S5232F-ON, S5248F-ON, S5224F-ON, Z9264
- Edgecore: AS7816-64X, AS7726-32X, AS5835-54X, AS7326-56X, AS5835-54T
- Freedom: F9664-C, F9432-C, F9460-X, F9480-V, F9460-T

The support for transceiver OIR infrastructure enhances Netvisor ONE to process the transceiver OIR events and apply appropriate configuration and startup sequencing based on the type of module inserted or removed. This infrastructure implementation improves the hardware monitor service to detect OIR events and notify Netvisor ONE.

Prior to version 6.0.1, Netvisor supported initialization of optical devices on switches only at power-on. Starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1, with the Transceiver OIR infrastructure support, you can also facilitate run-time initialization of optical devices (hot-swappable) while the switch is powered-on. This provides scalable infrastructure for device-specific initialization requirements upon OIR of the transceiver on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms, and on Wedge100-32X in version 6.1.0 . From Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0 onward, this capability is extended to other platforms listed in the Note above.

That is, you can remove, insert, swap, or replace the transceivers when the system is functioning. Each transceiver has unique characteristics, parameters, timing requirement, initialization sequence, and configuration impact to the switch port and Netvisor ONE adheres to these characteristics for the transceiver to operate correctly.

With transceiver OIR infrastructure support, Netvisor ONE automatically detects the type of device installed in the physical port and the OIR determines the port settings if the eth-mode or pre-emphasis (port-cable-type) settings are not configured already.



An important distinction between pre-OIR support release and releases with OIR support is the use of sys-default configuration option, as explained in the table:

Table 3-1: Pre-OIR Release Vs OIR Supported Releases

Behavioral difference	Eth-mode set to sys- default	Cable-type set to sysdefault	
Pre-OIR support behavior	Eth-mode setting is determined by port speed; all ports of that speed will have same eth-mode setting.	Cable-type set to platform default (3m DAC) for all ports, regardless of which cable is plugged in.	
Releases with OIR support behavior (only OIR support platforms)	Eth-mode setting is applied per physical port based on the device type that is plugged in.	Cable-type setting is applied per physical port based on the device type that is plugged in.	

**Note**: Ensure to set the eth-mode settings in accordance with the switch vendor recommendation.

For example, releases prior to having support for OIR, a 100G DAC cable and 100G SR4 optic cable have the same eth-mode configuration if both ports are configured for sysdefault. However, with OIR support, these ports have eth-mode configured as CR4 and SR4, respectively.

When you are upgrading Netvisor ONE from an earlier version which does not have support for OIR to a version which supports OIR, the original settings are retained unless you revert to the system default settings by using the port-config-modify port <port-num> eth-mode sys-default command or the port-cable-type-modify port <port-list> type sys-default command upon upgrade. The sys-default parameter ensures that the hardware settings are set in accordance to the specific device type installed after upgrading to a version which supports OIR.

**Note**: It is highly recommended to configure eth-mode and cable-type to sysdefault for newly deployed ports.



Below is an sample configuration after upgrading to a Netvisor version that features platform support for OIR:

CLI (network-admin@nru03-switch) > port-cable-type-modify port all type sys-default
Warning: updating SI settings will apply to all ports in a port group and will flap enabled ports
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y

CLI (network-admin@nru03-switch) > port-cable-type-show

switch	port	type	cable-sub-type
nru03-switch	none	dac	ca-s
nru03-switch	none	dac	ca-l
nru03-switch	none	dac	ca-n
nru03-switch	none	dac	default
nru03-switch	none	optical	default
nru03-switch	1-125	sys-default	default

Updated SI settings for port(s) 1-125 to sys-default

The auto negotiation and the FEC are user-configurable features, that is, you can enable or disable these features; Transceiver OIR will not override those settings.

**Note**: When you upgrade from an earlier version which does not have support for OIR to a version which supports OIR, all existing *port configuration settings* are preserved.



## **Usage Guidelines**

- At system startup with a fully-populated switch, an initial insertion event is generated for each transceiver, but this has a minimal impact on Netvisor startup time.
- The eth-mode, ER4 is not supported by Broadcom SDK. Per Broadcom recommendation, the OIR infrastructure programs the hardware as SR4 when ER4 device is detected.
- For RDH 72/16 (PSM4) the recommended system default eth-mode is *CAUI4* at 100G speed and *LR4* for 4x25G speed as determined by the OIR.
- The transceiver OIR implementation in Netvisor ONE version, which supports OIR has minimal error handling capabilities. Failures in the execution of OIR state machine events may cause port to enter into error state. If you encounter an error, you must remove and re-insert the transceiver to recover.

**Note**: If for any reason you are unable to recover the transceiver, you must contact Pluribus TAC for support.

• The transceiver OIR infrastructure introduces a new SNMP event when entering and exiting the error state. Below is a sample SNMP event generated during an enter/exit error state as a reference:

```
2020-09-23 21:40:39 localhost [UDP: [127.0.0.1]:37190->[127.0.0.1]:162]:
DISMAN-EVENT-MIB::sysUpTimeInstance = Timeticks: (17946935) 2 days,
1:51:09.35
SNMPv2-MIB::snmpTrapOID.0 = OID: PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchNotification
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchName.0 = STRING: PortOIRErr PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogFileName.0
= STRING: /nvOS/log/event.log PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchCount.0 = Gauge32: 3
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchData.0 = STRING: 2020-09-23,21:40:01.352234-07:00
nru02-alpha2 nvOSd(3830) event port_oir_error_enter(11527) : level=warn
event-type=port : port=1 : Port=1 enter xcvr oir error state
2020-09-23 21:41:39 localhost [UDP: [127.0.0.1]:37190->[127.0.0.1]:162]:
DISMAN-EVENT-MIB::sysUpTimeInstance = Timeticks: (17952935) 2 days,
1:52:09.35
SNMPv2-MIB::snmpTrapOID.0 = OID: PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchNotification
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchName.0 = STRING: PortOIRErr PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogFileName.0
= STRING: /nvOS/log/event.log PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchCount.0 = Gauge32: 4
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchData.0 = STRING: 2020-09-23,21:40:46.408637-07:00
nru02-alpha2 nvOSd(3830) event port_oir_error_exit(11528) : level=warn
event-type=port : port=1 : Port=1 exit xcvr oir error state
```

 It is possible to miss an insertion or removal event if a transceiver is inserted and removed rapidly.

**Note**: You must restrain from removing and inserting a transceiver rapidly because that could cause the port to enter error state in the OIR state machine, especially if a different type of transceiver is inserted.

 Transceiver OIR leverages the device characteristic information maintained in the device EEPROM.

Note: The vendors that do not comply with MSA standard may not operate



properly when used with OIR. For best results, use only those devices that are listed in the Transceiver Compatibility Information, available on Pluribus Networks Technical Documentation.

#### With OIR infrastructure:

- o The pre-emphasis and the eth-mode settings are set in accordance with the device type
- o The DAC pre-emphasis setting is set in accordance with the DAC cable length

**Note**: Currently the OIR infrastructure uses the 3 meter DAC setting when programming the hardware, regardless of the actual DAC cable length.



## **CLI Settings**

**Note**: You should never modify the OIR settings.

Use the following CLI commands to verify the OIR details on your switch.

To display the XCVRs present on port in the switch, use:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-xcvr-show port <port number>
For example, to see the details:

CLI (network-admin@S5232F) > port-xcvr-show format switch,port,vendor-name,part-number,serial-number

switch	port	vendor-name	part-number	serial-number
S5232F	49	Amphenol	603020002	APF16010026PM3
S5232F	51	FINISAR CORP	FCBN510QE2C03	WXG0EXM
S5232F	55	Arista Networks	CAB-Q-Q-3M	XHC1315DG10H
S5232F	56	DELL	GMFC5	MY013602746004F

### To check the port phy status, use:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-phy-show port <port number>
For example,

CLI (network-admin@S5232F) > port-phy-show

switch	port	state	speed	$\verb eth-mode $	${\tt max-frame}$	def-vlan
S5232F	1	down	100000	caui4	1540	1
S5232F	5	down	100000	caui4	1540	1
S5232F	57	up	100000	cr4	1540	1
S5232F	61	down	100000	caui4	1540	1
S5232F	117	up	100000	cr4	1540	1
S5232F	126	down	10000	xfi	1540	1
S5232F	127	down	10000	xfi	1540	1



# **Enabling Jumbo Frame Support**

Jumbo frames are (oversized) Ethernet frames with a size greater than 1518 bytes (including the Ethernet header and FCS) or 1522 bytes (when a VLAN tag is present).

Different vendors may support different maximum frame sizes for jumbos, as the IEEE standard does not cover jumbo frames (except for baby giants). Typically jumbo frames are described with the maximum payload length they support, namely, the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU). It is common for platforms (including servers) to support jumbo frames with (at least) an MTU of 9K bytes. 1 K usually corresponds to 1000 (but may also equate to 1024 on some platforms), so that means that the MTU is 9000 (or 9216) bytes.

When you enable the jumbo frame feature on a port on Pluribus switches, the port can accept and forward jumbo frames. This feature is meant to optimize server-to-server performance (by minimizing the CPU processing overhead for large block transfers).

By default, jumbo frames are disabled on Netvisor ONE and so the default Ethernet MTU for all switch ports is 1500 bytes. When you enable the jumbo frame feature on a port, the MTU size is increased to accept 9K byte frames on that port.

The larger MTU supported on Pluribus switches helps on transport links to be able to deal with the transport overhead (for example, with the VXLAN and vLE functionalities described in the Configuring VXLAN and Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services sections).

To enable jumbo frame support, add the jumbo parameter to the port-config-modify command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 1 jumbo
```

To enable jumbo frame support on trunk ports, add the jumbo parameter to the trunk-modify or trunk-create commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk1 jumbo



# **Configuring Uplink Groups**

Certain features require that a switch monitors the total available aggregate uplink bandwidth compared to the amount of downlink traffic being generated by the attached devices. The requirement is to prevent oversubscription of the uplinks by traffic sourced from the downlinks (host-facing ports).

For that purpose, starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.0, the software supports the configuration of *uplink groups*, which can be used with features like vLE and bidirectional vPG for uplink oversubscription avoidance. (Refer to the *Configuring Virtual Link Extension* and *Configuring Pluribus Network Packet Broker* sections of the Configuration Guide for more details on those features.)

Uplink oversubscription is defined as: total downlink capacity > total uplink capacity (for a given switch).

**Note**: The operational status of switch ports is not considered to calculate the uplink and downlink aggregated bandwidth capacities. Only the configuration/administrative state is considered.

**Note**: Uplink groups support only bidirectional vPG-driven connections and not unidirectional vPG-driven connections.

The configuration of an uplink group allows users to track the available aggregate bandwidth of the physical ports added to a group. (Trunks cannot be added.) Then, a system configuration allows the users to select which action to apply in case of aggregate bandwidth mismatch between the uplink ports and the downlink ports:

- No warning or error is generated (default behavior)
- Allow the creation of a connection across the fabric, but:
  - o Display an appropriate message to warn about oversubscription
  - o Log the event in system.log
- Refuse the creation of a connection across the fabric if its creation leads to oversubscription.

**Note**: The software currently does not support separate uplink port groups per feature connection to monitor oversubscription more granularly. Hence this could lead to inaccuracies in reporting (i.e., to false positives).

The software tracks port additions/modifications/deletions as well as port speed changes to calculate the aggregate bandwidth. Whenever a feature-driven connection across the fabric is created/deleted/disabled, the downlink port capacity is also modified (when applicable) and checked.

**Note**: Uplink/downlink port speed changes when enabling/disabling auto-negotiation



are not reflected in the respective group's aggregated bandwidth. So, after autonegotiation, if a port speed changes and leads to oversubscription, the event is not reported.

Release 7.0.0 introduces a new set of commands to configure an uplink group, as shown below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-show
switch: switch
ports: none

CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-add ports 12-14

CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-show
switch: switch
ports: 12-14
```

**Note**: Only physical ports can be added to an uplink group. Configuring trunks will produce an error.

You can remove ports from an uplink group like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-show
switch: switch
ports: 12-14

CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-remove ports 12
CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-show
switch: switch
ports: 13-14
```

You can configure the action to take when uplink oversubscription is detected with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify uplink-
oversubscription-action default | warn | error
```

default means no warning or error is generated.

warn allows the creation of a connection across the fabric, but a warning message is produced if the creation causes uplink oversubscription.

If the switch is already in oversubscribed state, the system generates a specific warning message right when the option is configured:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify uplink-
oversubscription-action warn
Warning: The switch is already in uplink oversubscription
state. Configure ports to uplink group
```

You can configure the error option so that the software refuses the creation of a



#### connection across the fabric when causing uplink oversubscription:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify uplinkoversubscription-action error

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format uplink-oversubscription-action uplink-oversubscription: error

If the switch is already in oversubscribed state, the command will fail right away with an error when the option is configured:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify uplinkoversubscription-action **error** system-setting-modify: failed to change to error action as the switch is already in uplink oversubscription state. Add ports to uplink group or remove existing VLE/VPG(bidir) connections.

If you remove ports from an uplink group, oversubscription may occur due to the capacity change. The warn and error options trigger, respectively, the following messages (and action):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-remove port 25 Warning: removing ports from uplink group is causing oversubscription of uplink ports.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-remove port 25 uplink-group-port-remove: removing these ports from uplink group failed as it is leading to oversubscription of uplink ports.

If you change uplink/downlink port speeds, that may lead to oversubscription. The warn and error options trigger, respectively, the following messages (and action):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 45 speed 40g

Warning: Change of speed for the port(s) 45 has caused uplink oversubscription.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 45 speed 40g

port-config-modify: change port speed failed for given port(s) 45 as leading to oversubscription of uplink ports.

In case of the warn option, this is the warning message generated for a vLE configuration with uplink oversubscription:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-create node-1 switch node-1-port 12 node-2 switch2 node-2-port 13 name vle1 Warning: The creation/enabling of vle vle1 is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps.



In this scenario, the calculated difference between the downlink and uplink capacity is 1000 Mbps.

In case of the error option, when oversubscription occurs locally to a vLE switch, this message is displayed:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-create node-1 switch node-1-port 12 node-2 switch2 node-2-port 13 name vle1 vle-create: creation/enabling of VLE vle1 failed because it is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps. Remove associated transparent VLAN and VXLAN mapping for the VLE.

Similarly, when oversubscription happens on a remote switch due to the vle-create command, this message is generated:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-create node-1 switch node-1-port 12 node-2 switch2 node-2-port 13 name vle1 vle-create: error from switch2: creation/enabling of VLE vle1 failed because it is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps. Remove associated transparent VLAN and VXLAN mapping for the VLE.

In case of the warn option, this is the warning message generated for a vPG configuration with uplink oversubscription:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name v1 scope fabric bidir-vpg-1 vpg1 bidir-vpg-2 vpg2 Warning: The creation/enabling of (bidir vpg)vflow v1 is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps.

In case of the error option, when oversubscription occurs locally to a vPG switch, this message is displayed:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name v1 scope fabric bidir-vpg-1 vpg1 bidir-vpg-2 vpg3 vflow-create: The creation/enabling of (bidir vpg)vflow v1 is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps.

Similarly, when oversubscription happens on a remote switch due to the vflow-create command, this message is generated:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name v1 scope fabric bidir-vpg-1 vpg1 bidir-vpg-2 vpg3 vflow-create: error from switch2: The creation/enabling of (bidir vpg)vflow v1 is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps.

With the warn option, when a vLE is created with endpoints that are local to the switch and have a speed mismatch, when oversubscription occurs this warning message is generated:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 9,49 format port,config,



```
port config
---- 9 fd,10g
49 fd,40g
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-create name v1 node-1 switch node-1-port 9

node-2 switch node-2-port 49

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vpg-show

Warning: creation/enabling of VLE is causing endpt 9 being oversubscribed.

In the same scenario, but with the error option, this action is generated in case of oversubscription:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-create name vl node-1 switch node-1-port 9 node-2 switch node-2-port 49 vle-create: creation/enabling of local VLE failed because endpoint 9 is oversubscribed.

Remove associated transparent VLAN and VXLAN mapping for the VLE.

With the warn option, when vPGs are created with endpoints that are local to the switch (port 17,45 in the example below) and have a speed mismatch, this warning message is generated:

```
scope name type ports vni vlan
----- ---- ----- -----
fabric vpq3 bidirectional 17 12500000 2750
fabric vpg4 bidirectional 22 12500001 2751
fabric vpg5 bidirectional 45 12500002 2752
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 17,45 format
port, config,
port config
17 fd,10q
45 fd,40g
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name v3 scope local
bidir-vpg-1 vpg3
bidir-vpg-2 vpg5
Warning: creation/enabling of local vflow is causing endpoint
17 to be
oversubscribed.
```

In the same scenario, but with the error option, this action is generated:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name v3 scope local bidir-vpg-1 vpg3 bidir-vpg-2 vpg5 vflow-create: creation/enabling of local vflow failed because endpoint 17 is
```



oversubscribed.

With the warn option, when adding ports to a vPG with an active vFlow connection, the following warning message is generated when oversubscription occurs:

If port 12 (10g) is removed and trunk port 273 (20g) is added to vpg3 of vFlow v6:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vpg-port-remove vpg-name vpg3 ports 12
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vpg-port-add vpg-name vpg3 ports 273
warning: creation/enabling of Vflow v6 is causing uplink oversubscription by 10000 mbps
```

In the same scenario, but with the error option, this action is generated in case of oversubscription:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vpg-port-remove vpg-name vpg3 ports 12
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vpg-port-add vpg-name vpg3 ports 273
vpg-port-add: creation/enabling of Vflow v6 failed because it is causing uplink oversubscription by 1000 mbps. Consider adding ports to uplink group.
```

With the warn option, when trunk ports of a bidirectional vPG belonging to active vFlow connections are modified, the following warning message is generated when oversubscription occurs:

If the uplink bandwidth is 10 Gbps and the trunk t1 is expanded to double its capacity, say, with ports 21-22 (20g), then oversubscription would occur:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify ports 21-22 name t1
```



Warning: modifying trunk parameters in use by bidir vpg is leading to uplink oversubscription.

In the same scenario, but with the error option, this action is generated instead:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify ports 21-22 name t1 trunk-modify: modifying trunk parameters in use by bidir vpg failed because it is leading to uplink oversubscription.

You can show the uplink oversubscription state with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > uplink-group-port-

oversubscription-state-show

uplink-bw: 20000
downlink-bw: 50000
uplink-oversubscription: yes



# **Configuring Port Bandwidth Monitoring**

Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0 enables you to configure alerts in the form of SNMP traps and syslog messages when the data throughput across a port over an interval exceeds a configured bandwidth threshold. This feature helps in detecting network congestion and monitoring port bandwidth usage.

When you enable this feature, Netvisor ONE logs separate syslog messages when the threshold is exceeded by ingress or egress traffic and also when the bandwidth usage decreases from a value above the threshold to a value below the threshold on a port. This creates four possible combinations of log messages for when the bandwidth usage exceeds or falls below the threshold by ingress or egress traffic. You can also enable SNMP traps for bandwidth monitoring through the CLI.

For more information on system log messages, refer Netvisor ONE Log Messages Guide.

#### Note:

- Netvisor ONE calculates the throughput for a port as the total bandwidth used by all types of network traffic. In other words, the bandwidth usage calculation is not traffic-specific.
- If you issue the port-stats-clear command during a port bandwidth monitoring interval, the throughput calculation for that interval may not be accurate.
- You cannot configure this feature on trunk ports. But if you configure bandwidth usage monitoring on a port and add it to a trunk, the port continues to be monitored.
- You cannot configure this feature on the CPU port (port 0).

To configure port bandwidth monitoring, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	port-bw-threshold-alert-modily
port-bw-threshold-alert- modify	Modify port bandwidth monitoring.
port port-list	Specify the list of ports that you want to monitor.
bw-threshold bw-threshold- string	Specify the bandwidth threshold as a percentage of the total bandwidth of the ports. The default value is 0, which means that bandwidth monitoring is disabled by default.

For example, to configure the bandwidth threshold as 25 percent for ports 24 to 26, use the command:



```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-bw-threshold-alert-modify port 24-26 bw-threshold 25
```

Use the port-bw-threshold-alert-show command to display the configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-bw-threshold-alert-show switch port bw-threshold ----- switch 24 25% switch 25 25% switch 26 25%
```

To configure a port bandwidth monitoring interval, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-bw-threshold-mon-int-modify

port-bw-threshold-mon-int- modify	Modify port bandwidth monitoring interval.
monitor-interval 10300	Specify a port bandwidth monitoring interval. The allowed range of values is between 10 and 300 seconds. The default value is 30 seconds.

For example, to set a port bandwidth monitoring interval of 45 seconds, issue the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-bw-threshold-mon-int-modify monitor-interval 45
```

Use the port-bw-threshold-mon-int-show command to display the monitoring interval configuration.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-bw-threshold-mon-int-show monitor-interval: 45
```

You can view the syslog message for events related to port bandwidth monitoring by issuing the log-system-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > log-system-show layout vertical
count 2
category:
                 system
                   2021-09-27,06:57:54.743025-07:00
time:
name:
                   tx_port_bw_th_exceed
code:
                  11551
                  note
level:
port:
                   Egress port bandwidth threshold exceeded at
message:
port=9
category:
                   system
                    2021-09-27,06:59:34.747463-07:00
time:
                   tx_port_bw_th_not_exceed
name:
```



code: 11552 level: note port: 9

message: Egress port bandwidth threshold no longer

exceeding at port=9

To receive SNMP alerts when the bandwidth usage exceeds the configured threshold, you must configure an SNMP trap for port bandwidth monitoring. Use the snmp-trap-enable-modify command to enable or disable this SNMP trap.

To enable the SNMP trap for port bandwidth monitoring, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-enable-modify port-bw-threshold-exceed-event
```

To disable the SNMP trap for port bandwidth monitoring, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-enable-modify no-port-
bw-threshold-exceed-event
```

The SNMP trap message for the event where port bandwidth usage exceeds the threshold is:

```
DISMAN-EVENT-MIB::sysUpTimeInstance = Timeticks: (317194)
0:52:51.94

SNMPv2-MIB::snmpTrapOID.0 = OID: SNMPv2-
SMI::enterprises.47269.4.7.3.1

SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.47269.4.7.1.1.2.2 = STRING:
"egressPortBwThresholdExceeded"

SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.47269.4.7.1.1.3.2 = STRING:
"/nvOS/log/system.log"

SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.47269.4.7.1.1.4.2 = Gauge32: 5

SNMPv2-SMI::enterprises.47269.4.7.1.1.5.2 = STRING: "2021-09-27,06:57:54.743025-07:00 aries-ext-01 nvOSd(3775) system
tx_port_bw_th_exceed(11551) : level=note : port=9 : Egress
port bandwidth threshold exceeded at port=9
```

You can also view the event where the port bandwidth usage exceeds the configured threshold by using the port-show command. For example, in the case where the bandwidth threshold is exceeded by the ingress traffic on port 23, the output of the port-show command is:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 23
switch port status
config
-----
switch 23 defer-bringup-wait,rx-bw-threshold-exceeded fd,10g
```

You can also view the counters for the port bandwidth exceed event by issuing the port-stats-show command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-stats-show format port,Rx-bw-th-exceed-count,Tx-bw-th-exceed-count,ibits,obits, port 41-42 show-interval 1

	,	, , , , ,		
port	Rx-bw-th-exceed-count	Tx-bw-th-exceed-count	ibits	obits
41	0	0	131K	754K
42	0	0	164M	749K
port	Rx-bw-th-exceed-count	Tx-bw-th-exceed-count	ibits	obits
41	0	0	131K	754K
42	0	0	171M	749K
port	Rx-bw-th-exceed-count	Tx-bw-th-exceed-count	ibits	obits
41	0	0	132K	754K
42	1	0	178M	749K



# **Configuration Using Port Description instead of Port Number**

With Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, you can use the port description as a port selector for configuring various features and functionalities. You can assign port descriptions and trunk descriptions to ports and use these descriptions to create VLAN, vLE, or vPG configurations.

While creating configurations using port or trunk descriptions, various scenarios that arise are discussed below in the context of VLAN creation.

As a basic configuration to illustrate different scenarios, create trunks trunk1 and trunk2 with different trunk descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name trunk1 ports 15 description vlan_test_trunk1
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name trunk2 ports
18,20 description vlan_test_trunk1
```

**Case 1:** You cannot use a description that is shared by multiple trunks for VLAN configuration.

Display the trunk descriptions:

#### Display the port descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 15,18,20
switch port bezel-port status config description trunk
----- switch 15 15 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk1 trunk1
switch 18 18 trunk fd,10g vlan_test_trunk1 trunk2
switch 20 20 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk1 trunk2
```

Try creating a VLAN by using the trunk description shared by two trunks:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 2 scope local port-desc vlan_test_trunk1 vlan-create: Multiple ports found with description 'vlan_test_trunk1'
```

**Case 2:** You cannot use a description that is shared by a trunk port and a trunk member port for VLAN configuration.

Modify the configuration such that a trunk port and a member port from the other trunk have the same description:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk2 ports 18,20 description vlan\_test\_trunk2 CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 18 description vlan\_test\_trunk1

#### Display the trunk descriptions:

#### Display the port descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 15,18,20
switch port bezel-port status config description trunk
----- switch 15 15 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk1 trunk1
switch 18 18 trunk fd,10g vlan_test_trunk1 trunk2
switch 20 20 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk2 trunk2
```

#### Try creating a VLAN with a description that is shared by a trunk and a member port:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 2 scope local
port-desc vlan_test_trunk1
vlan-create: Multiple ports found with description
'vlan_test_trunk1'
```

**Case 3:** You cannot use a description that is shared by a trunk port and a physical port for VLAN configuration.

Modify the current configuration such that a trunk port and a physical port has the same description:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk2 ports 18 description vlan_test_trunk2 
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 20 description vlan_test_trunk1
```

## Display the trunk descriptions:

#### Display the port descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 15,18,20 switch port bezel-port status config description trunk
```



switch 15	15	trunk	fd,10g,autoneg	vlan_test_trunk1 t	runk1
switch 18	18	trunk	fd,10g	vlan_test_trunk2 t	runk2
switch 20	20		fd,10g,autoneg	vlan test trunk1	

Try creating a VLAN using the port description shared by a trunk and a physical port:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 2 scope local
port-desc vlan_test_trunk1
vlan-create: Multiple ports found with description
'vlan_test_trunk1'
```

**Case 4:** You can use a description shared by a trunk and all its member ports for configuring a VLAN.

Modify the current configuration such that a trunk port and its member ports have the same description:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk2 ports
18,20 description vlan_test_trunk2
```

Display the trunk descriptions:

#### Display the port descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 15,18,20
switch port bezel-port status config description trunk
----- switch 15 15 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk1 trunk1
switch 18 18 trunk fd,10g vlan_test_trunk2 trunk2
switch 20 20 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk2 trunk2
```

Create a VLAN using the port description of the trunk member ports:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 2 scope local
port-desc vlan_test_trunk2
Vlans 2 created
```

#### Display the VLAN configuration for the ports:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-show vlans 2 ports 18,20 switch bezel-port port vlans untagged-vlan description active-vlans switch 18 18 1-2 1 vlan_test_trunk2 none switch 20 20 1-2 1 vlan_test_trunk2 none
```

**Case 5**: You cannot use a port description shared by member ports of different trunks (with no trunk description) to configure a VLAN.

Modify the current configuration such that the port descriptions of member ports of two



#### different trunks are the same:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk1 ports 15 description ""

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk2 ports 18,20 description ""

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 15 description vlan_test_trunk_member

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 18 description vlan_test_trunk_member
```

#### Display the trunk descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format trunk-
id,ports,description
trunk-id ports
------
275    15
276    18,20
```

#### Display the port descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 15,18,20

switch port bezel-port status config description trunk

switch 15 15 trunk fd,10g,autoneg vlan_test_trunk_member trunk1

switch 18 18 trunk fd,10g vlan_test_trunk_member trunk2

switch 20 20 trunk fd,10g,autoneg trunk2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 2 scope local

port-desc vlan_test_trunk_member

vlan-create: Multiple ports found with description

'vlan_test_trunk_member'
```

**Case 6**: You can use a unique trunk member port description (with no trunk description) to configure a VLAN.

Modify the current configuration such that there is a unique port description for a trunk member port:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 18
description vlan_test_trunk2
```

#### Display the trunk descriptions:

#### Display the port descriptions:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show port 15,18,20
```



switch	port k	pezel-port s	tatus config	description		trunk
switch 15	15	trunk	fd,10g,autone	g vlan_test_trunk_member	trunk1	
switch 18	18	trunk	fd,10g	vlan_test_trunk2	trunk2	
switch 20	20	trunk	fd,10g,autoneg		trunk2	

## Create a VLAN using a unique trunk member description:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 2 scope local
port-desc vlan\_test\_trunk\_member
Vlans 2 created

## Display the VLAN configuration for the ports:

CLI (network	k-admin@switc	h) >	port-v	lan-show	vlans	2	ports	15	
switch	bezel-port	port	vlans	untagged-	-vlan d	des	criptic	n	active-vlans
switch	15	15	1-2	1		vla	n test	trunk member	none



# **Configuring Layer 2 Features**

This chapter provides information about the protocols and configurations supported on Layer 2 network by using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI) on a Netvisor ONE switch.

- Understanding the Supported L2 Protocols
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# **Understanding the Supported Layer 2 Protocols in Netvisor ONE**

Layer 2 (the Data Link layer) enables the transfer of data between adjacent nodes in a network segment, such as local or wide area networks. Layer 2 frames do not cross the boundaries of the local network. Services provided by Layer 2 include, but are not limited to: frame encapsulation, device addressing, error detection, packet forwarding, loop prevention, flow control, frame queuing, Quality of Service (QoS), and traffic segmentation through Virtual LANs (VLANs).

Netvisor ONE supports the following Layer 2 protocols and functionalities:

- Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)
- Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP)
- Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP)
- Link Aggregation (LAG)
- virtual Link Aggregation (vLAG)
- Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)
- Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP)
- Root Guard
- Fabric Guard



## **Configuring LLDP**

The Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) is an open, vendor-independent protocol that advertises a device's identity, abilities, and neighboring devices connected within the Local Area Network. This protocol is based on IEEE 802.1ab standard. An LLDP device sends information as Ethernet frames at regular intervals and each frame contains one LLDP Data Unit (LLDPDU) which is a sequence of different Type-Length-Value (TLV) structures. These frames start with the mandatory TLVs that include the Chassis ID, Port ID, and Time-To-Live (TTL) followed by a number of optional TLVs.

Netvisor ONE provides a generic LLDP ON/OFF toggle function set at the system level. LLDP is enabled on a switch by default and without the generic function, you must disable LLDP configuration on all ports to disable LLDP on a switch. This resets all related configurations of LLDP protocol settings at the port level and LLDP vFlows. Use the following CLI command to enable or disable the protocol at the system level:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > system-settings-modify [lldp|no-lldp]
```

LLDP packets are processed on the CPU after being directed there by specific vFlow policies. To clear all LLDP protocol system redirects, use the parameter no-lldp. To add all LLDP protocol system redirects, use the parameter lldp. This approach ensures that port LLDP configurations are not disturbed.

To verify the LLDP status, use the command:

To enable/disable LLDP on one or more ports, use the command port-lldp-modify.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1)	> port-lldp-modify
port-lldp-modify	Modify the LLDP setting on ports.
Specify the following options:	
port port-list	Specify the ports on which LLDP has to be enabled or disabled as a list separated by commas.
lldp no-lldp	Specify the option to enable or disable LLDP.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-lldp-modify port <port-list>
[lldp|no-lldp]

11dp-show command displays the LLDP information of the neighbors in the network.



Specify the system name of the

neighboring device.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > 11c	lp-show
lldp-show	This command displays LLDP information.
Specify any of the following options to view parameter.	w the LLDP information specific to that
local-port local-port-number	Specify a local port number.
bezel-port bezel-port-string	Specify the bezel port number.
chassis-id chassis-id-string	Specify the chassis ID of the neighboring device.
port-id port-id-string	Specify the port ID of the neighboring device.

## For example:

sys-name sys-name-string

CLI (network-a	admin@SW1) :	> lldp-show				
switch	local-port	bezel-port	chassis-id	port-id	port-desc	sys-name
SW1	17	17	090009ef	17	PN Switch Port(17)	proto-1
SW1	121	121	090009ee	121	PN Switch Port(121)	proto-2
SW2	13	13	090009ef	13	PN Switch Port(13)	proto-1
SW2	117	117	090009ee	117	PN Switch Port(117)	proto-2

port-lldp-show command displays the LLDP status on a port basis.

CLI	(network-admin@Leaf1) >	port-lldp-show
poı	rt-lldp-show	Display LLDP configuration on the ports. This command when executed without any parameters displays the LLDP status (on/off) of all the ports on the switch.
-	ecify any of the following paramete ameter.	ers to view the LLDP information specific to that

port <port-list></port-list>	Specify the list of ports separated by commas.		
lldp no-lldp	Use the option lldp to view all the ports on which LLDP is enabled. Use the option no-lldp to view all the ports on which LLDP is disabled.		

# For example:

CLI (network-	admin@	Leaf1)	>	port-lldp-show	port	12,13,14,15
switch	port	lldp				
Leaf1	12	on				



Leaf1	13	on
Leaf1	14	on
Leaf1	15	on



# **Understanding and Configuring VLANs**

A Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) enables devices to be segmented into logically separate broadcast domains within the same LAN. VLANs improve network performance by directing network traffic only to the parts of the network that need to receive it. Network segments so created keep traffic isolated based on the respective VLAN IDs associated to the transmitted frames. Applying targeted security features to specific network areas is also made simpler through the use of VLANs.

As per the standards, Netvisor ONE uses the 12-bit field in the header of each packet as a VLAN identifier or VLAN tag. The maximum number of VLANs that can be defined is 4092. VLANs 4093, 4094, and 4095 are reserved for internal use while VLAN 1 is the default fabric VLAN for untagged traffic. Untagged packets can be mapped to any VLAN, but Netvisor ONE maps this traffic to VLAN 1 by default.

Configuring an untagged VLAN is necessary while connecting a switch to devices that do not support IEEE802.1Q VLAN tags. The ports on a switch can be configured to automatically map untagged packets to a specific VLAN. Netvisor ONE also allows you to block untagged traffic on a port basis, that is, the untagged VLAN on a port can be removed or deleted.

#### **About VLAN 1**

- VLAN 1 is enabled on all ports by default. However, VLAN 1 can be removed from any
  port on which it is the untagged VLAN. Now, the port has no untagged VLANs and all
  untagged traffic is dropped on that port.
- To generalize the point above, if VLAN x is the untagged VLAN for a port and if VLAN x is removed from that port, then the port has no untagged VLAN and all untagged traffic is dropped on that port.
- VLAN 1 can also function as a tagged VLAN for a port. This happens automatically in cases where VLAN 1 is the default untagged VLAN, and then another VLAN is configured as an untagged VLAN on the port.
- VLAN 1 cannot be created or deleted. VLAN 1 configuration is stored in persistent storage.

The default fabric VLAN can be changed from VLAN 1 to another VLAN ID using the command fabric-local-modify. For example, to set VLAN 20 as the default fabric VLAN, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > fabric-local-modify vlan 20
```

**Warning:** If you create a VLAN with scope fabric and configure it as the untagged VLAN on all ports, it can disrupt the fabric communication.

**Note:** The untagged VLAN feature is not the same as the default VLAN using the IEEE 802.1Q tag 1.

The vlan-create command creates VLANs on the current switch.

CLI(network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-create



vlan-create	Creates a VLAN. You can create a VLAN either by specifying a VLAN ID or by specifying a range of VLAN IDs.
id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID between 2 and 4092. Note: VLAN 0 and 1 represents all untagged or non-VLAN traffic, VLANs 4093, 4094, and 4095 are reserved for internal use.
range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs. Use this parameter if you want to specify a VLAN range instead of a VLAN ID.
scope [local cluster fabric]	Specify the VLAN scope as local, cluster, or fabric.
Specify any of the following options:	
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET name for this VLAN. Note: A vNET segregates a physical fabric into many logical networks, each with separate resources, network services, and Quality of Service (QoS) guarantees.
vxlan 116777215	Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
auto-vxlan no-auto-vxlan	Specify if you want to enable or disable auto-vxlan. Enabling this option automatically assigns a user-defined VLAN/VNI mapping to all VTEP connections in the fabric. If the vxlan option is not specified, the software assigns a VNI automatically.
vxlan-mode [standard  transparent qinq-access]	Specify the VXLAN encapsulation mode as standard, transparent, or Q-in-Q.
replicators [vtep-group name  none]	Specify the replicator group. Provide a VTEP group name to add a replicator. Specify none to not add a replicator or remove a configured replicator.
public-vlan 24092	Specify the Public VLAN for vNET VLAN.
description description- string	Provide a VLAN description.
stats no-stats	Use the options to enable or disable statistics collection for the VLANs being created.



ports port-list	Specify the ports assigned to the VLAN
	as list separated by commas.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify a port description.
untagged-ports port-list	Specify the untagged ports assigned to the VLAN as a list separated by commas.
untagged-port-desc untagged- port-desc-string	Specify a description for untagged ports.

**Note**: Netvisor ONE allows you to create a large number of VLANs by using the vlancreate command and the range keyword. However, in large network topologies with several nodes with heavy CPU traffic, the CLI may timeout if you create large number of VLANs. In such scenarios, try creating smaller number of VLANs.

By default, all ports are tagged on a newly created VLAN. However, if you want to specify select ports that should be trunked, then use the optional parameter ports with a comma separated list of ports, or specify a range of ports.

In some cases, you may not want a VLAN to be created on all ports. You can specify the port parameter as none to apply the VLAN only to the internal ports. For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-create id 35 scope fabric ports none

To delete an existing VLAN, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-delete

vlan-delete	Deletes a VLAN either by ID or by a range of IDs.
id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID that you want to delete.
range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs that you want to delete. Use this parameter instead of id, if you want to specify a VLAN range.
Specify the following option:	
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the name of the vNET from which the VLANs are to be deleted.

Configuration of an existing VLAN can be modified using the vlan-modify command.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) >vlan-modify

vlan-modify	Modify a VLAN by specifying the VLAN ID.



id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID that you intend to modify.
between 1 and 4 of the following options:	
description description- string	Provide a VLAN description.
vxlan 116777215	Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
replicators [vtep-group name   none]	Specify the replicator group. Provide a VTEP group name to add a replicator. Specify none to not add a replicator or remove a configured replicator.
vnet <i>vnet name</i>	Specify the vNET name for this VLAN.
public-vlan 24092	Specify the public VLAN ID for vNET VLAN. Note: Public VLAN ID can only be specified for private VLANs.

For example, to modify VLAN25 description from blue to red:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-modify id 25 description red

This description can be removed from VLAN25 using the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-modify id 25 description ""

Netvisor ONE allows the addition of ports to a VLAN through the vlan-port-add command.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-add

vlan-port-add	Add ports to VLANs.
Specify one of the following VLAN parameters:	
vlan-id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID to which ports are to be added.
vlan-range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs to which ports are to be added.
vlan-vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET for the VLANs to which the ports are to be added.
Provide the following port arguments:	
switch switch-name	Specify the name of the switch on which the ports are located.



ports port-list	Specify the ports that need to be added to the VLANs as a list separated by commas.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify a previously configured port description.
[untagged   tagged]	Specify either of the options to configure the ports as untagged or tagged ports.

For example, to configure ports 17 and 18 to accept untagged packets and map them to VLAN 595, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 595 ports 17,18 untagged

To map ports on different switches into the scope fabric VLAN, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 1-4095 switch switch-name ports port-list

Ports can be removed from a VLAN through the vlan-port-remove command.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-remove

vlan-port-remove	Remove ports from VLANs.
Specify one of the following VLAN sectors:	
vlan-id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID from which ports are to be removed.
vlan-range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs from which ports are to be removed
vlan-vnet <i>vnet name</i>	Specify the vNET for the VLANs from which ports are to be removed.
Provide the following port arguments:	
switch switch name	Specify the name of the switch on which the ports are located.
port port list	Specify the ports that need to be removed from the VLANs as a list separated by commas.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the port description.

The vlan-show command displays the VLAN information.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-show



vlan-show	Display VLAN information.
Specify one of the following VLAN sectors:	
id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID for which the information has to be displayed.
range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs for which the information has to be displayed.
vnet <i>vnet name</i>	Specify the vNET for which VLAN information has to be displayed.
type [public   private]	Specify either of the type options to display information for public VLANs or private VLANs.
vxlan 116777215	Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
vxlan-mode [standard   transparent   qinq-access]	Specify any of the VXLAN modes to display information for standard, transparent, or q-in-q modes.
hw-vpn hw-vpn-number	Specify the hardware VPN number to display the related information.
hw-mcast-group hw-mcast- group-number	Specify the hardware multi-cast group number to display the related information.
replicators [vtep-group name   none]	Provide a VTEP group name to view the VLAN information for that replicator group. Specify none to view the information on VLANs that do not involve replicator groups.
repl-vtep <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address of the replicator VTEP to view the related information.
public-vlan 24092	Specify the public VLAN ID for vNET VLAN to view the related information.
scope [local   cluster   fabric]	Provide any of the scope options to view the information on VLANs with that specified scope.
description description- string	Specify a description to view the information on VLANs with that specific description.
active [yes   no]	Specify yes to view information on active VLANs. Specify no to view information on inactive VLANs.
stats no-stats	Specify VLAN statistics.



vrg vrg-name	Specify the VRG assigned to VLAN.
ports port-list	Specify the ports assigned to VLAN.
port-desc port-desc-string	Description for the port.
untagged-ports port-list	Specify the untagged ports assigned to VLAN.
untagged-port-desc untagged- port-desc-string	The untagged ports assigned to VLAN.
active-edge-ports port-list	Specify the active edge ports assigned to VLAN.

For example: CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-show layout
vertical

switch: leaf1 id: 1

active: yes stats: yes ports: 2-72 untagged-ports: 2-69 active-edge-ports: 69-70

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-show format all layout
vertical

switch: leaf1 id: 1

repl-vtep: ::
scope: local
description: default-1

active: yes stats: yes vrg: 0:0 ports: 2-72 untagged-ports: 2-69 active-edge-ports: 69

Network traffic statistics per VLAN can be displayed using the vlan-stats-show command. This command may be useful when troubleshooting network issues.



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-stats-show format all layout vertical switch: Leaf2 time: 10:51:02 vlan: 1 vnet: ibytes: 36.2T ipkts: 89.0G idrops-bytes: 119M idrops-pkts: 313K obytes: 0 opkts: 0 odrops-bytes: 0 odrops-pkts: 0 switch: Leaf2 time: 10:51:02 vlan: 35 vnet: ibytes: 10.8K ipkts: 154 idrops-bytes: 0 idrops-pkts: 0 obytes: 0 opkts: 0 odrops-bytes: 0 odrops-pkts: 0 switch: Leaf1 time: 10:51:02 vlan: 1 vnet: ibytes: 34.9T ipkts: 84.6G idrops-bytes: 3.03M idrops-pkts: 5.69K obytes: 0 opkts: 0 odrops-bytes: 0 odrops-pkts: 0

#### The output displays the following information:

- switch switch name
- time when the output was generated
- VLAN ID ID assigned to the VLAN
- vnet the vNET assigned to the VLAN
- incoming and outgoing bytes in K (Kilobytes), M (Megabytes), or G
   (Gigabytes)
- incoming and outgoing packets number of packets incoming and



## outgoing

- incoming and outgoing dropped bytes—in K (Kilobytes), M (Megabytes), or G (Gigabytes)
- incoming and outgoing dropped packets number of dropped packets incoming and outgoing



# **Understanding and Configuring VLANs**

A Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) enables devices to be segmented into logically separate broadcast domains within the same LAN. VLANs improve network performance by directing network traffic only to the parts of the network that need to receive it. Network segments so created keep traffic isolated based on the respective VLAN IDs associated to the transmitted frames. Applying targeted security features to specific network areas is also made simpler through the use of VLANs.

As per the standards, Netvisor ONE uses the 12-bit field in the header of each packet as a VLAN identifier or VLAN tag. The maximum number of VLANs that can be defined is 4092. VLANs 4093, 4094, and 4095 are reserved for internal use while VLAN 1 is the default fabric VLAN for untagged traffic. Untagged packets can be mapped to any VLAN, but Netvisor ONE maps this traffic to VLAN 1 by default.

Configuring an untagged VLAN is necessary while connecting a switch to devices that do not support IEEE802.1Q VLAN tags. The ports on a switch can be configured to automatically map untagged packets to a specific VLAN. Netvisor ONE also allows you to block untagged traffic on a port basis, that is, the untagged VLAN on a port can be removed or deleted.

#### **About VLAN 1**

- VLAN 1 is enabled on all ports by default. However, VLAN 1 can be removed from any
  port on which it is the untagged VLAN. Now, the port has no untagged VLANs and all
  untagged traffic is dropped on that port.
- To generalize the point above, if VLAN x is the untagged VLAN for a port and if VLAN x is removed from that port, then the port has no untagged VLAN and all untagged traffic is dropped on that port.
- VLAN 1 can also function as a tagged VLAN for a port. This happens automatically in cases where VLAN 1 is the default untagged VLAN, and then another VLAN is configured as an untagged VLAN on the port.
- VLAN 1 cannot be created or deleted. VLAN 1 configuration is stored in persistent storage.

The default fabric VLAN can be changed from VLAN 1 to another VLAN ID using the command fabric-local-modify. For example, to set VLAN 20 as the default fabric VLAN, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > fabric-local-modify vlan 20
```

**Warning:** If you create a VLAN with scope fabric and configure it as the untagged VLAN on all ports, it can disrupt the fabric communication.

**Note:** The untagged VLAN feature is not the same as the default VLAN using the IEEE 802.1Q tag 1.

The vlan-create command creates VLANs on the current switch.

CLI(network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-create



Creates a VLAN. You can create a VLAN either by specifying a VLAN ID or by specifying a range of VLAN IDs.
Specify the VLAN ID between 2 and 4092. Note: VLAN 0 and 1 represents all untagged or non-VLAN traffic, VLANs 4093, 4094, and 4095 are reserved for internal use.
Specify the range of VLAN IDs. Use this parameter if you want to specify a VLAN range instead of a VLAN ID.
Specify the VLAN scope as local, cluster, or fabric.
Specify the vNET name for this VLAN. Note: A vNET segregates a physical fabric into many logical networks, each with separate resources, network services, and Quality of Service (QoS) guarantees.
Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
Specify if you want to enable or disable auto-vxlan. Enabling this option automatically assigns a user-defined VLAN/VNI mapping to all VTEP connections in the fabric. If the vxlan option is not specified, the software assigns a VNI automatically.
Specify the VXLAN encapsulation mode as standard, transparent, or Q-in-Q.
Specify the replicator group. Provide a VTEP group name to add a replicator. Specify none to not add a replicator or remove a configured replicator.
Specify the Public VLAN for vNET VLAN.
Provide a VLAN description.
Use the options to enable or disable statistics collection for the VLANs being created.



ports port-list	Specify the ports assigned to the VLAN as list separated by commas.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify a port description to be assigned to the VLAN.
untagged-ports port-list	Specify the untagged ports assigned to the VLAN as a list separated by commas.
untagged-port-desc untagged- port-desc-string	Specify a description for untagged ports.

**Note**: Netvisor ONE allows you to create a large number of VLANs by using the vlancreate command and the range keyword. However, in large network topologies with several nodes with heavy CPU traffic, the CLI may timeout if you create large number of VLANs. In such scenarios, try creating smaller number of VLANs.

By default, all ports are tagged on a newly created VLAN. However, if you want to specify select ports that should be trunked, then use the optional parameter ports with a comma separated list of ports, or specify a range of ports.

In some cases, you may not want a VLAN to be created on all ports. You can specify the port parameter as none to apply the VLAN only to the internal ports. For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-create id 35 scope fabric ports none

To delete an existing VLAN, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-delete

vlan-delete	Deletes a VLAN either by ID or by a range of IDs.
id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID that you want to delete.
range vlan-list	Specify the range of VLAN IDs that you want to delete. Use this parameter instead of id, if you want to specify a VLAN range.
Specify the following option:	
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the name of the vNET from which the VLANs are to be deleted.

Configuration of an existing VLAN can be modified using the vlan-modify command.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) >vlan-modify

vlan-modify	Modify a VLAN by specifying the VLAN
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ID.
Specify the VLAN ID that you intend to modify.
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Provide a VLAN description.
Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
Specify the replicator group. Provide a VTEP group name to add a replicator. Specify none to not add a replicator or remove a configured replicator.
Specify the vNET name for this VLAN.
Specify the public VLAN ID for vNET VLAN. Note: Public VLAN ID can only be specified for private VLANs.

For example, to modify VLAN 25 description from blue to red:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-modify id 25 description red

This description can be removed from VLAN25 using the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-modify id 25 description ""

Netvisor ONE allows the addition of ports to a VLAN through the vlan-port-add command.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-add

vlan-port-add	Add ports to VLANs.
Specify one of the following VLAN parameters:	
vlan-id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID to which ports are to be added.
vlan-range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs to which ports are to be added.
vlan-vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET for the VLANs to which the ports are to be added.
Provide the following port arguments:	
switch switch-name	Specify the name of the switch on which the ports are located.



ports port-list	Specify the ports that you want to add to the VLAN as a list separated by commas.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the port description of the port that you want to add to the VLAN.
[untagged   tagged]	Specify either of the options to configure the ports as untagged or tagged ports.

For example, to configure ports 17 and 18 to accept untagged packets and map them to VLAN 595, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 595 ports 17,18 untagged

To map ports on different switches into the scope fabric VLAN, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 1-4095 switch switch-name ports port-list

To add ports with the description red to VLAN 70, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 70 port-desc red

Ports can be removed from a VLAN through the vlan-port-remove command.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-port-remove

vlan-port-remove	Remove ports from VLANs.
Specify one of the following VLAN selectors:	
vlan-id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID from which ports are to be removed.
vlan-range <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the range of VLAN IDs from which ports are to be removed
vlan-vnet <i>vnet name</i>	Specify the vNET for the VLANs from which ports are to be removed.
Provide the following port arguments:	
switch switch name	Specify the name of the switch on which the ports are located.
port port list	Specify the ports that you want to remove from the VLAN as a list separated by commas.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the port description of the port that you want to remove from the VLAN.



The vlan-show command displays the VLAN information.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-show

vlan-show	Display VI AN information
	Display VLAN information.
Specify one of the following VLAN sectors:	
id 24092	Specify the VLAN ID for which the information has to be displayed.
range vlan-list	Specify the range of VLAN IDs for which the information has to be displayed.
vnet <i>vnet name</i>	Specify the vNET for which VLAN information has to be displayed.
type [public   private]	Specify either of the type options to display information for public VLANs or private VLANs.
vxlan 116777215	Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
vxlan-mode [standard   transparent   qinq-access]	Specify any of the VXLAN modes to display information for standard, transparent, or q-in-q modes.
hw-vpn hw-vpn-number	Specify the hardware VPN number to display the related information.
hw-mcast-group hw-mcast- group-number	Specify the hardware multi-cast group number to display the related information.
replicators [vtep-group name   none]	Provide a VTEP group name to view the VLAN information for that replicator group. Specify none to view the information on VLANs that do not involve replicator groups.
repl-vtep <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address of the replicator VTEP to view the related information.
public-vlan 24092	Specify the public VLAN ID for vNET VLAN to view the related information.
scope [local   cluster   fabric]	Provide any of the scope options to view the information on VLANs with that specified scope.
description description- string	Specify a description to view the information on VLANs with that specific description.



active [yes   no]	Specify yes to view information on active VLANs. Specify no to view information on inactive VLANs.
stats no-stats	Specify VLAN statistics.
vrg vrg-name	Specify the VRG assigned to VLAN.
ports port-list	Specify the ports assigned to VLAN.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the port description.
untagged-ports port-list	Specify the untagged ports assigned to VLAN.
untagged-port-desc untagged- port-desc-string	The untagged ports assigned to VLAN.
active-edge-ports port-list	Specify the active edge ports assigned to VLAN.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-show layout vertical

switch: leaf1

id: 1

active: yes stats: yes ports: 2-72 untagged-ports: 2-69 active-edge-ports: 69-70

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-show format all layout

vertical

switch: leaf1
id: 1

description: default-1

active: yes stats: yes vrg: 0:0 ports: 2-72



untagged-ports: 2-69 active-edge-ports: 69

#### To associate multiple VLANs with a port, use the port-vlan-add command:

ports port-number	Specify the port number.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the description to add the port with that description to the VLAN.
Specify one or both of the following option	ns:
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the VNET for the port.
vlans <i>vlans-list</i>	Specify the list of VLANs to associate with the port.
untagged-vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Specify an untagged VLAN to apply to the port. The value can be from 0-4095.

For example, to associate the VLANs 10 and 12 with port 25, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-add port 25 vlans 10,12

Use the port-vlan-show command to display this configuration.

#### CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-show

port-vlan-show	Display ports and the associated VLANs.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	The name of the vNET.
bezel-port bezel-port-string	The bezel port number.
ports port-list	The list of ports.
vlans <i>vlans-list</i>	The list of VLANs associated with the port.
untagged-vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	The untagged VLANs associated with the port.
description description- string	The VLAN description.
port-desc port-desc-string	The port description.
active-vlans vlan-list	The active VLAN list.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-show
switch bezel-port port vlans untagged-vlan description active-vlans
---- switch 25 25 10,12 1 none

#### Use the port-vlan-remove command to remove a port from the VLANs.

port-vlan-remove	Removes a port from VLANs.
vlans vlans-list	Specify the list of VLANs.



vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET.
port port-number	Specify the port to remove.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the port description to remove the port with that description.

For example, you can remove the ports with the description green from VLANs 45 and 46 by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-remove vlans 45,46 port-desc green
```

Network traffic statistics per VLAN can be displayed using the vlan-stats-show command. This command may be useful when troubleshooting network issues.

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vlan-stats-show format all layout
vertical
switch: Leaf2
time: 10:51:02
vlan: 1
vnet:
ibytes: 36.2T
ipkts: 89.0G
idrops-bytes: 119M
idrops-pkts: 313K
obytes: 0
opkts: 0
odrops-bytes: 0
odrops-pkts: 0
switch: Leaf2
time: 10:51:02
vlan: 35
vnet:
ibytes: 10.8K
ipkts: 154
idrops-bytes: 0
idrops-pkts: 0
obytes: 0
opkts: 0
odrops-bytes: 0
odrops-pkts: 0
switch: Leaf1
time: 10:51:02
vlan:
                   1
vnet:
ibytes: 34.9T
ipkts: 84.6G
idrops-bytes: 3.03M
idrops-pkts: 5.69K
obytes: 0
opkts: 0
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odrops-bytes: 0



odrops-pkts: 0

The output displays the following information:

- switch switch name
- time when the output was generated
- ullet VLAN ID ID assigned to the VLAN
- vnet the vNET assigned to the VLAN
- incoming and outgoing bytes in K (Kilobytes), M (Megabytes), or G
   (Gigabytes)
- incoming and outgoing packets number of packets incoming and outgoing
- incoming and outgoing dropped bytes in K (Kilobytes), M (Megabytes),
   or G (Gigabytes)
- incoming and outgoing dropped packets number of dropped packets incoming and outgoing



# **Configuring Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP)**

Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP), a standard inter-switch protocol, ensures a loop-free forwarding network topology at Layer 2. This protocol was defined by the IEEE 802.1w standard and is an extension of the 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol (STP). RSTP is an improvement over STP as it provides faster convergence after a network topology change or failure. RSTP introduces new port roles, and the original five port states of STP are reduced to three.

To build a loop-free topology, switches (bridges) determine the root bridge and compute the port roles. To do this, the bridges use special data frames called Bridge Protocol Data Units (BPDUs) that exchange bridge IDs and root path cost information. BPDUs are exchanged regularly, typically at two second intervals, and enable switches to keep track of network topology changes and to start and stop forwarding on ports as required. Hosts should not send BPDUs to the switch ports and to avoid malfunctioning/malicious hosts from doing so, the switch can filter or block BPDUs. If you enable BPDU filtering on a port, BPDUs received on that port are dropped but other network traffic is forwarded as usual. If you enable BPDU blocking on a port, BPDUs received on that port are dropped and the port is shut down.

#### **Port Roles in RSTP**

Root Port (one per bridge): The forwarding port on each bridge which is on the best path to reach the root bridge.

Designated Port: The forwarding port for each LAN segment that leads away from the root bridge.

Alternate Port: An alternative path to the root bridge on a particular LAN segment, which is part of a bridge other than the one that has a designed port for the LAN segment. Alternate port is the second best root port.

Backup port: A backup/redundant port for the segment that already has one designated port. This port leads away from the root port.

Disabled: A port which is manually disabled and is not a part of STP.

#### **Port States in RSTP**

Discarding: No data is exchanged over the port.

Learning: Frames are not forwarded, but the MAC address table is populated.

Forwarding: Fully functional.

Switches in RSTP expect a BPDU every 2 seconds (hello time) and if they do not receive a BPDU for 6 seconds (3 hello time intervals), it is considered to be a link failure. This is significantly faster than the STP link failure detection time of 20 seconds, dictated by the max age timer. RSTP can actively confirm if a port can safely be transitioned to the forwarding state without having to rely on the timer mechanism. Ports can be configured as edge ports if they are attached to a LAN that has no other bridges connected to it. Such a port can transition directly to the forwarding state, but it loses the edge port status as soon as it receives a BPDU. RSTP achieves rapid transition to the forwarding state on edge ports and point-to-point links (operating in full-duplex mode) but not on shared links (i.e., ports connected to a shared medium, hence operating in. half-duplex mode)

If network connections form loops and STP is disabled, packets are forwarded indefinitely across the switches, causing degradation of network performance. STP supports limited Layer 2 multipathing and can result in sub-optimal utilization of



available network links. Therefore, a fabric of switches does not rely only on RSTP within the boundaries of the network. Pluribus Networks recommends the use of RSTP for ad hoc networks that inter-operate in a heterogeneous, multi-vendor switch environment.

**Note:** RSTP is enabled on the switch by default.

Before you begin configuring RSTP, view the status of the protocol on the switch by using the command stp-show

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-show

switch: Leaf1
enable: yes
stp-mode: rstp

bpdus-bridge-ports: yes

bridge-id: 3a:7f:b1:43:8a:0f

bridge-priority: 32768

hello-time: 2

forwarding-delay: 15

max-age: 20

cluster-mode: master

The cluster-mode of a switch in an STP cluster could be master or slave. The master in an STP cluster is elected on the basis of which node has been up longer. The other node is the slave.

To display the STP state, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-state-show

stp-state-show	Displays the STP state information.
Specify one or more of the following options to view the information specific to those options. Specifying no parameter will display all the information.	
vlan <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the VLANs as a list separated by commas.
port port-list	Specify the ports as a list separated by commas.
instance-id instance-id- number	Specify the STP instance ID.
name name-string	Specify the name of the STP instance.
bridge-id <i>mac-address</i>	Specify the bridge ID for which the information has to be displayed.
bridge-priority bridge- priority-number	Specify the bridge priority number.



root-id mac-address	Specify the root ID.
root-priority root-priority- number	Specify the STP root priority.
root-port root-port-number	Specify the STP root port.
root-port(peer) root- port(peer)-number	Specify the root port of the peer.
hello-time hello-time-number	Specify the STP hello time between 1s and 10s. The hello time is the time between each bridge protocol data unit (BPDU) that is sent on a port. The default hello time is 2s.
forwarding-delay forwarding-delay-number	Specify the STP forwarding delay between 4s and 30s. This is the time interval that is spent in the listening and learning states. Default forwarding delay timer is 15s.
max-age max-age-number	Specify the maximum age between 6s and 40s. This is the maximum length of time interval that an STP switch port saves its configuration BPDU information. The default max-age timer is 20s.
internal no-internal	Specify if the STP state is internal or not.
peer no-peer	Specify if the STP state is peer state or not.

For example: CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-state-show layout

vertical

switch: Leaf1
vlan: 1
ports: none

instance-id: 1

name: stg-default
bridge-id: 66:0e:94:65:e1:ef

bridge-priority: 8193

root-id: 64:0e:94:c0:06:4b

root-priority: 4097
root-port: 128
hello-time: 2
forwarding-delay: 15

max-age: 20
disabled: none
learning: none

forwarding: 25-28,128-129

discarding: none

edge: 25-28



designated: 25-28,129

alternate: none
backup: none

The STP information pertaining to the ports can be displayed by using the command stp-port-show.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-show

stp-port-show	Displays the STP port information.
Specify one or more of the following options to view the information specific to those options. Specifying no parameter will display all the information.	
port port-list	Specify the ports as a list separated by commas.
block no-block	Specify if BPDU blocking is enabled on the ports or not.
filter no-filter	Specify if BPDU filtering is enabled on the port or not.
edge no-edge	Specify if the ports are edge ports or non-edge ports.
bpdu-guard no-bpdu-guard	Specify if BPDU guard is configured on the ports or not.
root-guard no-root-guard	Specify if root guard is configured on the ports or not.
priority 0240	Specify the priority as a value between 0 and 240.
cost 120000000	Specify the port cost as a value between 1 and 200000000.

The STP state at the port level can be viewed using the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-state-show

stp-port-state-show	Display STP information at the port level.
Specify one or more of the following options to view the information specific to those options. Specifying none will display the information for all the parameters below.	
vlan <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the VLANs as a list separated by commas.



port port-list	Specify the ports as a list separated by commas.
stp-state Disabled  Discarding Learning  Forwarding	Specify one among the options as the STP state.
role Disabled/Root/ Designated/Alternate/Backup	Specify one among the options as the port role.
selected-role Disabled/Root/ Designated/Alternate/Backup	Specify one among the options as the selected role.
state new-info/proposing/ proposed/agreed/agreed/learn/ learning/forward/forwarding/ reselect/selected/reroot/ rcvd-bpdu/rcvd-msg/rcvd-tc/ rcvd-tc-ack/send-rstp/tc- prop/tc-ack/update-info/sync/ synced/disputed/fdb-flush/ online/looping/manual-online/ edge/vlag-local-up/vlag- remote-up/requested-online/ first-sync/p-is-d/p-is-m/ root-guard-active	Specify one among the options as the port state machine state.
designated-priority designated-priority-string	Specify the designated priority vector.
port-priority port-priority- string	Specify the port priority vector.
message-priority message- priority-string	Specify the message priority vector.
info-is disabled/received/ mine/aged	Specify the origin of port information.
designated-times designated- times-string	Specify the designated times: age, max age, hello, and forward delay
port-times port-times-string	Specify the port times: age, max age, hello, and forward delay
message-times message-times- string	Specify the message times: age, max age, hello, and forward delay
hello-timer hello-timer- number	Specify the STP hello time between 1s and 10s. The hello time is the time between each Bridge Protocol Data Unit (BPDU) that is sent on a port. The default hello time is 2s.
topology-timer topology-	Specify the topology change timer value.



timer-number					
forward-timer forward-timer- number	Specify the STP forwarding delay between 4s and 30s. This is the time interval that is spent in the listening and learning states. The default forwarding delay time is 15s.				
rcvd-info-timer rcvd-info- timer-number	Specify the received info timer value.				
recent-root-timer recent- root-timer-number	Specify the recent root timer value.				
recent-backup-timer recent- backup-timer-number	Specify the recent backup timer value.				
edge-delay-timer edge-delay- timer-number	Specify the edge delay timer value.				
migration-timer migration- timer-number	Specify the migration delay timer value.				
root-guard-timer root-guard- timer-number	Specify the root guard BPDU delay timer value.				
sm-table-bits sm-table-bits- number	Specify the state machine table state.				
sm-table sm-table-string	Specify the state machine table description.				
vlag-peer-port vlag-peer- port-number	Specify the VLAG peer port if activeactive.				
peer no-peer	Specify the STP peer state.				
RSTP can be configured using the command CLI (network-admin@switch1) > stp-modify Specify one or more of the following	stp-modify.  Stp-modify  Modify the Spanning Tree Protocol parameters.				
options:					
enable disable	Specify to enable or disable STP				
stp-mode rstp mstp	Specify the STP mode as RSTP or MSTP.				
bpdus-bridge-ports bpdus-all- ports	Specify to send BPDUs only on switch ports or on all ports.				
bridge-id <i>mac-address</i>	Specify the STP bridge ID. The first part of the bridge ID is a 2-byte bridge priority field (which can be configured) while the second part is the 6-byte MAC address of the switch.				



bridge-priority 061440	Specify the STP bridge priority in multiples of 4096. The default value is 32768.
hello-time 110	Specify the STP hello time between 1s and 10s. The hello time is the time between each BPDU that is sent on a port. The default value is 2s.
forwarding-delay 430	Specify the STP forwarding delay between 4s and 30s. The forwarding delay is the time that is spent in the listening and learning states. The default forwarding delay is 15s.
max-age 640	Specify the max age time between 6s and 40s. The max age timer defines the maximum time for which a switchport stores config BPDU information. The default value is 20s. If a config BPDU does not arrive at a port for 20s (default), the switch detects a link failure and takes action to restore connectivity through the backup links.
mst-max-hops 132	Specify the maximum hop count for MSTP BPDU. The default value is 20.
mst-config-name mst-config- name-string	Specify the name for MST configuration instance.
mst-config-revision mst- config-revision-number	Specify the MST configuration revision number. Enter a value between 0 and 65535.
root-guard-wait-time 0300	Specify the root guard wait time between 0s and 300s. The default value is 20. Specify the value as 0 to disable wait.

**Note:** Hello time, forwarding delay, and max age timers are not used by RSTP but are relevant to STP.

Netvisor ONE optimizes RSTP by not sending BPDUs on any ports except on inter-switch link-ports by default. However, if you do not configure Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP), Netvisor does not detect host ports (i.e., ports directly connected to end devices) or send BPDU packets. As a result, both ports are in Forwarding state.

When you add the parameter bpdus-all-ports to the stp-modify command, it allows sending BPDUs on all ports even if hosts are not detected, unless the port is configured as an edge port. On a switch with a port connected to itself with this configuration, one of the ports goes into discarding state.

For example, to send BPDUs only on switch ports, use the command:
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > stp-modify bpdus-bridge-ports

To send BPDUs on all ports, use the command:
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > stp-modify bpdus-all-ports



#### STP ports can be configured using the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-modify

stp-port-modify	Displays the STP port information.			
port port-list	Specify the ports as a list separated by commas.			
Specify one or more of the following options:				
block no-block	Specify if BPDU blocking is to be enabled on the ports or not.			
filter no-filter	Specify if BPDU filtering is to be enabled on the port or not.			
edge no-edge	Specify if the ports are to be configured as edge ports or non-edge ports.			
bpdu-guard no-bpdu-guard	Specify if BPDU guard is to be configured on the ports or not.			
root-guard no-root-guard	Specify if root guard is to be configured on the ports or not.			
priority 0240	Specify the priority as a value between 0 and 240.			
cost 120000000	Specify the port cost as a value between 1 and 200000000.			

For example: To filter BPDUs on port 17, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-modify port 17 filter
```

To block BPDUs on port 17 and shut down the port if BPDUs are received on the port, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-modify port 17 block
```

To stop blocking BPDUs on port 17, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-modify port 17 no-block
```

Edge ports are the ports on a switch that connect to workstations or computers. An edge port does not take part in spanning tree calculations and therefore, port flapping on edge ports does cause topology changes. BPDUs are not sent on edge ports and they can quickly transition from disabled mode to forwarding mode.

```
To configure a port as an edge port, use the command:
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-modify port 17 edge
```



**Note:** You can disable STP on a port or a group of ports. If the devices connected to the switch ports are hosts and not downstream switches, or you know that a loop is not possible, disable STP to enable the port much faster when the switch restarts.

To view STP events on a switch, the command stp-port-event-show command is used. This command displays the port states as specified by the timing parameters.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-event-show

stp-port-event-show	Displays information about STP port events.		
port port-list	Specify the ports as a list separated by commas.		
Specify one or more of the following options:			
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	Specify the time to start statistics collections.		
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	Specify the start time of statistics collection.		
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	Specify the end time of statistics collection.		
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration of statistics collection.		
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval between statistics collection.		
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the time older than which the statistics has to be displayed.		
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Display statistics within last specified duration.		
port port-number	Specify the port number.		
vlan vlan-list	Specify the list of VLANs.		
instance instance-number	Specify the STP instance number.		
count count-number	Specify the number of STP port events.		
initial-state Disabled  Discarding Learning  Forwarding	Specify the initial state as one among thoo options.		
other-state Disabled  Discarding Learning  Forwarding	Specify the other state as one among the options.		
final-state Disabled	Specify the final state as one among the		



Discarding Learning  Forwarding	options.	
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# For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-event-show

switch final-state	time	port	vlan	instance	count	initial-state	other-state
Leaf1	20:36:39	121	1	0	1	Forwarding	Disabled
Disabled							
Leaf1	20:38:05	17	1	0	4	Disabled	Disabled
Forwarding							
Leaf1	20:40:04	17	1	0	1	Forwarding	Disabled
Disabled							



# **Configuring Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP)**

Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol as defined in IEEE802.1s or IEEE802.1Q-2005 provides the ability to manage multiple VLANs using Multiple Spanning Tree Instances (MSTIs). MSTP allows the formation of MST regions that can run multiple MSTIs. MSTP regions and other STP bridges are interconnected using the Common and Internal Spanning Tree (CIST).

MSTP regions are defined to be a collection of switches that have the same VLANs configured on all of them. All switches in a region must have the same configuration name, revision level, VLANs, and VLAN to MSTI associations. Each MST region may have multiple MSTIs operating within it but an MSTI cannot span multiple regions. Each MSTI must have a regional root which it may or may not share with another MSTI.

The CIST is the default spanning tree instance in MSTP. CIST forms a larger spanning tree for the entire bridged network by combining MSTP regions and single-instance spanning trees. The CIST instance has an MSTI ID of 0 which cannot be deleted or changed. When a new port-based or tagged VLAN is created, it is associated with the CIST by default and is automatically given an MSTI ID of 0. The default VLAN on a switch is also associated with the CIST. When a VLAN is assigned to an MSTI, it partially remains a member of the CIST. This is because CIST is used by MSTP to enable communication with MSTP regions and RSTP/STP single-instances in the network. CIST also has regional roots.

The switch with the lowest CIST priority value functions as the root bridge for all the MSTP regions and STP/ RSTP single-instance spanning trees in the network.

The following commands support the configuration of MST instances on a local switch:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mst-config-create

instance-id 064	Specify the ID as a number between 1 and 64 for MST configuration. MST ID 0 corresponds to the CIST instance.
vlans <i>vlan-list</i>	Specify the list of VLANs associated with the MST configuration
bridge-priority 061440	Specify the bridge priority as a number between 0 and 61440 which is a multiple of 4096. For example, the values can be 0, 4096, 8192, up to 61440. The default value is 32768.

Prior to Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1, VLAN 1 could not be configured on any MST instance ID except 0. Netvisor ONE 6.0.1 release eliminates this constraint. For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mst-config-create instance-id 10 vlans 1-20

Use the mst-config-show command to view the current configuration:



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mst-config-show

switch instance-id vlans bridge-priority

Leaf1 0 21-4093,4095 32768 Leaf1 10 1-20 32768 Leaf1 64 4094 32768

In the above example, VLAN 1 is configured on instance ID 10.

You can modify the MST instance by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mst-config-modify

Specify the ID as a number between 1 and 64 for MST configuration. MST ID 0 corresponds to the CIST instance.

Specify one or more of the following options:

vlans vlan-list Specify the list of VLANs associated with

the MST configuration.

Specify the bridge priority as a number between 0 and 61440 which is a multiple of 4096. For example, the values can be 0, 4096, 8192, up to 61440. The default

value is 32768.

Use the mst-config-delete command to delete the configuration.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > mst-config-delete

instance-id 0..64 Specify the MST instance ID that needs to be deleted.



## **Achieving a Loop-Free Layer 2 Topology**

Note: This feature can be configured only in a full mesh topology.

Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) and Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) ensure a loop-free topology in the Layer 2 as far as the networking equipment is concerned. Though RSTP prevents loops in the network caused by mis-cabled networking equipment, the protocol does not address mis-configured hosts. Netvisor ONE Loop Detection operates in conjunction with RSTP and MSTP to detect, log, and mitigate misbehaving and misconfigured hosts to prevent looping layer 2 traffic.

**Netvisor ONE Control Plane** — The Netvisor ONE control plane includes information about every MAC address in the Layer 2 network in a vPort database. This database is distributed throughout the fabric so that each Netvisor ONE switch has a copy of it for the entire fabric.

A MAC address is stored in a vPort, which includes the following information:

- MAC address, VLAN ID, and VXLAN ID
- Owner-port and local-port
- Migration history including owner, time, and port
- vPort state as active, static, moving, or loop-probe

Based on control plane data structures including the vPort database, Netvisor ONE decides if endpoints are to be allowed to access the network.

#### **Detecting Loops**

Netvisor ONE Loop Detection is implemented as part of Netvisor ONE source MAC address miss handling. Netvisor ONE disables hardware learning of MAC addresses, so when a packet arrives with an unknown source MAC address, the switch sends the packet to Netvisor One rather than switching the packet normally. Netvisor ONE examines the vPort table to determine if a packet with an unknown source MAC indicates a loop.

Netvisor ONE uses two criteria to detect a loop in the network:

 A MAC address associated with an in-band NIC of a node in the fabric appears as the source MAC on a packet that ingresses on a host port. Netvisor ONE detects this situation by noting the PN-internal status of a vPort that would otherwise migrate to a host port. Netvisor does not allow the migration to take place and starts loop mitigation.

For the purposes of Netvisor ONE Loop Detection, a host port is defined as a port not connected to another Pluribus switch, not an internal port, and does not participate in STP with Netvisor ONE which means that Netvisor One is not configured for STP or the device connected on the port is not configured for STP.



 Packets with the same source MAC address arrive on multiple host ports in the fabric at approximately the same time. In order to support VM and host migration, some rapid movement of MAC addresses through the fabric is tolerated. When the same MAC address moves rapidly back and forth between two ports, a loop is assumed and loop mitigation starts.

VRRP MAC addresses are not subject to loop detection and mitigation, and can migrate freely.

Loops are detected on a port by port basis. A single loop typically involves two ports, either on the same switch or on two different switches. When multiple loops occur with more than two ports then Netvisor ONE responds to each port separately.

#### **Loop Mitigation**

When Netvisor ONE detects a loop, a message appears in the system log indicating the host port and VLAN involved in the loop. In addition the host port involved in the loop has the "loop" status added and Netvisor ONE adds the VLAN to the host port loop-vlans VLAN map. Looping ports and VLANs are displayed in the port-show output.

At the start of loop mitigation, Netvisor ONE creates vPorts to send loop probe packets. The vPorts use the port MAC address for the in-band NIC port, status of PN-internal, and a state of loop-probe. Netvisor ONE propagates Loop-probe vPorts throughout the fabric. Netvisor ONE creates a loop-probe vPort for each looping VLAN.

Netvisor ONE deletes all vPorts from the looping host port and VLAN at the start of loop mitigation. This prevents the hardware from sending unicast packets to the looping port, and causes every packet arriving on the looping port to appear in the software as a source MAC miss. During loop mitigation, Netvisor ONE drops all packets arriving on the looping port.

During loop mitigation, Netvisor ONE sends loop probe packets on the looping VLANs every 3 seconds. As long as the loop persists, Netvisor ONE receives the probe packets as source MAC miss notification on the looping ports, so Netvisor ONE can determine if the loop is still present. If 9 seconds elapse with no received probe packets, Netvisor ONE detects the loop is resolved and ends loop mitigation.

At the end of loop mitigation, log messages are added to the system log, loop-probe vPorts are removed, and loop stats and loop VLANS are removed from the looping port.

To view affected ports, use the port-show command and add the parameter, status loop:

CLI (network-admin@switch-31) > port-show status loop

switch	port	hostname	status	config
switch-31	9		up,stp-edge-port,loop	fd,10g
switch-32	9		up,stp-edge-port,loop	fd,10g

**Note:** the new status, loop, in the status column. When the loops are removed



from the port, the *loop* flag is removed from the port-show status command output and log message is added regarding the removal of *loop*.

During loop mitigation, the MAC addresses for loop probes are displayed in the vPort table:

CLI (network-admin@switch-31) > vport-show state loop-probe

owner	mac	vl	an po	rts state	hostname	e status
switch-32	06:c0:00:16:f0:45	42	69	loop-probe	leo-ext-32	PN-internal
switch-31	06:c0:00:19:c0:45	42	69	loop-probe	leo-ext-31	PN-internal

Note the loop-probe state as well as the PN-internal state. The loop probes use the port MAC address format, and use the internal port for the in-band NIC.

**Note**: The state and the status columns are different in the above vport-show stats loop-probe command output. The status column refers to the vPort peer owner state in the fabric (the *PN-internal* parameter indicates that the MAC belongs to the PN fabric). The state column displays the vPort state.

If you notice a disruption in the network, use the port-show command to find the looping ports, and fix the loop. Fixing the loop typically involves correcting cabling issues, configuring virtual switches, or as a stop-gap measure, using the port-configmodify command to change port properties for the looping host ports. Once the loop is resolved, Netvisor ONE no longer detects probes and leaves the loop mitigation state, while logging a message:

```
2016-01-12,12:18:41.911799-07:00 leo-ext-31 nvOSd(25695) system host_port_loop_resolved(11381) : level=note : port=9 : Traffic has stopped looping on host-port=9
```

At this point the loop status is removed from the port-show output for port 9 and the loop-probe vPorts are removed.

Netvisor ONE Loop Detection exposes loops using system log messages, portshow output, and vport-show output.

When Netvisor ONE detects an internal port MAC address on a host port, Netvisor ONE prints a log message as below:



31 deny-port=9

reason=internal MAC of local switch not allowed to change ports

Netvisor ONE starts Loop Mitigation by logging a message:

During Loop Mitigation, Netvisor ONE sends loop probes. When these probes, as well as any other packets, are received on a looping host port, Netvisor ONE logs a message:

Netvisor ONE limits mac\_move\_denied messages are limited to one every 5 seconds for each vPort. This prevents the system log from filling up with mac\_move\_denied messages during loop mitigation.

During loop mitigation, you can use the port-show command to see which ports are involved in the loop:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-show status loop
```

switch	port hostname	status		loop-vlans	cont
leaf1	9 fd,10q	up,stp-edge-port,loop	1		
leaf1	9 fd,10g	up,stp-edge-port,loop	1		

Note the loop status in the status column and the loop-vlans column.

During loop mitigation the MAC addresses for loop probes are displayed in the vPort table:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vport-show state loop-probe

owner	mac	vla	in ports	s state	hostname	status
leaf1	06:c0:00:16:f0:45	42	69	loop-probe	leo-ext-32	PN-internal
leaf1	06:c0:00:19:c0:45	42	69	loop-probe	leo-ext-31	PN-internal



#### **Fast Failover for STP and Cluster**

Previously, cluster STP operation did not support fast failover because Netvisor ONE did not share STP state between the two nodes. As a result, when the master failed and when it came back online, the slave had to recompute the STP state from scratch. This resulted in topology changes twice, causing traffic loss until STP converged.

Currently, Netvisor ONE supports fast failover by default. In the cluster-STP mode, the node that has been up longer is elected as the master. Cluster syncs (keep-alives) are used to detect the peer node being online, and negotiate the initial cluster state. Cluster syncs determine which node has been up longer based on exchanged uptime values.

The master runs the state machine for both nodes and sends the STP and port states to the slave. The slave in turn maintains the state as informed by the master. The slave generates its own BPDUs based on the synchronized state and forwards the BPDUs that it receives to the master. When the cluster goes offline, the slave/master uses the same bridge ID and priority, uses consistent port IDs in BPDUs, and continues from the existing synchronized state. The STP state machine state is thus never lost.

Internal state synchronization using consistent bridge ID/priority and port IDs regardless of whether the cluster is online or offline, and active-active vLAG handling ensure that an end node detects no topology change when the cluster nodes go offline/online.

When a cluster is created, the STP configuration between the two cluster nodes is checked and is synchronized. The following guidelines are true regardless of whether the cluster is online or offline, and whether the peer node is online or offline:

- Both nodes use the same bridge ID or priority.
- When node1 sends a BPDU, the port ID inside the packet is 1-256, except for active-active vLAGs.
- When node2 sends a BPDU, the port ID inside the packet is 257-512, except for active-active vLAGs.
- When either node sends a BPDU on an active-active vLAG, the port ID inside the packet is node1's port number.
- Configuration changes (STP mode, MST instances, bridge ID, etc.) are mirrored on both nodes through cluster transactions.

Due to the above guidelines, a BPDU sent on an active-active vLAG appears exactly the same to a third party receiver regardless of whether that packet came from cluster node1 or node2.

Netvisor ONE provides two show commands to view the details of this functionality: stp-state-show and stp-port-state-show.

#### For example:



bridge-id: 66:0e:94:d5:b0:cc

bridge-priority: 32769

root-id: 66:0e:94:35:c2:ce

root-priority: 32769
root-port: 128
hello-time: 2
forwarding-delay: 15
max-age: 20

max-age: 20 disabled: none learning: none forwarding: none discarding: none edge: none designated: none alternate: none backup: none

CLI (network-admin@Switch2) > stp-port-state-show port 17

switch: Switch2

vlan: 1 port: 17

stp-state: Forwarding
role: Designated
selected-role: Designated

state: agreed,learn,learning,forward,forwarding,selected,send-

rstp, synced, online, requested-online

designated-priority: 32769-66:0e:94:38:39:80,100,32769-66:0e:94:b7:65:91,32785 port-priority: 32769-66:0e:94:38:39:80,100,32769-66:0e:94:b7:65:91,32785

message-priority: 0-00:00:00:00:00:00,0,0-00:00:00:00:00,0

info-is: mine
hello-timer: 2
root-guard-timer: 0

sm-table-bits: 0xfaedee

sm-table: prx=discard\*,bdm=not-edge\*,ptx=idle\*,pim=current\*,prt-

disabled=disable\*,prt-root=root\*,prt-desg=designated\*,prt-alt-

bk=block\*,pst=forwarding\*,tcm=active\*



## **Configuring Auto-Recovery of a Disabled Port**

Netvisor ONE automatically disables physical ports due to certain violations. For example, if a port receives BPDU messages on an edge port, Netvisor ONE disables the port because receiving BPDUs on a edge port becomes a security violation. This happens because the edge port is configured for BPDU guard for the violation to take effect.

The port may be disabled due to the following errors:

- BPDU Guard Messages: The port is set to err-disabled when a BPDU is received on an edge port with BPDU guard enabled.
- Link Flaps: There are too many link flaps for a configured interval of time.
- MAC address Security Violation: The number of MAC addresses on an interface is greater than the configured limit.

To clear the counters for err-disable caused by BPDU guard and MAC security, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > e	err-disable-clear-counters
err-disable-clear-counters	Resets err-disable counters for all the ports on the switch.
Specify any of the following options:	
bpduguard no-bpduguard	Specify if BPDU guard counters are to be cleared.
macsecurity no-macsecurity	Specify if MAC security counters are to be cleared.
recovery-timer duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the recovery timer value. The default timer value is 5 minutes. Example: 20s or 1d or 10d20m3h15s

To configure BPDU guard or MAC security on a switch, use the command:

<pre>CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) &gt; er</pre>	r-disable-modify
err-disable-modify	Modifies the err-disable settings for the switch.
Specify any of the following options:	
bpduguard no-bpduguard	Specify either of the options to enable or disable BPDU guard.
macsecurity no-macsecurity	Specify either of the options to enable or disable MAC security.
recovery-timer duration:	Specify the recovery time value. The



#d#h#m#s

default timer value is 5 minutes. Example: 20s or 1d or 10d20m3h15s

To view the error recovery settings on a switch, use the err-disable-show command. For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > err-disable-show

switch: Leaf1
bpduguard: off
macsecurity: off
recovery-timer: 5m



## **Configuring STP Root Guard**

The Root Guard feature is used to enforce the positioning/placement of root bridge in a network. In STP, there is no provision to have full control on the selection of the root bridge or switch. Any switch can be selected as the root bridge. If the bridge priority is set to 0, that switch is likely to become the root bridge. However, even with this configuration, there is no guarantee since there can be another switch with priority 0 and a lower MAC address that gets selected as root bridge.

The Root Guard feature forces a port to be a designated port (and does not allow it to become root port). This prevents any one of the neighboring switches from becoming the root switch. Thus, the Root Guard feature provides a way to enforce the placement or positioning of the root bridge in the network.

If a port on which the Root Guard feature is enabled receives a superior BPDU, it moves the port into a root-inconsistent state (similar to a listening state). In this state, no traffic is forwarded across this port. Root Guard must be enabled on all ports where the root bridge should not appear.

To configure root guard, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-modify port port-list
root-guard

stp-port-modify	Modify the Spanning Tree Protocol Parameters.
port port-list	Specify the port or port list.
Specify one or more of the following options:	
block no-block	Specify if a STP port blocks BPDUs.
bpdu-guard no-bpdu-guard	Enable or disable STP port BPDU guard.
root-guard no-root-guard	Enable or disable STP port Root guard.
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To view the root guard configuration details, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > stp-port-show



## **Configuring Fabric Guard**

Currently, Netvisor ONE detects a Layer 2 loop using STP, LLDP, or loop detect code. However if a third party device connected to a Pluribus Networks switch consumes LLDP such as a hypervisor vSwitch, and you configure the port as an edge port, Netvisor ONE cannot detect loops in the network.

If you configure a port as fabric-guard port, Netvisor ONE triggers sending global discovery multicast packets on this port after the port is physically up and in an adjacency wait state. If a port with fabric-guard configuration receives a global discovery packet, Netvisor ONE disables the port in the same way LLDP disables the port when receiving messages from the same switch.

To enable fabric guard, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-config-modify port port-
number fabric-quard
```

To disable fabric guard, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-config-modify port port-number no-fabric-guard
```

In order to re-enable the port once you fix the loop, you must manually enable the port using the command, port-config-modify port port-number enable.



## **Configuring Layer 2 Static Multicast Groups**

The traffic addressed to a multicast group is confined to the ports in the group, which prevents flooding of traffic on all the ports. Hosts join multicast groups either by sending an unsolicited IGMP join message or by sending an IGMP join message in response to a general query from a multicast router (the switch forwards general queries from multicast routers to all ports in a VLAN). When you specify group membership for a multicast group address statically, the static setting supersedes any IGMP snooping learning. Hence, static multicast groups can prevent L2 multicast flooding, if the hosts do not implement the desired IGMP mechanism to restrict the traffic to certain ports, or if IGMP snooping is disabled.

To create an L2 static multicast group, use the command:

<pre>CLI (network-admin@leaf1) &gt;</pre>	12-static-multicast-group-create
l2-static-multicast-group- create	Create a Layer 2 static multicast group.
group-mac <i>mac-address</i>	Specify a MAC address for the multicast group.
vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Specify a VLAN ID for the multicast group.
ports port-list	Specify a list of ports for the multicast group.

For example, to create an L2 static multicast group for the MAC address 01:00:5e:7f:00:12, VLAN 25, and ports 30-35, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > 12-static-multicast-group-create group-mac 01:00:5e:7f:00:12 vlan 25 ports 30-35

To add ports to a preconfigured multicast group, use the command:

CLI	(network-admin@leaf1) >	12-static-multicast-group-port-add
	-static-multicast-group- ct-add	Add ports to a L2 static multicast group.
gro	oup-mac <i>mac-address</i>	Specify a MAC address for the multicast group.
vne	t vnet-name	Specify a vNET for the multicast group.
bd	bridge-domain-name	Specify a bridge domain for the multicast group.
vla	n vlan-id	Specify a VLAN ID for the multicast group.



switch switch-name	Specify the name of the switch.
ports port-list	Specify a list of ports.

For example, to add port 36 to the multicast group created above, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > 12-static-multicast-group-port-add
group-mac 01:00:5e:7f:00:12 vlan 25 ports 36

To view the configuration, use the command:

To remove port 36 from the multicast group, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > 12-static-multicast-group-port-
remove group-mac 01:00:5e:7f:00:12 vlan 25 ports 36
```

To view the updated configuration, use the command:

To delete the L2 static multicast group, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > 12-static-multicast-group-delete group-mac 01:00:5e:7f:00:12 vlan 25
```



## **Configuring Hardware Batch Move in Layer 2 Table**

**Note**: This feature is useful in deployments with scaled-up regular VLANs, where the configuration has a lot of VLANs or MACs on a given vLAG. This feature is disabled by default on Netvsior ONE.

The Netvsior ONE version 6.0.1 release provides support for hardware batch move mechanism to accelerate the MAC programming in Layer 2 table in a switch.

You can enable the hardware batch move feature by using the batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only option in the system-settings-modify command. If enabled, this feature uses an internal switch specific construct called *portgroups* to identify and move the MACs between a vLAG and Cluster communication ports when the vLAG comes up or goes down in a VLAN network.

**Caution**: You must enable this feature only for scaled-up VLAN or MAC environments.

When disabled (this feature is disabled by default), the MAC move mechanism uses the conventional software batch move process, which has an acceptable level of traffic loss during the MAC move process in a VLAN or VLAN-VXLAN network. The software batch move feature supports hybrid mechanism (that is, software batch move in VLAN network, VXLAN network, and VLAN-VXLAN network) that can accelerate the MAC programming in Layer 2 table of an underlying switch.

To elaborate, when the hardware batch move feature is enabled or disabled:

- For VLAN only networks uses the Hardware batch move feature if enabled.
- For regular VXLAN only configurations uses the Software batch feature.
- For a combination of regular VLAN and VXLAN- VLAN network uses hybrid method.
   That is, regular VLAN network uses hardware batch move if the feature is enabled.
   The VXLAN-VLAN network uses software batch move.
- When the hardware batch move feature is disabled, both regular VLAN and VXLAN-VLAN network uses the software batch move as the default option.

To configure the hardware batch move, use the system-settings-modify command with the batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only command option.

**Note**: When you enable the feature, you must reboot the switch for the changes to take effect.

To enable the hardware batch move feature:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-settings-modify batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only|no-batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only



system-settings-modify	Use this command to modify the system settings on a switch.
batch-move-mac-hw-group-for- vlan-only no-batch-move-mac- hw-group-for-vlan-only	Specify to enable or disable the HW batch move for MAC by group for VLAN network only.

To verify if the hardware batch move is enabled or not on a switch, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-settings-show
```

An example to enable the hardware batch move feature and view the details is provided below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1*) > system-settings-show format batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only, batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only: off
```

CLI (network-admin@switch1\*) > system-settings-modify batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only

Modified settings require a REBOOT to take effect.

```
CLI (network-admin@cham-colo-1*) > switch-reboot
```

CLI (network-admin@cham-colo-1\*) > system-settings-show format batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only,

batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only: on

**Note**: This feature is available on all platforms except AS7816-64X (F9664-C) and Z9264 platforms.



# **Configuring Excessive MAC or IP Move Protection**

Excessive MAC or IP moves necessitate numerous updates to vPort and Layer 3 tables over a short interval, which result in high CPU and disk utilization among other network problems. A MAC move is detected when two devices send the same MAC address on different interfaces on the same switch, or on different switches in a fabric with the same VLAN. An IP move is observed when an IP address oscillates between two MAC addresses.

Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1 offers protection against excessive MAC or IP moves by quarantining vPort and L3 entries, that is, by not updating the entries until MAC or IP move condition is resolved. When you enable the protection feature, if more than five IP moves or MAC moves are detected within an interval of 5s, Netvisor ONE performs the following:

- Updates the excess-mac-move-detected or excess-ip-move-detected flags
- Logs excess\_mac\_move or excess\_ip\_move message.

While sending the vPort or Layer 3 updates to other fabric nodes, the software skips the entries that have an excess move flag set, and thereby avoids sending a large number of updates.

The software then monitors the quarantined entries and if no MAC or IP moves are detected for a duration of 15s, Netvisor ONE performs the following:

- Clears the excess-mac-move-detected or excess-ip-move-detected flags.
- Logs clear\_excess\_mac\_move or clear\_excess\_ip\_move message.

Netvisor ONE can also protect the CPU from excessive traffic related to MAC or IP moves by regulating the punt rate of associated CoS (Class of Service) queues. MAC moves and IP moves are punted to the CPU from the *smac-miss* queue and the *arp* queue respectively. When excessive MAC or IP moves are detected, and if CPU utilization is above 70 percent, the software can limit the punt rate from *smac-miss* or *arp* queues by 50 percent.

To configure CoS queue protection, you must first enable extended queue setting by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-settings-modify cpu-
    class-enable
```

Use the vport-settings-modify command to configure MAC and IP move protection. These protection schemes are disabled by default.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vport-settings-modify
```

vport-settings-modify		Modify vPort settings.	
Specify one or more of	the following optic	ons:	
vport-disk-space space-number	vport-disk-	Specify the amount of disk space for vPorts. The default is 500M.	



Specify the maximum memory for collecting vPort information. The default memory is 50M.
Specify if you want to enable or disable logs for vPort statistics. Enabled by default.
Specify the interval between logging events. The default is one minute.
Specify the amount of disk space for vPort logs. The default is 50M.
Specify if you want to enable or disable logging for the system. Enabled by default.
Specify the interval between logging events. The default is one minute.
Specify the disk space for system statistics. The default is 50M.
Enable or disable excess MAC move protection.
Enable or disable excess MAC move queue protection.
Enable or disable excess IP move protection.
Enable or disable excess IP move queue protection.

For example, to configure excess MAC move protection, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vport-settings-modify excessmac-move-protection-enable

To enable excess MAC move CoS queue protection in order to limit the punt rate from the *smac-miss* queue to the CPU by 50 percent, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vport-settings-modify excessmac-move-queue-protect

To configure excess IP move protection, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vport-settings-modify excess-ipmove-protection-enable



To enable excess IP move CoS queue protection in order to limit the punt rate from the *arp* queue to the CPU by 50 percent, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vport-settings-modify excess-ip-
move-queue-protect
```

Use the vport-settings-show command to view the current status of various protection schemes:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vport-settings-show format all
                                    switch1
                                    500M
vport-disk-space:
stats-max-memory:
                                    50M
stats-log-enable:
                                    yes
stats-log-interval:
                                    1m
stats-log-disk-space:
                                    50M
system-stats-max-memory:
                                    50M
system-stats-log-enable:
                                    yes
system-stats-log-interval:
                                    1m
system-stats-log-disk-space:
                                    50M
                                    enabled
loop-prevent:
excess-mac-move-protect-enable: yes
excess-mac-move-queue-protect: yes
excess-mac-move-queue-state:
                                    active
excess-ip-move-protect-enable:
excess-ip-move-queue-protect:
excess-ip-move-queue-state:
                                   yes
                                    yes
                                    active
```

If queue protection is enabled, the fields excess-mac-move-queue-state and excess-ip-move-queue-state are set to active when MAC or IP moves are detected and CPU utilization is above 70 percent.

If excess MAC move is detected, the vport-show and 12-table-show outputs display the state of the corresponding entries with an excess-mac-move-detected flag. For example:

```
      CLI (network-admin@switch) > vport-show vlan 100

      owner mac
      vlan ip
      num-ips ports state
      hostname migrate

      switch 00:x:x:x:x:x:x 100 100.0.0.1 2
      126 active, excess-mac-move-detected host 52840

      CLI (network-admin@serpens-vle-1*) > 12-table-show vlan 100

      mac
      vlan ports state
      migrate

      00:11:22:33:44:55 100 33 active, excess-mac-move-detected 56
```

If an excess IP move situation is detected, the 13-table-show output displays the state of the corresponding entry with an excess-ip-move-detected flag. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > 13-table-show vlan 200

switch mac ip vlan state
```



switch 00:x:x:x:x:x 200.0.0.1 200 active, excess-ip-move-detected

You can view the log messages for excess MAC and IP move detection and resolution by using the command, log-system-show. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > log-system-show name excess\_mac\_move,excess\_ip\_move,clear\_excess\_mac\_move,clear\_exc ess ip move

category: system

time: 2020-08-12,00:55:16.738453-07:00

name: clear\_excess\_mac\_move

code: 11525 level: note

message: Excess MAC move condition cleared for mac=00:01:02:03:04:05, vnet=

vlan=100 vxlan=0

category: system

time: 2020-08-12,00:55:26.463901-07:00

name: clear\_excess\_ip\_move

code: 11526 level: note

message: Excess IP move condition cleared for ip=200.0.0.1 vnet= vlan=200

vxlan=0

category: system

time: 2020-08-12,00:57:33.577668-07:00

name: excess\_mac\_move

code: 11523 level: note

message: Excess MAC moves detected for mac=00:01:02:03:04:05, vnet= vlan=100

category: system

time: 2020-08-12,00:57:33.717490-07:00

name: excess\_ip\_move

code: 11524 level: note

message: Excess IP moves detected for ip=200.0.0.1 vnet= vlan=200 vxlan=0



## **About Layer 2 Hardware Hashing**

A hardware hashing operation comprises two parts that can be performed at extremely high speed: first, packet field selection and extraction, then a mathematical bitwise computation.

The first step therefore is for the hardware parsing logic to select a number of packet fields 'to be hashed' depending on the traffic type.

The **Table 4-1** describes the traffic types and related packet fields that Netvisor ONE currently supports by default to perform hashing on:

**Table Caption 4-1: Hardware Hashing Field Selection** 

Application	Traffic Type <sup>2</sup>	Hashed Fields³
Non-IP packets <sup>1</sup>	Ethernet (a.k.a. 'Layer 2')	Source MAC address, Destination MAC address, Ethertype, VLAN number, source physical port
Plain unicast and multicast IPv4 packets	IP	Source IPv4 address, Destination IPv4 address, VLAN number, Destination Layer 4 port, Source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port
Plain unicast and multicast IPv6 packets	IP	Source IPv6 address, Destination IPv6 address, VLAN number, Destination Layer 4 port, Source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port
VXLAN packets (UDP encapsulated)	IP	Source IP address, Destination IP address, VLAN number, Destination Layer 4 port, Source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port
L2GRE	IP	Source IP address, Destination IP address, VLAN number, GRE Key, IP protocol number, source physical port
IPSEC	IP	Source IP address, Destination IP address, VLAN number, SPI field, IP protocol number,



source physical port

#### Note:

- ¹ Certain traffic types such as Mac-in-Mac, FCoE and SCTP are currently not supported for field selection; hence they are not load balanced as opposed to the supported traffic types (see also the next section).
- <sup>2</sup>Traffic types are based on IANA's Ethertype definitions (e.g., 0x0800 for IPv4 and 0x86DD for IPv6). Packet fields are based on standard protocol definitions (IEEE 802.3 for Ethernet, RFC 791 and RFC 8200 for IPv4 and IPv6 respectively).
- <sup>3</sup>(v)LAG hashing applies to bridged as well as routed traffic without distinction.

Once the proper field values are extracted based on the traffic type (as per the table above), the second step performed by the hardware is the *hash function calculation*. Netvisor ONE uses the standard *CRC16 CCITT* cyclic redundancy check algorithm for the hash function calculation.

However, before calculating the CRC, 128-bit IPv6 source and destination addresses get 'folded' into 32-bit shortened versions with the *FoldAndXOR* method:

address\_bits(127:96) ^ address\_bits(95:64) ^ address\_bits(63:32) ^ address\_bits(31:0)

where ^ means 32-bit XOR.

This preserves the variability over the entire 128-bit address length when fed in 32-bit chunks to the CRC16 CCITT calculation.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, the default hashing mode is called enhanced hashing. It reflects the hashing field selection described in **Table 4-1** above.

As an alternate configuration for special cases, it is possible to select only a subset of the fields in Table 4-1 by explicitly configuring the hash mode to one of the following hashing options:

- source MAC address based
- destination MAC address based
- source and destination MAC address based
- source IP address based
- destination IP address based
- source and destination IP address based

These modes are less granular than the default enhanced mode, therefore they should be used only when the purpose is to have a less granular load balancing behavior (which in most cases means a less optimal traffic distribution).

## **About Resilient Hashing**



Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, a new resilient hashing mode is introduced. It is called resilient because it helps prevent unnecessary traffic disruption when the number of trunk member ports changes. It takes advantage of regular hashing field selection as shown in *Table 4-1* and employs an advanced table-based mechanism to provide better port selection resiliency. This feature is applicable to unicast flows only.

Resilient hashing can be configured when a trunk is created. Its configuration is not modifiable on the fly.

In case of auto trunks, they will come up using the default hashing mode, that is, enhanced. In order to apply resilient mode to these trunks, they need to be converted into regular (manual) trunks. In other words, for each of them you need to disable all the required auto-trunk ports, delete the trunk and re-create it as a regular trunk with resilient hashing configured. However, in such case you lose the convenience of the automatic trunk creation.

#### **About Symmetric Hashing**

In addition to regular (asymmetric) hashing, Netvisor ONE supports symmetric hashing for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic. When this mode is enabled, IP traffic is *normalized* before the fields are hashed. That means that the source and destination IP addresses and Layer 4 ports are swapped so that both directions of a bidirectional IP connection are hashed to the same output port in a LAG.

Symmetric hashing's normalization algorithm has to ignore certain fields that can vary on a per direction basis, such as the VLAN number, protocol value, and the ingress physical interface.

Moreover, as shown in *Table 4-1*, for the Hardware Hashing Field Selection, certain fields such as the GRE key or the IPSec SPI are intrinsically unidirectional. If any GRE or IPSec traffic is expected in the network, then Netvisor ONE provides an additional option for symmetric hashing to ignore these unidirectional GRE and IPSec fields so that the normalization only uses source and destination IP addresses and L4 ports for the hash computation.

Symmetric hashing is useful when traffic in both directions needs to be hashed to the same member port in a LAG. This is required, for instance, for analysis and correlation purposes, when a monitoring device connected to a member port of a trunk needs to receive a copy of all the packets of a connection in both directions (that is, both requests and replies).



## **Configuring Layer 3 Features**

This chapter provides information about the protocols and configurations supported on Layer 3 network (aka Network layer protocols) by using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI) on a Netvisor ONE switch.

- Understanding Supported Layer 3 Protocols
- Configuring Packet Relay for DHCP Servers
- Configuring vRouter Services
- Displaying FRR Routing and Debug Information for vRouters
- Configuring Hardware-based Routing
- Configuring Static Routes
- Configuring Static Null Routing
- Configuring Static ARP for Unicast Traffic
- Configuring IPv4 IPv6 Neighbor Discovery Process Support and Optimization
- Configuring Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

- Configuring Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
- Configuring BGP on a vRouter
- Configuring Prefix Lists for BGP and OSPF
- Configuring Bidirectional Forwarding Detection with BGP
- Configuring BFD for OSPF Fault Detection
- Configuring Optimized BFD Path
- Configuring Policy-based Routing
- Configuring vRouter-based VRF
- Configuring Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD)



## **Understanding the Layer 3 Protocols in Netvisor ONE**

Layer 3 is the Network layer protocol that behaves as a transmission medium from the source to the destination by performing the routing and addressing aspects of a packet and ensuring data integrity without having any packet loss.

Netvisor ONE supports the following Layer 3 or Network protocols and functionalities:

- Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
- OSPFv3
- Border Gateway Protocol (BGP)
- MP-BGP
- RIP
- VRRP for IPv4 and IPv6
- Dual-stack support (IPv4/IPv6)
- Equal-cost multi-path routing (ECMP)
- Policy Based Routing (PBR)
- Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) (IPv4 and IPv6), OSPF, BGP and static routes
- Static routes
- Loopback interface
- DHCP relay
- Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD)



## **Configuring Packet Relay for DHCP Servers**

In general, routers do not forward broadcast packets from one subnet to another. However, there are cases in which the broadcast packets need to be passed onto other subnets. One typical example is DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) in which a new computer needs to acquire an available IP address by broadcasting the requests to DHCP server. DHCP protocols work seamlessly if both DHCP client and DHCP server are located in the same broadcast domain. However, that does not work across broadcast domains without supporting features such as DHCP relay. That is, when the DHCP server is not in the same subnet as the clients, use DHCP relay for broadcasting traffic.

Packet Relay is the router functionality that helps forward broadcast packets between broadcast domains. In Netvisor ONE architect, the packet relay functionality is implemented as a service running within a particular vRouter.

You can configure a vRouter to relay DHCP requests from local clients to a centralized DHCP server. Since the initial DHCP request arrives from a client that typically does not have an IP address, the client must find the DHCP server using a Layer 2 broadcast.

The DHCP server needs information before the server can allocate an IP address to the client. It must know the subnet and the MAC address of the client. The DHCP server needs the subnet information to ensure that the IP address that the client receives can work on the client's subnet. The MAC address is necessary so that the DHCP server can find any information that is unique to the client.

When you configure DHCP relay on a vRouter, the vRouter converts the local broadcast packet from the client to a unicast packet and forwards it to the server.

Since the DHCP client does not have an IP address when it sends the DHCP request packet, the client uses the IP address, 0.0.0.0, as the source IP address and the general broadcast address 255.255.255 for the destination.

The vRouter replaces the source address with the IP address assigned to the interface where the request is received, and replaces the destination IP address with the address you specify in the vRouter packet-relay command.

To configure packet-relay for a DHCP server with the IP address 172.16.21.34 and vRouter interface (on the network where the client is connected to) - eth11.100, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-packet-relay add vrouter-name vrouter-dhcp forward-proto dhcp forward-ip 172.16.21.34 nic eth11.100

Once you add the configuration, you cannot modify it. If you make a mistake or want to add a new configuration, you must use the vrouter-packet-relay-remove command.

#### **Configuring DHCP Packet Relay over VXLAN**

Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 supports DHCP packet relay configuration over VXLAN. To demonstrate this functionality, consider the topology below:



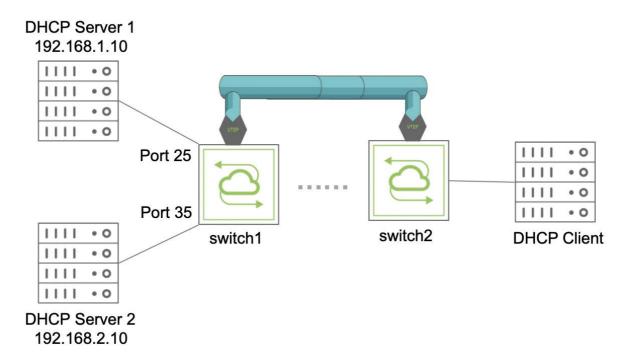


Figure 5-1 - DHCP Relay Configuration over VXLAN

The nodes switch1 and switch2 belong to two separate subnets and have VXLAN connectivity between them. For more information, see the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter. The DHCP servers 1 and 2 are connected to switch1 while the DHCP client is connected to switch2. The DHCP servers and the DHCP client belong to the VRF vrf1.

From Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1, DHCP relays are VRF-aware. To create a VRF, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrf-create name vrf1 scope
fabric

Follow the steps below to configure DHCP relay between the DHCP servers and the client.

Create a VLAN for the DHCP client and associate a VXLAN with the VLAN:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vlan-create id 101 scope fabric vxlan 100101

Create VLANs for the DHCP servers and associate the VLANs with VXLANs:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vlan-create id 103 scope fabric ports 25 vxlan 100102

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vlan-create id 104 scope fabric ports 35 vxlan 100103

Create a vRouter and vRouter interface for VLAN 101:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-create name vrl vnet



vnet1 router-type hardware

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vr1 ip 192.168.102.1/24 vlan 101 vlan-type public if data if-nat-realm internal vrf vrf1

**Note:** You also need to configure VRRP interfaces if the DHCP client is attached to a cluster.

View the configuration using the vrouter-interface-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrouter-interface-show vlan 101 format vrouter-name, nic, ip, mac, vlan, vlan-type, nic-state

```
      vrouter-name
      nic
      ip
      mac
      vlan
      vlan-type
      nic-state

      vr1
      eth2.102
      192.168.102.1/24
      66:0e:94:79:34:fe
      101
      public
      up
```

Associate the vRouter to the VRF by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrouter-vrf-add vrouter-name vrl vrf1 bgp-as 65100 router-id 110.0.1.1 bgp-redistribute connected

Use the vrouter-vrf-show command to view the vRouter VRF configuration:

Configure DHCP packet relay for both DHCP servers:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-packet-relay-add
vrouter-name vrl forward-ip 192.168.1.10 forward-proto dhcp
nic eth2.102
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-packet-relay-add
vrouter-name vrl forward-ip 192.168.2.10 forward-proto dhcp
nic eth2.102
```

Here, forward-ip is the IP address of the DHCP server, forward-proto is the protocol supported by packet relay which is DHCP, and nic is the ingress interface of the vRouter on which DHCP broadcast packets are expected. The VRF ID is derived from the NIC value provided to the vrouter-packet-relay-add command.

View the packet relay configuration by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-packet-relay-show vrouter-name forward-proto forward-ip nic vrf
```



vr1	dhcp	192.168.1.10	eth2.102	vrf1
vr1	dhcp	192.168.2.10	eth2.102	vrf1

#### Note:

• If the DHCP client is connected through a vLAG to a cluster pair, you must configure vRouters, vRouter interfaces, and DHCP packet relay for both the cluster switches.

- If you configure the DHCP relay and filter on different nodes, the uplink port (from the DHCP filter node to the relay) and the downlink port (from the DHCP filter node to the server interface) must be configured as trusted ports. For more information, see Support for DHCP Snooping section of the Configuring Network Security chapter.
- You cannot specify VRRP VIP NICs in the vrouter-packet-relay command.
   You can specify VRRP primary NICs instead.



#### **Configuring vRouter Services**

A Virtual Router (vRouter) is an important part of fabric functionality. For example, for a VLAN to communicate with other VLANs, or networks external to the fabric, it may need a vRouter that spans the internal and the external network.

Fabric-wide vRouter commands can only be executed at the fabric level by the fabric administrator.

**Note:** For switches with ONVL, the only available vNET is a global vNET created when a fabric is created for the first time. Use tab complete in the CLI to display the vNET and continue the configuration. However, some switches support multiple vNETs based on the platforms. Please refer to the Release Notes for the supported platforms.

Routing protocols essentially work the same way on virtual routers as physical routers.



#### **Configuring vRouter Interfaces**

You can now add IPv4 and IPv6 addresses to a vRouter interface. If you enable or disable the interface, both IPv4 and IPv6 are affected. Routing protocols can be enabled or configured independently using the IP address.

When you add a vRouter interface, you can configure it with two IP addresses, IPv4 and IPv6 and can have multiple IP addresses (primary and secondary).

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername name-string vlan vlan-id ip ip-address netmask netmask assignment none|dhcp ip2 ip-address netmask2 netmask

#### You can display the IP addresses:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show vrouter-name name-string vlan vlan-id ip ip-address netmask netmask assignment none|dhcp|dchpv6 ip2 ip-address netmask2 netmask

To migrate the interface from a IPv4 address to a IPv6 address, the following commands are used:

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-interface-ip-add
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter.
nic nic-string	Specify the virtual NIC assigned to the interface.
ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address assigned to the interface.
netmask <i>netmask</i>	Specify the netmask of the IP address.
Specify any of the following options:	
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET assigned to the vRouter.
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-interface-ip-remove
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter.
nic nic-string	Specify the virtual NIC assigned to the interface.
ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address assigned to the interface.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-ip-show



vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter.
nic <i>nic-string</i>	Specify the virtual NIC assigned to the interface.
ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address assigned to the interface.
netmask <i>netmask</i>	Specify the netmask of the IP address.
Specify any of the following options	
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET assigned to the vRouter.



## **Configuring MTU Parameters for vRouter Interfaces**

Support for IPv4 and IPv6 addresses requires configuring the MTU parameter differently for each type of IP address. By default MTU is set at 1500 for the vNICs. For IPv4 addresses, the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) the range is to 68 to 9216, but the range for IPv6 addresses is 1280-9216. However, Netvisor ONE displays the MTU range as 68-9216 which is supported by IPv4 addresses. But if you configure an IPv6 interface with an MTU value outside of the 1280-9216 for IPv6 addresses, Netvisor ONE returns an error.

In the case of interfaces configured with IPv4 and IPv6 addresses (dual-stack), Netvisor ONE limits the MTU range to 1280-9216. The following special rules apply to dual-stack interfaces:

- If you configure the MTU option for a vRouter interface with an IPv6 address using the command, vrouter-interface-create, Netvisor ONE performs a range check to ensure the MTU value is within 1280-9348.
- If you configure the MTU option for a vRouter interface using the vrouter-interface-modify command, Netvisor ONE performs a check for IPv6 addresses, and then performs a range check for 1280-9348.
- If you add an IPv6 address with the command, vrouter-interface-ip-add, Netvisor ONE performs a range check to ensure the MTU of the VNIC interface is within 1280-9348.
- If you configure a hardware vRouter, Netvisor ONE propagates the MTU value to the switch interface, so the MTU values are in the switch ASIC.

**Informational Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 5.1.1 the maximum MTU size has been increased to 9348.



# **Configuring 802.1p-based Prioritization and Marking on Egress Interfaces**

In Layer 3 networks, traffic priority is typically indicated in the Type of Service (ToS) or Diff Serv Code Point (DSCP) fields in the IPv4 or IPv6 headers of the packets.

Switches can be programmed to map these Quality of Service (QoS) or Class of Service (CoS) values to one of 8 traffic classes and then to use such class assignment to place packets into one of 8 egress queues of a port. This important capability (also known as class-based traffic queuing) helps to deal with traffic congestion in the network's chokepoints.

However, in certain network designs such as, multi-tenant DC designs, it may not be always possible to use the ToS or DSCP fields for class-based prioritization.

An alternative solution is offered by the IEEE 802.1p standard classification, which allows any VLAN-tagged Ethernet traffic to be explicitly classified based on a Class of Service (CoS) 3-bit field, (also known as Priority Code Point (PCP).

Therefore, since packets forwarded on a Layer 3 interface do not usually carry an IEEE VLAN tag (and associated CoS field) by default, this enhancement introduces the capability of explicitly adding a CoS field in the traffic egressing a vRouter interface.

Netvisor ONE now supports a new parameter for the configuration of an IEEE 802.1p priority tag (i.e., CoS) on an interface:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add priority-
tag|no-priority-tag
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-modify
priority-tag|no-priority-tag
```

When priority-tag is selected, Netvisor ONE adds a CoS value based on the following ingress scenarios and configuration:

- Case A: On a vRouter interface when the ingress traffic contains an IEEE 802.1p priority tag (CoS), the default behavior is to trust such classification. Hence Netvisor ONE uses the same CoS value received in ingress for the egress traffic.
- Case B: When the ingress traffic is untagged, Netvisor ONE uses the default CoS value (0) for the egress traffic on the vRouter interface.
- Case C: When the ingress traffic contains a DSCP value and if the network admin adds a DSCP map to the port, then Netvisor ONE will set the egress CoS value according to the configured DSCP map. In other words, when this specific configuration is chosen by the network admin, the cases A and B is overridden and the egress traffic's CoS value will instead be decided by the ingress DSCP map (while the ingress CoS value is ignored).



## Configuring IPv6 for vRouter Loopback Addresses

Netvisor ONE now supports IPv4 and IPv6 addresses on the same loopback interface.

When you configure a loopback interface, you can optionally associate a vRouter interface to the configuration. If you do not associate a vRouter interface, Netvisor ONE selects the first non-VRRP vRouter interface. Netvisor ONE uses the loopback interface for a vRouter as a host route in the Forwarding Information Database (FIB) for packets received from any port and routes them to the correct vRouter.

If there is no vRouter interface configured, the loopback interface is unreachable on the network. When you add the first vRouter interface, the loopback interface is reachable.

If you remove the associated vRouter interface, Netvisor ONE selects the next available vRouter interface.

Netvisor ONE does not support multiple vRouter loopback interfaces for IPv6 addresses.

To add an IPv4 address to a loopback interface for vRouter, vr1, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-loopback-interface-add vrouter-name vrl ip 99.1.1.1
```

To add an IPv6 vRouter loopback interface to vRouter, vr1, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-loopback-interface-add vrouter-name vrl ip 2999:1000::1
```

To display the vRouter loopback interface, use the vrouter-loopback-interfaceshow command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-loopback-interface-show

vrouter-name	index	ip	router-if
174			
175 vr1	1	99.1.1.1	eth0.100
176 vr1	2	2999:1000::1	eth0.100

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-routes-show

vrouter-name	network	type	interface	next-hop	distance	m
						-
vr1	10.1.1.0/24	connected	eth0.100			
vr1	10.1.1.0/24	connected	eth0.100			
vr1	20.1.1.0/24	ospf	eth0.121	12.1.1.2	110	2
vr1	88.1.1.1/32	ospf	eth0.121	12.1.1.2	110	2
vr1	99.1.1.1/32	connected	lo			
vr1	2100:100::/64	connected	eth0.100			
vr1	2121:100::/64	connected	eth0.121			
vr1	2200:100::/64	ospf6	eth0.121	fe80::640e:94ff:fe4d:d0c8	110	1



vrl 2888:1000::1/128 ospf6 eth0.121 fe80::640e:94ff:fe4d:d0c8 110

vrl 2999:1000::1/128 connected lo

vr1 fe80::/64 connected eth0.121



## **Displaying FRR Routing and Debug Information for vRouters**

This feature provides a new vRouter command to display the output of an IP Stack FRR (Free Range Routing) and debug information from the Netvisor ONE command line interface(CLI).

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-vtysh-cmd
```

vrouter-vtysh-cmd	Specify the vRouter FRR command.
name name-string	name of service config.
cmd cmd-string	any FRR show/debug/undebug/no debug/clear ip/clear ipv6 command.

#### **Show Output Examples**

```
CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > vrouter-vtysh-cmd name vrl cmd
"show ip route"
Codes: K - kernel route, C - connected, S - static, R - RIP,
      O - OSPF, I - IS-IS, B - BGP, P - PIM, A - Babel,
        > - selected route, * - FIB route
C>* 100.1.1.0/24 is directly connected, eth1.100
C>* 127.0.0.0/8 is directly connected, lo0
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-vtysh-cmd name vr1 cmd
"show running-config"
Building configuration...
Current configuration:
frr version 7.2-pluribus
frr defaults traditional
hostname switch
log file zebra.log
log timestamp precision 6
log file bgpd.log
enable password zebra
password zebra
router-id 1.1.1.7
router bgp 650033
 bgp router-id 1.1.1.7
 coalesce-time 1000
 bgp bestpath as-path multipath-relax
```



```
bgp prefer nh-global
 neighbor 18.18.18.2 remote-as 650033
 neighbor 10.10.50.129 remote-as 65001
 neighbor 10.10.60.129 remote-as 65002
 address-family ipv4 unicast
  redistribute connected
  neighbor 18.18.18.2 next-hop-self
  neighbor 10.10.50.129 allowas-in
  neighbor 10.10.50.129 weight 200
  neighbor 10.10.60.129 allowas-in
  neighbor 10.10.60.129 weight 200
  maximum-paths 16
 exit-address-family
 address-family ipv6 unicast
  redistribute connected
  maximum-paths 16
 exit-address-family
line vty
end
For this feature, only show commands are allowed as legal values in the CLI. For
example,
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vtysh-cmd name vr1 cmd
"config t"
vrouter-vtysh-cmd: Illegal value for "cmd"
vrouter-vtysh-cmd: Legal values: commands starting with show,
```

in quotes



### **Viewing FRR (Free Range Routing) Logs**

FRR logs files, such as Zebra, OSPF, OSPF6, BGP, BFD and RIP can be viewed directly from the console using the Netvisor ONE CLI.

Since FRR log files accumulate on the switch, you may want to clear a particular log file so they do not create space issues.

Use this command to view FRR logs files directly from your console:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-log-show vrouter-name vrouter-name protocol

vrouter-log-show Displays vrouter protocol logs

vrouter-name vrouter-name Specify name of the vRouter.

Specify any of the following options:

 $\verb|protocol| zebra| ospf| ospf6| \qquad \qquad \textit{Specify the name of the protocol files}$ 

bgp|bfd|rip to view.

Use this command to clear FRR files from a specific protocol log file:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-log-clear

vrouter-log-clear Clears vrouter protocol logs from a

protocol log file

vrouter-name vrouter name Specify the name of the vRouter

service.

Specify any of the following options:

protocol zebra | ospf | ospf6 | Specify the name of the log file to clear.

bgp|bfd|rip



# **Configuring Hardware-based Routing**

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### **Configuring Hardware Routing for a vRouter**

Create interfaces on hardware routers and map them to virtual NICs in the vRouter zone. The number of hardware vRouters you can create depends on the platform. You can create only one vRouter on low-end platforms and can range up to 32 vRouters on highend platforms.

The supported protocols are as follows:

- **OSPF** OSPF does not use a TCP/IP transport protocol such as UDP or TCP, but is encapsulated in the IP datagram with protocol number 89. OSPF uses multicast addressing for route flooding on a broadcast domain. For non-broadcast network, special provisions in the configuration facilitate neighbor discovery. OSPF reserves the multicast addresses 224.0.0.5/6 for IPv4 or FF02::5/6 for IPv6.
- **BGP** BGP uses TCP and port number 179.
- **RIP** uses the following parameters:
  - RIPv1 IPv4 uses UDP and port 520, and advertise address broadcasting
  - RIPv2 IPv4 uses UDP and port 520, and advertise address 224.0.0.9
  - RIPng IPv6 uses UDP and port 521, and advertise address FF02::9
- **PIM** IPv4 uses protocol 103 with multicast address 224.0.0.13

To create a hardware-based vRouter called hwtest, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create hwtest router-type hardware

Use the same commands as software routing to add protocols and interfaces.



### **IPv6 Hardware Routing**

Netvisor ONE supports both IPv4 and IPv6 natively, and both can be configured on the same interface.

In addition to static routing, Netvisor ONE supports the OSPFv3 and Multi-protocol BGP protocols for IPv6 unicast routing. vRouter interfaces can be configured with globally scoped IPv6 addresses.

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine-1) vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vrouter-1 ip 2200:1111:2222:3333::1/64 vlan 100
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine-1) vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vr0 ip 2200::1/64 vlan 200
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine-1) vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vr0 ip 2211::1/64 vlan 211
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine-1) vrouter-ospf6-add vrouter-name vr0 nic eth0.200 ospf6-area 0.0.0.0
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine-1) vrouter-ospf6-add vrouter-name vr0 nic eth0.211 ospf6-area 0.0.0.0
```

### **BGP with IPv6 Unicast Peers Distributing IPv6 Prefixes**

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vlan-create id 200 scope fabric ports 9
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vlan-create id 211 scope fabric
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > vnet-create name vnet0 scope fabric vlans 200
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > vrouter-create name vr0 vnet vnet0 router-type hardware router-id 1.1.1.1 hw-vrrp-id 1
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vr0 ip 2200::1/16 vlan 200
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vr0 ip 2211::1/24 vlan 211
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-modify name vr0 bgp-as 200 no-bgp-ipv4-unicast
```

CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > vrouter-modify name vr0 bgp-redistribute static,connected

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vr0 neighbor 2211::2 remote-as 222 multi-protocol ipv6-unicast



CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vr0 neighbor 2211::3 remote-as 233 multi-protocol ipv6-unicast

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-bgp-network-add vroutername vr0 network 2200::/64

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-bgp-network-add vrouter-name vr0 network 2211::/64

### **IPv6 and Prefix Lists**

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-prefix-list-add vrouter-name vr0 name block200 action deny prefix 2200::/16 seq 95

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vr0 neighbor 2211::2 remote-as 222 multi-protocol ipv6-unicast prefix-list-out block200

#### **Static Route**

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vrouter-static-route-add vrouter-name vr0 network 7777::/64 gateway-ip 2200::9 distance 20



# **Layer 3 Table Validation**

Layer 3 entries can become unsynchronized between the software table and the hardware table when you modify routes while the routes update in the network.

Use the 13-setting-modify command to automatically check Layer 3 entries:

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > 13-setting-modify

One or more of the following options:

aging-time seconds Specify the aging-time for Layer 3

entries, use 0 to disable aging.

convergence-time seconds Specify the unicast convergence time on

bootup (seconds)

13-checker | no-13-checker

Specify if you want to check Layer 3

consistency

13-checker-interval duration: Specify the interval for Layer 3

consistency checker

13-checker-fix no-13-checker- Enable fixing of inconsistent entries

fix

#d#h#m#

Netvisor ONE uses two commands to manually check and fix Layer 3 inconsistencies:

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > 13-check-show

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > 13-check-fix



# **Displaying Hardware Routes History**

You can display the history of hardware routes in the RIB table. This is useful when troubleshooting hardware routing in the network.

```
CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vrouter-rib-history-show time
15:30
```

time	caller	reason	ip	prele	n nexthop	flags	vlan
intf_ip	int	tf_id					
15:29:41	router-if	add	10.16.111.0	24	10.16.111.	1 in-hw,local-subnet 111	
10.16.1	11.1						
15:29:43	router-if	add	10.16.100.0	24	10.16.100.1	in-hw,local-subnet 100	
10.16.10	0.1 1						

You can also modify the settings for collecting the history:

```
CLI (network-admin@spinel) > vrouter-rib-history-settings-
modify
```



### **Understanding ECMP Path Selection and Load Balancing**

Pluribus Networks supports a number of technologies for traffic load balancing and path redundancy, such as LAG and vLAG.

For Layer 3 designs, Netvisor ONE supports standard routing protocols such as OSPF and BGP. When multiple next hops exist, Netvisor ONE employs ECMP (Equal-Cost Multi-Path) routing to choose amongst the available paths for traffic load balancing and redundancy.

In order to perform path selection in hardware, ECMP uses a high-performance technology called *packet field hashing*.

What that means is that the hardware extracts a number of packet fields and with them performs a special calculation to generate a *hardware index*. Such index is then used to select a next hop for an ECMP routing decision. Up to 16 next hops are supported for load balancing by the hardware-based hashing function.



### **About Layer 3 Hardware Hashing**

A hardware hashing operation comprises two parts that can be performed at extremely high speed: first, packet field selection and extraction, then a mathematical bitwise computation.

The first step therefore is for the hardware parsing logic to select a number of packet fields 'to be hashed' depending on the traffic type. These are the traffic types and related packet fields that Netvisor ONE currently supports by default to perform hashing on:

**Table Caption 5-1: Hardware Hashing Field Selection** 

Application	Traffic Type <sup>1</sup>	Hashed Fields
Plain unicast and multicast IPv4 packets	IP	Source IPv4 address, Destination IPv4 address, VLAN number, Destination Layer 4 port, Source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port
Plain unicast and multicast IPv6 packets	IP	Source IPv6 address, Destination IPv6 address, VLAN number, Destination Layer 4 port, Source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port
VXLAN packets (UDP encapsulated)	IP	Source IP address, Destination IP address, VLAN number, Destination Layer 4 port, Source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port

**Note**: <sup>1</sup>Traffic types are based on IANA's Ethertype definitions (e.g., 0x0800 for IPv4 and 0x86DD for IPv6). Packet fields are based on standard protocol definitions (RFC 791 and RFC 8200 for IPv4 and IPv6 respectively).

Once the proper field values are extracted based on the traffic type (as per the table above), the second step performed by the hardware is the *hash function calculation*. Netvisor ONE uses the standard *CRC16 CCITT* cyclic redundancy check algorithm for the hash function calculation.

However, before calculating the CRC, 128-bit IPv6 source and destination addresses get 'folded' into 32-bit shortened versions with the *FoldAndXOR* method:

address\_bits(127:96) ^ address\_bits(95:64) ^ address\_bits(63:32) ^ address\_bits(31:0) where ^ means 32-bit XOR.



This preserves the variability over the entire 128-bit address length when fed in 32-bit chunks to the CRC16 CCITT calculation.



### **Configuring Static Routes**

vRouters forward packets using either routing information from manually configured route tables or routing information calculated using dynamic routing algorithms.

Static routes define explicit paths between two vRouters and are not automatically updated. When network changes occur, you have to reconfigure static routes. Static routes use less bandwidth than dynamic routes.

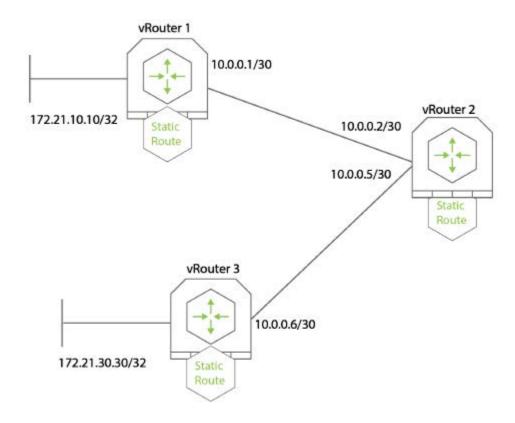


Figure 5-2 Configuring a Static Route

In this example, you configure a static route on vRouter1 by using the command vrouter-static-route-add.

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-static-route-add
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter service.
network <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP subnet of the network that you want to add a static route.
netmask <i>netmask</i>	Specify the netmask of the IP subnet.
gateway-ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address of the gateway that you want to route packets destined for the network IP address to.



Specify to drop traffic matching this route.

drop **Note:** This option is mutually exclusive with

gateway-ip parameter.

bfd-dst-ip *ip-address*Specify the destination IP address for BFD monitoring.

Specify the administrative distance as a number between 0 and 255.

• 0 - Connected interface

distance number • 1 - Static route

• 110 – OSPF

• 120 - RIP

200 – Internal BGP

interface vrouter-interfacenic

Specify the vRouter interface for the static route, if the gateway-ip is a link-local IPv6 address.

vrf vrf Specify the name of the VRF.

To create a static route on vRouter1 for the network 172.16.10.10/24 with a gateway IP address of 172.16.20.1, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-add vrouter-name vRouter1 network 172.16.10.10/24 gateway-ip 172.16.20.1
```

To modify the configuration, use the command vrouter-static-route-modify.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-modify vrouter-name vRouter1 network 172.16.10.10/24 gateway-ip 172.16.20.1 distance 20
```

**Note:** The administrative distance is the only parameter that can be modified using the vrouter-static-route-modify command. You must supply other parameters including network and gateway-ip correctly to make the modification.

To view the details of the configuration, use the command:

To remove the static route, use the command vrouter-static-route-remove. For example:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-remove vrouter-name vRouter1 network 172.16.10.10/24

# **Adding IPv6 Link-Local Addresses for Static Routing**

IPv6 link-local addresses have a specific prefix £e80:: /10 and are relevant only on the local link. This makes it possible to have the same link-local address on multiple IPv6 interfaces. If you add a static route reachable through a link-local address, you must specify the outgoing interface.

For example, use the command below to specify the interface for a static route with an IPv6 link-local address as gateway-ip:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-add vrouter-
name vrl network 6666::/64 gateway-ip
fe80::640e:94ff:fe6f:8521 interface eth0.4092
```

To view the details, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-show

switch vrouter-name network gateway-ip bfd-dst-ip distance interface

Leafl vr1 6666::/64 fe80::640e:94ff:fe6f:8521 :: 1 eth0.4092
```



### **Configuring Static Null Routing**

You add a static route to a Null 0 interface when an access server with many clients is in your network. This causes Netvisor ONE to install host routes in the access server routing table. To ensure reach-ability to these clients, while not flooding the entire network with host routes, other routers in the network typically have a summary route pointing to the access server. In this type of configuration, the access server has the same summary route pointing to the access server Null 0 interface. If not, routing loops may occur when outside hosts attempt to reach IP addresses not currently assigned to a client but are part of the summary route. The access server bounces the packets back over the access server default route into the core network, and because the access server lacks a specific host route for the destination.

This feature introduces a new parameter for the command, vrouter-static-route-add:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-add vrouter-
name vrl network 192.168.2.0/24 gateway-ip ip-address
drop Drop packets matching this route
```

Netvisor ONE designates the drop keyword as mutually exclusive with keywords such as gateway or interface. Either drop or gateway must be used for valid syntax. Static routes with gateways cannot co-exist with drop routes for the same prefix.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-route-show

vrouter-name	network	gateway-ip	$\verb bfd-dst-ip $	distance	drop
vr1	192.168.20.0/24	::	::	1	yes
vr1	192.168.30.0/24	192.168.100.2	::	1	no
vr1	192.168.22.0/23	::	::	1	yes

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-routes-show format network, type, interface, next-hop, distance

vrouter-name	network	type	interface next-hop	distance
vr1	192.168.20.0/24	static	Null0	1
vr1	192.168.22.0/23	static	Null0	1
vr1	192.168.30.0/24	static	eth2.4092 192.168.100.2	2 1
vr1	192.168.100.0/24	connected	eth2.4092	
vr1	2018:192:168:100::/96	connected	eth2.4092	
vr1	fe80::/64	connected	eth2.4092	



### **Configuring Static ARP for Unicast Traffic**

A static Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) entry is a permanent entry in your ARP cache. You can create mappings between IP addresses and MAC addresses (called static ARP entry), which can remain active without aging out for the specified time. Netvisor ONE enables you to create static ARP entries for security and troubleshooting purposes.

One of the use cases in configuring static ARP table entries is to keep the Layer 2 and Layer 3 entries active for select hosts (IP addresses) even if those hosts do not send traffic very often. Another reason to add a static ARP entry is if you want two hosts to communicate regularly and can have a binding of the MAC address and the IP address of the hosts in general.

**Note**: You must create a vRouter interface on the switch to send ARP requests and enable ARP binding.

The static ARP binding is established only after the first ARP packet is communicated (received and replied) between the vRouter and the host. Thereafter, the binding remains permanent by sending and receiving the ARP requests and replies as in the case of host refresh requests.

Note: You can enable a static ARP on a Layer 3 entry only if the Layer 3 entry is active (see 13-table-show output below).

To create a static ARP entry using MAC address, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-arp-create scope [local| cluster|fabric] mac mac-address ip ip-address

static-arp-create	Creates a unique static ARP entry	
scope [local cluster fabric]	Specify the scope. A static entry with scope, cluster or fabric creates a static ARP entry configuration on one switch and enables the static flag for Layer 3 entry in the L3 table for all the other switches in the fabric or cluster.	
mac mac-address	Unicast MAC address to bind with the IP address of the host	
ip <i>ip-address</i>	IP address of the host to bind with the MAC address.	
vlan/vxlan (optional keywords)	Specify the VLAN ID or VXLAN name for the static ARP entry configuration. You cannot specify both VLAN and VXLAN on the same configuration at the same time. You can specify either VLAN	



# or VXLAN (both are optional parameters in establishing a static ARP entry.

To have the static ARP entries functional, you must have an active Layer 2 entry and a corresponding Layer 3 entry in the system.

After configuring the static ARP entry using the above CLI command, follow the tasks to ensure a working configuration:

- Check the matching Layer 3 entry (i.e, the host interface IP address and MAC address) on the switch
  - o If there is no information available, no action is required. You can view the details using the static-arp-show command.
  - o If a matching Layer 3 entry is found, that entry is marked with a *static* flag and you can verify this using the 13-table-show ip <ip-address> mac <mac-address> command.
- When the Layer 3 entry age-out timer expires, The static Layer 3 entries are kept alive by forced *arp-refresh*. That is, the vRouter sends an ARP request to the host and when a ARP reply is received. the L3 entry gets refreshed and remains active. This ARP reply ensures that the Layer 2 entry is refreshed, thereby, keeping the Layer 3 entry active and hence keeping the static ARP binding intact.
- If no ARP reply is received (when the port is down), then the Layer 2 entry ages out and the corresponding Layer 3 entry also ages out, keeping the *static* flag on the Layer 3 entry.
- If the ARP replies are received on a different port for the same IP address or MAC address, that triggers a modification of the previous Layer 2 entry with the new port details, which reactivates the previous Layer 3 entry and send out the ARP refresh messages. (MAC move happens)
- When the Layer 2 entry age-out timer expires, it deactivates the Layer 2 entry and the corresponding Layer 3 entry.

**Note**: While configuring static ARP, ensure that:

- the IP address is not 0.0.0.0 or :: for IPv6 addresses.
- the IP address is not multicast or broadcast
- the MAC is unicast only.

To delete a static ARP entry, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-arp-delete ip ip-address
```

When you delete the static ARP configuration, the corresponding Layer 3 entry is cleared off the *static* flag. In cases where there are multiple static ARP entries within the same VLAN, you must use specific parameters to delete the static ARP entry. For example, in such cases, include the required parameters in the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-arp-delete ip *ip-address* mac *mac-address* vlan/vxlan



To view the details, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-arp-show scope [local| cluster|fabric] mac mac-address ip ip-address
```

Below is a sample configuration for creating static ARP using the commands described earlier in this section. To create a static ARP binding between the host IP address 172.179.1.120 with the host MAC address 00:12:c0:88:0c:1d, use the command:

When the host is actively sending ARP replies, the show command displays:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > 13-table-show ip 172.148.0.0 format all show-interval 1 layout vertical
```

```
00:12:00:88:0c:00
mac:
                         172.148.0.0
ip:
vlan:
                        4092
intf:
                        29
hw-intf:
                        29
rt-if:
                        eth1.4092
state:
                        active, static
egress-id:
                        100008
hit:
```

When the static ARP entry is removed, the show output displays:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > 13-table-show ip 172.148.0.0 format all show-interval 1 layout vertical
```

mac: 00:12:00:88:0c:00
ip: 172.148.0.0
vlan: 4092
intf: 29
hw-intf: 29



### **Configuring VRF Aware Static ARP**

Netvisor ONE offers static ARP support for VRF subnets configured with VXLAN. To have the static ARP entries functional, you must have an active VRF with subnets and a corresponding Layer 3 entry in the system. You must also create a subnet anycast gateway IP on the switch to send ARP requests. As in the case of static ARP on vRouters where ARP-reply is sent to the vRouter interface alone, the ARP-reply in this case is sent only to the subnet anycast gateway IP. For VRF configuration details, refer to the VRF section in the VXLAN chapter.

To create a static ARP entry on VXLAN enabled VRF, use the command static-arp-create. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-arp-create scope cluster mac 00:2d:01:00:00:02 ip 30.1.2.200 vxlan 3012
```

To view the configuration details for static ARP and VRF, use the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-arp-show
scope ip vxlan vlan mac
_____
cluster 30.1.2.200 3012 0 00:2d:01:00:00:02
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-show layout vertical
name:
                        vrf1
                        0:0
vnet:
                        local
scope:
                        64:0e:94:40:00:02
anycast-mac:
vrf-qw:
vrf-qw2:
                        ::
vrf-gw-ipv6:
                        ::
vrf-gw2-ipv6:
                        ::
active:
                        yes
hw-router-mac
                        hw-vrid
enable
                        yes
description:
CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-show layout vertical
                        sub2
name:
                        local
scope:
                        3012
vlan:
vxlan:
                        3012
vrf:
                        vrf1
                        30.1.2.0/24
network:
                        30.1.2.1
anycast-gw-ip
                        disable
packet-realy:
                        dhcp
forward-proto:
state:
                        ok
```

yes

enable:

description:



To view the L3 table when the host is actively sending ARP replies, use the command 13-table-show.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > 13-table-show vxlan 3012 state active layout vertical

switch: switch

mac: 00:2d:01:00:00:02

ip: 30.1.2.200

vlan: 3012 vxlan: 3012

rt-if:

state: active, static

egress-id:
tunnel:

switch: switch2

mac: 00:2d:01:00:00:02

ip: 30.1.2.200

 vlan:
 3012

 vxlan:
 3012

 rt-if:
 sub2

state: active, static, vxlan-loopback

egress-id: 100064

tunnel: auto-tunnel-10.30.0.1\_10.30.1.1

After the static entry is removed, the L3 table output does not show the 'static' state. This can be seen from the example below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > 13-table-show vxlan 3012 state active layout vertical

switch: switch

mac: 00:2d:01:00:02

ip: 30.1.2.200

vlan: 3012 vxlan: 3012

rt-if:

state: active

egress-id:
tunnel:

switch: switch2

mac: 00:2d:01:00:00:02

ip: 30.1.2.200

 vlan:
 3012

 vxlan:
 3012

 rt-if:
 sub2

state: active, vxlan-loopback

egress-id: 100064

tunnel: auto-tunnel-10.30.0.1\_10.30.1.1



### **Guidelines and Limitations While Configuring Static ARP**

- The host refresh time is twice the Layer 3 aging time (2\*L3 age).
- You must create a vRouter interface on the switch to send ARP request. For VRF aware static ARP, a VRF subnet should be created.
- Host sends the ARP reply to the vRouter interface only. In the case of VRF aware static ARP, the ARP reply is sent to subnet anycast gateway IP.
- In cases where there are multiple static ARP entries within the same VLAN, use the static-arp-delete ip *ip-address* mac *mac-address* vlan/vxlan command to delete the specific entry.
- In the beginning, the Layer 3 entry should be activated with ping for the static ARP entry to be functional.
- Static ARP entry can be created with VLAN or VXLAN options. You cannot have both VLAN and VXLAN at the same time while creating the static ARP entry. For VRF-aware static ARP, the static ARP entry should be created only with the VXLAN option.
- When you create a static ARP entry with scope, cluster or fabric, Netvisor creates a static ARP entry configuration on one switch and enables the static flag for Layer 3 entry in the L3 table for all the other switches in the fabric or cluster.
- The modify static ARP command is not supported.



# **Configuring IPv4 and IPv6 Neighbor Discovery Process and Optimization**

The IPv6 Neighbor Discovery Process (NDP) uses ICMPv6 messages and solicited-node multicast addresses to determine the link-layer address of a neighbor on the same network (local link), verify the reach-ability of a neighbor, and keep track of neighboring routers. NDP provides the same functionality as ARP in an IPv4 network. NDP has additional features such as auto-configuration of IPv6 addresses and duplicate address detection (DAD).

In an IPv6 Layer 3 network, a Netvisor ONE vRouter can be configured as a First Hop Router and send Router Advertisements to announce the presence, host configuration parameters, routes, and on-link prefixes. In a Layer 2 network, Netvisor ONE can enable NDP optimization to prevent flooding of neighbor solicitation messages.

### Supported NDP Messages

- Router Solicitation (ICMPv6 type 133)
- Router Advertisement (ICMPv6 type 134)
- Neighbor Solicitation (ICMPv6 type 135)
- Neighbor Advertisement (ICMPv6 type 136)
- Redirect (ICMPv6 type 137)

Netvisor ONE sends Neighbor Solicitation messages (ICMPv6 Type 135) on the local link by nodes attempting to discover the link-layer addresses of other nodes on the local link. Netvisor ONE sends the Neighbor Solicitation message to the solicited-node multicast address. The source address in the neighbor solicitation message is the IPv6 address of the node sending the Neighbor Solicitation message. The Neighbor Solicitation message also includes the link-layer address of the source node.

After receiving a Neighbor Solicitation message, the destination node replies by sending a Neighbor Advertisement message (ICPMv6 Type 136) on the local link. The source address in the Neighbor Advertisement message reflects the IPv6 address of the node sending the Neighbor Advertisement message. The destination address reflects the IPv6 address of the node sending the Neighbor Solicitation message. The data portion of the Neighbor Advertisement message includes the link-layer address of the node sending the Neighbor Advertisement message.

After the source node receives the Neighbor Advertisement, the source node and destination node communicate.

Netvisor ONE uses Neighbor Solicitation messages to verify the reach-ability of a neighbor after identifying the link-layer address of a neighbor. When a node requires verification of the reachability of a neighbor, the destination address in a Neighbor Solicitation message includes the unicast address of the neighbor.

Netvisor ONE sends Neighbor Advertisement messages when a change occurs in the link-layer address of a node on a local link. When there is such a change, the destination



address for the Neighbor Advertisement includes the all-nodes multicast address.

Netvisor ONE periodically sendsRouter Advertisement messages (ICMPv6 Type 134) to each IPv6 configured interface of security appliance. Netvisor ONE also sends the Router Advertisement messages to the all-nodes multicast address.

Router Advertisement messages typically include the following information:

- One or more IPv6 prefix the nodes use on the local link to automatically configure the IPv6 addresses.
- Lifetime information for each prefix included in the advertisement.
- Sets of flags that indicate the type of auto-configuration (stateless or stateful) that can be completed.
- Default router information (whether the router sending the advertisement should be used as a default router and, if so, the amount of time (in seconds) the router should be used as a default router).
- Additional information for hosts, such as the hop limit and MTU a host should use in origination packets.
- The amount of time between neighbor solicitation message re-transmissions on a given link.
- The amount of time a node considers a neighbor reachable.

Netvisor ONE sends Router Advertisements t in response to Router Solicitation messages (ICMPv6 Type 133). Hosts sends Router Solicitation messages at system startup so that the host can immediately auto-configure without waiting for the next scheduled router advertisement message. Router Solicitation messages usually sent by hosts at system startup, and the host does not have a configured unicast address, the source address in Router Solicitation messages includes the unspecified IPv6 address (0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0). If the host has a configured unicast address, the source address in the message uses the unicast address of the interface sending the Router Solicitation message. The destination address in Router Solicitation messages uses the all-routers multicast address with a scope of the link. When sending a Router Advertisement in response to a Router Solicitation message, the destination address in the Router Advertisement message uses the unicast address of the source of the Router Solicitation message.

Configure the following settings for router advertisement messages:

- The time interval between periodic Router Advertisement messages. Netvisor ONE uses the default time interval of 200 seconds with a range of 3 to 1800 seconds or 500 to 1800000 milliseconds if you specify milliseconds.
- The router lifetime value, which indicates the amount of time IPv6 nodes should consider the switch to be the default router. Valid values range from 0 to 9000 seconds. Netvisor ONE has a default value of 1800 seconds. Entering 0 indicates that the switch is not considered a default router on the selected interface.



- The IPv6 network prefixes in use on the link. In order for stateless auto-configuration to work properly, the advertised prefix length in Router Advertisement messages must always be 64 bits.
- Whether or not an interface transmits Router Advertisement messages. By default, Netvisor ONE automatically sends Router Advertisement messages in response to Router Solicitation messages. If you suppress the Router Advertisement messages, the switch appear as a regular IPv6 neighbor on the link and not as an IPv6 router.

Unless otherwise noted, the interface has specific the Router Advertisement message settings.

To configure NDP, use the vrouter-interface-config-add command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-config-add

,	<u> </u>
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the service configuration.
Specify one of the options below:	Options:
nic vrouter if-list nic	Specify the vnic name.
<pre>ospf-hello-interval &lt;165535&gt;</pre>	Specify the OSPF hello interval from 1 to 65535. The default value is 10 (IPv4 or IPv6).
ospf-dead-interval <265535>	Specify the OSPF dead interval from 2 to 65535. The default value is 40 (IPv4 or IPv6).
<pre>ospf-retransmit-interval &lt;365535&gt;</pre>	Specify the OSPF retransmit interval from 3 to 65535. The default value is 5 (IPv4 or IPv6).
ospf-priority <0255>	Specify the OSPF priority from 0 to 255. The default value is 1 (IPv4 or IPv6).
ospf-auth-key ospf-auth-key- string	Specify the OSPF authentication key (IPv4 only).
ospf-cost <065535>	Specify the OSPF Cost (IPv4 or IPv6).
ospf-msg-digest-id <0255>	Specify the OSPF digest ID from 0 to 255 (IPv4 only).
ospf-msg-digest-key ospf-msg- digest-key-string	Specify the OSPF message digest key (IPv4 only).
ospf-passive-if no-ospf- passive-if	Specify the OSPF passive interface (IPv4 or IPv6).
ospf-network-type default  point-to-point	Specify the OSPF network type (IPv4 or IPv6).
ospf-bfd default enable  disable	Specify the BFD protocol support for OSPF fault detection.



bfd-interval <2003000>	Specify the BFD desired transmit interval from 200 ms to 3000 ms. The default value is 750 ms.
bfd-min-rx <2003000>	Specify the BFD required minimum receive interval from 200 ms to 3000 ms. The default value is 500 ms.
bfd-multiplier <120>	Specify the BFD detection multiplier from 1 to 20. The default value is 3.
nd-suppress-ra no-nd- suppress-ra	Control the transmission of IPv6 Router Advertisements.
ra-interval <11800>	Specify the time interval between ipv6 router advertisements.
ra-lifetime <09000>	Specify the time for which router is considered as default router.



### **Configuring Routing Information Protocol (RIP)**

Routing Information Protocol (RIP) remains the oldest routing protocol and provides networking information to routers. Routers need to know the available networks and the distance required to reach it.

RIP consists of a distance vector protocol, and uses hop counts to determine distance and destination. Every 30 seconds, RIP sends routing information to UDP port 520. If you designate the router as default gateway, the router advertises by sending 0.0.0.0 with a metric of 1.

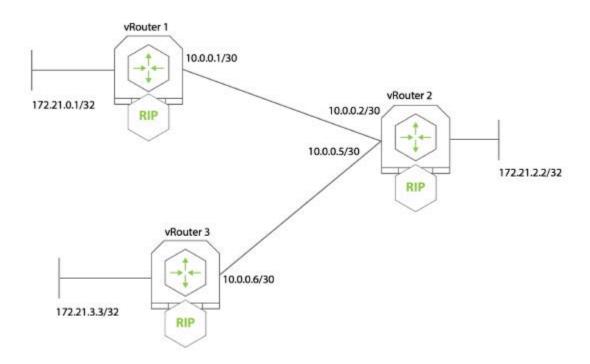


Figure 5-3: RIP Topology

### 1) Create vRouter1 on VLAN33:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrouter1 fabricname-global router-type hardware

You can also specify how Netvisor ONE distributes RIP routes using the parameter, ripredistribute static | connected | ospf | bgp.

### 2) Add network 10.16.33.0/24 to vrouter1:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-rip-add vrouter-name vrouter1 network 10.16.33.0/24 metric 2

### 3) Add network 10.16.35.0/24 to vrouter1:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-rip-add vrouter-name vrouter1 network 10.16.55.0/24 metric 2



4) To view the configuration, use the vrouter-rip-show command. This displays all RIP routes configured using the vrouter-rip-add command.

To view RIP routes not configured using the vrouter-rip-add command, use the vrouter-rip-routes-show command.



### **Configuring Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)**

Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) is a robust link-state interior gateway protocol (IGP). It uses the concept of Areas which allows further segmentation on the network.

OSPF uses link-state information to make routing decisions, and make route calculations using the shortest path first (OSPF) algorithm. Each vRouter configured for OSPF floods link-state advertisements throughout the area that contains information about the interfaces attached to the router and routing metrics.

You can add more configuration options, such as hello intervals, for OSPF using the vrouter-interface-config commands. In addition, you can add stub or not-so-stubby areas to the OSPF configuration.

You can manually change the OSPF cost for the configuration. Cost is the metric used by OSPF to judge the feasibility of a path. If you specify 0 as the cost, the vRouter automatically calculates the cost based on the bandwidth of the interface. In Netvisor ONE, the OSPF value does not change.

**Note:** For switches with ONVL, the only available vNET is a global vNET created when a fabric is created for the first time. Use tab complete in the CLI to display the vNET and continue the configuration.

In this example, you configure OSPF for two vRouters with an area, zero. The network has the following configuration:

- VLAN 35 with IP addresses 10.0.3.0/24
- VLAN 55 with IP addresses 172.37.0.0/24

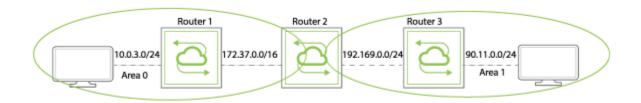


Figure 5-4 - OSPF

1) First, create the vRouter for Router1.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrouter1 vnet vnet-name fabricname-global router-type hardware

2) Add vRouter interfaces to the vRouter:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vnet *vnet-name* vrouter-name vrouter1 ip 10.0.3.0 netmask 24 vlan 35 if data nic-enable



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vrouter1 ip 172.37.0.0 netmask 16 vlan 55 if data nicenable

3) Add the subnets, 10.0.3.0/24 and 172.37.0.0/16, to VLAN35 with the area 0:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-ospf-add vrouter-name vrouter1 network 10.0.3.0/24 ospf-area 0

4) Add the second IP address with the area 0.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-ospf-add vrouter-name vrouter1 network 172.37.0.0/16 ospf-area 0

5) Add interfaces for OSPF hello intervals of 30 seconds:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-config-add name router1 nic eth0.35 ospf-hello-interval 30 ospf-cost 0

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-config-add name router1 nic eth0.55 ospf-hello-interval 30 ospf-cost 0

If you specify 0 as the cost value, the vRouter calculates the OSPF cost automatically based on the bandwidth of the interface. When you modify the OSPF hello interval, the ospf-dead-interval is automatically reset to 4 times the hello interval.

6) Display the configuration by using the vrouter-ospf-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-ospf-show layout vertical

vrouter-name: vrouter1

network: 10.0.3.0

netmask: 24 ospf-area: 0

vrouter-name: vrouter1
network: 172.37.0.0

netmask: 16
ospf-area: 0
stub-area: 11
stub-type: stub

ospf-hello-interval: 30

metric: 34

The metric value can reflect the cost of routes advertised as OSPF routes. It may also reflect the cost of routes advertised with other protocols.



# **Displaying Default Timers for OSPF Configurations**

Netvisor ONE now allows you to display default timers for OSPF configurations. To add a timer or modify an existing timer, use the following commands:

CLI	(network-admin@switch)	>	vrouter-interface-config-add
_	of-retransmit-interval		Specify the OSPF retransmit interval from 3 to 65535 seconds. The default is 5 seconds. (IPv4 orIPv6)
CLI	(network-admin@switch)	>	vrouter-interface-config-modify
_	of-retransmit-interval		Specify the OSPF retransmit interval from 3 to 65535 seconds. The default is 5 seconds. (IPv4 orIPv6)

A new command displays the OSPF configuration for an interface:

vrouter-name name-string	Displays the name of the vRouter.
Specify any of the following optional OSPF	parameters:
nic vrouter interface nic	Displays the name of the vNIC.
nic-state down up	Displays the NIC state.
13-port 13-port-number	Displays the Layer 3 port numbers.
ip ip-address	Displays the IPv4 address of the interface.
	Displays the netmask of the IPv6

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-ospf-interface-show

ip <i>ip-address</i>	interface.
netmask <i>netmask</i>	Displays the netmask of the IPv6 address.
broadcast ip-address	Displays the broadcast IP address.
area ip-address	Displays the area ID for the interface in IPv4 format.
mtu <i>mtu-number</i>	Displays MTU for the interface.

mtu <i>mtu-number</i>	Displays MTU for the interface.
<pre>mtu-mismatch-detection  no-mtu-mismatch-detection</pre>	Displays if MTU mismatch detection is configured.
router-id ip-address	Displays the router ID as an IP address.

<u> </u>	., .,
network-type point-to-point  broadcast loopback	Displays the OSPF network type.

state down|loopback|waiting|
point-to-point|dr-other|
Displays OSPF interface state.



backup   dr dr-id ip-address  dr-ip ip-address  bdr-id ip-address  bdr-id ip-address  bdr-ip ip-address  bdr-ip ip-address  bdr-ip ip-address  bdr-ip ip-address  bdr-ip ip-address  bdr-ip ip-address  priority priority-number  cost cost-number  bello hello-number(s)  dead dead-number(s)  retransmit retransmit- number(s)  hello-due hello-due-string  neighbor neighbor-number  adjacent adjacent-number  CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-ospf6-interface-show  vrouter-name name-string  Specify any of the following optional OSPF  nic-state down   up  13-port 13-port-number  1ink-local ip-address  netmask-ip6 netmask  area ip-address  mtu mtu-number  mtu-mismatch-detection   no-mtu-mismatch-detection   no-mtu-mismatch-detection   state down   loopback   waiting   Displays the designated router ID.  Displays the backup designated router ID.  Displays the backup designated router IP address.  Displays the backup designated router IP address.  Displays the designated router IP address.  Displays the backup designated router IP address.  Displays the plo-interval in seconds.  Displays the hello-interval in seconds.  D		
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mtu-mismatch-detection   Displays if MTU mismatch detection is configured.	area ip-address	
no-mtu-mismatch-detection configured.	mtu <i>mtu-number</i>	Displays MTU for the interface.
state down loopback waiting	•	· · ·
point-to-point dr-other  Displays OSPF interface state. backup dr	point-to-point dr-other	Displays OSPF interface state.



dr-id <i>ip-address</i>	Displays the designated router ID.
bdr-id <i>ip-address</i>	Displays the backup designated router ID.
priority priority-number	Displays the priority.
cost cost-number	Displays the cost.
hello hello-number(s)	Displays the hello-interval in seconds.
dead dead-number(s)	Displays the dead time in seconds.
retransmit retransmit- number(s)	Displays the retransmit interval time in seconds.
if-scoped-lsa <i>if-scoped-lsa-</i> number	Displays the number of interface LSAs scoped for the area.
ls-update ls-update-number	Displays the number of pending LSAs for LSUpdate.
ls-ack <i>ls-ack-number</i>	Displays the number of pending LSAs for LSAck.



# **Configuring Route Maps for OSPF Routes**

Configure route maps to associate a redistributed metric or metric-type for OSPFv3. You can define a route map to prevent OSPF routes from getting added to the routing table. This filtering happens at the time when OSPF installs the route in the routing table.

Before you configure route maps, configure a list of prefixes using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-prefix-list-add

Use the following set of commands to configure route maps for OSPF:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add

CLI (network-admin@switch) > v	router-route-map-add
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter service.
name name-string	Specify the name for the route map.
seq integer	Specify the sequence number as an integer between 1 and 4294967295.
action permit deny	Specify the route map action as permit or deny.
<pre>match-prefix vrouter prefix- list name-string</pre>	Specify the name of the prefix list used for the route map.
<pre>community-attribute unset  none no-export no-advertise  internet local-AS</pre>	Specify the community attribute for the route map.
local-pref integer	Specify the local preference as an integer between -1 and 4294967295.
metric none	Specify the metric as none.
metric-type 1 2	Specify the metric type as 1 or 2.
CLI (network-admin@switch) > v	router-route-map-remove
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter service.
name name-string	Specify the name for the route map.
seq <i>integer</i>	Specify the sequence number as an integer between 1 and 4294967295.
CLI (network-admin@switch) > v	router-route-map-show
vrouter-name name-string	Displays the name of the vRouter service.



Displays the name for the name name-string route map. Displays the sequence number seq integer as an integer between 1 and 4294967295. Displays the route map action action permit deny as permit or deny. Displays the name of the match-prefix vrouter prefixprefix list used for the list name-string route map. community-attribute unset Displays the community none|no-export|no-advertise| attribute for the route map. internet|local-AS Displays the local preference local-pref integer as an integer between -1 and 4294967295. metric none Displays the metric as none. Displays the metric type as 1 metric-type 1 2 or 2.



# **Enabling or Disabling OSPF SNMP MIBs**

You now enable or disable SNMP MIBs for OSPF configurations by using the command, vrouter-create, or vrouter-modify:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name-string ospf-snmp|no-ospf-snmp ospf-snmp-notification|no-ospf-snmp-notification



# **Configuring Default Route Information Settings for OSPF Routing**

An OSPF vRouter, by default, does not generate a default route into the OSPF domain. In order for OSPF to generate a default route, you must explicitly configure the vRouter with this information.

There are two ways to inject a default route into a normal area.

- 1) If the ASBR already has the default route in the routing table, you can advertise the existing 0.0.0.0/0 into the OSPF domain with the ospf-default-information parameter.
- 2) If the ASBR doesn't have a default route, you can add the keyword always to the ospf-default-information command. However, we recommend not to add the always keyword.

The OSPF vRouter advertises a default route into the OSPF domain, even if a route to 0.0.0.0 is configured.

When you configure the metric type, you can use the parameters described for the vrouter-\* commands for configuring a route map. These parameters control default route generation for IPv4 and IPv6 default routes.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create

Specify if you want to use the default route information for OSPF: none — no default route is generated. originate — the default route is generated only if a default route is ospf-default-information none|originate|always present in the routing table. • always — the default route is generated even if no default route is present in the routing table. ospf-default-info-Specify the metric for the default route. originate-metric none ospf-default-info-Specify the metric type as 1 or 2. originate-metric-type 1 | 2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify



	Specify if you want to use the default route information for OSPF:
	• none — no default route is generated.
	<ul> <li>originate — the default route is</li> </ul>
ospf-default-information	generated only if a default route is
none originate always	present in the routing table.
	<ul> <li>always — the default route is</li> </ul>
	generated even if no default route is
	present in the routing table.
ospf-default-info- originate-metric none	Specify the metric for the default route.
ospf-default-info- originate-metric-type 1 2	Specify the metric type as 1 or 2.
ospf-default-info- originate-route-map vrouter route-map <i>name</i>	Specify the OSPF default information route map.
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-show
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-show  Displays the default route information for OSPF:
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	Displays the default route information for
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	Displays the default route information for OSPF:
ospf-default-information	Displays the default route information for OSPF:  • none — no default route is generated.
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ospf-default-information	Displays the default route information for OSPF:  • none — no default route is generated.  • originate — the default route is generated only if a default route is present in the routing table.  • always — the default route is
ospf-default-information	<ul> <li>Displays the default route information for OSPF:</li> <li>none — no default route is generated.</li> <li>originate — the default route is generated only if a default route is present in the routing table.</li> <li>always — the default route is generated even if no default route is</li> </ul>



ospf-default-infooriginate-route-map vrouter route-map name

Displays the OSPF default information route map.



# **Configuring Metric and Metric Type for Route Maps**

Configure route maps to associate a redistribute metric and metric-type for OSPF and OSPFv3 and you cannot configure metrics using the current OSPF commands. Use route maps method to configure metric and metric-type on routers. Configuration of metrics and metric-type for OSPFv3 requires route maps.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add

metric none	Specify a metric for the route map.
metric-type none 1 2	Specify the metric type.

The new parameters also apply to the vrouter-route-map-modify and vrouter-route-map-show commands.

You can also specify metrics and route maps for vRouters configured as OSPF and BGP vRouters.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify

bgp-redist-static-route-map vrouter route-map <i>name</i>	Specify the route map for BGP redistribution of static routes.
bgp-redist-connected-route- map vrouter route-map name	Specify the route map for BGP redistribution of connected routes.
bgp-redist-ospf-route-map vrouter route-map <i>name</i>	Specify the route map for BGP redistribution of OSPF routes.
ospf-redist-static-route-map vrouter route-map <i>name</i>	Specify the route map for OSPF redistribution of static routes.
ospf-redist-connected-route- map vrouter route-map <i>name</i>	Specify the route map for OSPF redistribution of connected routes.
ospf-redist-bgp-route-map vrouter route-map <i>name</i>	Specify the route map for OSPF redistribution of BGP routes.



## **Configuring BGP on a vRouter**

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is a path-vector protocol and is the most commonly used routing protocol on the Internet. It advertises the paths required to reach a certain destination. BGP is also a protocol that sits on top of TCP, and is simpler than Open Shortest Path First (OSPF).

For example, in Figure 5-5, the network administrator wants to configure network traffic from the source host to reach the destination host. But when different VLANs are configured, the source host traffic is not aware of the route between the source host and the destination host. However, there is a VLAN that spans VLAN 33 and VLAN 55. You can solve this problem by configuring BGP in the same Autonomous System (AS) 100 that sends traffic over VLAN 35. This allows the source host to learn the route to the destination host.

Using a loopback address for peering is useful when there are multiple paths between the BGP peers which would otherwise tear down the BGP session if the physical interface used for establishing the session goes down. It also allows the vRouters running BGP with multiple links between vRouters to load balance over the available paths.

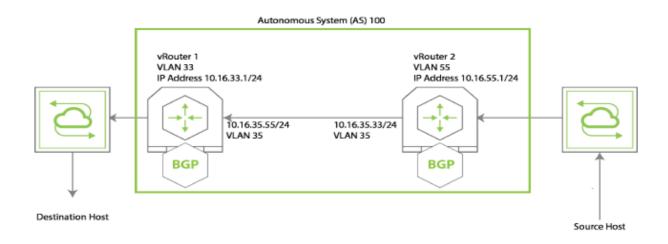


Figure 5-5: Configuring BGP for Two VLANs

This example assumes that you have two VLANs, VLAN33 and VLAN55. Also, that you have added ports to the configuration.

Begin by configuring vRouter1, a software vRouter, on VLAN 33 with the BGP information:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrouter1 fabricname-global router-type hardware bgp-as 100 bgp-redist-connected-metric none

Additional BGP parameters include the following:



- bgp-redist-static-metric redistribute static BGP route metric number
- bgp-redist-connected-metric redistribute connected BGP route metric
- bgp-redist-rip-metric redistribute BGP into RIP process metric
- bgp-redist-ospf-metric redistribute BGP into OSPF process metric
- bgp-max-paths maximum number of BGP paths
- bgp-ibgp-multipath allow the BGP vRouter to select multiple paths for load sharing.
- bgp-bestpath-as-path allow BGP to use the best path for traffic forwarding.
- bgp-dampening | no-bgp-dampening suppress flapping routes so they are not advertised.
- bgp-stalepath-time how long a router waits before deleting stale routes after an end of record (EOR) message is received from the restarting router.
- bgp-graceful-shutdown | no-bgp-graceful-shutdown—how to configure BGP graceful shutdown (RFC8326)

#### Add the IP addresses and VLANs:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vrouter1 ip 10.16.35.33/24 vlan 35
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-
name vrouter1 ip 10.16.33.1/24 vlan 33
```

### Add the BGP information:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vrouter1 neighbor 10.16.35.55 remote-as 100
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-network-add vrouter-name vrouter1 network 10.16.33.0/24
```

## Display the interface information for vrouter1:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show format all
layout vertical

```
vrouter-name: vrouter1
```

nic: eth1.33

ip: 10.9.100.100/16
assignment: static
mac: 66:0e:94:30:c6:92

vlan: 33
vxlan: 0
if: data
alias-on:



exclusive: no

nic-config: enable

nic-state: up secondary-macs:

vrouter-name: vrouter1

nic: eth2.33

ip: 192.168.42.11/24 assignment: static

mac: 66:0e:94:30:25:5e

vlan: 33 vxlan: 0 if: data alias-on: exclusive: no

nic-config: enable

nic-state: up secondary-macs:

If you want to filter IP hosts, you can add prefix lists to the BGP configuration. See Configuring Prefix Lists for BGP and OSPF.

#### Then, configure vRouter2 on VLAN 55:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrouter2 fabricname-global router-type hardware bgp-as 100 bgp-redistconnected-metric none

#### Add the IP addresses and VLANs:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vrouter2 ip 10.16.35.55/24 vlan 35

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vrouter2 ip 10.16.55.1/24 vlan 55

#### Then add the BGP information:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vrouter2 neighbor 10.16.35.33 remote-as 100

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-network-add vroutername vrouter2 network 10.16.55.0/24

#### And finally, add the loopback address:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-loopback-interface-add vrouter-name vrouter1 index 5 ip 1.1.1.1

#### Display the vRouter BGP configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-show format all



#### layout vertical

vrouter-name: vrouter33

ip: 10.16.35.55

neighbor: 10.16.35.55

remote-as: 100
next-hop-self: no

route-reflector-client: no
override-capability: no
soft-reconfig-inbound: no
max-prefix-warn-only: no
vrouter-name: vrouter33

ip: 10.16.33.0

network: 10.16.33.0/24

description: none

vrouter-name: vrouter55

ip: 10.16.35.33

neighbor: 10.16.35.33

remote-as: 100
next-hop-self: no

route-reflector-client: no override-capability: no soft-reconfig-inbound: no max-prefix-warn-only: no vrouter-name: vrouter55

ip: 10.16.55.0

network: 10.16.55.0/24

description: none

To reset BGP neighbors, use the vrouter-bgp-neighbor-reset command.

To display BGP neighbors, use the vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show

vrouter-name: vrouter1

neighbor: 10.9.100.201

up/down: 00:54:04

state/pfxrcd: Connect
remote-router: vrouter2
description: none
vrouter-name: vrouter2

neighbor: 10.9.100.101

ver: 4
remote-as: 100
msg\_rcvd: 12



msg\_sent: 18 tblver: 0 inQ: 0 outQ: 0

up/down: 00:53:37

state/pfxrcd: Connect remote-router: vrouter2

description: none

#### **Additional BGP Parameters**

There are additional BGP parameters that you can use to optimize your BGP network. Add any of the following parameters:

- ebgp-multihop a value for external BGP to accept or attempt BGP connections to external peers, not directly connected, on the network. This is a value between 1 and 255.
- update-source vrouter the source IP address of BGP packets sent by the router. This parameter is required if you want BGP to perform peering over a loopback interface.
- prefix-list-in specify a list of incoming prefixes for route redistribution.
- prefix-list-out specify a list of outgoing prefixes for route redistribution.
- override-capability override the result of capability negotiation with the local configuration. This parameter allows you to ignore a remote peer's capability value.
- soft-reconfig-inbound defines the route refresh capability by allowing the local device to reset inbound routing tables dynamically by exchanging route refresh requests to supporting peers.
- max-prefix allows you to specify the maximum number of IP prefixes to filter.
- max-prefix-warn add a parameter to warn when the maximum number of prefixes is reached.



# **Enabling or Disabling BGP SNMP MIBs**

You can enable or disable SNMP MIBs for BGP configurations by using the vrouter-create or vrouter-modify commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name-string bgp-snmp|no-bgp-snmp bgp-snmp-notification|no-bgp-snmp-notification



## **Configuring AS and AS Prepending on BGP**

You can prepend one or more autonomous system (AS) numbers at the beginning of an AS path. The AS numbers are added at the beginning of the path after the actual AS number from which the route originates has been added to the path. Prepending an AS path makes a shorter AS path look longer and therefore less preferable to BGP.

The BGP best path algorithm determines how the best path to an autonomous system (AS) is selected. The AS path length determines the best path when all of the following conditions are met:

There are multiple potential routes to an AS.

- BGP has the lowest preference value, sometimes referred to as the administrative distance, of the available routes.
- The local preferences of the available routes are equal.

When these conditions are met, the AS path length is used as the tie breaker in the best path algorithm. When two or more routes exist to reach a particular prefix, BGP prefers the route with the shortest AS Path length.

If you have multi-homing to one or more service providers, you may prefer for incoming traffic take a particular path to reach your network. Perhaps you have two connections, but one costs less than the other. Or you might have one fast connection and another, much slower connection that you only want to use as a backup if your primary connection is down. AS path prepending is an easy method that you can use to influence inbound routing to your AS.

Netvisor One has new parameters for the vrouter-route-map-\* commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch)	> vrouter-route-map-add
as-path-prepend integer	Specify a value between 1 and 4,294,967,295.
as-path-prepend-last-as integer	Specify a value between 1 and 10.
as-path-exclude integer	Specify a value between 1 and 4,294,967,295.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	> vrouter-route-map-show
as-path-prepend integer	Displays a value between 1 and 4,294,967,295.
as-path-prepend-last-as integer	Displays a value between 1 and 10.



as-path-exclude integer

Displays a value between 1 and 4,294,967,295.



## **Configuring Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) Communities**

A BGP community is a group of prefixes that share some common property and can be configured with the BGP community attribute. The BGP Community attribute is an optional transitive attribute of variable length. The attribute consists of a set of four octet values that specify a community. The community attribute values are encoded with an Autonomous System (AS) number in the first two octets, with the remaining two octets defined by the AS. A prefix can have more than one community attribute. A BGP speaker that sees multiple community attributes in a prefix can act based on one, some or all the attributes. A router has the option to add or modify a community attribute before the router passes the attribute on to other peers.

The local preference attribute is an indication to the AS which path is preferred in order to reach a certain network. When there are multiple paths to the same destination, the path with the higher preference is preferred (the default value of the local preference attribute is 100).

Common Community Attributes

- Standard (well known) These community attributes are 4 octets long, with well known values
  - Internet (0) advertise these routes to all neighbors.
  - no-export (0xFFFFF01) do not advertise to outside a BGP confederation boundary.
  - no-advertise (0xFFFFFF02) do not advertise to other BGP peers.
  - local-AS (0xFFFFFF03) do not advertise to external BGP peers.
- **Standard** generic (AS:value) These community attributes are also 4 octet long, but values can be really generic. The first 16-bit number is normally the AS number of the network that sets the community or looks for it, and the second number is one that conveys the intended information, for example: 65001:100.

For example to set the community attribute, **no-export**, to all route prefixes matching prefix **subnet100**, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name vrl name rmapl seq 10 action permit match-prefix
subnet100 community-attribute no-export
```

To set the community attribute, **65002:200** to all route prefixes matching prefix subnet100, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name vrl name peer vr2 action permit seq 20 match-prefix
subnet99 community-attribute-generic 65002:200
```

#### **Community Lists**

BGP community list is a user defined BGP communities attribute list. The BGP community list can be used for matching or manipulating BGP communities attribute in



updates. This is used on the receive side of the BGP updates to match what is set in the received updates. Community lists can be used in route-map with match-community keyword to apply any policy on the receive side.

• **Standard** — Standard community list defines attribute which matches standard communities as defined above (well known or generic).

To set the community list permitting the community value **300** for AS **65002**, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-community-list-add vrouter-name vr2 style standard name clist300 action permit community-attribute 65002:300

The Netvisor One commands for vrouter-route-maps-\* support additional parameters for BGP communities:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add

match-community match-community-string	Specify the community string to match. (BGP only)
exact-match no-exact-match	Specify if the community string is an exact match or not. (BGP only)
<pre>community-attribute-generic community-attribute-generic- string</pre>	Specify a generic community attribute such as AA:NN. (BGP only)
additive no-additive	Specify if a given community is appended to existing communities value.
comm-list-del vrouter community-list name	Specify if you want to remove community values from BGP community attributes.

New commands support creating BGP Communities:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > v	vrouter-community-list-add		
vrouter-name name-string	Specify a vRouter to add the community list.		
Add the following community list parameters:			
style standard	Specify the style of the community list.		
name name-string	Specify a name for the community list.		
action permit deny	Specify the action for the community list.		



community-attribute community-attribute-string	Specify the community attribute.	
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-community-list-remove	
vrouter-name name-string	Specify a vRouter to remove the community list.	
Add the following community list parame	eters:	
style standard	Specify the style of the community list.	
name name-string	Specify a name for the community list.	
action permit deny	Specify the action for the community list.	
community-attribute community-attribute-string	Specify the community attribute.	
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	vrouter-community-list-show	
vrouter-name name-string	Displays the vRouter name.	
Add the following community list parameters:		
style standard	Displays the style of the community list.	
name name-string	Displays a name for the community list.	
action permit deny	Displays the action for the community list.	
community-attribute community-attribute-string	Displays the community attribute.	



# **Configuring BGP Route Maps for Origin**

Use the vrouter-route-map commands to define the conditions for redistributing routes from one routing protocol to another. The route-map command contains a list of match and set commands associated with it.

The match commands specify the match criteria: the conditions under which Netvisor ONE redistributes the current route-map command.

The set commands specify the set actions: the particular redistribution actions to perform if the criteria enforced by the match commands are met.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-modify vrouter-name vr2 name TEST6 seq 10 origin <tab>

none	Resets the origin to none.
egp	Specifies the route as a remote EGP route.
igp	Specifies the route as a local IGP route.
incomplete	Route is of unknown heritage.



## **Configuring BGP Graceful Shutdown**

The BGP Graceful Shutdown functionality enables the network administrators to gracefully shutdown all BGP sessions per vrouter between BGP peer(s). This feature does not shutdown the sessions, but notifies the neighbor peers that a maintenance event is occurring and that the traffic should be re-routed to another peer to avoid traffic black-holing. The *graceful*, *no traffic impact* behaviour of the feature depends on the topology and BGP setup in a network.

When a BGP speaker is rebooted, upgraded, or shut down during a maintenance window, the admin re-sends all the BGP routes (route refresh) to the neighbor peers by attaching a BGP GRACEFUL\_SHUTDOWN community to each prefix. Upon receiving the prefixes, the BGP neighbors should dynamically change the local preference associated to these subnets to a very low value, typically, LP=0. By changing the local preference to 0, the BGP neighbors select another path (i.e. next-hop) to reach the prefixes carrying the GRACEFUL\_SHUTDOWN community attribute. When the traffic is completely re-routed to alternate path, the BGP speaker can administratively shutdown all BGP sessions without experiencing traffic black-holing issue.

You must configure the vrouter and BGP neighbors prior to enabling the bgp-graceful-shutdown knob on the vrouter.

**Note**: This feature do not support a per-session graceful shutdown, but supports a per-vRouter graceful shutdown (all BGP sessions of a particular vRouter are affected).

To configure BGP graceful shutdown, use the following commands (this command enables you to modify several parameters of BGP and other protocols.):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify name name-string bgp-graceful-shutdown

vrouter-create	Allows you to create a hardware vRouter and specify the parameters for the vRouter.
name name-string	Specify a name for the service configuration.
bgp-graceful-shutdown no-bgp-graceful-shutdown	Specify to enable or disable BGP graceful shutdown (RFC8326).

Below is an example of a vRouter configuration enabling BGP graceful shutdown on vr2:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify name **vr2** router-type hardware bgp-as **65200** router-id **22.22.22.22** bgp-graceful-shutdown

To display the details, use the vrouter-show command (similar to other BGP parameters the new field is displayed only if the field is listed in the format statement or



## format all keyword is used):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-show format
name,scope,router-type,bgp-as,router-id,bgp-graceful-shutdown

name	scope	router-type	bgp-as	router-id	bgp-graceful-shutdown
vr1	fabric	hardware	65100	11.11.11.11	off
vr2	fabric	hardware	65200	22.22.22.22	on
vr3	local	hardware	65300	33.33.33.33	off

To disable BGP graceful shutdown knob, the configuration, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify name name-string no-bgp-graceful-shutdown



## **Configuring BGP Unnumbered**

The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is a path vector protocol used to exchange routing and reachability information. Traditionally, to exchange IPv4 prefixes, you must configure explicit BGP sessions with the neighbor IP address and remote-AS information for each BGP peer, which can become cumbersome in large networks. This also occupies significant address space as each BGP peer must have an IPv4 address.

By using RFC5549 (Advertising IPv4 Network Layer Reachability Information with an IPv6 Next Hop), Netvisor ONE enables you to create BGP unnumbered sessions which are simpler to configure. Practically, you need not have an IPv4 address for every BGP-enabled interface and therefore it is called an unnumbered configuration. Instead of specifying an IPv4 neighbor address and the remote-AS number, you can provide the L3 port number and declare an eBGP session. BGP unnumbered uses the link-local IPv6 address as the next-hop IP address for both IPv4 and IPv6 prefixes.

In effect, the need for configuring IPv4 addresses on all BGP-enabled interfaces and the need for declaring an explicit ASN for the remote side is eliminated through BGP unnumbered.

**Note:** Netvisor ONE does not support iBGP for unnumbered BGP sessions.

**Note**: Prior to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1 HF1 on Whitebox platforms, in cases where the next hop BGP neighbors on unnumbered interfaces having Netvisor ONE releases with different FRR versions (for example, Netvisor ONE version 5.2.x with FRR4 and version 6.1.1 with FRR 7.2), the route updates from FRR 7.2 gets dropped by FRR 4 based releases. See the configuration section below for additional details.

To configure a BGP unnumbered session, use the two following commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername <name-string> 13-port <13-port-usable-port-number> ipv6unnumbered

vrouter-interface-add	Use this command to add an interface to a vRouter.
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vRouter to which the interface is to be added.
vlan <04095>	Specify the VLAN ID to which the interface has to be added (optional).  Note: This option is not supported while configuring BGP unnumbered.
Specify any of the following options:	



ip ip-address	Specify the IP address to be assigned to the interface.	
Netmask <i>netmask</i>	Specify the network mask for the IP address.	
Assignment [none   dhcp   dhcpv6]	Specify one among the options as the type of IP address assignment.	
ip2 <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the second IP address of the interface.	
netmask2 <i>netmask</i>	Specify the network mask for the second IP address.	
assignment2 [none   dhcp   dhcpv6]	Specify the type of assignment for the second IP address.	
linklocal ip-address	Specify the IPv6 link local address.	
ipv6-unnumbered no-ipv6- unnumbered	Specify either of the options to enable or disable IPv6 unnumbered on the interface.	
vnet vnet name	Specify the VNET name assigned to the vRouter.	
bd bridge-domain name	Specify the Interface bridge domain name.	
vlan-type [public   private]	Specify the interface VLAN type.	
if [mgmt   data   span   span2   span3]	Specify one among the options as the interface type.	
alias-on alias-on-string	Specify an alias for the interface.	
exclusive   no-exclusive	Specify if the interface is exclusive to the configuration. Exclusive means that other configurations cannot use the interface. Exclusive is specified when you configure the interface as a span interface and allows higher throughput through the interface.	
nic-enable   nic-disable	Specify one of the options to enable or disable the NIC.	
pim   no-pim	Specify either of the options to state if the VNIC is a Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM) interface or not.	
pim-dr-priority <14294967295>	Specify the designated router priority for the PIM interface. Netvisor selects the vRouter interface with higher DR priority as the designated router.	
pim-cluster   no-pim-cluster	Specify if the VNIC is on exclusive transit VLAN.	



fabric-nic   no-fabric-nic	Specify if the VNIC is on a VLAN used for fabric setup or not.
vrrp-id <0255>	Specify the VRRP ID.
vrrp-primary vrrp-primary- string	Specify the primary interface for VRRP failover.
vrrp-priority <0254>	Specify the VRRP priority for the interface. This is a value between 0 (lowest) and 254 (highest).
vrrp-adv-int <30040950>	Specify the VRRP advertisement interval in ms. The range is from 30 to 40950 with a default value of 1000.
13-port <i>13port-usable-port</i> name	Specify the name of the Layer 3 port to be added to the vrouter.
secondary-macs secondary-macs-string	Specify a secondary MAC address.
mtu <689398>	Specify a MTU value in bytes between 68 and 9216.
<pre>if-nat-realm [internal   external]</pre>	Specify the NAT interface realm as internal or external.
priority-tag   no-priority- tag	Specify either of the options to add a VLAN 0 priority tag on forwarded traffic or remove it.

Now, issue the second command to add a BGP neighbor to the vrouter and finish the BGP unnumbered configuration.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name <name-string> 13-port <13port-usable-port name> [remote-as external]

vrouter-bgp-add	Use this command to add a BGP neighbor to a vrouter.
vrouter-name name-string	Specify the name of the vrouter to which the neighbor is being added.
Specify one of the two options:	
neighbor <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address for BGP neighbor.
13-port <i>13port-usable-port</i> name	Specify the L3 port name for the BGP session.
Specify any of the following options:	
remote-as <external  internal -2429496729&gt;</external  	Supply this parameter to specify if the BGP session is external/internal or to



	provide an AS number
	Note: Specify external to configure a BGP unnumbered session. This parameter is redundant as an eBGP session is assumed for unnumbered BGP sessions.
next-hop-self   no-next-hop- self	Specify either of the options to set the next hop as self or to remove that configuration.
password password-string	Provide a password for MD5 BGP.
ebgp-multihop <1255>	Specify the value for external BGP between 1 and 255.
update-source vrouter loopback-interface ip	Specify the source IP address of BGP packets sent by the router. This parameter is required if you want BGP to perform peering over a loopback interface.
update-source-interface update-source-interface-string	Specify the interface of BGP packets sent by the router. This parameter is required if you want BGP to perform peering over any interface.
prefix-list-in vrouter prefix-list name	Specify the prefix list to filter inbound packets.
prefix-list-out vrouter prefix-list name	Specify the prefix list to filter outbound packets.
route-reflector-client no- route-reflector-client	Specify if a route reflector client is used.
override-capability no- override-capability	Specify either of the options to enable or disable override capability.
soft-reconfig-inbound no- soft-reconfig-inbound	Specify either of the options to enable or disable soft reset to reconfigure inbound traffic.
max-prefix max-prefix-number	Specify the maximum number of prefixes.
max-prefix-warn-only no-max-prefix-warn-only	Specify either of the options to enable or disable the warning if the maximum number of prefixes is exceeded.
bfd no-bfd	Specify either of the options to enable or disable BFD protocol support for fault detection.
bfd-multihop no-bfd-multihop	Specify either of the options to enable or



	disable the use of BFD multi-hop port for fault detection.
multi-protocol [ipv4- unicast ipv6-unicast]	Specify either of the options as a multi- protocol feature.
weight [none   -165535]	Specify the default weight value for the neighbor's routes either as none or as a value between 0 and 65535.
default-originate no- default-originate	Specify either of the options to enable or disable the announcing of default routes to the neighbor.
<pre>neighbor-keepalive-interval &lt;065535&gt;</pre>	Specify the BGP keepalive interval in seconds. The keepalive interval stipulates how often the the keepalive messages are sent.
neighbor-holdtime <065535>	Specify the BGP holdtime in seconds. The hold time specifies how long a router will wait for incoming BGP messages before it assumes the neighbor is dead.
<pre>connect-retry-interval &lt;065535&gt;</pre>	Specify the BGP connect retry interval in seconds.
send-community no-send-community	Specify either of the options to enable or disable the sending of any community attribute to the neighbor.
route-map-in vrouter route- map name	Specify the name of the route map for incoming routes.
route-map-out vrouter route- map name	Specify the name of the route map for outgoing routes.
allowas-in no-allowas-in	Specify either of the options to allow/reject routes with local AS in AS_PATH.
interface vrouter interface nic	Specify the Interface to reach the neighbor.
advertisement-interval <0600>	Specify the minimum interval between sending BGP routing updates.
description description- string	Add a vRouter BGP neighbor description.

These commands create an interface with a link-local IPv6 address and configures an eBGP session for the interface.

To view the configuration on the vrouter, use the command, vrouter-interface-showcommand. For example:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show format nic,13-port,vlan,ip,ipv6-unnumbered

```
      vrouter-name
      nic
      13-port
      vlan
      ip
      ipv6-unnumbered

      vr1
      eth0.4092
      17
      4092
      fe80::640e:94ff:feff:7bdc/64
      yes
```

#### View the BGP configuration by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-show format 13-
port,nic,neighbor,remote-as
```

## Use the following command to view the relevant neighbor information:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show vrouter-name vr2 format neighbor,13-port,nic,remote-as,up/down

vrouter-name	neighbor	13-port	nic	remote-as	up/down
vr2		17	eth2.4092	65100	00:06:20
vr2	192.168.101.1			65100	00:02:48

The output shows that the neighbor field for the unnumbered interface does not have an IP address, while the I3-port and nic fields have information. Note that a BGP unnumbered session can co-exist with a numbered BGP session, but not on the same interface.

The Routing Information Database (RIB) and Forwarding Information Database (FIB) confirms that both IPv4 and IPv6 prefixes learned by BGP use IPv6 next-hop addresses:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-rib-routes-show format
ip,prelen,nexthop,flags,vlan
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-fib-routes-show format
ip,prelen,vlan,port,nexthop-mac,egress-id

You can modify unnumbered BGP neighbor parameters by using the command vrouter-bgp-modify. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name vr3 13-port 19 multi-protocol ipv6-unicast
```



You can remove an L3 port from a BGP configuration by using the command vrouter-bgp-remove. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-remove vrouter-name vr3 13-port 17
```

To remove an L3 interface from a vrouter, use the command vrouter-interface-remove. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-remove vrouter-
name vr3 13-port 20
```

To reset the Information regarding BGP neighbors, use the command vrouter-bgp-neighbor-reset. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-reset vrouter-name vr3 l3-port port 11
```

You can shut down a BGP neighbor by using the command vrouter-bgp-neighbor-shutdown. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-shutdown vrouter-name vr3 13-port port 26
```

To bring a BGP neighbor back up after the shut down, use the command vrouter-bgp-neighbor-no-shutdown. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-no-shutdown vrouter-name vr3 13-port 10
```

As mentioned in the beginning of this topic, prior to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1 HF1, in cases where the next hop BGP neighbors on unnumbered interfaces having Netvisor ONE releases with different FRR versions (for example, Netvisor ONE version 5.2.x with FRR4 and version 6.1.1 with FRR 7.2), the route updates from FRR 7.2 gets dropped by FRR 4 based releases.

For releases between versions 6.0.x and 6.1.1, the unnumbered neighbor interoperability with 5.2.x is not feasible. This issue is addressed in version 6.1.1 HF1 and beyond with the introduction of a new BGP config option, unnumbered—interop on a per unnumbered neighbor basis. For example, use the unnumbered—interop parameter in the vrouter—bgp—add or vrouter—bgp—modify commands as:

```
CLI(network-admin@switch)> vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name <name-string> 13-port <13port-usable-port name> unnumbered-interop
OR
```

```
CLI(network-admin@switch)> vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name <name-
string> 13-port <13port-usable-port name> unnumbered-interop
```

The no-unnumbered-interop option restores the configuration to default values. In the newer releases when configured with the new knob, unnumbered-interop, Netvsior sends both *link-local* and *global next-hop* in the BGP Update. This option is specific to interop with unnumbered neighbors.



## Below is an output of a sample configuration:

CLI(network-admin@switch)> vrouter-bgp-show format 13port,neighbor,unnum-interop,

vrouter-name	13-port	unnum-interop
antlia-dc-1-vrouter	antlia-dc-1-eq-dc-1	no
antlia-dc-1-vrouter	53	yes



## **Configuring BGP ASN Migration Mechanisms**

Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0 supports BGP mechanisms for Autonomous System Number (ASN) migration as specified in RFC7705. These mechanisms are leveraged in the scenario of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) merger, acquisition, or divestiture to ensure that internal and external BGP speakers are migrated seamlessly from one ASN to another.

Consider the use case where there are two ISPs, ISP M (AS 65300) and ISP N (AS 65400) directly attached to customer X (AS 65200) and customer Y (AS 65100) respectively. In a scenario where ISP M merges the ASNs of both ISP M and ISP N, AS 65300 becomes the permanently retained ASN used across the consolidated set of both ISPs' network equipment, while AS 65400 is retired. After the ASN migration, there will be only ISP M and all internal BGP speakers are configured to use AS 65300. This is illustrated by the figures below.

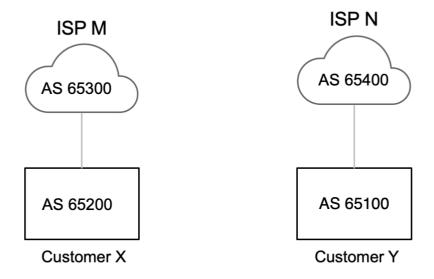


Figure 5-6: Before Migration



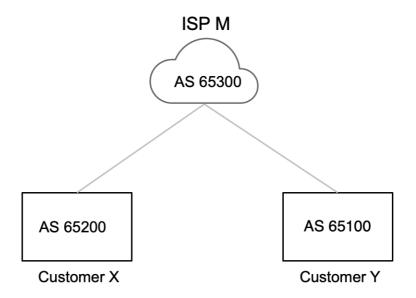


Figure 5-7: After Migration

During the migration, ISP N changes the global BGP ASN used by a Provider Edge (PE) router, from ASN 65400 to 65300. Immediately after this change, the router is no longer able to establish External BGP (eBGP) sessions toward the existing Customer Edge (CE) routers that are connected to it and still using AS 65400. Here, we make use of the migration mechanisms to enable the router to establish BGP neighbors using the legacy ASN and to modify the AS\_PATH advertisement when transmitted toward CE devices to achieve the desired effect of not increasing the length of the AS\_PATH.

## **Configuring "Local AS" Mechanism**

The "Local AS" mechanism allows the PE router undergoing the ASN migration to establish eBGP sessions with existing CE devices that are using old ASN. This result is achieved by superceding the globally configured ASN with a locally defined ASN for a BGP neighbor or a group of neighbors. When this feature is used, the local router prepends the old or local ASN to the AS\_PATH while installing or advertising routes received from a CE to iBGP neighbors inside the Autonomous System.

In the example illustrated below, when Local AS is configured on PE-Y, CE-X sees an AS\_PATH of 65300 65400 65100, with an increased (and hence not desirable) AS\_PATH length. The "No Prepend Inbound" mechanism described below solves this issue.

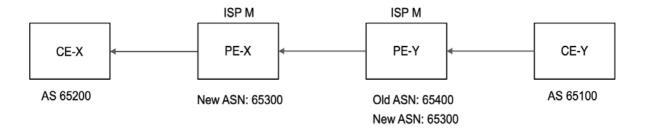


Figure 5-8: Local AS and No Prepend BGP UPDATE Diagram

To configure Local AS mechanism on the PE router which migrates to the new ASN, use



the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name vrl neighbor-ip 192.168.10.1 local-as 65400

#### Configuring the "No Prepend Inbound (of Local AS)" Mechanism

The "No Prepend Inbound" mechanism is used in conjunction with the Local AS mechanism. When no-prepend option is configured, the local BGP routers do not prepend the old or local ASN value to the AS\_PATH while installing or advertising routes received from the CE. As a result, for the illustrated case above, CE-X sees an AS\_PATH of 65100 65300, with a reduced AS\_PATH length.

In this case, the no-prepend option has to be configured in the inbound direction on PE-Y, that is, in the direction of reception of routes. Use the command below to enable this option.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name vrl neighbor-ip 192.168.10.1 local-as 65400 no-prepend
```

If you do not configure the no-prepend option, PE-X may drop the route it receives from PE-Y as the presence of the old ASN in the AS\_PATH is perceived as a routing loop.

**Table 5-1 - No Prepend Inbound Configuration** 

Configuration	AS_PATH as seen by CE-X
Without no-prepend	65100 65400 65300
With no-prepend	65100 65300

## **Configuring the "Replace Old AS" Mechanism**

The "Local AS" and "No Prepend Inbound" configurations do not modify the AS\_PATH attribute for BGP UPDATEs that are transmitted by the ISP's PEs to CE devices in the outbound direction. The "Replace Old AS" capability allows ISP M to prevent routers from appending the global or new ASN in outbound BGP UPDATEs toward customer networks that are using the "Local AS" mechanism. Instead, only the old or local AS is prepended in outbound BGP UPDATEs.

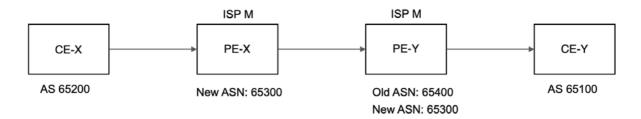


Figure 5-9: Replace AS BGP UPDATE Diagram

For example, without the use of "Replace Old AS", CE-Y would see an AS\_PATH of 65400 65300 65200, with an unacceptable increase in AS\_PATH length. After you configure PE-Y to use "Replace Old AS", CE-Y receives an AS\_PATH of 65400 65200, which is the same AS\_PATH length prior to AS migration. Therefore, the Replace AS configuration helps retain the same AS\_PATH length before and after ISP migration.



To configure this mechanism, use the replace-as option as in this example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name vrl neighbor-ip 192.168.10.1 local-as 65400 no-prepend replace-as

**Table 5-2 - Replace Old AS Configuration** 

Configuration	AS_PATH as seen by CE-Y
Without replace-as	65400 65300 65200
With replace-as	65400 65200



## **Configuring Prefix Lists for BGP and OSPF**

Prefix lists allow you to permit or deny host IP addresses from route distribution in BGP and OSPF configurations. To configure prefix lists for BGP, this example assumes that you have a vRouter configured for BGP, vrouter-bgp, and you want to deny the IP address, 172.26.0.0 with the netmask 255.255.0.0, sequence number 5, and minimum prefix length 17 bits:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-prefix-list-add vroutername vrouter-bgp name deny-bits action deny prefix 172.26.0.0 netmask 255.255.0.0 seq 5 min-prefix-len 17

This prefix list rejects any subnets of 172.26.0.0/16 with prefixes 17 bits or longer. For example, the subnets 172.26.16.9/30 and 172.26.101.0/24 are rejected from route distribution.

The sequence number allows you to insert or remove new lines in a prefix list as well as at the beginning or end. It is recommended that you increment the sequence numbers by 10 so you can easily add or subtract lists from the configuration. See also:

- Configuring Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)
- Configuring BGP on a vRouter



# **Configuring Bidirectional Forwarding Detection for IPv4 and IPv6**

This feature adds bidirectional forwarding detection for IPv4 and IPv6 BGP neighbor and provides support for IPv6 BGP NBR reach-ability detection by using BFD protocol. When a BFD session goes from UP to DOWN, BFD informs BGP to bring the neighbor (NBR) down, until BFD returns to an UP state.

You create the BFD session by adding the bfd parameter to the vRouter configuration using the bfd parameter for the command, vrouter-bgp-modify. IPv6 BFD sessions for BGP NBRs are hosted in Netvisor ONE. The BFD session is started when you add the bfd parameter the BGP vRouter configuration.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show layout vertical

vrouter-name: vr10

neighbor: 2002:100::2

ver: 4

remote-as: 51000

msq rcvd: 189

msq sent: 193

up/down:

state/pfxrcd: 00:00:49 0

multi-protocol: ipv6-unicast

description: none

Netvisor ONE supports IPv6 static route reach-ability detection using BFD protocol. Add IPv6 BFD session by specifying two end point IPv6 addresses, a source IPv6 address and a destination IPv6 address. The source IPv6 address must be a known local IPv 6 address. When a BFD session is up, Netvisor ONE assesses all the IPv6 static routes configured with a gateway or a BFD destination IPv6 address matching the destination IPv6 address of the BFD session. When a match is found, this static route is installed in Routing Information Database (RIB) and Forwarding Information Database (FIB).

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-static-bfd-show layout
vertical

vrouter-name: vr10

src-ip: 2006:100::2

dst-ip: 2002:100::2



type: multi-hop



## **Configuring BFD for OSPF Fault Detection**

Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) can be used for OSPF fault detection. This feature provides fast failure detection when there is an intermediate device between two non-adjacent OSPF neighbors. That is, BFD provides fast failure detection between two nodes and notifies any protocol (OSPF) of this event to make it converge much faster than with default timers in protocols. Since OSPF hello timers may not be fast enough for detecting neighbor loss, you can use BFD to establish a BFD connection with the OSPF neighbor and bring an OSPF neighbor down as soon as BFD detects an issue.

Note that BFD is used for down detection only. This means that regular OSPF neighbor discovery and state machine transitions are not affected by enabling BFD.

You can enable BFD on all OSPF interfaces at the global level or on a specific interface. By default, BFD is disabled globally and on all interfaces. Individual interface configuration takes precedence over the global configuration.

**Note:** BFD is not supported for OSPFv6.

Setting the vrouter global OSPF level:

To enable OSPF BFD per vRouter on global OSPF level:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify name vrouter-name

vrouter-modify	Modify a vrouter
One or more of the following options	
ospf-bfd-all-if no-ospf-bfd-all-if	Enables or disables BFD protocol for fault detection on all OSPF interface. Default is disabled

Setting the Interface (nic) OSPF level:

To enable OSPF BFD per interface:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-config-add vrouter-name *nic* 

vrouter-interface-config-add	Add an interface configuration to a vRouter VNIC name.
One or more of the following options	
nic vrouter interface nic	Specify the name of the vNIC.
[ospf-bfd] default enable  disable	Enable BFD protocol support for OSPF fault detection



## To modify OSPF BFD per interface:

default

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-config-modify vrouter-name name nic nic ospf-bfd enable|disable|default

vrouter-interface Modify an interface configuration to a

vRouter

One or more of the following options: Specify the name of the VNIC.

ospf-bfd enable | disable | Enables or disables the BFD protocol for

fault detection on all OSPF interface.

Default is disabled.

## **Displaying the OSPF BFD Configuration State**

To display the configuration state of OSPF BFD, use these show commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-show

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show

**Note:** There are no changes to the commands: vrouter-ospf-neighbor-show and vrouter-bfd-neighbor-show



## **Configuring Optimized BFD Path**

To address BFD flaps, Netvisor ONE offers an optimized path for BFD control packets to reach a destination vRouter. BFD packets are relayed by the Netvisor ONE OS from the switch to the destination vRouter using a PCIe link which connects one of the switch ports to the host CPU. The BFD fastpath functionality alleviates BFD timeout/delay issues when other high bandwidth traffic is coming to the host CPU.

The optimized path option can be enabled or disabled using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) system-settings-modify Use this command to modify system system-settings-modify settings. Specify one or more of the following options: optimize-arps | no-optimize-Enable or disable ARP optimization. arps Enable or disable LLDP. lldp no-lldp Enable or disable Policy-Based Routing (PBR). This enables flexible packet policy-based-routing nopolicy-based-routing forwarding and routing through userdefined policies. optimize-nd|no-optimize-nd Enable or disable ND optimization. Enable or disable reactivation of aged out reactivate-mac no-MAC entries. reactivate-mac reactivate-vxlan-tunnel-mac Enable or disable reactivation of MAC no-reactivate-vxlan-tunnelentries over VXLAN tunnels. mac Enable or disable unknown unicast manage-unknown-unicast nomanage-unknown-unicast management. manage-broadcast no-manage-Enable or disable broadcast management broadcast Enable or disable loop blocking. block-loops | no-block-loops **Note**: This parameter is available only on NSU, NRU-02, NRU-03, and NRU-S0301 platforms. auto-trunk | no-auto-trunk Enable or disable auto trunking. auto-host-bundle no-auto-Enable or disable auto host bundling. host-bundle



cluster-active-active- routing no-cluster-active- active-routing	Enable or disable active-active routing on a cluster.
fast-route-download no-fast-route-download	Enable or disable fast route download from routesnoop.
fast-interface-lookup no- fast-interface-lookup	Enable or disable fast router interface lookup.
routing-over-vlags no- routing-over-vlags	Enable or disable routing to vLAGs from cluster links.
source-mac-miss to-cpu copy- to-cpu	Specify either of the options as the unknown source MAC learn behavior.
use-igmp-snoop-12 use-igmp- snoop-13	Specify whether L2 or L3 tables are to be used for IGMP snooping.
vle-tracking-timeout <330>	Set a vLE tracking timeout as a value between 3 and 30s. The default timeout is 3s.
pfc-buffer-limit pfc-buffer-limit-string	Specify the percent of global system buffer space allowed for PFC.
cosq-weight-auto no-cosq- weight-auto	Specify either of the options to enable or disable automatic weight assignment for CoS (Class of Service) queues based on min-guarantee configuration.
lossless-mode no-lossless- mode	Enable or disable lossless mode.
stagger-queries no-stagger- queries	Stagger igmp/mld snooping queries.
host-refresh no-host-refresh	Enable or disable refreshing host ARP entries to keep L2 entries active.
proxy-conn-retry no-proxy- conn-retry	Enable or disable proxy connection retry.
proxy-conn-max-retry 010	Set the maximum number of proxy connection retry attempts as a value between 0 and 10.
proxy-conn-retry-interval 1002000	Set the number of milliseconds to wait between proxy connection retry attempts. This is a value between 100 and 2000.
nvos-debug-logging no-nvos- debug-logging	Logging mode selection (Direct OR viz. nvlog demon)
manage-12-uuc-drop no- manage-12-uuc-drop	Enable or disable L2 UUC (Unknown Unicast Drop) towards data port.
xcvr-link-debug no-xcvr-	Enable or disable system debug to capture



link-debug	link information.
fastpath-bfd no-fastpath-bfd	Enable or disable BFD fastpath. This feature is disabled by default.
linkscan-interval 100001000000	Specify the linkscan interval as a value between $10000\mu$ s and $1000000\mu$ s. The default value is $150000\mu$ s.
linkscan-mode software  hardware	Specify the linkscan mode as hardware or software. Software linkscan mode is enabled by default.
single-pass-flood no-single-pass-flood	Enable or disable single-pass flood.

For example, use the command below to enable BFD fastpath:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify fastpathbfd

This command creates a new vFlow which redirects all BFD packets to CPU through the PCIe link.

To see the status of BFD fastpath on a switch, use the command system-settings-show. For example, to view the BFD fastpath status exclusively, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format fastpath-bfd
fastpath-bfd: off

Netvisor ONE has the transmission queue tx-class-inband-bfd for sending out BFD packets. For reception, the rx-bfd queue is used.

To view the details of the transmission queue, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > nv-queue-stats-show name tx-class-inband-bfd

To view the receiver queue details, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > nv-queue-stats-show name rx-bfd



# **Configuring Policy-Based Routing**

Policy-Based Routing (PBR) enables flexible packet forwarding and routing through user defined policies. Unlike traditional routing based on destination IP address only, PBR allows you to define flexible routing policies based on other parameters such as source and destination IP addresses, IP protocol type, or source and destination L4 port numbers.

PBR policies are implemented with vFlow entries, which Netvisor ONE allocates in a dedicated (hardware) vFlow table, called *System-L3-L4-PBR*.

In addition, the PBR policy configuration process leverages the vFlow command syntax as explained later in this section (refer also to the *Configuring and Using vFlows* section for further details on the feature).

PBR routing policies are higher priority than static and dynamic routes. They can match packets based on all Layer 4 and Layer 3 packet fields, as supported by the vFlow configuration syntax.

**Note:** If a PBR policy clause is matched but the next-hop is not resolved, then the matching traffic is dropped until the next-hop gets resolved.

To enable PBR, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify policy-based-routing
```

Note: nvOSd must be restarted for this setting to take effect

To disable PBR, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify no-policy-based-routing

**Note:** Restart the switch for this setting to take effect.

Use the following vflow command to configure a PBR policy. For details on configuring vFlows, see the *Configuring and Using vFlows* chapter.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name <policy-name> vrouter-name <vr-name> scope local [<match qualifiers>] action to-next-hop-ip action-to-next-hop-ip-value <ip-address> table-name System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0

**Note:** You can only specify the scope as local.

Use the following command to modify the PBR policy:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-modify name <policy-name> vrouter-name <vr-name> [<match qualifiers>] action to-next-hop-ip action-to-next-hop-ip-value <ip-address>

Use the following command to delete the policy:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-delete name <policy-name>

Below is an example of PBR policy creation:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name test\_pbr scope local in-port 10 src-ip 192.168.1.1 src-ip-mask 255.255.255.0 vrouter-name vrl action to-next-hop-ip action-to-next-hop-ip-value 192.168.10.10

To view the configure policy, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch)> vflow-show

switch: spine1
name: test\_pbr
scope: local
type: pbr
in-port: 10

src-ip: 192.168.1.1/255.255.255.0

burst-size: auto
vrouter-name: vr1
precedence: default
action: to-next-hop-ip

action-to-next-hop-ip-value: 192.168.10.10

enable: enable

table-name: System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0

To modify this policy, the *vrouter name* and *action to-next-hop-ip* parameters are required in vflow-modify command to identify it is a *PBR vFlow entry* that is getting modified. For example, this command modifies the in-port value:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-modify name test\_pbr inport 20 vrouter-name vrl action to-next-hop-ip action-to-nexthop-ip-value 192.168.10.10

To display the vFlow table's usage and a specific PBR policy, use the following command sequence:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-table-show layout vertical

name: Egress-Table-1-0
flow-max-per-group:512

flow-used: 0
flow-tbl-slices:

capability: match-metadata

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flow-profile: system

name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0



flow-max-per-group:2048

flow-used: 54
flow-tbl-slices: 2

capability: set-metadata

flow-profile: system

name: System-VCAP-table-1-0

flow-max-per-group:512

flow-used: 0
flow-tbl-slices: 1
capability: none
flow-profile: system

name: System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0

flow-max-per-group:

flow-used:

flow-tbl-slices:

capability: set-metadata

flow-profile: system

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show name pbr\_test layout
vertical

name: pbr\_test
scope: local
type: pbr

src-ip: 10.10.10.1/255.255.255.0

burst-size: auto
vrouter-name: vr1
precedence: default
action: to-next-hop-ip

action-to-next-hop-ip-value: 30.30.30.1

enable: enable

table-name: System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0



# **Sending Network Traffic to an ECMP Group with PBR**

When it is required to specify multiple next hops for redundancy purposes in Policy-Based Routing policies, it is possible to use *static ECMP groups*. They can be created with the static-ecmp-group-create command and then used in a vFlow PBR configuration to identify all the next hops.

You can add up to 16 next hops (NH) to an ECMP group.

Static ECMP groups can be defined with any of the three scopes: local, cluster or fabric. They can become active only if they are associated with a vRouter in the configuration. In other words, only if a static ECMP group is associated with a vRouter or a VRF (with an active sub-net), does Netvisor ONE create an ECMP group entry in the hardware.

A static ECMP group can be associated with a vFlow PBR policy by using the action to-ecmp-group and the group's name as the action value for action-to-ecmp-group-value. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name PBR\_ECMP scope local src-ip 3.3.3.0/24 vlan 300 action to-ecmp-group action-to-ecmp-group-value group\_name vrouter-name vr-s2 table-name System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0

vflow-create: ecmp group\_name not created in hw

In the above case the vRouter did not exist hence the group was not programmed in hardware.

In addition, only if a Layer 3 entry is resolved and therefore is active as a given next hop, the associated egress ID is added to the ECMP group. Then, if a vFlow policy using the ECMP group is matched by some traffic, the hardware hashes (i.e., distributes) the traffic over the corresponding active next hops based on the Layer 3 and Layer 4 fields in the packets.

You can use the following command to create a static ECMP group associated to a vRouter:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create

group-name group-name-string	Specify an ECMP group name.			
scope local cluster fabric	Specify the scope of the group.			
vrouter-name vrouter-name	Specify the vRouter name.			
vrf vrf-name	Specify the name of the VRF.			
	Specify the vNET for the static ECMP group.			
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	<b>Note:</b> vnet is an optional parameter that you can specify along with vrf.			



hash-type static-fixed  resilient	Specify the ECMP hash type.
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## For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create groupname grl scope local vrf vrfl vnet vnetl hash-type staticfixed

To display a static ECMP group's information you can use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-show

group-name group-name-string	Displays an ECMP group name.
scope local cluster fabric	Displays the scope of the group.
vrouter-name vrouter-name	Displays the vRouter name.
vrf vrf-name	Displays the name of the VRF.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Displays the vNET for the static ECMP group.
vrid vrid-number	Displays the vRouter ID.
hw-ecmp-id hw-ecmp-id-number	Displays the hardware ID.
hash-type static-fixed   resilient	Displays the ECMP hash type.

For example, to view the information for the static ECMP group gr1 configured above, use the command:

You can use the following command to delete a static ECMP group:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-delete group-name group-name-string
```

**Informational note**: You cannot delete a static ECMP group while it is in use by any vFlow configuration.

You can use the following command to modify a static ECMP group:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-modify groupname <group-name-string> vrouter-name <vrouter name> hash-type static-fixed|resilient



### To add or remove a next hop to an ECMP group you can use:

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group-name group-name-string	Specify the name of the ECMP group.			
ip ip-address	Specify the IP address for the next hop.			
CLI (network-admin@switch) > s	static-ecmp-group-nh-remove			
group-name group-name-string	Specify the name of the ECMP group.			
ip ip-address	Specify the IP address for the next hop.			

### To show the next hop information you can use:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-nh-show

group-name group-name-string	Displays the name of the ECMP group.
ip ip-address	Displays the IP address for the next hop.
vlan vlan-id	Displays the VLAN of the next hop.
egress-id egress-id-number	Displays the hardware egress ID.

By default ECMP groups use a fixed hashing algorithm to distribute the traffic across multiple next hops. The advantage of this choice is that such algorithm is simple to implement in hardware and hence is widely available on all switch models.

However, when a link associated with a next hop goes down, the traffic is automatically re-distributed to adapt to the change in the number of paths: this action requires a complete remapping of the hash values thus resulting in unnecessary traffic disruption for certain flows.

Therefore, starting from Netvisor ONE release 5.1.1, on certain models only, a new more flexible hashing algorithm is supported. It is called *resilient hashing*, because it helps prevent unnecessary traffic disruption when the number of next hops changes.

The hash type can be specified as a parameter when a static ECMP group is created like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create group-
name <name> [hash-type static-fixed|resilient]
```

The default hash type is static-fixed. For example, two groups with two different hash types can be created with the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create group-name gr1 scope fabric
```



```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-nh-add group-name gr1 ip 2.2.2.2
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create groupname gr2 scope fabric hash-type resilient

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-nh-add group-name gr2 ip 3.3.3.3

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-show

```
        group-name
        scope
        vrouter-name
        vrid
        hw-ecmp-id
        hash-type

        gr1
        fabric
        vr1
        1
        200001
        static-fixed

        gr2
        fabric
        vr1
        1
        200000
        resilient
```

Informational note: Resilient hashing is not supported in the following switch models:

- Dell Z9100, Freedom F9532-C
- Dell S5048, Freedom F9572L-V



# **Configuring vRouter-based VRF (Virtual Routing and Forwarding)**

Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) is a technology that is used to partition the routing table into virtual instances (called VRF instances, or simply VRFs) that segregate routing entries in the control plane as well as in the data plane. Because the routing instances are independent, the same or overlapping IP addresses can be used without conflicting with each other.

Before Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1, in order to support multiple VRF instances you needed to configure multiple vRouters to create isolated Layer 3 routing contexts in software. By using this strategy, you could create a 'dumb' 1:1 association between a vRouter and a VRF instance used to isolate Layer 3 domains in the data plane. *Unicast and Multicast Fabric VRFs* (see the *Configuring VXLAN* section for more details) were introduced as hardware entities for high-performance distributed routing and traffic segmentation. There was no corresponding VRF-aware vRouter entity associated to them and therefore no routing protocols could be run to exchange routing information (only static routing was supported).

Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1 introduces 'native' multi-VRF support to vRouters by making use of new advanced control plane capabilities.

The new implementation is more scalable compared to previous releases as it is much less demanding in terms of memory usage and CPU load (note that the previous vRouter-per-VRF approach is basically limited by the maximum number of supported vRouters, which is switch model-dependent). In addition, since a vRouter can now run routing protocols that are VRF-aware, per VRF peering is supported with BGP.

The new implementation also allows the same interface IP address to be used across different VRF instances. (However, note that reusing the same VLAN number for two interfaces of the same vRouter is not supported.) From a multi-tenant management perspective, VRF instances can be allocated to different vNETs so that each vNET administrator can independently add or remove the VRFs from the vRouters.

The configuration of vRouter-based VRF instances leverages the existing vRouter CLI, which is augmented to include the vrf parameter in many of the existing commands (see the list below).

In addition, a key new command, vrouter-vrf-add, is added to associate VRF instances to vRouters. Corresponding vrouter-vrf-modify, vrouter-vrf-remove and vrouter-vrf-show commands are introduced too. (Note that vrouter-vrf-remove removes a VRF instance as well as all vRouter interfaces belonging to it.)

For example, you can create a vRouter and associate two VRFs to it by using the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name VRF1 scope fabric CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name VRF2 scope fabric
```



Note: The maximum VRF name length is 15 characters n Netvisor ONE.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vRouter1 vnet vNET1 router-type hardware bgp-as 100

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-add vrouter-name vRouter1 vrf VRF1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-add vrouter-name vRouter1 vrf VRF2
```

**Note**: The same VRF cannot be added to more than one vRouter on the same node.

The next step is to configure Layer 3 interfaces and add them to the specific VRFs, for example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-
name vRouter1 vrf VRF1 ip 100.1.1.1/24 vlan 100
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-
name vRouter1 vrf VRF2 ip 100.1.1.1/24 vlan 101
```

Then you can specify the BGP neighbors on a per VRF basis with these commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vRouter1 vrf VRF1 neighbor 100.1.1.2 remote-as 100 CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vRouter1 vrf VRF2 neighbor 100.1.1.2 remote-as 101
```

#### **Per-VRF BGP Parameters**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1 the addition of the vrf keyword makes the routing parameters VRF-aware. Some BGP parameters (such as bgp-as, bgp-redistribute, etc.) can now be specified during the vrouter-vrf-add configuration like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-add vrouter-name <name> vrf <vrf-name> [bgp-as|bgp-redistribute|...]
```

(If a parameter is not specified, its value is inherited from the vRouter configuration.) Subsequently, a parameter can be modified by using the vrouter-vrf-modify command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-modify vrouter-name <name> vrf <vrf-name> [bgp-as|bgp-redistribute|...]
```

For example, it is possible to configure and modify a router ID on a per-VRF basis with the vrouter-vrf-add and vrouter-vrf-modify commands like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-add vrouter-name vRouter1 vrf VRF1 router-id 11.1.1.1
```



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-show format vrf,hwvrid,bgp-as,router-id,

vrouter-name vrf hw-vrid bgp-as router-id
----vRouter1 VRF1 3 100 11.1.1.1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-modify vrouter-name
vRouter1 vrf VRF1 router-id 11.1.1.10

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-vrf-show format vrf,hwvrid,bgp-as,router-id,

vrouter-name vrf hw-vrid bgp-as router-id
----vRouter1 VRF1 3 100 11.1.1.10

BGP uses the per-VRF router-id parameter value when it is configured. If it's not, the operational per-VRF router ID value is inherited from the corresponding vRouter's (global) router ID.

This is the full list of supported per-VRF parameters:

bgp-as	BGP Autonomous System number from 1 to 4294967295
router-id	BGP router id
bgp-redistribute	BGP route redistribution
bgp-redist-static-metric	BGP route redistribution static metric
bgp-redist-static-route-map	Route map for BGP redistribution of static routes
bgp-redist-connected-metric	Metric for redistributing BGP connected routes
bgp-redist-connected-route- map	Route map for BGP redistribution of connected routes
bgp-redist-rip-metric	Metric for redistributing RIP connected routes
bgp-redist-ospf-metric	Metric for BGP to redistribute OSPF connected routes
bgp-redist-ospf-route-map	Route map for BGP redistribution of OSPF routes
bgp-cluster-id	IP address for BGP cluster ID
no-bgp-dampening	No dampening for BGP routes
bgp-dampening	dampening is active for BGP routes
bgp-keepalive-interval	BGP Keepalive interval (seconds) -



	default 60
bgp-holdtime	BGP Holdtime (seconds) - default 180
bgp-distance-external	BGP distance for routes external to AS
bgp-distance-internal	BGP distance for routes internal to AS
bgp-distance-local	BGP distance for local routes
no-bgp-default-shutdown	Disabled
bgp-default-shutdown	Enabled
no-bgp-redist-static-route- map	Remove BGP static redist route-map
no-bgp-redist-connected- route-map	Remove BGP connect redist route-map
no-bgp-redist-ospf-route-map	Remove BGP OSPF redist route-map
no-bgp-graceful-shutdown	BGP graceful shutdown RFC 8326
bgp-graceful-shutdown	BGP graceful shutdown RFC 8326

The BGP parameters below, instead, are inherited from the vRouter (in other words, for them per VRF configuration is not supported):

```
bgp-delayed-startup
bgp-update-delayed-strict
bgp-max-paths
bgp-ibgp-multipath
bgp-bestpat-as-path
bgp-global-nh-preference
```

## **VRF-aware BFD Support**

VRF support was added to BFD for both static routing and dynamic routing with BGP. The following vRouter commands are VRF aware. For static routing:

#### For BGP



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show format neighbor,13-port,nic,ver,remote-as,up/down,state/pfxrcd,remote-router,description,vrf

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bfd-neighbor-show format outaddr,neighbor,holdown,multiplier,state,interface,vrf,flap-count,remote-router

#### **VRF-aware Commands**

The full list of vRouter commands with the new vrf keyword is:

vrouter-bfd-neighbor-show vrouter-bqp-add vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-bgp-neighbor-detail-show vrouter-bgp-neighbor-no-shutdown vrouter-bqp-neighbor-reset vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show vrouter-bgp-neighbor-shutdown vrouter-bgp-network-add vrouter-bgp-network-remove vrouter-bgp-network-show vrouter-bgp-remove vrouter-bgp-show vrouter-cached-routes-show vrouter-ecmp-cached-routes-show vrouter-ecmp-group-show vrouter-fib-arps-show vrouter-fib-routes-show vrouter-interface-add vrouter-interface-modify vrouter-interface-show vrouter-ping vrouter-routes-show vrouter-routes-stats-show vrouter-static-bfd-add vrouter-static-bfd-remove vrouter-static-bfd-show



vrouter-static-route-add
vrouter-static-route-remove
vrouter-static-route-show
vrouter-traceroute

## Below are a few examples of VRF-aware commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-show format switch,name,scope,anycast-mac,active,hw-vrid,flags,enable

switch	name	scope	anycast-mac	active	hw-vrid	flags	enable
switch	vrf1	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	1	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf10	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	10	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf11	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	11	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf12	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	12	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf13	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	13	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf14	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	14	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf15	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	15	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf2	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	2	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf3	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	3	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf4	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	4	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf5	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	5	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf6	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	6	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf7	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	7	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf8	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	8	vrouter	yes
switch	vrf9	cluster	64:0e:94:40:00:02	no	9	vrouter	yes

vrouter-name	vrf	hw-vri	d bgp-a	as bgp-max-path	ns bgp-bestpath-as-path	bgp-ibgp-multipath
leaf1_vr1	vrf1	1	12101	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf2	2	12102	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf3	3	12103	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf4	4	12104	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf5	5	12100	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf6	6	12106	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf7	7	12107	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf8	8	12108	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf9	9	12109	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf10	10	12110	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf11	11	12111	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf12	12	12112	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf13	13	12113	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf14	14	12114	16	multipath-relax	16
leaf1_vr1	vrf15	15	12115	16	multipath-relax	16

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show vrouter-name leaf1\_vr1 vrf vrf1 format nic,ip,mac,vlan,vlan-type,nic-state,vrf

vrouter-name	nic	ip	mac	vla	n vlan-type	e nic-state	vrf
leaf1_vr1	eth0.110	11.1.0.2/24	66:0e:94:1b:c5:21	110	public	up	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth1.110	11.1.0.1/24	00:00:5e:00:01:79	110	public	down	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth0.111	11.1.1.2/24	66:0e:94:1b:c5:21	111	public	up	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth1.111	11.1.1.1/24	00:00:5e:00:01:79	111	public	down	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth0.112	11.1.2.2/24	66:0e:94:1b:c5:21	112	public	up	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth1.112	11.1.2.1/24	00:00:5e:00:01:79	112	public	down	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth0.113	11.1.3.2/24	66:0e:94:1b:c5:21	113	public	up	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth1.113	11.1.3.1/24	00:00:5e:00:01:79	113	public	down	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth0.114	11.1.4.2/24	66:0e:94:1b:c5:21	114	public	up	vrf1
leaf1_vr1	eth1.114	11.1.4.1/24	00:00:5e:00:01:79	114	public	down	vrf1



leaf1\_vr1 eth2.3001 11.1.254.3/29 66:0e:94:1b:c5:21 3001 public up vrf1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-neighbor-show vrouter-name leaf1\_vr1 remoterouter leaf2\_vr1 vrf vrf1 format neighbor,remote-as,msg\_rcvd,msg\_sent,up/down,remoterouter,vrf

vrouter-name	neighbor	remote-as	msg_rcvd	msg_sent	up/down	remote-router	vrf
leaf1_vr1	11.1.254.4	12101	7133	7147	4d22h42m	leaf2_vr1	vrf1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bfd-neighbor-show vrouter-name leaf1\_vr1 remote-router leaf2\_vr1 vrf vrf1 format out-addr,neighbor,state,interface,vrf,flap-count,remote-router

vrouter-name	out-addr	neighbor	state	interface	vrf	flap-count	remote-router
leaf1_vr1	11.1.254.3	11.1.254.4	up	eth2.3001	vrf1	0	leaf2_vr1



# **Configuring Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD)**

In IPv4, Layer 2 switches can use IGMP snooping to limit the flooding of multicast traffic by dynamically configuring Layer 2 interfaces so that multicast traffic is forwarded to only those interfaces associated with IP multicast address. In IPv6, MLD snooping performs a similar function. With MLD snooping, IPv6 multicast data is selectively forwarded to a list of ports that want to receive the data, instead of being flooded to all ports in a VLAN. This list is constructed by snooping IPv6 multicast control packets.

MLD is a protocol used by IPv6 multicast routers to discover the presence of multicast listeners (nodes configured to receive IPv6 multicast packets) on its directly attached links and to discover which multicast packets are of interest to neighboring nodes. MLD is derived from the IGMP protocol. MLD version 1 (MLDv1) is equivalent to IGMPv2, and MLD version 2 (MLDv2) is equivalent to IGMPv3. MLD is a sub-protocol of Internet Control Message Protocol version 6 (ICMPv6), and MLD messages are a subset of ICMPv6 messages, identified in IPv6 packets by a preceding Next Header value of 58.

The switch can snoop on both MLDv1 and MLDv2 protocol packets and bridge IPv6 multicast data based on destination IPv6 multicast MAC addresses. The switch can be configured to perform MLD snooping and IGMP snooping simultaneously.

To display MLD routers on the network, use the mld-router-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mld-router-show
group-ip:
node-ip:
vlan:
port:
source:
node-type:
expires:
```

The show output displays the following information:

- Multicast group IP address in IPv6 format
- Host node IP address in IPv6 format
- Host VLAN ID
- Port number
- Multicast traffic source IP address in IPv6 format
- Node type as host or router
- Expires as the age-out time

To display MLD group membership on the network, use the mld-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mld-show
group-ip:
```



node-ip:
vlan:
port:
source:
node-type:
expires:

The show output displays the following information:

- Multicast group IP address in IPv6 format
- Host node IP address in IPv6 format
- Host VLAN ID
- Port number
- Multicast traffic source IP address in IPv6 format
- Node type as host or router
- Expires as the age-out time

To enable or disable MLD snooping or modify the scope, use the mld-snooping-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mld-snooping-modify

To modify the scope from fabric to local, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mld-snooping-modify scope fabric

To display information about MLD snooping, use the <code>mld-snooping-show</code> command.



# **Configuring an IGMP Querier IP Address**

You can configure an IGMP querier IP address for a VLAN or as a global IGMP querier. The IGMP querier sends IGMP General Query messages. on the network.

If you do not specify a querier IP address, then Netvisor ONE uses 0.0.0.0 as the default value. There can be an unique querier IP for each VLAN, or you can configure the same Querier IP address for all the VLANs participating in IGMP snooping. The Querier IP address should have a local scope and every switch should have a unique Querier IP address.

With a valid source IP address on IGMP Query packets, Netvisor ONE adds the VLAN receiving the Query to an IGMP Snoop switch list, and now reflects in the <code>igmp-switches-show</code> output and the IGMP queries sent to the peer switch as well. This solicits a report from the hosts listening on the peer switch.

Use these Netvisor ONE commands to configure an IGMP querier IP address.

igmp-querier-ip-modify	Modify IGMP Querier IP configuration				
querier-ip <i>ip-addres</i> s	Specify the Snooping Querier IP address				
vlans-on-querier-ip vlan- list	Specify the VLAN map.				
igmp-querier-ip-show	Display IGMP Querier IP config				
querier-ip is	Specify the Snooping Querier IP address				
vlans-on-querier-ip vlan- list	VLAN MAP				



# Configuring Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) Snooping per VLAN

MLD snooping provides support per individual VLANs. In addition to current global enable and disable support, you can do the following using the <code>mld-snooping-modify</code> command:

- Specify a range of VLANs on which MLDv1 and MLDv2 messages are used. These
  two VLAN ranges are mutually exclusive. When a MLDv1 query is received on a VLAN
  configuredforMDv2, the MLDv2 query is moved to a VLAN configured with MLDv1 if
  there is only one multi-cast router for this VLAN. If a MLDv2 message is later
  received for the same VLAN, existing entries are removed and the supported version
  is changed to MLDv2.
- Specify VLAN ranges for snooping link-local addresses and ND Solicited Node addresses. You must include these VLANs in one MLDv1 and MLDv2 VLAN list.

Use these command options for the mld-snooping-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > mld-snooping-modify

mld-snooping-modify	Enables or disables Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) snooping
One or more of the following options:	
scope local fabric	Specify the MLDsnooping scope - fabric or local
enable disable	Enable or disable MLD snooping
mldv1-vlans vlan-list	Specify the VLANs to enable snooping and use MLDv1 protocol. Default: none
mldv2-vlans vlan-list	Specify the VLANs on which to enable snooping and use MLDv2 protocol. Default 1 - 4092
snoop-linklocal-vlans vlan- list	Allow snooping of link-local groups(ff02::/16) on these VLANs. Default 1 - 4092
snoop-nd-vlans vlan-list	Allow snooping of ND SN Multicast addresses (ff02::1:ff/104) on these VLANs. Default 1 - 4092

The mld-snooping-modify show format all command displays the following sample output:

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > mld-snooping-show format all



switch: Name of Switch

enable: no

mldv1-vlans: none

mldv2-vlans: 1-4092

snoop-linklocal-vlans: 1-4092

snoop-nd-vlans: 1-4092

nvOS-managed-vlans: none

interop-v1-vlans: none

vlans: 1-4092



# **Creating MLD Static Sources and Static Groups**

To determine how to forward multicast traffic, a switch with MLD snooping enabled maintains information about the following interfaces in its multicast forwarding table:

- Multicast-router interfaces These interfaces lead toward multicast routers or MLD queriers.
- **Group-member interfaces** These interfaces lead toward hosts that are members of multicast groups.

The switch learns about these interfaces by monitoring MLD traffic. If an interface receives MLD queries, the switch adds the interface to the multicast forwarding table as a multicast-router interface. If an interface receives membership reports for a multicast group, the switch adds the interface to the multicast forwarding table as a groupmember interface.

Table entries for interfaces that the switch learns about are subject to aging. For example, if a learned multicast-router interface does not receive MLD queries within a certain interval, the switch removes the entry for that interface from the multicast forwarding table.

You can create MLD static sources using IPv6 addresses and then create static groups using the static sources.

To create an MLD static source for IPv6 address, ff02::1:ff11:111 as the group, and IPv6 2001:db8::2:1 as the source on VLAN 25,port 44-45, use the following syntax:

```
CLI network-admin@switch > mld-static-source-create source-ip 2001:db8::2:1 group-ip ff02::1:ff11:111 vlan 25 ports 44-45
```

The parameter, ports, is an optional parameter. You can delete an MLD static source, but you cannot modify the parameters.

To display MLD static sources, use the mld-static-source-show command.

To create an MLD static group for IPv6 address, ff02::1:ff11:1111, on VLAN 25, ports 44-45, use the mld-static-group-create command:

```
CLI network-admin@switch > mld-static-group-create group-ip ff02::1:ff11:1111 vlan 25 ports 44-45
```

You can delete an MLD static group, but you cannot modify the parameters. To display MLD static groups, use the mld-static-group-show command.



# **Displaying MLD Statistics for a VLAN**

To display MLD statistics for a VLAN, use the mld-stats-show command:

CLI network-admin@switch > mld-stats-show

switch:
vlan:
v1-queries:
v2-queries:
v1-member-reports:
v1-done-group:
v2-member-reports:
queries-sent:
drops:

ignored:



# **Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric**

This chapter provides information about Pluribus Unified Cloud Fabric and how to configure the fabric using the Netvisor ONE CLI.

Pluribus Networks offers a unique and highly differentiated approach to software-defined networking (SDN), called Unified Cloud Fabric. The distributed architecture enables organizations to build scalable private and public clouds with improved ease of management, reliability, security and performance. Pluribus Networks innovative Netvisor® ONE software virtualizes open networking hardware and builds a holistic, standard-based distributed network, referred to as a fabric, which provides improved management, automation, telemetry and resiliency.

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  - Displaying the TransactionHistory
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    Parameters
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# Understanding the Netvisor® ONE Unified Cloud Fabric™

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These enhancements are achieved thanks to the adoption of an advanced network virtualization paradigm.

In a Pluribus fabric every node behaves like a 'virtual module' within a logically-unified physically-distributed 'virtual chassis' which abstracts the network topology<sup>1</sup>. Each fabric node shares a common view of the network, including MAC and IP addresses, connections and application flows for management as well as redundancy purposes.

In addition, thanks to advanced embedded telemetry technology, the Netvisor ONE software provides *fabric-wide traffic visibility* to reveal network congestion issues and application performance bottlenecks so as to speed up troubleshooting, improve operational efficiency and strengthen security.

Pluribus Unified Cloud Fabric is a distributed application on top of a standard Layer 2/Layer 3 network that unifies the management plane for all the switches of the fabric (see figure below) and at the same time enhances the network control plane with the ability to automate and simplify several network functions.

**Note**: <sup>1</sup>The Unified Cloud Fabric supports any network topology, including ring, leaf-spine and multi-site.

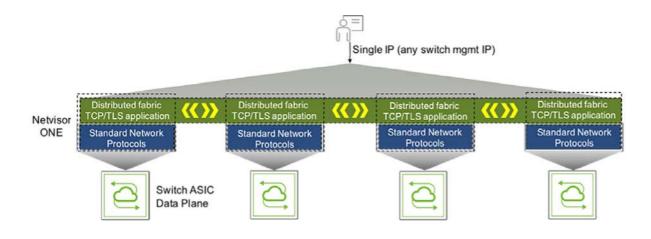


Figure 6 - 1: Unified Cloud Fabric Simplified Management with Single IP to Configure and Monitor the Fabric



This distributed control plane is *fully symmetrical* (or *peer-to-peer*) so that any node can act as a single point of management for the entire fabric. Therefore, *it does not require any controller entity* to guarantee the proper operation of the network and hence does not suffer from the intrinsic limits of a centralized control plane SDN architecture (such as *split brain* problems). At the same time, it is also able to inter-operate with a centralized orchestration system or controller through RESTful APIs or an OVSDB interface. This enables additional powerful management strategies when leveraging popular platforms such as Ansible or OpenDaylight.

Unified Cloud Fabric's advanced transactional model guarantees that device configuration is maintained consistent across fabric nodes and supports also rollback capabilities. Therefore, a single point of provisioning provides 'atomic' fabric-wide configuration with commands that can operate on a list of dispersed fabric devices (instead of simply on individual ones).

Since Unified Cloud Fabric does not inherently require special controllers to operate (i.e., uses a *controller-less*, *de-centralized* model), and since it leverages standard protocols (instead of proprietary technologies) it is fully interoperable with devices from other vendors.

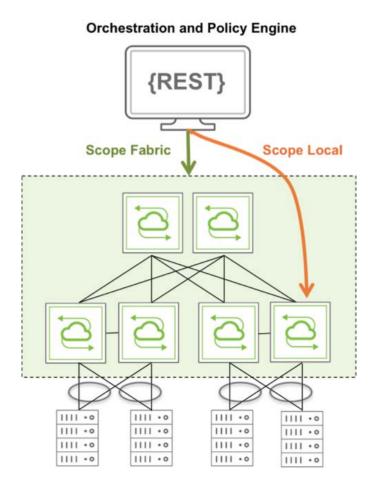


Figure 6 - 2: Network Orchestration with Unified Cloud Fabric

Unified Cloud Fabric's open architecture offers users a far superior degree of interoperability compared to centralized SDN architectures, while at the same time providing support for powerful market-leading network-wide analytics.

While each node can belong to only one fabric, multiple fabric domains can be part of the



same network so as to implement more granular management domain segregation.

For example, in a typical leaf and spine data center configuration, it is often preferred to provision one management domain for all leaf switches and one separate domain for all spine switches, so as to preserve homogeneity as well as provisioning and monitoring simplicity within each functional domain.

The following picture (*Figure 6-3*) depicts an example of data center 'pod' topology comprising two management domains corresponding to *two separate fabric* instances: one for all the leaf switches and one for the two spine switches.

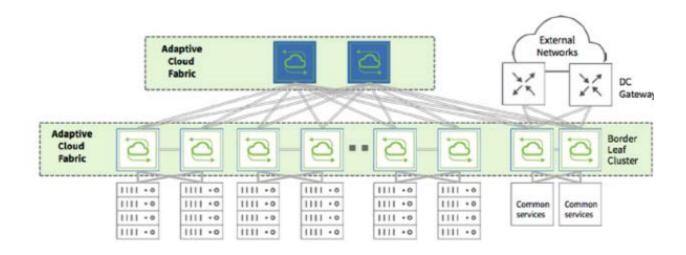


Figure 6 - 3: Two Fabric Instances to Achieve Two Management Domains

The Unified Cloud Fabric technology offers many additional benefits (described in more detail in the following chapters) that include more granular management segmentation for multi-tenancy, geographically dispersed data center interconnection (DCI), sophisticated security, etc.



# **Understanding Fabric Transactions**

The Unified Cloud Fabric uses *transactions* to synchronize configuration changes across the nodes of the fabric. Netvisor ONE records transactions as *atomic* operations that must either succeed and persist or fail and rollback, across the entire fabric. Transactions cannot be partially completed.

The fabric and Netvisor ONE adheres to the four standard transaction requirements: atomicity, consistency, isolation and durability (also collectively known as ACID).

Netvisor ONE does not require a fixed master node to coordinate all transactions across the fabric. Transactions start from the node where a command is run. This node is called the *originator node* or the *originator*, and coordinates the transactions with all the other fabric nodes.

Netvisor ONE commands originate from clients such as a CLI user, a RESTful API user or an external orchestration system. The commands are executed on a chosen switch, which becomes the originator node.

The originator first applies the configuration change specified by the command on the local node. If that fails, Netvisor rolls back any partial changes and then returns a failure message to the user. Only after the local change succeeds does the originator start the transaction. Netvisor ONE then atomically sends the configuration change such as create, delete, modify, add or remove commands to other fabric nodes.

Netvisor ONE transmits fabric transactions over a dedicated TCP socket, does not retain it and closes after each phase of the transaction. Transactions are encrypted using the TLS protocol.

All transactions are logged in a log file on a per scope basis in this location: /var/nvOS/etc/<scope>, where <scope> is Local, Cluster, or Fabric.

Scope defines the set of nodes participating in a transaction:

- Local only the local node participates in the transaction.
- Cluster only two redundant nodes participate in the transaction.
- Fabric all nodes in the same fabric instance participate in the transaction.

For several commands, you can specify the scope of the intended action and therefore the scope of the ensuing transaction.

If a failure occurs on the fabric, transactions on certain nodes in the fabric can become out of sync. Once transactions become out of sync, no further transactions can be executed across the scope of local, fabric, or cluster.

You can verify the fabric node states with the command, fabric-node-show, and review the fab-tid values for matching values.



CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show format name, fabname, fab-tid, state, device-state,

name	fab-name	fab-tid	state	device-state
pnswitch2	pnfabric	2	online	ok
pnswitch1	pnfabric	2	online	ok

The state column represents the communication status between members of the fabric and the device-state column represents the overall health of each switch. Also note that the fabric transaction ID (2 in this example) is consistent across all members of the fabric.

Mismatching fab-tid values for one or more nodes within the same fabric instance represent a corner case that the fabric control logic typically prevents. For more details, see the *Rolling Back and Rolling Forward Transactions* section for more details.



# **Understanding Fabric Status Updates, vPorts and Keepalives**

Instead of transactions, which are reserved for create, delete, modify, add or remove commands, Netvisor ONE uses status update messages to distribute information across the fabric.

Unlike transactions, Netvisor ONE does not strictly guarantee the status update data to be synchronized across the fabric.

Netvisor ONE sends the following states from the local node to the other nodes in the fabric:

- Node State
- Port State
- VLAN State
- Owned vPort State
- Layer 3 Entry State

Netvisor ONE uses vPort (or virtual port) as Layer 2 entries managed by the software and associated to ports where a node performs MAC address learning. vPorts contain information such as the MAC and IP address of a host, the VLAN and the connected port, the state, and other parameters.

In a fabric a node only sends status updates for vPorts that "is part of the fabric, which means that it sends updates only for the states of the hosts directly connected to that node. Netvisor ONE uses the term 'owned vPorts' to represent directly connected hosts. You can display this information about directly connected hosts using the command, vport-show.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vport-show

mac	vlan	ip	ports	state	migrate
00:00:4c:06:91:f8	514	10.81.114.21	61	active	9

In addition, Netvisor ONE sends status updates whenever a state changes on the fabric. For example, if a port goes down, or you create a new VLAN, the node with the port or VLAN sends a status update about the specific change.

If sending the update message fails, Netvisor ONE attempts to resend it every 250ms.

With multiple nodes configured in the same fabric instance, switches send out special messages, called *fabric keepalives*, typically every 10 seconds to allow fabric peers to keep track of the online state of other nodes in the same fabric instance.

If a fabric keep-alive message is not received from a specific node for a period of time (30 s) equal to 3 times the transmission interval (10 s), the suddenly-gone-silent node's state is marked as offline by its neighbors. This inter-device connectivity/status



check is performed with every other node within the same fabric instance.



# **Understanding the Different Fabric Deployment Models**

When you create a fabric instance, by default, Netvisor ONE uses Layer 2 communication over a configurable (user-selectable) VLAN for dedicated messages. The default behavior is the basic mode of operation and is referred to as *Fabric over L2* deployment model.

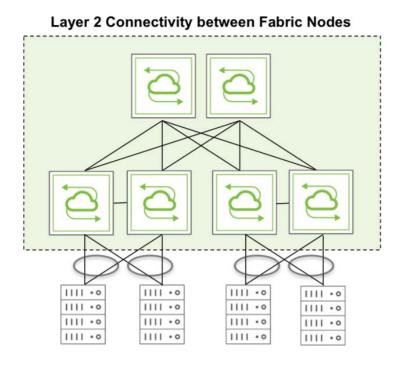


Figure 6 - 4 Fabric over Layer 2 Deployment Model

To perform fabric-related communication between nodes, Netvisor ONE uses different message groups called:

- fabric-network
- control-network

The fabric-network group consists of a number of messages such as transactions, fabric notifications, and proxy I/O messages such as API calls.

The control-network group consists of status updates, cluster synchronization messages, proxy I/O messages and forwarded packets. They may (but don't have to) be configured separately for improved message forwarding flexibility.

In certain network designs, a *dedicated management network* is deployed *in parallel* to the regular network, also referred to as *in-band* network, to interconnect nodes through management interfaces (see *Figure 6-5*).



# Fabric Connectivity via the Management Network Out of band Management Network 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0 1111 .0

## Figure 6-5: Fabric Connectivity over the Management Network

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The *out-of-band* management network provides a robust alternate communication path between the nodes unaffected by user data traffic and user-related events.

In such designs a network administrator may leverage the dedicated management network for fabric communication. Therefore, Netvisor ONE allows the network administrator, using the fabric-create command, to select if a communication group uses the node management interface or the in-band interface. The fabric deployment model leveraging the management network for communication is called Fabric over Management Interface.

In addition to the two described network configurations, a third deployment model exists, *Fabric over L3*, and leverages a Layer 3 network running BGP or OSPF routing protocol to establish point-to-point fabric communication between nodes.



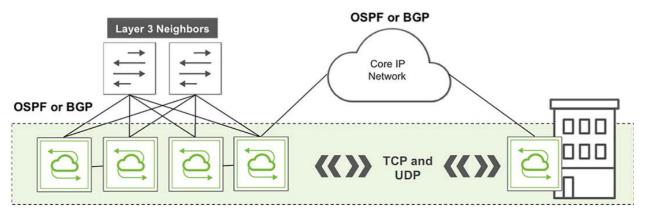


Figure 6-6: Fabric over Layer 3 Deployment

In the *Fabric over L3* deployment, multicast messages cannot be exchanged, as no Layer 2 adjacency exists between the nodes. Direct TCP or UDP communication must be established instead.

Therefore, you must first create the fabric on one node and then all the other nodes connected through Layer 3 can join the fabric one by one by specifying the IP address of the initial node using the command fabric-join switch-ip.



# **Creating an Initial Fabric**

After completing the initial setup of a switch, you can create a new fabric instance to add the switch, or you can add the switch to an existing fabric.

When multiple switches join a fabric, the switches act as 'virtual modules' of a 'virtually distributed switch' with a single logical management plane. In this mode of operation, switches share status information and exchange commands based on the configured scope.

For example, any command with the scope, fabric, executes on each switch belonging to a shared fabric instance. This virtualized management paradigm significantly simplifies the network configuration and speeds up the deployment of complex networks.

A fabric instance can consist of just one individual switch, even though it is more common to have more than one switch, to ensure redundancy. For example, see Figure 6-3 Two Fabric Instances to Achieve Two Management Domains, where two redundant spine switches belong to a dedicated fabric instance.

Netvisor ONE continues to maintain the sharing of state and scope of a switch as long as the switch belongs to the fabric instance. When a switch leaves one fabric instance to join another one, the switch loses the synchronized fabric state and configuration of the first instance and learns the state and configuration of the second one.

To create a new fabric instance, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-create name name-string where name-string designates the name of the fabric.
```

Use the password option if you want to assign a password to the fabric instance creation process so that other switches are required to securely join the fabric only if the administrator knows the password.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-create name name-string
password<return>
```

```
fabric password: hidden-password-string <return>
confirm fabric password: hidden-password-string <return>
```

For modifying the fabric password, see the Modifying the Fabric Password section in the Installing Netvisor ONE and Initial Configuration chapter.



# **About the Default Configuration**

By default, Netvisor ONE creates a new fabric instance on VLAN 1.

However, VLAN 1 is often the default VLAN in most networks and therefore security best practices recommend using a non-default VLAN, whenever possible, for maximum robustness and error prevention.

To assign a non-default VLAN, for example, a VLAN ID between 2 and 4093, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-create name name-
string vlan vlan-id
```

To change the VLAN ID of an existing fabric, use the command, fabric-local-modify.

Use the same command to change the fabric administration network, control plane network, and the network to send fabric advertisements.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-local-modify vlan vlan-id
```

**Note:** In order to change the VLAN number of an existing instance you must recreate it. Also, a switch can belong to only one fabric instance.

When you create a fabric, Netvisor ONE uses the in-band network for fabric communication by default.

To create a simple fabric of two switches in the same subnet with in-band connectivity, follow the steps below:

Assign IP addresses to the in-band network on the switches by using the commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1*) > switch-setup-modify in-band-ip 192.168.0.1/30
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2*) > switch-setup-modify in-band-ip 192.168.0.2/30
```

You can also specify an IPv6 addresses for in-band network by providing the in-band-ip6 parameter.

Create the fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > fabric-create name fabric1
```



## Display the fabric configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > fabric-show								
name	id	vlan	fabric-network	control-network	tid	fabric-advertisement-network		
fabric1	b002698:6078060b	1	in-band	in-band	2	inband-mgmt		

As seen from the output, the fabric and control networks are auto-configured to use the in-band network.

As the fabric uses VLAN 1 by default, verify the configuration using the vlan-show command:

You can verify that the ports that connect the two switches are untagged and belong to VLAN 1.



# **Displaying Fabric Instances**

To show all the fabric instances and their specific details, use the fabric-show command:

CLI network-admin@switch > fabric-show

name	id		vlan fabr	ic-network	control-network	tid	fabric-advertisement-
network							
Fabric1	b000707:59b6a9ef	0	mgmt		mgmt	inb	a <b>48</b> -mgmt
Fabric2	90004eb:59b7da05	0	mgmt		mgmt	inb	a&d-mgmt

Netvisor ONE discovers all available fabric instances by sending out special multicast messages, called *global discoveries*, whenever a physical port becomes forwarding or on demand.

For example, when you execute a fabric-show command, Netvisor ONE sends discovery messages over in-band as well as over the management interface.

After receiving a global discovery message the receiving device responds with a *global keep-alive* message containing the required fabric and node information.

This local multicast-based discovery mechanism implies that direct Layer 2 connectivity exist between the discoverer and the polled switches.



# **Adding Switches to an Existing Fabric**

To add a switch to an available fabric instance, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join name name-string

For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join name MyFabric

In case of directly connected switches as in **Figure 6-7**, switch B learns about available fabrics from switch A and then sends a message to join the selected fabric.

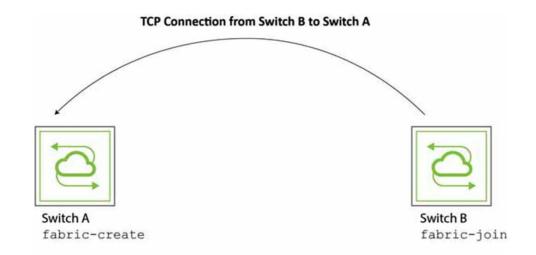


Figure 6 - 7 Directly Connected Switch Joining a Fabric

Using the Tab key, Netvisor ONE displays all fabrics configured in the local network as options.

A switch joins the fabric either by using a discovered fabric name or by using a switch IP address. To join a remote fabric, use the fabric-join command with a remote switch IP address:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join switch-ip 192.168.2.2

Joined fabric MyFabric. Restarting nvOS...

In addition, the Netvisor ONE software can use the password set up during the fabric creation process to encrypt communication between the nodes in the fabric.

In such cases, when the switch joins a fabric instance from a node, you must type in the password to join it.

**Note:** Avoid creating fabrics with the same name to prevent conflicts.

Once a new switch joins an existing fabric, the new switch downloads all fabric configuration from the existing fabric switch and restarts the nvOSd (reboots).



After the switch is rebooted and is up and running, the new switch becomes part of the existing fabric.



# **Configuring the Fabric Over the Management Interface**

Fabric configuration information can be exchanged over the network through in-band communication. However, occasional disruption to in-band traffic occurs due to factors such as network re-convergence, port flapping, power system transients, and other events. Therefore, an alternative method is to configure fabric communication over the management interface for a dedicated communication channel.

This can be achieved while creating the fabric, for example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-create name MyFabric
fabric-network mgmt
```

When you create a fabric over the management interface, any other node joining the fabric inherits this setting. In other words, all nodes within the same fabric communicate through the same network type with fabric peers. You cannot have mixed fabric configurations using both management interfaces and in-band communication.

Therefore, Netvisor does not display fabrics over an incompatible networks when you execute the fabric-join command. This prevents a switch from joining an incompatible fabric.

When you configure the fabric communication over the management interface, all fabric communication stays on the management network, except the following types of packets:

- Cluster synchronization-related messages and cluster keep-alive packets sent over the in-band interface.
- The fabric advertisements such as fabric keep-alive packets and global-discovery packets are controlled by fabric-advertisement-network, which is configured while creating or modifying a fabric.

While fabric-related communication such as transactions, notifications, file system replication messages, and other communications can be configured to be sent over the management network, for consistency, it is recommended to use the same management network for other purposes or communication types such as network status updates and forwarded packets, collectively referred to as control network and fabric advertisements.

The fabric-create command allows you to select the transmission medium for other traffic types using specific parameters named control-network and fabric-advertisement-network:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-create name MyFabric [fabric-network in-band|mgmt] [control-network in-band|mgmt] [fabric-advertisement-network inband-mgmt|inband-only|mgmt-only]
```



## **Displaying Fabric Nodes**

Netvisor ONE uses fabric keepalive packets to determine the state of each fabric node. To display the state, use the fabric-node-show command with the syntax:

```
CLI network-admin@switch > fabric-node-show [state offline| online|in-band-only-online|mgmt-only-online|fabric-joined| eula-required|setup-required|fabric-required|fresh-install]
```

Netvisor ONE supports monitoring and reporting on both management and in-band network, therefore the node state can be one of the following:

- online reach-ability of node over both management and in-band interfaces
- In-band-only-online reach-ability of node through in-band channel only
- mgmt-only-online reach-ability of node through management network only
- offline no reach-ability over either communication channel.

In this example, Netvisor ONE displays the online node state in the command output:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show layout vertical
id:
                         167772208
name:
                         switch
fab-name:
                         MyFabric
fab-id:
                         a000030:5537b46c
cluster-id:
                         a000030:1
fab-mcast-ip:
local-mac:
                          64:0e:94:28:00:8e
fabric-network:
                         in-band
                          10.9.100.100/16
mgmt-ip:
                          64:0e:94:28:00:8f
mgmt-mac:
mgmt-13-port:
mgmt-secondary-macs:
in-band-ip:
                          192.168.42.10/24
                          64:0e:94:28:00:8e
in-band-mac:
in-band-13-port:
in-band-secondary-macs:
fab-tid:
                         8
cluster-tid:
                         1
out-port:
                          5.0.0-5000014540
version:
state:
                         online
firmware-upgrade:
                          not-required
device-state:
                         ok
ports:
                         0
```

Also check the fab-tid value for consistency on each node. See the *Troubleshooting* the Fabric section for details.



# **Displaying Fabric Information and Statistics**

To display information on the configured fabrics, use the fabric-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-show

name	id	vlan	fabric-network	control-network	tid
Fabric1	a000030:5537b46c	3	in-band	in-band	365
Fabric2	6000210:566621ee	100	mamt	in-band	5055

To display the information about the fabric instance of the local switch, use the fabric-info command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-info format all layout
vertical

name: Fabric1

id: a000030:5537b46c

vlan: 3

fabric-network: in-band
control-network: in-band

tid: 365

fabric-advertisement-network: inband-only

To display fabric statistics use the fabric-stats-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-stats-show

switch	id	server	storage	VM	vlan	vxlan	tcp-syn	tcp-est	tcp-completed	tcp-bytes	udp-bytes	arp
pubdev02	0	0	0	0	0	0	14.0k	5	40	125K	0	0
pubdev03	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.85K	3	24	110M	0	0

To display fabric statistics in vertical format, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-stats-show format all
layout vertical
switch: sw45
id: 0
servers: 0
storage: 0
VM: 0
vlan: 0
vxlan: 0
tcp-syn: 0
tcp-est: 0
```

tcp-completed: 0
tcp-bytes: 0
udp-bytes: 0

arp: 0



### **Guidelines and Limitations**

The following guidelines and limitations apply while configuring the fabric:

- Pluribus recommends, for security reasons, to change the VLAN ID used to create an in-band fabric over a Layer 2 or Layer 3 network as Netvisor ONE uses a default VLAN ID, VLAN 1.
- A fabric over the in-band network (Layer 2 or Layer 3) does not require a special MTU configuration.
- A fabric over management uses Layer 2 multicast, so be sure you do not filter multicast traffic on your management switches.
- Changing the IP address of a node joined to the fabric may cause the node to appear as offline for other fabric members. Therefore, before changing the IP address, unjoin the fabric, and then rejoin the fabric to avoid any inconsistencies.
- A Pluribus switch can only be part of one single fabric at a time.
- Netvisor ONE supports the following currently validated, tested number of fabric nodes in the same fabric:
  - 24 nodes for non-Pluribus switches
  - 32 nodes for Pluribus Networks switches
- When setting up a fabric, switches can only join the fabric one at a time. If you have a large fabric, you should consider this delay during the provisioning of the fabric.



# **Configuring Layer 4 Ports for Fabric Communication**

Netvisor ONE receives fabric communication messages by using system vFlow entries to match traffic flows based on the IP packet protocol, TCP or UDP, and Layer 4 destination port.

Any existing TCP or UDP traffic across the network using the same Layer 4 destination port may match the vFlows and may potentially cause conflicts.

Table 6-1: Default Port Values for Netvisor ONE

Message Type	Layer 4 Port
fabric	23399
notify	23398
proxy	23397
fabric-keepalive	23394
filesystem-replication	23392
cluster-traffic-forwarding	23391
vport-statistics	23390
12-encap	23389
igmp-encap	23388
icmpv6-encap	23387
arp-encap	23386
cluster-analytics	23385

To avoid conflicts with generic TCP or UDP traffic, configure an alternate Layer 4 port range for special messages using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-comm-ports-modify
```

You can specify the value for the starting point of the range:

```
range-start 1024..65435 port range start
```

To display the current starting point and range values, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-comm-ports-show
```

switch:	pnswitch2
range-start:	23300
fabric-port:	23399
notify-port:	23398
<pre>proxy-port:</pre>	23397
fabric-keepalive-port:	23394
filesystem-replication-port:	23392
cluster-traffic-forwarding-port:	23391



vport-statistics-port:	23390
12-encap-port:	23389
igmp-encap-port:	23388
icmpv6-encap-port:	23387
arp-encap-port:	23386
cluster-analytics-port:	23385

When you modify the port range, you must configure each node in the fabric individually.

This change temporarily interrupts fabric communication until you have completed the configuration of each node with the same port range.

There is no loss of switched traffic if the interruption is brief.

Because application of this command prevents communication with other nodes, you must log into each node directly and separately apply the fabric-comm-ports-modify command.



# **Configuring a Fabric Over a Layer 3 Network**

As described in previous sections, you can create a Netvisor ONE fabric over the management network or over in-band, i.e., between switches with direct (Layer 2) connectivity.

Another option is to establish Netvisor ONE fabric over a Layer 3 network. Netvisor ONE supports this capability over a Layer 3 network running either the *BGP* or the *OSPF* routing protocol.

Before you can configure this feature on your network, make sure you configure BGP or OSPF routing on your switches. For more information on Layer 3 configuration, refer to the *Configuring Layer 3 Features* section.

In a simple topology with a network of two BGP neighbors as in *Figure 6-8.* Netvisor ONE uses in-band communication to establish TCP sessions between the two switches to exchange fabric messages.

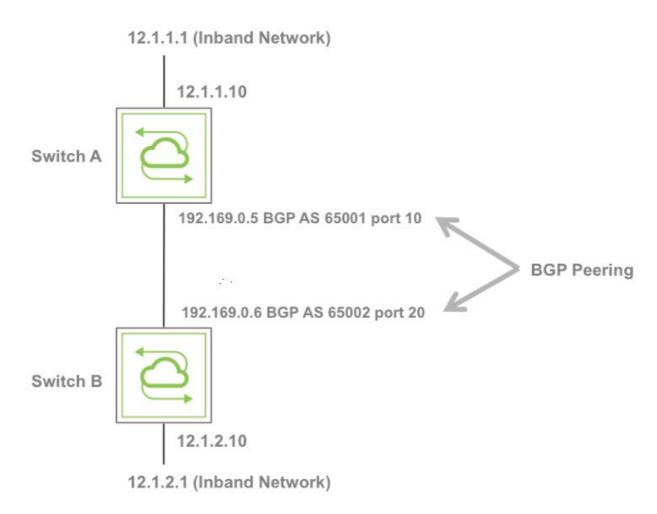


Figure 6-8: Example Network of Two BGP Neighbors Topology

To achieve the BGP-based configuration and establish fabric communication between the two switches, you must perform the following steps:



- 1) Modify the in-band IP in the same subnet of in-band-nic-ip address.
- 2) Create a vRouter on each switch.
- 3) Setup BGP peering and redistribute routes.
- 4) Setup up global static routes using the respective vRouter as the gateway. You must perform this step because the routes reside inside the vRouter table and each switch must have an appropriate route to reach the in-band network of another switch.
- 5) Add global static route on switch B to reach switch A in-band network with switch B in-band-nic-ip as the gateway IP address.
- 6) Then you can configure switch B to join the fabric previously created by switch A.

Use the following commands to accomplish the necessary configuration:

### **Creating a vRouter for Fabric Communication**

Use the fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp-create command to create a vRouter for fabric communication.

This command has numerous options including the following:

name	Name of the fabric communication vRouter.		
bgp-as	BGP Autonomous System number of the vrouter from 1 to 4294967295.		
bgp-nic-vlan	Interface VLAN number between 0 and 4095. You can enable BGP over VLAN interface also.		
bgp-redistribute	BGP route redistribution. The default value is connected.		
bgp-max-paths	Maximum BGP paths.		
bgp-ibgp-multipath	Number of IBGP multipath connections.		
bgp-nic-ip	IP address of the peering interface.		
bgp-nic-netmask netmask	BGP NIC netmask.		
bgp-nic-linklocal ip-address	IPv6 link local address.		
bgp-nic-vnet	Interface VLAN vNET.		
bgp-nic-bd	Interface bridge domain.		
bgp-nic-vlan-type	Interface VLAN type.		
bgp-nic-13-port	Layer 3 port		
bgp-nic-mtu	Interface MTU		
bgp-nic-if-nat-realm	NAT interface realm		
in-band-nic-ip	IP address range of the in-band management interface.		
remote-as	BGP remote AS number from 1 to		



### 4294967295

neighbor

IP address of the BGP neighbor.

The BGP protocol reserves Autonomous System (AS) numbers 64512–65534 for private use and the example below uses some of the private AS numbers.

This dedicated CLI performs the majority of the actions in the logical steps 1-4 described in the *Configuring a Fabric Over a Layer 3 Network* section above. However, it does not change the inband IP address or create the fabric.

After creating the fabric, the root switch, Switch A, does not have to specify the fabric network in the switch configuration, but the switch must create a route to the other inband network on the switch with the fabric-in-band-network-create command.

Switch B, a non-root switch, does need to specify the fabric network by using the fabric-network parameter:

See an example on how to establish fabric communication between two switches (switch A and switch B) detailed in steps 1 through 6 above.

### Switch A

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify in-band-ip 12.1.1.1/24

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp-create name vrouter-a bgp-nic-l3-port 10 bgp-as 65001 bgp-nic-ip 192.169.0.5/30 in-band-nic-ip 12.1.1.10/24 remote-as 65002 neighbor 192.169.0.6 bgp-redistribute connected fabric-network 12.1.1.0/24

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-in-band-network-create network 12.1.2.1/24

#### Switch B

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify in-band-ip 12.1.2.1/24

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp-create name vrouter-b bgp-nic-l3-port 20 bgp-as 65002 bgp-nic-ip 192.169.0.6/30 in-band-nic-ip 12.1.2.10/24 remote-as 65001 neighbor 192.169.0.5 bgp-redistribute connected fabric network 12.1.2.0/24

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-route-create network 12.1.1.0/24 gateway-ip 12.1.2.10



CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join switch-ip 12.1.1.1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > Joined fabric myfabric.
Restarting nvOS...



# Connecting Multiple Fabric Nodes over a Layer 3 Fabric

In a topology with more than two switches configured for BGP, the first peer for each switch can be created using the fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp-create command. You must create the other switches separately.

See *Figure 6-9* where a third switch, Switch C, is added to the previous two-switch topology.

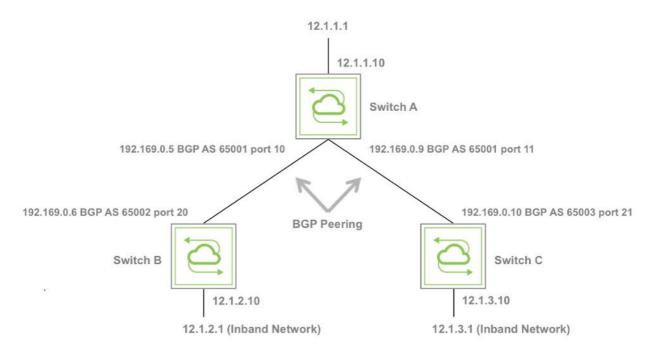


Figure 6-9: An Example of Fabric over Layer 3 Topology

The configuration for this example follows the same scheme as the two switch topology. However, Netvisor ONE requires the following additional steps:

1) On Switch A, configure BGP peering with Switch C and create a static route to reach the inband network on Switch C. To extend this configuration with more than three-switch example, use this step on every switch with more than one BGP peer.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vrouter-a ip 192.169.0.9/30 13-port 11

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vrouter-a neighbor 192.169.0.10 remote-as 65003

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-in-band-network-create network 12.1.3.0/30

2) On Switch C, use the fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp-create command and connect:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify in-band-ip
12.1.3.1/24



CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp-create name vrouter-c bgp-nic-l3-port 21 bgp-as 65003 bgpnic-ip 192.169.0.10/30 in-band-nic-ip 12.1.3.10/24 remote-as 65001neighbor 192.169.0.9 fabric-network 12.1.1.0/24 bgp-redistribute connected fabric-network 12.1.3.0/24

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-route-create network 12.1.1.0/24 gateway-ip 12.1.3.10

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-route-create network 12.1.2.0/24 gateway-ip 12.1.3.10

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-route-create network 12.1.3.0/24 gateway-ip 12.1.2.10

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join switch-ip 12.1.1.1

Joined fabric myfabric. Restarting nvOS...



# **Limiting the Transaction Log File Size**

In releases prior to Netvsior ONE version 6.1.0, Pluribus had not restricted the size of the transaction log files, due to which the transaction files increased in size occasionally on some customer premises, causing memory issues.

This issue occurs when some commands such as stp-port-modify and transaction-settings-modify commands are executed in a loop. These commands do not cause any changes to the configuration after the command is executed for the first time, but the transaction log file is appended every time the command is executed adding duplicate entries and causing the file to grow.

Starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, this limitation is corrected by enabling you to limit the file size of the transaction logs. You can truncate the transaction log file to a desired number of entries by using the transactions-settings-modify command depending upon your configuration. By default, this functionality is disabled.

Depending upon the limit you set (for example N entries), the transaction log file limits the log entries to the latest N entries. Further, Netvisor ONE adds an additional X entries to the threshold limit of N entries you have configured. When the threshold of N+X limit is crossed, the first X entries gets overwritten by the newest or latest entries.

This functionality is supported only on *local xact log* file (local scoped configurations).

**Warning**: If you set the transaction limit (*N*), you may lose the older entries in the transaction log file and hinder the rollback possibility. However, this feature is available only for local transaction log files.

**Note**: If you do not set the threshold limit, then this functionality remains disabled and there is no limit enforced on the log file size.

To restrict the transaction log file size, you can set a limit by using the transactions-settings-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transactions-settings-modify max-local-xact-log-entries max-local-xact-log-entries-number

Where, the max-local-xact-log-entries is the maximum number of entries (N) to be added to the transaction log file (xact\_log file).

Note: The default value of max-local-xact-log-entries is 0, which means, the feature is disabled.

As explained earlier, an additional X entries are saved by Netvisor ONE before truncating the log file size. Netvisor ONE has set the value of X to 100 entries. That is, for example, if you set the  $\max-local-xact-log-entries$  to 500 entries, then an additional 100 entries are also saved (see N+X explanation above) to the log file before Netvisor enforces the truncation process of the local-xact-log file. When the threshold is



crossed, the file gets truncated by deleting the previously stored additional X (100) entries.

A warning message is written to the nvOSd.log/perror.log file:

- When the entries in the transaction log file exceeds the configured value (N).
- When the entries exceed the N+X value and Netvisor truncates the X entries.

To truncate the local xact log file to a given tid (N), use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-log-file-truncate-to
trunc_tid trunc_tid-number
```

Where the trunc\_tid is the transaction ID (the latest tid entries are retained when this feature is enabled)

**Note**: All truncated commands are written to a new file /nvOS/log/xact-truncate.log.

To view the total entries in the file, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show transaction-
scope local count-only
```

Where, count-only is the formatting option to display only the number of transaction entries.

### **General Guidelines while Configuring this Feature:**

- Only the transactions in transaction-show transaction-scope local output and in /var/nvOS/etc/Local/xact\_config.log file are removed. All the configurations remain intact.
- Transaction rollback is possible even after the log file is truncated to an available TID.
   Note that the TIDs get renumbered after truncation.

### Sample Configuration

Below is a sample configuration for further understanding:

First view the transaction details using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show transaction-scope local
count-only
Count: 3
```

Use the below command to view the transaction details:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show transaction-scope local start-time: 2021-03-04,16:07:58.030 tid: 1
```



trunc tid: 0

state: commit

command: switch-setup-modify eula-accepted true

eula\_timestamp 2021-03-04,16:07:57

undo-command: switch-setup-modify eula-accepted false

eula\_timestamp 1969-12-31,16:00:00

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start-time: 2021-03-09,06:05:23.932

tid: 2 trunc\_tid: 0

state: commit

command: stp-port-modify port 31 edge undo-command: stp-port-modify port 31 no-edge

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start-time: 2021-03-12,01:56:30.020

tid: 3 trunc\_tid: 0

state: commit

command: vlan-create id 3040 type public vxlan-mode

standard scope local stats

undo-command: vlan-delete id 3040

• Use the command to set the max-local-xact-log-entries to 50:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transactions-settings-modify max-local-xact-log-entries 50

View the details using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show transaction-scope local
count-only

Count: 150

The count 150 indicates the additional 100 (N+X).

You can verify the transactions using REST API commands as well.



# **Troubleshooting the Fabric**

- Displaying the Transaction History
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- Rolling Back and Rolling Forward Transactions
- Rolling Back the Configuration of the Fabric
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## **Displaying the Transaction History**

When configuring and administering the fabric, you can display the list of executed transactions by using the transaction-show command. For example in this case committed transaction 1 corresponds to a command in which a vRouter was created:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show

start-time: 2020-05-14,15:38:34.622

tid: 1

state: commit

vrouter-create id b001b66:0 name vrl scope command: fabric vnet test-fab-2-global dedicated-vnet-service locati on 1 storage-pool rpool zone-id b001b66:1 router-type hardware router-ipstack frr hw-router-mac 66:0e:94:66:b3:0f clu ster-active-active-routing hw-vrid 0 hw-vrrp-id -1 bgp-rediststatic-metric none bgp-redist-connected-metric none bgp -redist-rip-metric none bgp-redist-ospf-metric none bgp-maxpaths 1 bgp-delayed-startup 1 bgp-update-delay-strict 0 b gp-keepalive-interval 60 bgp-holdtime 180 bgp-global-nhpreference true ospf-redist-static-metric none ospf-redist-st atic-metric-type 2 ospf-redist-connected-metric none ospfredist-connected-metric-type 2 ospf-redist-rip-metric none ospf-redist-rip-metric-type 2 ospf-redist-bgp-metric none ospf-redist-bgp-metric-type 2 ospf-default-information none ospf-default-info-originate-metric none ospf-default-infooriginate-metric-type

undo-command: vrouter-delete name vr1

start-time: 2020-05-14,15:39:02.820

tid: 2

state: commit

command: vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vr1 nic eth0.4092 ip 10.0.120.2 netmask 24 mac 66:0e:94:66:b3:0f vl an 4092 vlan-type public public-vlan 4092 no-exclusive nic-enable no-pim pim-dr-priority 1 no-pim-cluster no-fabric-n ic vrrp-priority 100 vrrp-adv-int 1000 l3-port 45 mtu 1500 no-sriov-vf mirror-traffic false no-priority-tag

undo-command: vrouter-interface-remove vrouter-name vrl nic eth0.4092

The Netvisor ONE transaction log file contains the list of commands corresponding to the executed transactions as well as the undo command(s) required to undo each transaction. Commands are shown in the transaction—show output for informational purposes only.

Each transaction can have a *local*, *cluster* or *fabric* scope. For example acceptance of the EULA is a transaction that is local to each device:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show transaction-



scope local

start-time: 2019-06-02,21:50:35.497

t.id:

state: commit

command: switch-setup-modify eula-accepted true

eula\_timestamp 2019-06-02,21:50:35

undo-command: switch-setup-modify eula-accepted false

eula\_timestamp 1969-12-31,16:00:00

On the other hand, for instance transactions of VLAN creation and deletion are usually (but not necessarily always) executed with a fabric scope. Other objects such as vNETs are created and deleted with a fabric scope too, as shown in the example below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show transactionscope fabric

start-time: 2019-06-02,22:10:54.895

tid:

state: remote-commit

command: vlan-create id 100 type public vxlan-mode

standard scope fabric stats

undo-command: vlan-delete id 100

start-time: 2019-06-02,22:11:25.834

tid:

state: remote-commit

command: vnet-create id c00025b:1 name vn1 scope fabric vrg c00025b:0 vlan-type public vlans 5 config-admin createvnet-mgr vnet-mgr-storage-pool rpool vnet\_mgr\_id c00025b:0

vnet\_mgr\_zone\_id c00025b:1 vnet\_mgr\_location 1 vrg\_created\_by\_vnet true admin\_role c00025b:400

undo-command: vnet-delete name vn1

start-time: 2019-06-02,22:11:36.907

tid: 3

state: remote-commit

command: vlan-delete id 100

undo-command: vlan-create id 100 type public hw-vpn 0 hwmcast-group 0 replicators "" repl-vtep :: in\_hw false publicvlan 100 user\_public\_id 0 public\_id\_set\_by\_user false scope fabric description vlan-100 label "vlan 100" active yes stats uses\_refcnt no refcnt 0 vrg 0:0 ports 1-69 untagged-ports none send-ports 21,23,31-34,53,57,61,65,69,272-275 active-edgeports 272 non-auto-ports none ports-specified false

initialized true flags ""

start-time: 2019-06-02,22:11:51.550

tid:

state: remote-commit



command: vnet-delete name vn1

undo-command: vnet-create id c00025b:1 name vn1 scope fabric vrg c00025b:0 vlan-type public vlans 5 config-admin admin 40000 create-vnet-mgr vnet-mgr-name vn1-mgr vnet-mgr-storage-pool rpool vnet\_mgr\_id c00025b:0 vnet\_mgr\_zone\_id c00025b:1 vnet\_mgr\_location 1 vrg\_created\_by\_vnet true global false allow\_admin\_access false admin\_role c00025b:400

In case of clusters (that is, pairs of redundant devices described in more detail later in this guide) certain transactions are applied to both nodes as if they were a single logical device.

You can choose the transaction information format for a node by typing the transaction-show command followed by the format parameter to choose a tabular or a vertical output. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > transaction-show format all layout vertical

start-time: 03-19,13:46:42 end-time: 03-19,13:46:43

scope: fabric
tid: 33

state: remote-commit

command: --unrecoverable-- vlan-delete id 22

undo-command: --unrecoverable-- vlan-create id 22 nvid

a000030:16 scope fabric name vlan-22 active yes stats vrg 0:0

ports 1-72,128-129,255 untagged-ports none send-ports

31,41,47-48,51,65-66 active-edge-ports none ports-specified

false flags

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start-time: 09:36:09
end-time: 09:36:09
scope: fabric
tid: 34

state: remote-commit

command: vlan-create id 35 scope fabric stats ports-

specified true

Please note that, in this command's output, the scope parameter indicates which set of transactions are displayed, as each scope has an independent set of transactions associated with it. As shown in this example, Netvisor ONE uses fabric as the default scope unless another scope is specified.

Also note that you should not copy and paste commands and undo-commands from this output because they may include information that does not apply to a different context. As a matter of fact, as mentioned earlier, Netvisor ONE displays the fields for *informational purposes* only so as to allow you to see exactly what happens to the configuration when you roll forward or roll back the transaction ID.

Once you decide which node to modify and the transaction to roll forward or roll back to, you can use the transaction-rollforward-to or transaction-rollback-



to commands to re-run the command (roll forward) or undo the command (roll back) on the node being *troubleshooted*, or even in a broader scope, as described in the following sections.



# **Keeping Transactions in Sync with Auto-Recovery**

When transactions are executed with a fabric scope, they get applied to all nodes that are part of the same fabric instance as the local node. This process requires coordination and synchronization across the nodes.

You can display the ID of the last executed transaction by using the fabric-node-show command:

CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > fabric-node-show format
name,fab-name,fab-tid,state,device-state,

name	fab-name	fab-tid	state	device-state
pnswitch2	pnfabric	2	online	ok
pnswitch1	pnfabric	2	online	ok

The ID is the same because the fabric has made sure that the same transaction be executed consistently on all online nodes.

What happens, though, if one of the nodes is temporarily offline and gets out of sync?

Netvisor ONE's fabric synchronization logic possesses an auto-recovery function (called auto-recover) that makes sure that the transactions get automatically resynchronized when they accidentally go out of sync. This capability is enabled by default:

In special scenarios, this capability can be turned off *on purpose* to force the configuration of a specific node to be rolled back to a previous state:

```
(network-admin@pnswitch1) > transaction-settings-modify
no-auto-recover
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > transaction-settings-show
                                     pnswitch1
switch:
allow-offline-cluster-nodes:
                                     on
auto-recover:
                                     off
auto-recover-retry-time:
                                     5m
reserve-retry-maximum:
                                     10
reserve-retry-interval-maximum(s):
switch:
                                     pnswitch2
allow-offline-cluster-nodes:
                                     on
auto-recover:
                                     on
```



auto-recover-retry-time: 5m
reserve-retry-maximum: 10
reserve-retry-interval-maximum(s): 8

However, this change is local to the device where the command was issued. Therefore, in those cases in which it is necessary to apply this change to all nodes in the fabric, the switch \* directive as shown in the following command can be used:

CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > switch \* transaction-settings-modify no-auto-recover

CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > transaction-settings-show

switch: pnswitch1

switch: pnswitch2



# **Rolling Back and Rolling Forward Transactions**

Netvisor ONE maintains a log file with the list of transactions with their respective *undo commands* to be able to revert back, when necessary, to a previous state, that is, to *roll back* one or more transactions starting from the latest one. On the other hand, the list of executed commands can be used to redo certain transactions, in other words to *roll forward* one or more transactions.

However, this is only desirable under special circumstances, because the *auto-recover* feature by default automatically makes sure that all nodes are synchronized to the latest transaction.

For example in case of rare conditions in which transactions diverge on different nodes (despite auto-recover), a roll back or roll forward action may be performed manually through the corresponding command.

However, the auto-recover function may need to be *temporarily disabled* on the affected node(s) to permit the desired action.

The transaction-rollback-to command is used to roll back to an earlier fabric transaction number. The transaction-rollforward-to command is instead used to roll forward to a subsequent fabric transaction number.

For instance, the fabric state gets accidentally out of sync according to the fabric-node-show command output with, say, a missing interface addition transaction:

CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > fabric-node-show format
name,fab-name,fab-tid,state,device-state,

```
name fab-name fab-tid state device-state
------
pnswitch2 pnfabric 1 online ok
pnswitch1 pnfabric 2 online ok
```

Hence the state can be rolled back to a previously synced ID to restore fabric-wide (scope fabric) consistency:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > transaction-rollback-to scope fabric tid 1
Warning: rolled back transactions are unrecoverable unless another fabric node has them. Proceed? [y/n] y
```

After successfully rolling back the transaction (i.e., no error message is printed on the console), the change completes and the transaction is removed from the transaction log.

Alternatively the state can be rolled forward to reattempt to successfully redo the previously failed fabric-wide interface addition:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > transaction-rollforward-to scope fabric tid 2
Added interface eth2.13
```



After successfully rolling forward a transaction (i.e., no error is printed on the console), the change completes and the transaction log is updated.

If multiple nodes go out of sync, you must recover each node separately.

An alternative approach (usually reserved to customer support for special cases) is to try to force a roll back or roll forward action when the configuration is in sync but the transaction ID fails to get updated:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > transaction-rollforward-to
scope fabric tid 2 ignore-error
Added interface eth2.13
```

When a node is out of sync with the other nodes in the fabric, it can catch up by rolling forward all the missing transactions, which it can obtain from another fabric node. If auto-recovery is enabled, this is done without user intervention. If auto-recovery is disabled, the transaction-rollforward-to command can be invoked.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.0, a round-robin enhancement to fabric synchronization has been implemented that helps in dealing with connection failures. The software attempts to contact the best possible node, which is the one that has the highest TID amongst all the peer nodes in the fabric (unless an explicit remote-node is specified in the CLI to be used). If that attempt fails, instead of retrying with the same node, Netvisor ONE skips any node that it had previously attempted and failed to sync up with.

In other words, when auto-recovery is enabled, the failed nodes are skipped in every resynchronization attempt until all nodes have been tried (Offline nodes are skipped as well). Similarly, when auto-recovery is disabled and a (manual) attempt to roll-forward fails with a node, in the next iteration any failed node(s) is/are skipped. Once a synchronization attempt has failed with all the nodes in the fabric, the software restarts from the first node in a round-robin fashion.

In release 7.0.0 a new column is added to the fabric-node-show command output to display the roll-forward status of the fabric peer node(s):

In the rare cases when you apply a configuration to the fabric and a node does not respond to such configuration, as a last resort, you may want to evict the node from the fabric to troubleshoot the problem on the specific device.

To evict a node, that node must be offline, otherwise the eviction command will fail. Then you can use the fabric-node-evict command to perform the eviction process like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-evict name
pnswitch2
```



or

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-evict id b000021:52a1b620



# **Rolling Back the Configuration of the Fabric**

In addition to troubleshooting rare conditions, the roll back action can be used in certain circumstances in which it is beneficial to *turn back time* on all the nodes in the same fabric instance.

As discussed in earlier sections, the fabric natively (i.e., by default) stays synchronized automatically to the last transaction executed. Therefore, in order to revert all switches to a previous state, it is necessary to temporarily disable this automatic function (autorecover) like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > switch * transaction-settings-modify no-auto-recover
```

Then it is possible to perform a roll back action to a certain ID on all those switches. You can check the latest transaction ID with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > fabric-node-show format name,fab-name,fab-tid,state,device-state,
```

name	fab-name	fab-tid	state	device-state
pnswitch1	myfabric	1533	online	ok
pnswitch2	myfabric	1533	online	ok

Let us say you want to roll back all nodes to transaction ID 1530. You can do that with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > switch * transaction-rollback-
to transaction-scope fabric tid 1530
Warning: rolled back transactions are unrecoverable unless
another fabric node has them.
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > fabric-node-show format
name,fab-name,fab-tid,state,device-state,
```

name	fab-name	fab-tid	state	device-state
pnswitch1	myfabric	1530	online	ok
pnswitch2	myfabric	1530	online	ok

In this case, though, rolled back transactions are unrecoverable because the fabric logic is forced to *forget* about them on a per node basis where auto-recover was disabled. (So no roll forward is then possible).

Once all the nodes have been rolled back to the chosen transaction, you can re-enable auto-recover to make sure that the fabric stays in sync automatically from that moment onward:

```
CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > switch * transaction-settings-modify auto-recover
```



# **How to Fix the Cluster Transaction Divergence Issue**

When a cluster transaction divergence occur, you cannot execute any further cluster-scoped configurations on either of the cluster nodes. With the release of Netvisor ONE version 5.1.2, we provide a solution to fix the cluster transaction divergence issue.

To ensure high availability, Netvisor ONE allows cluster scope transactions to proceed even when one of the peer nodes in a cluster goes offline (enabled, by default, by using the command: transaction-settings-modify with allow-offline-cluster-nodes parameter; which can be disabled, you can disable this option, if required) during configuration changes. However, this may cause a transaction divergence as explained in *Figure 6-10*. For example, consider a cluster with two nodes-node 1 and node2, both are online and configurations commands are executed on both nodes, and the transactions are synchronized until a certain time where the TID=T. After certain time, node2 goes offline, but transactions continue on node1 and the TID on node1 changes to T1. Now, both the nodes go offline and then node2 comes back online, and transactions continue on node2, where the TID changes to T2. Now, when node1 also comes back online, the transactions get diverged as illustrated in *Figure 6-10*.

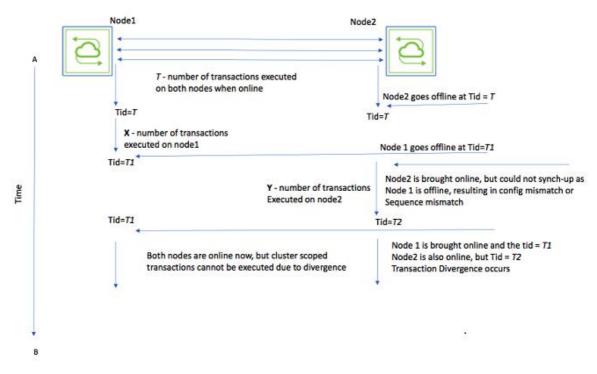


Figure 6-10: Cluster Transaction Divergence

The two possible transaction divergence cases as illustrated in Figure 6-10 include:

- Case 1: Even if X number of transactions and Y number of transactions are the same and is also executed in the same sequence (T1 = T2), still there will be transaction divergence due to the change in cluster-change IDs.
- Case 2: If the X and Y transactions on the nodes are a separate (different) set of commands or is executed in different sequence, then also transaction divergence occurs.

The auto-recovery feature, which is enabled by default on Netvisor ONE, automatically



rolls forward the transactions with the peers when the offline cluster node is brought up online when there is no transaction divergence. But, in the case of transaction divergence, you have to manually roll-back to a common transaction point for the autorecovery feature to synchronize (for details, see the previous sections of *Troubleshooting the Fabric* section). As this is a manual process, it is error prone (because if you mistakenly roll-back to a different transaction point, then you have to repeat the process to get to the common transaction point).

To mitigate this issue, Netvisor ONE introduces a new command: transaction-cluster-divergence-fix. You can run this local-scoped command on any of the cluster nodes. However, Pluribus recommends to run this command on a slave node where the divergence occurred.

In case 1 above, when you run the transaction-cluster-divergence-fix. command on a node, Netvisor ONE updates the change IDs of all diverged transaction IDs to match with the peer node.

In case 2 above, when you run the command on a node, Netvisor fetches the transaction details from the cluster peer and rolls-back the configuration to a common transaction ID on the node on which the command is executed. Then, the node re-synchronizes the configuration with the cluster peer configuration if the auto-recovery function (called auto-recover) that makes sure that the transactions get automatically re-synchronized is set to *ON* (This capability is enabled by default). For details on the auto-recovery function, see the Keeping Transactions in Sync with Auto-Recovery section.

**Note**: It is recommended to take a backup of the current configuration before issuing the transaction-cluster-divergence-fix command. Ensure that the fabric communication between the nodes in the cluster is enabled for this functionality to work.

To fix the cluster transaction divergence issue, use the command on the failed cluster node (recommended to run on a slave node):

```
CLI (network-admin@node_slave) > transaction-cluster-divergence-fix
Warning: this will download config from cluster peer and rollback to tid before it is diverged. It is recommended to take config backup before running this command.
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y
```

### **Related Commands**

CLI (network-admin@pn-test-2) > transaction-settings-modify

Specify one or more of the following options:	
allow-offline-cluster-nodes   no-allow-offline-cluster-nodes	Specify to allow transactions to proceed even if a cluster node is offline. By default, the allow-offline-cluster-nodes parameter is enabled on nvOS.



auto-recover no-auto-recover	Specify to automatically recover missed transactions.		
auto-recover-retry-time duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the retry time for transaction to auto-recover.		
reserve-retry-maximum reserve- retry-maximum-number	Specify the maximum number of retires for transaction reservation; 0 for infinite.		
reserve-retry-interval-maximum reserve-retry-interval-maximum-number (s)	Specify the maximum number of seconds to wait between transaction reservation retries.		



## **About the Fabric Default Parameters**

The following is a list of Netvisor default port numbers, multicast addresses, and communication information about the fabric:

### Internal keepalive message

- Multicast IP: 239.4.9.7
- UDP Destination Port: 23399
- Netvisor sends the packet from the CPU to the internal port to ensure that the CPU path to the switch is working and the internal port is up.

### Fabric keepalive message

- UDP Destination Port: 23394
- Point to point UDP fabric keepalives: if Netvisor cannot receive these messages, the fabric node may go into an offline state.

### Global discovery message

- Multicast IP: 239.4.9.3
- UDP destination port: 23399
- Each node periodically multi-casts a message about the fabric. This enables the fabric-show command on directly connected nodes, Layer 2-adjacent, to display available fabric instances and also enables the fabric-join name name-string command.

### **Proxy commands**

- TCP Destination Port: 23397 SSL
- Used for Netvisor ONE-to-Netvisor ONE communication. Used for internal purposes and also to implement commands executed on other switches from a local switch.

### **Status propagation**

- TCP Destination Port: 23398 SSL
- Port changes and vport changes propagated to other nodes in the fabric.

#### **TCP API clients**

- TCP Destination Port: 23396 SSL
- API clients connect to this port. Disable using the admin-service-modify if <mgmt/data> no-net-api command.

### **File System replication**

- TCP Destination Port: 23392 SSL
- For ZFS send and ZFS receive messages when replicating file systems across the fabric.

### L2 ARP/DMAC miss/Broadcast encapsulation

- UDP Destination Port: 23389
- These are special VXLAN-encapsulated packets sent from one management CPU to another management CPU between two Layer 2 adjacent switches.

### L3 ARP/DMAC miss/Broadcast encapsulation

UDP Destination Port: 23388



 These are special VXLAN-encapsulated packets sent from one management CPU to another management CPU between two switches interconnected at Layer 3.

### vPORT status

- Multicast IP: 239.4.9.4
- UDP Destination Port: 23390
- vPort update messages associated to status changes to hypervisors or hosts in the fabric.

### vFlow CPU packets

- UDP Destination Port: 23398
- These packets are sent point-to-point for vflow-snoop of a fabric-scoped vFlow

**Note:** All of these messages must not drop or become lost in order to keep a fabric healthy. However, the multicast messages do not propagate through routers and therefore Netvisor ONE does not rely on them for fabrics created over Layer 3 networks.

The fabric-node-show command displays information about internal data structures for each node in the fabric, including the node state.

### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show

fab-name mgmt-ip in-band-ip in-band-vlan-type fab-tid version state

WDTest 10.36.10.45/24 10.0.1.1/24 public 7 5.0.0-5000014540 online
```

If Netvisor ONE does not receive any keepalives or other messages from a fabric node for about 30 seconds, then Netvisor marks the node as offline.

Anything that prevents keepalives or other kinds of messages from flowing freely between fabric nodes can cause problems for fabric connectivity.



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version
fabric-create fabric-show	Commands added in version 1.2
fabric-network control-network	Parameters added in version 2.4
fabric-advertisement-network	Parameter added in version 2.4.1
fabric-node-show fabric-join	Commands introduced in version 1.2
fabric-info fabric-unjoin	Commands introduced in version 1.2.1
transaction-show	Command introduced in version 2.2.3
fabric-comm-vrouter-bgp- create	Command introduced in version 2.4.1
fabric-comm-ports-show fabric-comm-ports-modify	Commands introduced in version 3.0.0
rollforward-failed	Column added in the fabric-node- show format all⊡output dn version 7.0.0

Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.

### **Related Documentation**

Refer to these sections of the Configuration Guides:

- Implementing a Fabric Upgrade
- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring High Availability
- Configuring Virtual Networks (vNETs)

for further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, etc.)



# **Configuring High Availability**

This chapter provides information about the High Availability Feature in Netvisor ONE.

- Understanding the High Availability Feature in Netvisor ONE
  - o Understanding Link Aggregation
  - o Understanding the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)
  - o Understanding Switch Clusters
  - Understanding Cluster over Layer 3
  - o About the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) in Cluster Mode
  - About Split Brain and Detection Script
  - Linux Disk (BTRFS) Mirroring on NRU Platforms
  - o About Layer 3 Hardware Forwarding in a Cluster
  - o Understanding vLAGs
  - Understanding Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)
  - o About Cluster Active-Active Routing for IPv6 Addresses
  - o Guidelines and Limitations
- Configuring Static Trunking for Link Aggregation
- Configuring Active-Standby Link Failover on Management Interfaces
- Configuring Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)
- Configuring a Cluster
- Configuring Cluster over Layer 3

- Configuring a vLAG
  - Modifying LACP Mode and Parameters on an Existing vLAG Configuration
- Configuring the Cluster Slave Switch Bring-up Process
- Restoring Ports for Cluster Configurations
- Configuring Active-Active vLAGs: a Step-by-Step Example
- Understanding LAG Path Selection and Load Balancing
- Understanding the vLAG Forwarding Rule
- Configuring Trunk Hashing
- Configuring Resilient Trunk Hashing
- Configuring Symmetric Trunk Hashing
- Configuring Asymmetric Routing over vLAGs
- About Symmetric Routing over vLAGs
- Configuring Active-Active vLAG Forwarding with Loopback Recirculation
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# **Understanding the High Availability Feature in Netvisor ONE**

High availability (HA) refers to the characteristic of a system (an individual device or a group of devices) to ensure that service availability (i.e., uptime) is higher than normal and hence downtime is minimized. In case of networking, this is achieved by increasing the resilience (i.e., fault tolerance) of the network so as to be able to provide and maintain an acceptable level of service during faults and challenges to normal operation.

High availability is generally achieved through multiple strategies that include:

- Redundancy of device components (such as power supplies and fans) to maximize the reliability of individual network nodes.
- Device and link redundancy to maximize end-to-end service continuity by eliminating single points of failure and guaranteeing fast re-convergence.
- Simplified operation as well as network automation and orchestration to minimize potential service-disrupting human errors.

Pluribus' Unified Cloud Fabric control plane provides intuitive and less error-prone mechanisms to automatically configure and manage a number of physical or logical components as a virtual functional super-entity referred to as a fabric). For details, see the Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric chapter.

Moreover, as part of the redundant fabric architecture, the Netvisor ONE software supports additional advanced capabilities to increase network automation, resiliency and scalability, such as automatic link aggregation and switch clustering with vLAGs.



### **Understanding Link Aggregation**

Link aggregation is a standard technology used to combine multiple network connections in order to provide redundancy in case of single or multiple link failure. The augmented *data pipe* generated by aggregating N individual links behaves as a single logical high-bandwidth data path whose capacity can be up to N times the bandwidth of each individual link it comprises. Such logical connection is called a Link Aggregation Group (LAG).

Sometimes it is also called a (port) trunk, link bundle, or port channel as it **bundles** a number of connected physical ports together to implement a single augmented logical communication channel capable of traffic load sharing with fast re-convergence and redundancy.

Therefore, when the number of active bundled ports in a LAG changes for some reason (for example user configuration, hardware fault, etc.), traffic patterns dynamically adapt to reflect the re-balanced state of the LAG with minimal service disruption. Load splitting is achieved by hashing each packet's L2 through L4 headers (when present) to select a physical link to follow.

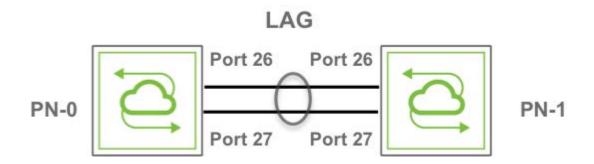


Figure 7-1 - Link Aggregation Group (LAG)

Other terms commonly used to describe this technology included with servers: network interface controller (NIC) bonding or NIC teaming.

Trunks can be either statically set up or dynamically created. In the former case the LAG creation is very fast but it lacks the automation and connectivity checks of the latter case.

For link aggregation the IEEE organization has defined a standard, vendor-independent implementation with the IEEE 802.3ad specification (later transferred to the IEEE 802.1AX-2008 document and superseded by 802.1AX-2014) and has also defined a standard dynamic protocol, called Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP), to automate this process.



# **Understanding the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)**

The IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) supports the automatic creation of Ethernet LAGs by exchanging special LACP frames (called LACPDUs) down all the links that have the protocol enabled. If it finds an LACP-capable neighbor device (peer) on the other end of the links, it will negotiate the dynamic creation of a LAG comprising all the compatible links (only full-duplex point-to-point Ethernet links running at the same speed can be matched and grouped together).

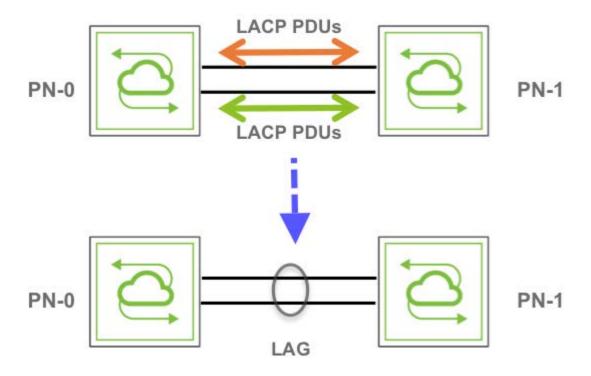


Figure 7-2 - Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)

The LACP dynamic negotiation can be configured in one of two modes: active or passive.

In active mode LACP always (unconditionally) sends frames along the configured links that are intended to be bundled together. In passive mode, instead, LACP does not initiate a conversation/negotiation until it hears from the peer (this is typically the default configuration). Hence, for the negotiation to start at least one of the peers needs to be switched to active mode by the network administrator.

Once the negotiation is complete and the configured number of ports is aggregated, LACP periodically transmits keepalive frames over a LAG to verify connectivity of each link member and to react (i.e., trigger a link failover) in case of detection of a malfunction. LACP can be configured with a slow or fast lacp-timeout value (90s vs 3s) to react more gracefully or more promptly to connectivity changes.

LACP therefore is very helpful with the function of creating and/or augmenting a LAG as it always performs the necessary validations of the added links (such as bidirectional connectivity).

The maximum number (N) of bundled ports in a LAG is typically (4 or) 8. On top of that a significant number of LAGs (L) may need to be provisioned in a large network design to



achieve optimal scalability. Therefore, especially in complex deployments with many LAGs and several ports per LAG, the LACP dynamic function plays a really crucial role both in simplifying the port bundling process and in making sure that such process runs smoothly and error free over a large number of network entities (N x L).

In addition, in case of link failure, both LACP and the hardware algorithms will then make sure that the re-convergence/failover process is prompt and minimally impactful for the traffic. (On the other hand, static LAG configuration would not guarantee an equally easy and effective behavior in all possible scenarios.)

In summary, the LACP logic performs the following functions on the switch:

- Maintains configuration and port state information to control link aggregation.
- Exchanges configuration and connectivity information with other peer devices.
- Attaches or detaches ports from LAGs based on the exchanged configuration and state information.

LACP frames are always exchanged between neighboring ports when in active mode, whereas in passive mode frames are exchanged as long as the peer is active. This allows the network admin to leverage the automated LACP negotiation logic to control the LAG bring-up or bring-down process by simply configuring one side of a trunk.

Off mode is instead used to disable the LACP function on a trunk when for example the network admin wants to manage the trunk bring up process manually (however that prevents any dynamic negotiation and link verification).

Furthermore, LACP employs two priority values to determine which ports to aggregate into an active LAG. If for example a hardware limitation prevents all configured compatible ports from aggregating, then the priority values will be used by LACP to select which ports to add and which ports to keep in standby mode.

LAG members in standby mode don't actively participate in traffic forwarding but can later be promoted to forwarding state to be used to replace a failed LAG member.

The LACP logic uses a system priority value, which is generated by the combination of the device MAC address with a user-configurable two-octet priority parameter. It also uses a port aggregation priority value, which is generated by the combination of the port number with a user-configurable two-octet priority parameter. Both priority values are used by LACP to dynamically select which port to aggregate in a bundle and which device (with higher priority) is entitled to that decision. The values for both user-configurable priority parameters can vary from 1 to 65535. Their default configuration is 32768.

Just as their member links, LAGs are point-to-point logical connections, so they can only be as resilient as the networking nodes that they interconnect. In other words, if either peer device at the end of the LAG fails, the entire LAG goes down.

Therefore, in order to further improve the network's fault tolerance, it is of paramount importance to introduce multiple redundant traffic paths in the design (also known as multi-pathing).

This can be achieved in numerous ways at Layer 2 and/or at Layer 3. A very effective



Layer 2 strategy to implement dual fully redundant paths with very fast traffic failover is to extend the capability of LAG across two distinct switches to create a virtual LAG device pair.

In Pluribus terminology this cross-chassis LAG capability is implemented with switch clusters.



# **Understanding Switch Clusters**

In general, in computer science the term *cluster* (also known as high-availability/HA cluster or fail-over cluster) is used to identify a group of devices that are functionally equivalent and structurally redundant so that they are able to provide continuity of service (without user intervention) when any component or an entire device fails. Therefore they are used for critical applications when all single points of failure must be eliminated.

Pluribus Networks builds upon this concept to bring end-to-end multi-pathing with advanced redundancy to high-performance networks where HA is a critical requirement, especially in case of mission-critical high-uptime data center and enterprise deployments.

For this reason Pluribus' clustering technology represents a key pillar of Pluribus' Unified Cloud Fabric architecture as well as a powerful tool for network designers. From a practical standpoint it allows customers to deploy in many critical points of the network redundant pairs of switches (simply referred to as switch clusters or clusters) with both upstream and downstream traffic load balancing and fast failover capabilities.

A common scenario is depicted in Figure 7-3 below.



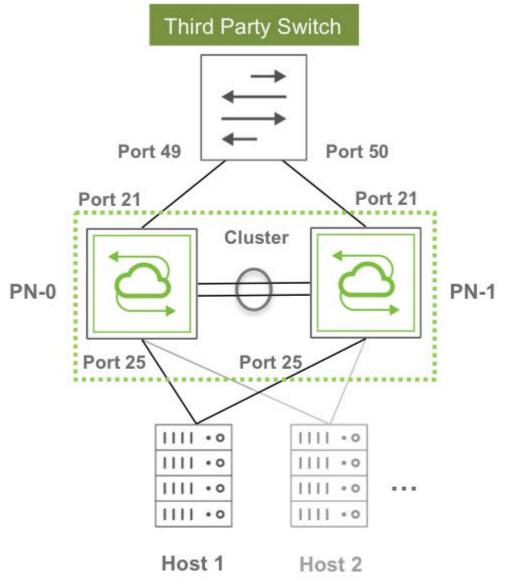


Figure 7-3 - Example of Requirement for Upstream and Downstream Path Redundancy

As seen in the figure above, clusters can interconnect third-party switches as well as servers in a redundant fashion simply by using standard technologies (link bundling or NIC bonding) on those devices.

The key is that each redundant pair of Pluribus switches functions as a single logical entity capable of inter-switch state synchronization to guarantee proper Layer 2 operation as well as traffic load balancing and failover. To external devices this switch pair appears as a single virtual neighbor both for traffic forwarding and for protocol communication purposes.

As a matter of fact, in computer networking an alternate name that is sometimes used for a cluster is virtual chassis. And this latter designation is perhaps more useful to describe the concept: a pair of separate physical switches is joined in a virtual entity that behaves as if ports belonging to each device were unified within a common virtual chassis.

In Pluribus' advanced networking architecture clustering is a natural fit and represents a



logical extension of the fabric. The requirement for clustering is in fact that the two switches be members of the same fabric instance.

In addition, due to the asymmetric nature of certain interactions, when you create a cluster you must designate one cluster node as cluster-node-1 (that is, primary node) and the other as cluster-node-2 (that is, secondary node).

In order to set up a cluster, an active link between the primary and the secondary node must exist (as shown above in Figure 3). This is called a "cluster link" and can comprise one or more ports directly connecting the two cluster nodes together. If there are more than one port, they will be automatically bundled and the cluster link will effectively be a "cluster trunk" (that is, the LAG of those ports).

Using an intrinsically redundant cluster trunk for cluster node interconnection is the recommended best practice.

The aggregate bandwidth of such trunk should be such that no major traffic bottleneck is experienced in case of failover scenario and/or in the presence of single-homed upstream or downstream devices (while in the former case the cluster trunk is used as backup path only in case of failure, in the latter case a portion of the traffic is always forced to cross the cluster links). This bandwidth calculation varies depending on the network design, the traffic type, the number and requirements of the single-homed devices, etc.

VLAN 4094 is reserved and is used to carry cluster synchronization traffic. It is automatically added to the in-band interface port and to the cluster link when you create the cluster configuration. This is possible because Netvisor ONE detects cluster links using an extra data set sent in LLDP messages. Therefore, when a cluster link is detected through this mechanism, VLAN 4094 is automatically added to it.

Netvisor ONE performs cluster synchronization over the control network of the fabric. For the in-band interface, synchronization uses VLAN 4094 over the cluster links. For management, synchronization is performed over the management interface.

Each cluster node sends a synchronization message (with cluster state, versioning info, device uptime, etc.) to the peer node every 2 seconds. These messages function also as keepalives: so if three messages in a row are missed, the cluster pair goes offline (that is, symmetrically).

On the other hand, the process of going online for the cluster happens asymmetrically, for two main reasons: to avoid race conditions and to determine an additional important state of each node, the *master* or *slave* role, for protocol support purposes. Synchronization messages are thus exchanged and used to select the master and slave roles via an internal negotiation algorithm based on parameters like uptime.

When a cluster comes online, it triggers:

- A resend of all status updates to the peer node
- A re-synchronization of all vLAGs
- The transition of STP to run in cluster mode



Synchronization of vLAGs (see also the next sections) is used to make sure that they behave as a single logical entity across both nodes. This is achieved by synchronizing port state, as well as Layer 2 entries when needed.

vLAGs in a cluster can work in active-standby mode (where only the vLAG members on one node are active) or in active-active mode (where all the vLAG members are active and forwarding). The latter mode requires Layer 2 entry/vPort synchronization across nodes.

vLAG state synchronization typically happens from the primary node to the secondary node. However, the secondary node can synchronize a (local) port state when that port comes up. In case of necessity it can also request the primary node to (re)start the synchronization process.

Layer 2 entry synchronization is instead performed symmetrically by both nodes upon detection of a vPort change for performance reasons.

### **About the Cluster Re-peer Process**

When a cluster node dies or needs replacement, it is necessary to use another switch to substitute the failed/missing node to rebuild the cluster pair as soon as possible so as to restore network redundancy.

Initially, the cluster-repeer command was used to rebuild a cluster with a new switch node. Subsequently, as an enhancement, the rebuild process was integrated into the fabric join procedure. A cluster pair is now restored via the fabric-join command followed by the option:

repeer-to-cluster-node	Replace a dead cluster node by restoring against the existing cluster node.
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Before adding a new cluster node, though, the node to be replaced must first be evicted from the fabric-node-evict command.

Then, in order to be able to rebuild a cluster via the fabric-join command with the repeer-to-cluster-node option, the new node needs to be directly connected to the remaining cluster node that is still active.

The joining node that performs a fabric-join to repeer with the cluster's master node will initiate direct communication with it to get up-to-date fabric and cluster configuration files and transaction IDs.

After the joining node installs the new configuration, it transmits a fabric-join transaction to notify all fabric members that it has joined the fabric. In addition, it runs a cluster-update command which rebuilds the cluster pair with itself and the existing cluster peer as members. The existing cluster peer will also modify any cluster objects that may require an update as a consequence of the repeer procedure (for example, trunks).

Finally, the joining node restarts and the process is complete.

The aforementioned procedure implicitly applies to Layer 2-based fabric topologies where direct Layer 2 connectivity with the other fabric nodes is possible for message exchange.



In case of Layer 3 fabric designs, instead, a further enhancement has been introduced in Netvisor ONE release 5.1.0 to perform the repeer operation over a Layer 3 fabric interconnect.

A new fabric-join option has been added to allow the users to specify that a cluster pair needs to be rebuilt over a Layer 3 fabric configuration:

over-13 Specify to establish fabric is over layer 3.

In addition, a new over-13 flag has been added to the output of the fabric-info command to indicate whether it's a Layer 2 or Layer 3 case.



# **Understanding Cluster over Layer 3**

In releases prior to Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, direct links between switch pairs were required for clusters to form and function. This means that you must reserve one or more links between the cluster nodes.

Starting from release 7.0.0, as an option, Netvisor ONE supports the formation of switch cluster pairs without requiring any direct Layer 2 connections.

This feature leverages the VXLAN technology and is referred to as "cluster over Layer 3" in short. (Refer to the Configuring VXLAN chapter for more details on the VXLAN technology.)

The implementation of cluster over Layer 3 uses the uplinks connected to the spine nodes (which can be third-party devices) in order to form a cluster pair communicating over a Layer 3 network.

See the *Configuring Cluster over Layer 3* section below for platform support, a deployment model, and the required configuration steps.



# **About the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) in Cluster Mode**

In cluster mode Netvisor ONE ensures that the two physical cluster nodes behave as one single logical spanning tree node.

It achieves this by automatically sharing across both devices the same STP bridge ID and STP priorities, and by using dedicated and disjoint STP port ID ranges: STP port IDs on the primary node are 0 to PORTS\_MAX – 1 whereas on the secondary node are PORTS\_MAX to (2\*PORTS\_MAX - 1). This happens regardless of the online/offline state of the cluster and thus guarantees protocol ID consistency/persistency and a seamless failover in case of node failure.

In addition, in case of active-active vLAGs (that is, dual-homed links), Netvisor ONE makes sure that they behave as single logical ports in the STP state machine. For this purpose, rather than creating a new port ID range for these logical ports, the master uses its local STP port ID as the logical port ID (which is preserved across failovers). Therefore, in case of single vLAG member link failure no STP re-convergence occurs. (Please note that with active-standby vLAGs a single link failure can cause an STP topology change.)

If an entire cluster node fails and therefore the cluster goes offline, STP will run the STP state machine locally and independently from the (down) peer. This is therefore called independent mode.

Then, when the cluster comes back online and needs to run in STP cluster mode, as mentioned in the previous section, the cluster synchronization process is employed to elect a master node (with the non-elected peer becoming the slave).

Only the master node runs the STP state machine, which encompasses all VLANs and all ports, both local (on the master switch) and remote on the slave switch (cluster links are excluded and are managed separately, as described in a subsequent paragraph).

The master's STP state machine, user configuration changes (of the STP mode, MSTP instances, bridge ID, etc.) and vLAG port states are mirrored to the slave node so that, if the master fails, the slave can seamlessly take over from where the master left off.

In conjunction with the ownership of the STP state machine, it's required for the master switch to manage the very important BPDU transmission function, even for any (single-homed) ports belonging to the slave switch. Not all the aggregate burden of this function falls on the master node, though: the slave switch provides some basic PDU relay support to the master to ensure proper load splitting of this function and hence optimal scalability when running in STP cluster mode. In addition, the slave relays to the master all BPDUs it may directly receive.

As for cluster links, they follow specific STP state transitions: when a cluster goes online, the cluster links start in STP blocked state (except for VLAN 4094 used for synchronization) to prevent loops. However, once the state from the newly elected



master gets fully synchronized to its slave, the cluster links are put into STP forwarding state to provide a back-up forwarding path for traffic.

In special cases in which the transmission of the synchronization messages from the master to the slave fails (or times out), the cluster links are put back into the STP blocking state until synchronization can complete to avoid potential loops.

If the master node goes offline, the slave will continue running the STP state machine from the last mirrored state. If the former master then comes back online, it is then selected to become the slave and the state of the node that was already up is mirrored to it.

In this way, there is never any interruption in STP state preservation even after multiple failures of either node, as long as one node is always up.



# **About Split Brain and Detection Script**

In Pluribus parlance, a cluster has two switches (nodes) that operate as a single logical switch. These switches periodically as well as on an event driven basis, exchange control messages over the control network to keep the status and tables (such as L2 tables, vLAG, STP, cluster states, etc) between the two switches synchronized. If one of the nodes in the cluster fails to communicate with the peer node for three consecutive cluster-sync messages, then the node sets the cluster to offline mode and attempts to function in an independent mode. If one of the cluster nodes is down, then operating as an independent node helps to maintain continuity.

However, if both nodes are up and the nodes are unable to sync-up (for example, due to cluster network going down), then both nodes operating in independent mode is not desirable. This situation can lead to duplicate packets such as *broadcast-unknown* unicast or multicast (BUM) traffic or traffic loss. This condition is known as split brain.

To mitigate the split brain condition, Netvisor ONE provides two scenarios:

- 1. Handling of Split Brain by disabling STP (starting with Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1)
- 2. Handling of Split Brain using Detection Script (in Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1 HF4)

### **Handling of Split Brain by Disabling STP**

Starting from Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1 onward, the split brain handling capability of Netvisor has been enhanced by allowing seamless ingress traffic on the orphan ports. That is, during a split brain condition, when STP is disabled on the nodes of a layer 3 fabric setup:

- All ports on both nodes of the cluster remain "up" even when a cluster node goes offline while STP is disabled. However, the flood traffic (towards vLAG ports) gets dropped after crossing over cluster because of the egress filtering rules.
- For ingress traffic on orphan ports, traffic entering the peer switch gets forwarded through the cluster port (assuming L2 table has the entry and is not aged out) and traffic on orphan ports remain active.
- When the cluster node comes back online, the cluster node re-synchronizes without having to reboot the switch.

# **System Behavior with STP enabled**

When STP is enabled, if the control network goes down (due to disabling or any network issue), then the cluster port goes to discarding state (use the stp-state-show command to confirm) because the cluster STP sync messages cannot be exchanged. In other words, *in-band* connectivity is lost and data traffic cannot flow over the cluster link. This behavior applies even if the control network is configured as mgmt. Since the node reachability over both *in-band* and *management* is down, the state in fabric-node-show command displays as *offline*. See example below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show



 fab-name
 mgmt-ip
 in-band-ip
 in-band-vlan-type
 fab-tid
 cluster-tid
 out-port
 state

 fab1
 10.13.48.59/24
 1.1.1.1/24
 public
 49
 5
 272
 offline

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > stp-state-show ports 272

vlan: 1,4093,4095

ports: none
instance-id: 0
name: stg-default

bridge-id: 66:0e:94:5e:fb:b2

bridge-priority: 32768 root-id: 66:0e:94:5e:fb:b2

root-priority: 32768

root-port: 0
hello-time: 2

forwarding-delay: 15

max-age: 20
disabled: none
learning: none
forwarding: none

discarding: 272 >>>>> discarding

edge: none designated: 272

**Note**: If management network IP is changed to make it unreachable for unicast fabric messages when the connectivity is available for fabric multicast messages, then the state in fabric-node-show command oscillates between mgmt-only-online and offline states.

# **Handling of Split Brain Using Detection Script**

If you are using Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1 HF1, you must use the script provided as part of Netvisor package for the detection and recovery of split brain condition.

As a pre-requisite, you must install split brain detection script as a service on both nodes of the cluster pair. Netvisor ONE supports control network over *Management* or over *inband* IP. The control network can be set to mgmt or in-band by using the fabric-local-modify control-network [in-band|mgmt] command.

**Note**: Starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1 HF4, the split brain *install/uninstall* scripts are available in /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts directory. Having the scripts in /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts directory enables you to invoke the scripts from both the Netvisor ONE CLI and REST API shell prompt.

When the script is installed on leaf switches:

- The script detects the split brain condition based on the following factors:
  - o When the control network is over *management*, losing the management network connection results in split brain.
  - o When the control network is over *in-band*, cluster links going down results in split brain



 Once the cause is detected, the script proceeds to quarantine the cluster slave (backup) switch. That is, all ports on the slave switch are brought down except the cluster ports. The method employed by split brain script to disable the ports is not persistent with switch-reboot, hence no manual intervention to enable ports is required.

To install and run the script as a system service, run the <code>pn\_split\_brain\_install.sh</code> command by using Netvisor ONE CLI. The service will persist a switch reboot. It is not required to re-run the script on every reboot or power-cycle. To stop the script from running, use the <code>pn\_split\_brain\_uninstall.sh</code> command.

The script can also detect when the cluster is back online.

Below is an example on how to use the script. To install and run the script, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > pn-script-run name pn_split_brain_install.sh Executing /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts/pn_split_brain_install.sh:
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/svc-nvOS-split-brain.service to /etc/systemd/system/svc-nvOS-split-brain.service.
```

#### To know or detect the status of the script, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > exit
root@switch*:~#
root@switch*:~# systemctl status svc-nvOS-split-brain.service
  svc-nvOS-split-brain.service - Service to check for split brain
functionality in cluster-slave and disable ports
   Loaded: loaded (/etc/systemd/system/svc-nvOS-split-brain.service; enabled;
vendor preset: enabled)
  Active: active (running) since Wed 2021-11-17 02:27:24 PST; 7s ago
 Main PID: 25780 (perl)
   Tasks: 2
  Memory: 12.8M
     CPU: 1.697s
    CGroup: /system.slice/svc-nvOS-split-brain.service
             25780 /usr/bin/perl /usr/bin/pn_split_brain.pl
Dec 06 19:39:18 switch* systemd[1]: Started Service to check for split brain
functionality in cluster-slave and disable ports.
```

To stop the script from running, use the pn\_split\_brain\_uninstall.sh command as below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > pn-script-run name pn_split_brain_uninstall.sh Executing /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts/pn_split_brain_uninstall.sh:

Removed symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/svc-nvOS-split-brain.service.
```

To know or detect the status of the script, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > exit
root@switch*:~#
root@switch*:~# systemctl status svc-nvOS-split-brain.service
    svc-nvOS-split-brain.service
    Loaded: not-found (Reason: No such file or directory)
    Active: inactive (dead)
```



To install the script on all switches of the fabric, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > switch * pn-script-run name
pn_split_brain_install.sh
```

To uninstall the script on all switches of the fabric, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > switch * pn-script-run name
pn_split_brain_uninstall.sh
```

#### **Guidelines and Limitations**

The following guidelines/limitations apply during split brain condition:

- The allow-offline-cluster-nodes command option in the transactionsettings-modify command is turned *OFF* by default and further fabric and cluster scoped transactions are not allowed until the cluster node is back online.
- Quarantine of cluster slave (backup) node mitigates the traffic loss due to split brain issue.
- In Fabric over Layer 3 to detect split brain, you should have 'allow-as' enabled (so that in-band-ip of cluster master is reachable via spine switch) or the management link should be present.

### **Split Brain Script Status Verify Command**

A new command, pn-service-status-show, is introduced in Netvsior ONE 6.1.1 HF5 to verify the status of split brain script. An example of how to check the status on both the CLI and vREST API prompt is provided below:

When the split-brain script is not installed:

```
CLI (network-admin@plu007switch*) > pn-service-status-show
name
_____
split-brain offline
CLI (network-admin@plu007switch*) >
pluribus@plu-srv001:~$
pluribus@plu-srv001:~$ curl -s -u network-admin:test123 -X GET
http://plu007swl01/vRest/pn-services -k | python -m json.tool
{
    "data": [
        {
            "name": "split-brain",
            "status": "offline"
    ],
    "result": {
        "result": [
                "api.switch-name": "local",
                "code": 0,
                "message": "",
                "scope": "local",
                "status": "Success"
```



```
}
    ],
    "status": "Success"
}
}
pluribus@plu-srv001:~$
```

#### When the split-brain script is installed:

```
CLI (network-admin@plu007switch*) > pn-script-run name
pn_split_brain_install.sh
Executing /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-scripts/pn_split_brain_install.sh:
Created symlink from /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/svc-nvOS-
split-brain.service to /etc/systemd/system/svc-nvOS-split-brain.service.
CLI (network-admin@plu007switch*) > pn-service-status-show
split-brain Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-02-16 00:45:17 PST; 5s ago
CLI (network-admin@plu007switch*) >
pluribus@plu-srv001:~$ curl -s -u network-admin:test123 -X GET
http://plu007swl01/vRest/pn-services -k | python -m json.tool
    "data": [
            "name": "split-brain",
            "status": "Active: active (running) since Wed 2022-02-16 00:45:17
PST; 19s ago\n"
    ],
    "result": {
        "result": [
            {
                "api.switch-name": "local",
                "code": 0,
                "message": "",
                "scope": "local",
                "status": "Success"
            }
        "status": "Success"
pluribus@plu-srv001:~$
```

**Note**: When split brain script is installed or uninstalled on a switch, a message along with time-stamp is printed in nvOSd.log and perror.log file. See example below:

```
2022-02-13,20:04:41.358.: split-brain service is installed 2022-02-14,20:05:21.680.: split-brain service is uninstalled
```

# **Recovery handling**

To recover from split brain, the quarantined switch should be brought back to active



service after the cluster comes back online. The script detects when the cluster is back online and proceeds to reboot the prior cluster slave switch (which had detected the split brain condition and was quarantined) and bring it back to active service with the ports enabled.

To check the status of ports, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-bringup-show

Where the status displays ports-enabled indicating that both devices of cluster are now active and up for service.



# Linux Disk (BTRFS) Mirroring on NRU02, NRU03 and NRU-S0301 Platforms

Disk mirroring, also known as RAID1 (Redundant Array of Independent Disks), is the replication of logical disk volumes onto separate disk(s) in real time that ensures continuous availability of data. A mirrored volume is a complete logical representation of separate volume copies.

In Netvisor ONE, the disk mirroring functionality is available on the following platforms:

- NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms (Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 onward)
- NRU02 (Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1 onward)

On the above platforms, the *BTRFS* partition is mirrored using *BTRFS* RAID1 support and the swap partition is mirrored using *MDADM* RAID support, thereby enabling high availability (HA).

When you upgrade the software from an earlier release version to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms or to version 7.0.1 on NRU02 platforms, the disk mirroring capability is enabled automatically. The software upgrade process ensures that you do not have to schedule separate maintenance window for disk mirroring.

#### Note:

- Disk mirroring is enabled by default as part of the upgrade process on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms (in version 6.1.0) and on NRU02 platforms (in version 7.0.1).
- The time taken for upgrade process is longer on these two platforms due to the mirror create process, however, subsequent upgrades do not require the additional time.

It is recommended to disable the FS Monitor service (FS\_MON) when Disk Mirror capability is enabled on NRU02, NRU03, and NRU-S0301 nodes that were running the FS\_MON service. This service takes a recovery action to isolate the node during an SSD failure. However, the Disk Mirror capability eliminates the need to isolate the node provided the switch was replaced after an initial disk failure.

To get the current status of the disk, use the command:

```
root@nru03-sff-tm-1:~# /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-
scripts/fs_mon_status.sh
Read/Write
```

To disable the FS Monitor service from SHELL, use the command:

```
root@nru03-sff-tm-1:~# /opt/nvOS/bin/pn-
scripts/fs_mon_disable.sh
```



```
Removed symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-
user.target.wants/svc-fs_mon.service."
```

As mentioned earlier, disk mirroring is enabled by default during the upgrade process. However, you can toggle (enable/disable) disk mirroring using the switch-setupmodify command on the above platforms. In this case, you must schedule a separate maintenance window for disk mirroring.

**Note**: When you toggle the disk mirroring functionality, the switch automatically reboots if the mirroring action is successful.

To toggle disk mirroring, use the switch-setup-modify command as shown in the below example:

```
CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > switch-setup-modify enable-disk-
mirror
OR
CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > switch-setup-modify disable-
disk-mirror
```

Below is a sample output displayed during the software upgrade to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0:

```
CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > software-upgrade package nvOS-
6.1.0-6010018137-onvl.pkg
Scheduled background update. Use software-upgrade-status-show
to check. Switch will reboot itself. DO NOT reboot manually.
```

-------

```
[Aprl1.07:48:12] Starting software upgrade ...
 [Apr11.07:48:13] Checking available disk space...
 [Apr11.07:48:13] Avbl free space: 200.29G, Required: 1.28G
 [Aprl1.07:48:13] Unpacking local package bundle...
 [Aprl1.07:48:13] Extracting initial bundle.
 [Aprl1.07:48:29] Decrypting signed bundle.
 [Apr11.07:48:30] Extracting signed bundle.
 [Apr11.07:48:46] Extracting packages.
 [Aprl1.07:49:03] Fetching repository metadata.
 [Aprl1.07:49:04] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
 [Apr11.07:49:05] Computing package update requirements.
 [Apr11.07:49:05] Upgrade agent version: 6.0.1-6000116966
 [Apr11.07:49:05] Upgrading software upgrade framework
 [Aprl1.07:49:09] Fetching repository metadata.
 [Apr11.07:49:09] Skipping dpkg update in current boot image
 [Apr11.07:49:09] Computing package update requirements.
 [Apr11.07:49:10] Upgrade agent version: 6.1.0-6010018137
 [Apr11.07:49:10] Upgrading nvOS 6.0.1-6000116966 -> 6.1.0-
6010018137
 [Apr11.07:49:56] Mirroring ONVL disk.
 [Apr11.07:52:20] Upgrading nvOS 6.0.1-6000116966 -> 6.1.0-
6010018137
```



[Apr11.07:52:20] Software upgrade completed. Rebooting. Shared connection to nru-sff closed.

Below is a sample configuration on enabling and disabling disk mirroring on a NRU-S0301 platform:

CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > switch-setup-modify enable-disk-

mirror

Warning: This will change disk mirroring state and reboot

automatically.

Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y

Successfully enabled mirroring. Rebooting.

To verify the switch setup details, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > switch-setup-show

switch-name: nru-sff

mgmt-ip: 10.13.6.48/23

mgmt-ip-assignment: static

mqmt-ip6: fe80::9ac5:dbff:fe43:e3fa/64

mgmt-ip6-assignment: autoconf

mgmt-link-state: up
mgmt-link-speed: 1g

in-band-ip: 192.168.6.48/24

in-band-ip6: fe80::640e:94ff:feff:9e66/64

in-band-ip6-assign: autoconf
gateway-ip: 10.13.6.1
dns-ip: 10.135.2.13
dns-secondary-ip: 10.20.4.1

domain-name: pluribusnetworks.com
ntp-secondary-server: 0.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
ntp-tertiary-server: 1.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
timezone: America/Los\_Angeles
date: 2021-11-04,18:01:44

hostid: 150998527

location-id: 2
enable-host-ports: yes

banner: \* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R).

This is a monitored system. \*
mgmt-lag: disable
mgmt-lacp-mode: off

device-id: R1279-F0001-01XXXXXXXXX

banner: \*ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY

\*

banner: \* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the

terms of the Pluribus Networks  $^{\star}$ 

banner: \* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can

be accessed via\*

the command "eula-show" \*

To disable disk mirroring, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > switch-setup-modify disabledisk-mirror



Warning: This will change disk mirroring state and reboot automatically.

Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y

Successfully disabled mirroring. Rebooting.

CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > switch-setup-show

**Note**: Once the disk-mirror functionality is disabled using the above CLI command, the subsequent software-upgrades do not enable disk mirroring on that switch.

### To verify the change:

```
switch-name: nru-sff
                       10.13.6.48/23
mgmt-ip:
mgmt-ip-assignment: static
                        fe80::9ac5:dbff:fe43:e3fa/64
mgmt-ip6:
mgmt-ip6-assignment:
                      autoconf
mgmt-link-state:
                       up
mgmt-link-speed:
                       1g
in-band-ip:
                       192.168.6.48/24
                       fe80::640e:94ff:feff:9e66/64
in-band-ip6:
in-band-ip6-assign:
                       autoconf
gateway-ip:
                        10.13.6.1
dns-ip:
                       10.135.2.13
                       10.20.4.1
dns-secondary-ip:
                       pluribusnetworks.com
domain-name:
America/Los_Angeles
timezone:
date:
                        2021-11-04,18:40:03
hostid:
                        150998527
location-id:
                        2.
enable-host-ports:
                     yes
                        * Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R).
banner:
This is a monitored system.
                       disable
mamt-laq:
mgmt-lacp-mode:
device-id:
                        R1279-F0001-01XXXXXXXXX
ntp:
                        on
disk-mirror:
                        disabled
banner:
                        *ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
banner:
                        * By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the
terms of the Pluribus Networks *
                        * End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can
banner:
be accessed via*
banner:
                        * http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using
the command "eula-show" *
```

The disk mirroring configuration changes are logged into the disk mirror log file and is available at: /var/nvOS/log/disk\_mirror.log.

Additionally, an alert (that can help network admins to take required action) is generated and are saved to the console, event, and syslog messages when:

- One of the disk goes missing in BTRFS RAID1 configuration
- BTRFS device statistics has non-zero IO errors



For example, below is the sample output in different locations when a disk goes missing:

• From the output of log-event-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@nru-sff) > log-event-show
```

• From the /var/log/syslog file:

```
Feb 22 20:52:19 nru-sff root: BTRFS error: missing device in BTRFS mirror
```

• From the console:

```
nru-sff login: BTRFS error: missing device in BTRFS mirror
root@nru-sff:~#BTRFS error: missing device in BTRFS mirror
```

### **General Guidelines**

- On NRU02 platforms (available from Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1 onward), the Solaris disk gets overwritten and is used for mirroring the BTRFS partition. That is, you cannot boot to Solaris BE after the mirroring operation. Note that disabling the mirror functionality using CLI command does not bring back the Solaris partitions.
- On NRU02, NRU03, and NRU-S0301 platforms, to avoid the disk mirroring as part of upgrade process to Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1, /etc/do\_not\_mirror\_disk should be present. This can be achieved by entering "touch /etc/do\_not\_mirror\_disk" at the Linux prompt.
- Both disks on the switch should be identical in size for disk mirroring to be successful. If the disks are not identical, then the mirroring process aborts.
- If one of the disks goes offline due to hardware issues, then it is expected that the disk stays offline because BTRFS may not work if the disk goes offline intermittently and considers the offline disk as corrupt disk.
- If either disk fails while disk mirroring is enabled, then a switch replacement via RMA process is required as the disk cannot be replaced in the field.
- If the second disk fails for any reason, then the switch changes to read-only mode and loses normal functioning capability. This scenario can be avoided by promptly replacing the switch if and when the first disk fails.
- *MDADM* package is installed on all BEs (boot-environments), during software upgrade, to enable swapping of disks.
- While upgrading to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, all existing BEs (including BEs from older versions) on both NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms get the mirroring functionality enabled. Therefore, after upgrading to version 6.1.0, if you later rollback to a previous version on the same switch, then the mirroring functionality is preserved and the older BEs continue to get mirrored onto the second disk.
- Only the latest version of OS/ONL field diagnostics released in November 2020 is retained during disk mirroring. All older versions or other partitions on disk 2 are removed during the disk mirroring process.
- If it is required to install OS/ONL field diagnostics, then first disable disk mirroring, install the field diagnostics, and enable disk mirroring again. The expected mirror creation time is 10-15 minutes.



• As part of mirroring process, the SWAP size is reduced from 32 GB to 24 GB to accommodate the ONL field diagnostics partition. This is a one-time operation and cannot be rolled back, which means that disabling disk mirroring does not increase the swap size back to 32 GB.



# **About Layer 3 Hardware Forwarding in a Cluster**

In a cluster, Layer 3 hardware forwarding takes place on both nodes running as a VRRP pair (see also the next sections) even if the local VRRP interface is in standby.

In symmetry of routing each node is expected to forward traffic in hardware on behalf of the peer for any packets destined to the VRRP virtual IP address. This can be achieved by synchronizing L3 entries, L3 adjacencies (vPorts) and vRouter state between the two peers.

For single-homed L3 interfaces, instead, nodes may act independently and may even have an L3 adjacency over the cluster link for failover purposes.



# **Understanding vLAGs**

The virtual chassis logical model can be effectively used to enable an advanced capability called multi-chassis link bundling/port channeling. This feature is also referred to as MC-LAG (Multi-Chassis Link Aggregation Group).

An MC-LAG is a cross-device link bundle (i.e., trunk). It typically has at least one port member on one switch and another port member on a backup switch. It can be facing downstream toward an end point (configured with a regular LAG on its end) or upstream toward another switch or router (also using a regular LAG or even an MC-LAG).

The IEEE 802.1AX-2008 standard for link aggregation (LAG) does not mention MC-LAG but does not preclude it, because the implementation of the required synchronization technology can be vendor-specific without affecting interoperability. Such additional under the hood (i.e., mostly transparent) synchronization technology performs advanced functions such as automatic MAC address learning synchronization across members, sharing of the same switch MAC and STP system ID, sharing of port state and information even during dynamic protocol negotiations, etc.

Pluribus' implementation of MCLAG is called vLAG (Virtual Link Aggregation Group) on a switch cluster. That in practice means that in order to be able to configure a vLAG a cluster pair needs to be set up first.

As mentioned in an earlier section, a necessary requirement for a cluster to be created is to provision a redundant *horizontal* connection between the two cluster members: in Pluribus parlance this process is called automatic LAG (link aggregation) of the intracluster trunk. As long as at least two ports on both cluster members are physically interconnected, the automatic LAG logic will take care of bundling them together and provisioning them as intra-cluster trunk.

The *cluster trunk* is just a regular LAG, but is the pivot around which various important functions revolve. First off, it provides a critical communication channel utilized for cluster synchronization activities as well as protocol exchanges. It is also instrumental for supporting the MC-LAG (a.k.a. vLAG) function on the cluster, as it can function as a backup forwarding path during failover scenarios. (Therefore it must be a fat enough data pipe to prevent potential bottlenecks in case of failures.)

From a high level point of view, a vLAG is a single logical but physically redundant upstream or downstream connection across a pair of cluster switches (see also Figure 4 below). In other words, physically it's a triangular topology that includes the cluster trunk, while logically it appears just as if it were a point-to-point multi-link connection.

This property makes active-active vLAGs ideal for a number of Layer 2 or Layer 3 network designs, where standard port bundling/port channeling technologies (IEEE 802.3ad) can be used for high availability and very fast traffic steering (due to multipathing) in case of link failure. (See also the examples in the figures below.)

Using clusters with vLAGs for instance is a technique often chosen to avoid using the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) for Layer 2 redundancy.

Figure 7-4 below shows how a vLAG is used to present a router/switch with a single logical connection instead of two separate ones. Therefore, in case of a Layer 2



configuration, loop prevention is not needed on that network segment (as no loop is present).

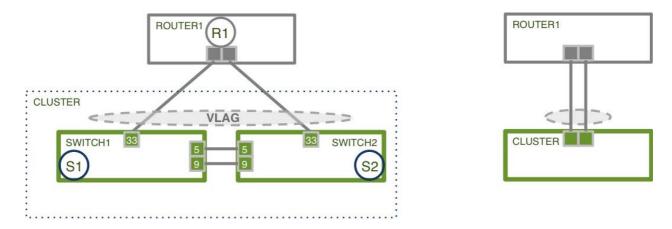


Figure 7-4 - Logical View of a vLAG from an External Device

Furthermore, the same strategy can be used downstream too to interconnect dualhomed servers to leaf switches.

In fact, as long as the neighboring device (whether a router, switch or server) supports the standard LACP protocol, port bundling negotiation is taken care of by the protocol itself automatically even when a vLAG is used on the Pluribus switches' side. (Note that even static trunking can be effectively used in these scenarios, especially when dynamic negotiation is not required.) This is by virtue of the interoperability characteristics built in to the Unified Cloud Fabric's control plane.

In general, switch clusters with vLAGs are extremely capable and flexible configurations so they can be employed in a number of network designs in conjunction with other standard technologies.

For example, as shown in Figure 7-5 below, vLAGs can connect to other vLAGs or to other third-party virtual chassis/multi-chassis LAG solutions. This creates a "four-way" bundle with the interconnection of two multi-chassis LAGs on opposite sides.



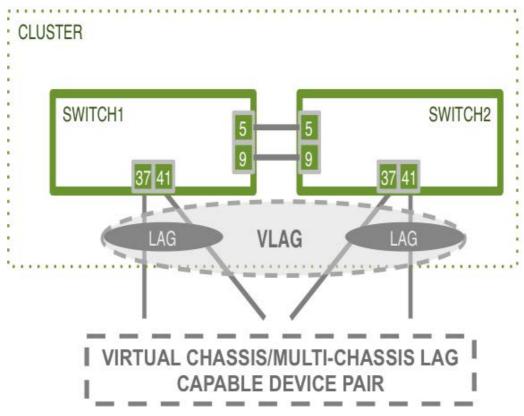


Figure 7-5 - Four-way vLAG between a Pluribus Cluster Pair and Another Multi-chassis LAG

Figure 7-6 below shows the common use case of interconnection of leaf and spline Pluribus clusters to provide high availability using the virtual chassis/four way vLAG technique.

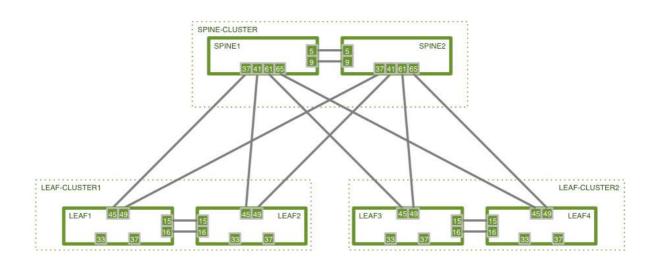


Figure 7-6 - Pluribus High Availability Cluster-based Spine/Leaf Design

In these network designs using active-active vLAGs (and cluster links), to prevent



potential Layer 2 forwarding loops Netvisor ONE automatically installs special internal forwarding rules that drop any packets that would egress a vLAG port if the ingress port is found to be the cluster link.

On top of all of the above, clusters and vLAGs can also be used in conjunction with the standard VRRP technology to provide redundant active-active first-hop Layer 3 gateways to multi-homed end-points.

This capability is particularly important in the context of DCI designs, when used in conjunction with another standard technology, VXLAN, as we will see in a subsequent chapter.



### **Understanding Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP)**

The Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP) is a standard high-availability protocol initially defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) in RFC 2338, later superseded by RFC 5798 for version 3 of the protocol with support for both IPv4 and IPv6.

The goal is to eliminate the single point of failure inherent in the first hop router (default gateway) for the connected hosts. Therefore, when at least two potential first hop routers are deployed, VRRP can be used to dynamically assign responsibility for the function of "virtual next hop" to either of the active routers on the (V)LAN. This is done by implementing an election protocol to select a so-called master router out of the two (or more) VRRP-capable routers available.

A master router performs the function of virtual router, i.e., controls the IPv4 or IPv6 address(es) (called virtual addresses or VIPs) used as default gateway(s) by the hosts and forwards packets sent to these address(es).

Non-elected router(s) are called backup router(s). The VRRP logic supports dynamic failover in the forwarding responsibility to a backup router, if the master router becomes unavailable.

- For IPv4, the critical benefit provided by VRRP is a higher-availability default gateway function with a resilient VIP address.
- For IPv6 configurations in which standard IPv6 Neighbor Discovery mechanisms could potentially help with the selection of the default gateway, the key benefit provided by VRRP is to provide a fast failover and a resilient VIP address.

VRRP supports rapid transition from master to backup router in case of node failure. The master router sends VRRP advertisements every second to the backup(s). If the master router's advertisements are not received within a time window of three seconds, then a backup router is elected as the master. If the failed master router becomes active again, it can reclaim the role of master or allow the former backup to continue as the master router. The role depends on the value assigned to a parameter called VRRP priority.

VRRP routers are configured with a priority of between 1 and 254 and the router with the highest priority will be elected to be the master. The default priority is 100.

At Layer 2 a VRRP virtual router must use an address in the 00-00-5E-00-01-XX Media Access Control (MAC) address range. In particular, the last byte of the address (XX) corresponds to the Virtual Router Identifier (VRID), which is distinct for each virtual router in the network. A VRRP virtual router will reply with this special MAC address when an ARP request is sent for the virtual router's IPv4 address.

As we will see in subsequent sections, having a resilient VIP that survives device failures is critical for simpler and more effective high availability of advanced services. In Pluribus' network designs VRRP can be used in conjunction with clusters and vLAG to combine fast switchover capabilities at Layer 2 with a redundant Layer 3 VIP for first hop routing toward the upstream part of the network (i.e., toward spine switches or other network devices).

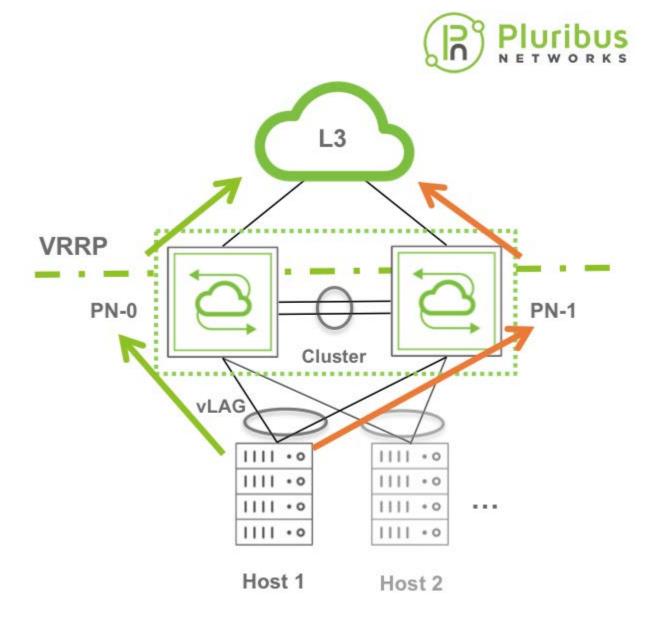


Figure 7-7 - Example of Use of VRRP in Conjunction with a Cluster

In addition, Pluribus' implementation optimizes the performance of this technology combination by supporting active-active Layer 3 forwarding on both VRRP routers in a cluster pair.

In other words, when a VIP is configured, each router is expected to route in hardware on behalf of the other peer for any packets destined to the VIP.



### **About Cluster Active-Active Routing for IPv6 Addresses**

With cluster active-active routing two cluster peers act as forwarding proxies for each other's destination MAC addresses. This works for IPv4 as well as IPv6 traffic. But if the two routers try to communicate with each other, packets may not route correctly on the network.

In particular, in case of the Neighbor Discovery function IPv6 uses ICMPv6 packets (instead of L2 ARP packets, as in the case of IPv4). Therefore, when one cluster node PN-0 sends a Neighbor Solicitation message to its peer, the other node PN-1 responds with a Neighbor Advertisement message with the destination IP address of the requester (PN-0). When transmitted by PN-1 the Neighbor Advertisement message will have both the destination IP and the destination MAC address of the peer PN-0. Since both nodes act as forwarding proxies for each other, the destination MAC address of the peer will be matched by the hardware of PN-1 and the packet will be routed (back to the CPU of PN-1) without reaching its correct destination (i.e., PN-0). This behavior would therefore break the Neighbor Discovery function of IPv6.

To obviate this problem, Netvisor ONE adds a host route in hardware that matches the link-local IPv6 address of the cluster peer.

This host route entry properly routes packets such as Neighbor Advertisement messages to their destination.



### **Guidelines and Limitations**

For recommended cluster and vLAG design topologies, refer to the section "About Symmetric Routing over vLAGs".

For cluster over Layer 3 the following guidelines apply:

- You cannot configure the cluster over Layer 3 feature on switches that are configured as EVPN border gateways. (See the *Configuring EVPN* section for more details on border gateways.)
- You must disable any direct links between cluster nodes before configuring cluster over Layer 3.
- To create a cluster over Layer 3 configuration, you must first configure VTEPs on each cluster node. For details, see *Configuring the Overlay: VTEP Interconnections and VNIs* section in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter of the *Netvisor ONE Configuration Guide*.
- To forward traffic over the cluster's local auto-tunnel, you must associate all VLANs with VXLAN IDs and the VXLAN IDs with VTEPs.
- Pluribus Networks recommends out-of-band connectivity (using a dedicated management network) for the cluster over Layer 3 feature.
- The fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node operation requires direct interswitch links. Therefore, this functionality is not supported with a cluster over Layer 3.
- The cluster over Layer 3 functionality supports using a physical interface's IP address only. It does not support a loopback interface's IP address.



# **Configuring Static Trunking for Link Aggregation**

To statically configure a Link Aggregation Group (LAG), also known as trunk, you can use the trunk-create command.

CLI	(network-admin@switch)	>	trunk-create
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trunk-create	Create a trunk configuration.
name name-string	Specify the name for the trunk configuration.
ports port-list	Specify the port number(s) for the link(s) to aggregate into the trunk.
Specify any of the following options:	
speed disable 100m 1g 10g  40g 50g 100g	Specify the port speed or disable the port.
egress-rate-limit unlimited	Specify an egress rate limit for the configuration.
autoneg no-autoneg	Specify if you want the physical port to autonegotiate port speed.
jumbo no-jumbo	Specify if the port can receive jumbo frames.
lacp-mode off passive active	Specify the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) mode for the configuration.
lacp-priority number	Specify the LACP priority. This is a number between 1 and 65535 with a default value of 32768.
lacp-timeout slow fast	Specify the LACP time out as slow (30 seconds) or fast (4 seconds). The default value is slow.
lacp-fallback bundle  individual	Specify the LACP fallback mode as individual or bundled.
lacp-fallback-timeout seconds	Specify the LACP fallback timeout in seconds. The range is between 30 and 60 seconds with a default value of 50 seconds.
reflect noreflect	Specify physical port reflection
edge-switch no-edge-switch	Specify if the switch is an edge switch.
pause no-pause	Specify if pause frames are sent.
description description- string	Specify a description for the trunk configuration.
loopback no-loopback	Specify loopback if you want to use



	loopback.	
vxlan-termination   no-vxlan-termination	Specify if a VXLAN can terminate on the trunk.	
unknown-ucast-level unknown- ucast-level-string	Specify an unknown unicast level in percent. The default value is 100%.	
unknown-mcast-level unknown-mcast-level-string	Specify an unknown multicast level in percent. The default value is 100%.	
broadcast-level broadcast- level-string	Specify a broadcast level in percent. The default value is 100%.	
port-mac-address mac-address	Specify the MAC address of the port.	
loop-vlans vlan-list	Specify a list of VLANS for looping.	
routing no-routing	Specify if the port participates in routing on the network.	
host-enable host-disable	Fueble en disable beet feeing neute	
most-enable most-disable	Enable or disable host facing ports.	
defer-bringup no-defer- bringup	Specify to delay bringing up the host.	
defer-bringup no-defer-	<u> </u>	
defer-bringup no-defer- bringup	Specify to delay bringing up the host.  Specify the DSCP map name to enable	
defer-bringup no-defer-bringup  dscp-map dscp-map name none  local-switching no-local-	Specify to delay bringing up the host.  Specify the DSCP map name to enable on a port  Specify local-switching or no-local-switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local-	
defer-bringup no-defer-bringup  dscp-map dscp-map name none  local-switching no-local-switching  allowed-tpid q-in-q q-in-q-	Specify to delay bringing up the host.  Specify the DSCP map name to enable on a port  Specify local-switching or no-local-switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local-switching port  Specify an allowed TPID in addition to	
defer-bringup no-defer-bringup  dscp-map dscp-map name none  local-switching no-local-switching  allowed-tpid q-in-q q-in-q-old	Specify to delay bringing up the host.  Specify the DSCP map name to enable on a port  Specify local-switching or no-local-switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local-switching port  Specify an allowed TPID in addition to 0x8100 for VLAN headers.	

For example, create a trunk configuration named trunk-1 for ports 1, 2, and 3 by entering the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name trunk-1 ports
1,2,3

To verify the result of the configuration, use the trunk-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show

name port speed autoneg jumbo

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trunk-1 1-3 10g off off
```

You can modify the trunk configuration by using the trunk-modify command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > t	runk-modify
trunk-modify	Modify a trunk configuration.
name name-string	Specify the name for the trunk configuration.
trunk-id trunk-id-number	Specify the trunk ID.
description description- string	Specify the trunk description. <b>Note:</b> If you add ports to the trunk, the trunk description applies to the new ports. If you remove ports from the trunk, the trunk description is removed from the ports.
Specify any of the following options:	
ports port-list	Specify the physical ports.
speed disable 100m 1g 10g  40g 50g 100g	Specify the port speed or disable the port.
egress-rate-limit unlimited	Specify an egress rate limit for the configuration.
autoneg   no-autoneg	Specify if you want the physical port to autonegotiate port speed.
jumbo no-jumbo	Specify if the port can receive jumbo frames.
lacp-mode off passive active	Specify the Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) mode for the configuration.
lacp-priority number	Specify the LACP priority. This is a number between 1 and 65535 with a default value of 32768.
lacp-timeout slow fast	Specify the LACP time out as slow (30 seconds) or fast (4 seconds). The default value is slow.
lacp-fallback bundle  individual	Specify the LACP fallback mode as individual or bundled.
lacp-fallback-timeout seconds	Specify the LACP fallback timeout in seconds. The range is between 30 and 60 seconds with a default value of 50 seconds.
reflect noreflect	Specify physical port reflection
edge-switch no-edge-switch	Specify if the switch is an edge switch.
pause no-pause	Specify if pause frames are sent.
description description- string	Specify a description for the trunk configuration.



loopback no-loopback	Specify loopback if you want to use loopback.			
vxlan-termination no-vxlan-termination	Specify if a VXLAN can terminate on the trunk.			
unknown-ucast-level unknown- ucast-level-string	Specify an unknown unicast level in percent. The default value is 100%.			
unknown-mcast-level unknown-mcast-level-string	Specify an unknown multicast level in percent. The default value is 100%.			
broadcast-level broadcast- level-string	Specify a broadcast level in percent. The default value is 100%.			
port-mac-address mac-address	loopback.  Specify if a VXLAN can terminate on the trunk.  Specify an unknown unicast level in percent. The default value is 100%.  Specify an unknown multicast level in percent. The default value is 100%.  Specify a broadcast level in percent. The default value is 100%.  Specify the MAC address of the port.  Specify a list of VLANs for looping.  Specify if the port participates in routing on the network.  Enable or disable host facing ports.  Specify to delay bringing up the host.  Specify the DSCP map name to enable on a port  Specify local-switching or no-local-switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local-switching port  Specify an allowed TPID in addition to 0x8100 for VLAN headers.  Specify Port Forwarding Error Correction			
loop-vlans vlan-list	Specify a list of VLANs for looping.			
routing no-routing				
host-enable host-disable	Enable or disable host facing ports.			
defer-bringup no-defer- bringup	Specify to delay bringing up the host.			
dscp-map dscp-map name none				
local-switching no-local-switching	switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local-			
allowed-tpid q-in-q q-in-q-old	·			
fabric-guard no-fabric-guard	Specify if fabric guard is enabled.			
fec no-fec	Specify Port Forwarding Error Correction (FEC) mode.			

For example, to remove port 2 from the trunk, issue the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk-1 port
1,3
```

View the updated trunk configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show

name port speed autoneg jumbo

-----
trunk-1 1,3 10g off off
```

To remove the trunk configuration from the switch, use the trunk-delete command:



### CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-delete

trunk-delete	Delete a trunk configuration.
name name-string	Specify the name of the trunk configuration.
trunk-id trunk-id-number	Specify the trunk ID.
description description- string	Specify the trunk description to delete the trunk configuration. When you delete a trunk configuration, the trunk description is removed from the member ports.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-delete name trunk-1

Verify that the trunk configuration is removed again by using the trunk-show command.



# **Configuring Active-Standby Link Failover on Management Interfaces**

With switches that have dual management ports, you can aggregate them in a LAG with both of them being active and forwarding. This is useful when increased bandwidth is required for management purposes or when the upstream management network supports solutions like MG-LAG (aka virtual chassis) to remove single points of failure.

Alternatively, when it's desirable that only one of the two management interfaces be forwarding, the so-called "active-standby" or "active-backup" mode of operation is supported for LAG on management ports.

In this case, the management interfaces form a LAG with only one of the two members active at any time. The other link is in standby mode, which means that it becomes forwarding only when the primary link goes down. When the primary link comes back up, it rejoins the LAG and the backup link returns to standby state.

Use the switch-setup-modify command to set up a management LAG.

Use the active-standby option to enable the active-backup mode.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify mgmt-lag
<disable| enable | active-standby>



## **Configuring Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)**

The Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) is a dynamic LAG protocol that is controlled by user configuration. The negotiation process and the addition/removal of ports is controlled by parameters like LACP mode (active, passive and off) and LACP priorities.

To dynamically bring up a trunk the ports on at least one of the two peer LACP switches must be set to active mode.

For example use the following command to dynamically bundle ports 20-23:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name trunk23 ports 20-23 lacp-mode active
```

To modify the mode of a trunk running LACP, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk23 lacp-mode passive
```

To modify a port configuration with a non default LACP priority, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 33 lacp-priority 34
```

To enable or disable LACP on a switch, and/or to change the default system priority value, you can use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > lacp-modify enable disable system-priority priority
```

The default system-priority value is 32768 with a range of 1 to 65535.

To display LACP information, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > lacp-show
```

switch: switch
enable: yes
system-priority: 32768

systemid: 800640e942c007a



## **Configuring a Cluster**

To set up a cluster of two switches, say, pleiades1 and pleiades2, you must first verify that they both belong to the same fabric instance, in this case corp-fab:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show layout vertical
```

id: 184549641
name: pleiades1
fab-name: corp-fab

fab-id: b000109:5695af4f

cluster-id: 0:0

local-mac: 3a:7f:b1:43:8a:0f

fabric-network: in-band
control-network: in-band
mgmt-ip: 10.9.19.203/16
mgmt-mac: ec:f4:bb:fe:06:20

mgmt-secondary-macs:

in-band-ip: 192.168.168.203/24
in-band-mac: 3a:7f:b1:43:8a:0f

in-band-vlan: 0

in-band-secondary-macs:

fab-tid: 1
cluster-tid: 0
out-port: 0

version: 2.4.204009451, #47~14.04.1-Ubuntu

state: online

firmware-upgrade: not-required

device-state: ok

ports: 104

To create a cluster configuration, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-create name cluster1 cluster-node-1 pleiades1 cluster-node-2 pleiades2
```

To verify the status of the cluster, use the cluster-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-show
```

```
name state cluster-node-1 cluster-node-2
------
cluster1 online pleiades1 pleiades2
```

To replace a failed cluster node, use the fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-node command.

To display information about the cluster, use the cluster-info command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-info format all layout vertical



name: cluster1

state: online

tid: 2

mode: master

ports: 69-71,129

remote-ports: 69-71,128



## **Performing the Cluster Re-peer Process**

In order to rebuild a cluster over a Layer 2 or Layer 3 fabric it's necessary to use the fabric-join command with the repeer-to-cluster-node option.

For example, if one wants to join switch1 from switch3 to rebuild a cluster pair (that previously lost switch2), the following commands can be used:

• In case of a Layer 2 fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch3) > fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-
node switch1
```

• In case of a Layer 3 fabric (using for example OSPF or BGP for interconnection), the command changes to:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch3) > fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-
node switch1 ?
```

```
password plain text password abort-on-conflict fabric join is aborted delete-conflicts conflicts are deleted over-13 fabric is over layer 3
```

**Note**: The over-13 option is applicable only on Dell and Edgecore switches, where the fabric is over Layer 3 network.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch3) > fabric-join repeer-to-cluster-
node switch1 over-13

Joined fabric myFabric. Restarting nvOS...
Please enter username and password:
     Username (network-admin):
     Password:
Connected to Switch switch3; nvOS Identifier:0x900093c; Ver:
6.0.1-6000116966
```



You can display the information about the fabric instance of the local switch using the fabric-info command:

CLI (network-admin@switch3) > fabric-info format all layout
vertical

name: myFabric

id: a000030:5537b46c

vlan: 3

fabric-network: in-band
control-network: in-band
tid: 365

fabric-advertisement-network: inband-only

over-13: true



## **Configuring Cluster over Layer 3**

Clustering switch pairs over Layer 3 requires the creation of VXLAN tunnels between the cluster nodes through the intermediate (spine) switch(es). The VXLAN tunnels function as *virtual* cluster links and carry both control traffic (if control is over in-band) and data traffic.

Please refer to the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter for more information on the VXLAN technology and configuration.

**Note**: A cluster over Layer 3 configuration takes longer to achieve traffic convergence in comparison to a traditional cluster using direct cluster links. This is because in the former case cluster communication is made possible by VXLAN tunnels, which come up only after Layer 3 convergence.

**Note**: Currently cluster over Layer 3 uses automatic tunnels called auto-tunnel-cluster (as shown in the figure below). It is not compatible with manual VXLAN tunnels.

**Note**: Starting from release 7.0.0/7.0.1, Netvisor ONE supports the cluster over Layer 3 feature on the following platforms:

- On Netvisor 7.0.0: Freedom (Edgecore)- F9480-V (AS7326-56X), F9460-X (AS5835-54X), F9460-T (AS5835-54T)
- On Netvisor 7.0.0: Dell S5200 Series, NRU03, and NRU-S0301.
- On Netvisor 7.0.1: Dell S4100 Series

Consider for example, the topology below where the cluster over Layer 3 feature is configured. In this figure, two cluster pairs are connected via Layer 3 over a spine node.



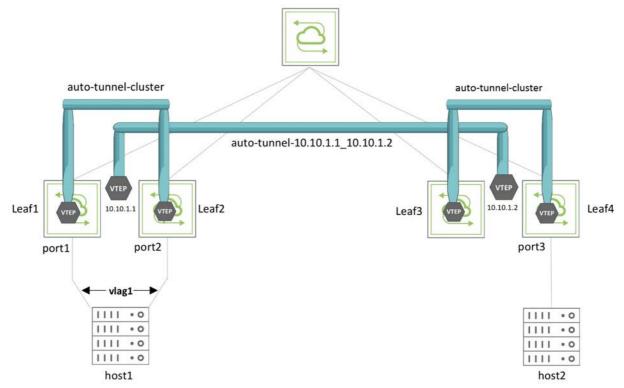


Figure 7-8 - Cluster over L3 Topology with vLAG

The VXLAN tunnel called auto-tunnel-cluster in **Figure 7-8** is a special local tunnel between the leaf switch pairs created over the interconnections with the spine switch. The tunnel called auto-tunnel-10.10.1.1\_10.10.1.2 is the regular VXLAN connection between VTEP VIPs 10.10.1.1 and 10.10.1.2. The vLAG named vlag1 is formed using port1 of Leaf1 and port2 of Leaf2.

To configure cluster over Layer 3, use the cluster-create command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-create

cluster-name	Specify the name of the cluster.			
cluster-node-1 fabric-node name	Specify the name of the first switch in the cluster			
cluster-node-2 fabric-node name	Specify the name of the second switch in the cluster			
vxlan 016777215	Specify the VXLAN ID for cluster over L3.			
nodel-ip ip-address	Specify the IP address of cluster node 1.			
node2-ip ip-address	Specify the IP address of cluster node 2.			
validate no-validate	Validate the inter-switch links and state of the switches in the cluster.			
cluster-sync-timeout milliseconds	Specify the amount of time before a cluster times out during synchronization. The allowed range is between 500ms and 2000ms.			



cluster-sync-offline-count
number

Specify the number of missed synchronizations before the cluster goes offline.

**Note**: The VXLAN ID should be a non-null value to enable cluster over L3.

For example, to configure the cluster that includes Leaf1 and Leaf2, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-create name cluster1 cluster-node-1 Leaf1 cluster-node-2 Leaf2 vxlan 40940 node1-ip 192.168.1.1 node2-ip 192.168.1.2
```

This command creates the bidirectional tunnel auto-tunnel-cluster between Leaf1 and Leaf2 with a local scope and adds the cluster VXLAN ID to the tunnel.

To view the cluster configuration, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-show format state,cluster-node-1,cluster-node-2,vxlan,tunnel-name,node1-ip,node2-ip,mode,ports,remote-ports

state remote-		cluster-node-2	vxlan	tunnel-name	local-ip	remote-ip	mode	ports
online	Leaf1	Leaf2	40940	auto-tunnel-cluster	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.2	slave	none
none								
online	Leaf1	Leaf2	40940	auto-tunnel-cluster	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.2	master	none
none								
online	Leaf3	Leaf4	0		::	::	master	1-3,272
1-3,272	2							
online	Leaf3	Leaf4	0		::	::	slave	1-3,272
1-3,272	2							

To view the tunnel configuration, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > tunnel-show format
name,scope,local-ip,remote-ip,state

The auto-created tunnel auto-tunnel-10.10.1.1\_10.10.1.2 between endpoints 10.10.1.1 and 10.10.1.2 links the cluster of Leaf1 and Leaf2 to the cluster of Leaf3 and Leaf4.

To display the tunnels and the associated VXLAN IDs, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > tunnel-vxlan-show

name	vxlan
auto-tunnel-cluster	40940
auto-tunnel-cluster	1000
auto-tunnel-cluster	1001



Use the vlag-show command to display the vLAG configuration:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1\*) > vlag-show format
name,switch,port,peer-switch,peer-port,status,localstate,peer-state,

```
name switch port peer-switch peer-port status local-state peer-state
---- vlaq1 Leaf1 1 Leaf2 2 normal enabled,up enabled,up
```

You can modify a traditional cluster with direct links to a cluster over Layer 3 with VXLAN tunnels by using the cluster-modify command. You must **disable** the direct links before making this change in configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-modify name cluster10 vxlan 8188 node1-ip 10.10.11.1 node2-ip 10.10.11.2
```

**Note**: Pluribus Networks requires that the direct links be disabled and recommends rebooting both the cluster switches after you modify a traditional cluster with direct links to a cluster over Layer 3.

To perform the reverse transition from cluster over Layer 3 to traditional cluster, you must enable the direct cluster link(s) and specify vxlan as 0 in the cluster-modify command, like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-modify name cluster10 vxlan 0
```

**Note**: Pluribus Networks recommends rebooting both the cluster switches after you modify a cluster over Layer 3 to a traditional cluster with direct links.

**Note**: When configuring BGP on the network to support the cluster over L3 functionality, you can use either of the two following options: (a) use eBGP with allow-as-in-origin or (b) use iBGP with the recommended practices as below:

- a. You allocate a dedicated port (not a cluster port or a loopback port, which are not suitable) and assign a VLAN with a vRouter interface to it so that the iBGP interface stays up. Also, ensure that the VNI associated to the VLAN is added to the cluster's VTEP.
- b. Use a route map, as shown below, on both cluster nodes, configured for in-band communication to stay up:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vrouter-prefix-list-add vrouter-name <vrouter-name> name <list-name> seq <number> action permit prefix <peer ip/mask>
```

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-name <vrouter-name> name <map-name> seq <number> action permit match-prefix <list-name>



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name <vrouter-name> neighbor <bgp-neighbor-ip> remote-as <as-number> next-hop-self bfd multiprotocol ipv4-unicast,ipv6-unicast weight 0 neighbor-keepalive-interval 10 neighbor-holdtime 30 route-map-out <map-name>

Starting from release 7.0.0 Netvisor ONE also supports the configuration of VXLAN-based bridge domains (BDs) on clusters over Layer 3. (Refer to the *Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services* chapter for more details on bridge domains.)

With this enhancement it is not required to allocate reserved VLANs for clusters over Layer 3. However, a reserved VLAN is still needed if the BD needs to traverse a traditional cluster. (Within a fabric it's possible to have a mix of traditional clusters and clusters over Layer 3.)

It is also possible to modify a traditional cluster to become a cluster over Layer 3, and vice versa, when BDs are configured on it. Cluster links must be *disabled* before configuring a cluster over Layer 3.

On the other hand, the transition from cluster over Layer 3 to a traditional cluster requires a reserved VLAN to have been provisioned and the cluster links to be operational.

To configure a cluster over Layer 3 you can use the cluster-create command as shown above:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-create name cluster1 cluster-node-1 Leaf1 cluster-node-2 Leaf2 vxlan 40940 node1-ip 192.168.1.1 node2-ip 192.168.1.2

Then a BD can be configured like so:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > bridge-domain-create name bd-cluster-o-13 scope fabric vxlan 800800 [rsvd-vlan 4080]

where the reserved VLAN is no longer needed if the BD doesn't need to traverse a traditional cluster.

Then the BD can be configured on the desired set of ports, for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1\*) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd-cluster-o-13 port 1 outer-vlan 1000 inner-vlan 800

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1\*) > 12-table-show bd bd-cluster-o-13
format mac,bd,vlan,inner-vlan,vxlan,ip,ports,state,status,

mac	bd	vla	n inner-vlan	vxlan	ip	ports	state	
status								
00:20:fc:81:4d:08	bd-cluster-o-13		800	800800	205.95.95.62		tunnel	host
00:12:c0:80:33:1e	bd-cluster-o-13	1000	800	800800	205.95.95.51	1	active	host

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1\*) > bridge-domain-show□





## **Configuring a vLAG**

If you want to connect the two cluster nodes to an upstream switch or to a downstream host in a redundant fashion, you can configure a vLAG between the uplinks or the downlinks on the cluster nodes.

For example, if switch1 has port 53 connected to an upstream switch and switch2 has port 19 connected to the same upstream switch, create a vLAG by executing the vlag-create command on either of the cluster switches (switch1 in this example):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vlag-create name uplink port 53 [peer-switch switch2] peer-port 19
```

To verify the configuration, use the following command:

**Note:** Before you can create a vLAG, you must configure the two switches in a cluster.

Starting from release 7.0.0, Netvisor ONE supports an enhancement for active-standby mode, for example when a single main vLAG link needs to be active while the backup link is required to become (and remain) active only when the main one fails.

You can enable this mode with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vlag-create name <name> port
<id> peer-switch <peer-name> peer-port <id> mode active-
standby
```

**Note**: lacp-mode must be set to active for mode active-standby to work. lacp-mode off is not supported with mode active-standby.

In this release, in active-standby mode the active port election would happen through LACP message exchanges and would be based on the first port to become operationally active (i.e., in up state). Consequently, the other port would become the standby port and would be in phy-up,vlag-blocked state, as shown in the example below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > port-show port 121

port bezel-port status config

121 31 up,host,LLDP,LACP-PDUs,vlag-active,vlan-up fd,10g
```



CLI (network-admin@switch2) > port-show port 122

**Note**: The active-standby mode and release 7.0.0's enhancements work with both traditional clusters and clusters over Layer 3.

**Note**: With active-standby mode, for Layer 3 connectivity and redundancy, a single VTEP VIP (VRRP VIP) would still be used along with active-active L3 forwarding. Due to the asymmetric nature of active-standby vLAG mode, upstream traffic arriving on the cluster node with the standby vLAG port will have to take an extra physical (or virtual) hop (i.e., it will have to traverse the cluster link, or a VXLAN tunnel in case of a cluster over Layer 3) to reach its destination over an asymmetric forwarding path.

In release 7.0.0 VXLAN bridge domains are supported on vLAG members configured in mode active-standby. It is recommended that the bridge domains be configured before configuring the vLAG(s) to carry them.



# Modifying LACP Mode and Parameters on an Existing vLAG Configuration

You can modify the LACP mode as part of an existing vLAG configuration using the following command to change parameters like LACP mode or timeout:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlag-modify

name name-string	Specify the vLAG name.		
failover-move-L2 failover-ignore-L2	If you specify the parameter failover- move-L2, Netvisor sends gratuitous ARPs.		
lacp-mode off passive active	Specify the LACP mode as off, passive or active.		
lacp-timeout slow fast	Specify the LACP timeout as slow (90 seconds) or fast (3 seconds).		
lacp-fallback bundle  individual	Specify the LACP fallback mode as individual or bundled.		
lacp-fallback-timeout 3060	Specify the LACP fallback timeout in seconds. The default is 50 seconds.		

Configuring a (v)LAG in LACP fallback mode *individual* (vs. *bundle*) allows it to operate as individual ports in the absence of proper LACP negotiation with a network peer. This configuration is useful with hosts with multiple network interfaces that for example need to boot from a server on the network prior to booting the operating system on the local hard drive (this is known as PXE boot, based on the Pre-Boot Execution Environment). In this scenario the hosts would have to use individual ports until they can boot the operating system and start using LACP.

Once LACP is running and port members receive LACP PDUs from their peers, then the port members of the configured vLAG can get bundled to operate as a trunk.

With this configuration, Netvisor ONE logically prepares the trunk on the switch but does not add any of the port members to it. The ports continue to operate individually until LACP PDUs are heard on them. At that point, the dynamic negotiation process is started, proper compatibility and communication is verified between the peers and the bundling process is carried out if all conditions are met. Only then all member ports cease to operate individually and are aggregated together as an operational trunk.

To give hosts enough time to PXE boot, a fallback timeout interval parameter is used (with a default value of 50 seconds). If no LACP PDUs are received for the number of seconds configured as the fallback timeout, the LACP logic checks if the LACP negotiation interval (lacp-timeout) has expired. If it has, then the port members fall back to individual mode. If it has not, another fallback timer is scheduled with a value equal to the fallback timeout.

For example:



- The LACP fallback timeout is set to 50 seconds and the LACP negotiation interval is set to 90 seconds (default).
- After 50 seconds, the fallback timer is rescheduled because the LACP negotiation interval has not expired yet.
- After an additional 40 seconds (90 seconds total), the LACP negotiation interval expires.
- Another 10 seconds pass (100 seconds total) when the fallback timer expires, no LACP PDUs have been received (for example due to the host still booting), then the member ports fall back to individual ports.

Both the negotiation/bundling and the fallback cases described above represent the ondemand characteristic of LACP-based port aggregation process (applicable to both vLAGs and normal trunks).



## **Configuring the Cluster Slave Switch Bring-up Process**

**Note:** This feature is applied only during the initial start-up of the cluster slave switch.

When a (previously down) slave node comes back up and a cluster is thus restored to online state, it can take measurable time to change the hardware routing and Layer 2 tables. This set-up delay may cause some non-negligible traffic loss on the network if lots of hardware changes are performed in bulk.

Therefore, to minimize service disruption to a negligible interval, the bring-up process is performed in an optimized staggered fashion by incrementally restoring/updating the ports. (This mode can be changed as shown below.) Some delays are also added during the staggered bring-up to make sure that state transitions and synchronization complete before moving to the next set of changes. (Such delays are configurable as shown below.)

In order to minimize any traffic impact, all non-Layer 3 and non-vLAG ports are restored first. This allows the cluster links to activate and the cluster configuration and state to synchronize.

After synchronization is complete, Layer 3 ports are brought up first. After that, Netvisor ONE waits for a configurable 13-to-vlan-interface-delay before bringing up vRouter vlan interfaces. This is so that routing protocols can delay advertising directly-attached subnets upstream.

After Layer 3 ports are brought up, Netvisor ONE also waits for another configurable I3-to-vlag-delay to allow time for the routing protocols to converge and program the routes. This time defaults to 15 seconds. After that delay, the vLAG ports are brought up staggered. (Note that 13-to-vlan-interface-delay should be less than or equal to 13-to-vlag-delay.)

The maximum-sync-delay parameter controls the maximum time to wait for synchronization in the case where the cluster cannot synchronize information.

Note that, if the node coming up is a cluster's master, then no staggering and no Layer 3-to-vLAG delay is applied (because it's not beneficial).

With version 5.1.1, Netvisor ONE also supports the staggered bring up of vRouter VNICs. When configured, the vRouter VNICs, which are not configured on Layer3 ports. are brought up in a staggered manner during the nvOS boot-up on a cluster peer. You can specify the wait time (0-60000 ms) between NIC bring up.

By default, the vRouter interfaces for which the VLAN is up is brought up simultaneously. The bring up can be staggered by specifying a non-zero vrouter-if-staggered-interval. The staggered bring up process is helpful to reduce the traffic loss caused by the simultaneous bring up of all VNICs.

**Note:** The vRouter interfaces on Layer 3 ports are brought up first and is not



staggered. Also, after bootup, the subsequent VLAN interfaces being down or up is not affected by the staggered configuration.

In most cases it is not necessary to change the default parameter values.

However, in certain scenarios to be able to further optimize the slave bring up process to match one's specific requirements, it is possible to modify the parameters by using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-bringup-modify

You can specify one or more of the following options:

13-port-bringup-mode staggered simultaneous	Specify the Layer 3 port bring up mode during start up.
13-port-staggered-interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval between Layer 3 ports in Layer 3 staggered mode. This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds.
vlag-port-bringup-mode staggered simultaneous	Specify the vLAG port bring up mode during start up.
<pre>vlag-port-staggered-interval duration: #d#h#m#s</pre>	Specify the interval between vLAG ports in vLAG duration: This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds.
<pre>maximum-sync-delay duration: #d#h#m#s</pre>	Specify the maximum delay to wait for cluster to synchronize before starting Layer 3 or vLAG port bring up. This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds.
13-to-vlag-delay duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the delay between the last Layer 3 port and the first vLAG port bring up. This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds. The default value is 15 seconds.
13-to-vlan-interface-delay duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the delay between last L3 port and vRouter vlan interface bring up. This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds.
<pre>port-defer-bringup-delay duration: #d#h#m#s</pre>	Specify the global timer value to be used for port delay-bring up.
<pre>port-defer-bringup-mode staggered simultaneous</pre>	Specify the port defer bring up mode during start up.
<pre>port-defer-bringup-staggered- interval duration: #d#h#m#s</pre>	Specify the interval between ports in defer bring up mode.
vrouter-if-bringup-mode staggered simultaneous	Specify the vRouter VLAN interface bring up mode.
vrouter-if-staggered-interval 060000	Specify the interval in ms between vRouter VLAN interface bring up in



# staggered mode. The value ranges between 0-60000 ms.

To display the status of the cluster bring up process, use the cluster-bringup-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-bringup-show

state: ports-enabled

13-port-bringup-mode: staggered 13-port-staggered-interval: 3s vlag-port-bringup-mode: staggered vlag-port-staggered-interval: 3s

maximum-sync-delay: 1m
13-to-vlag-delay: 15s

13-to-vlan-interface-delay: 0s



## **Restoring Ports for Cluster Configurations**

**Note:** This feature is applied only during the initial start-up of the network.

Cluster configuration supports sub-second traffic loss in case of fail-over events.

There are two types of ports providing redundant data paths:

- Layer 3 ports over ECMP redundant routed paths
- Virtual LAGs (vLAGs) providing redundant Layer 2 paths

During failover and recovery port events, it may take measurable time to change the hardware routing and MAC tables on larger networks. This delay incurs traffic loss on the network. To reduce delay, this feature allows you to incrementally restore the ports at start-up. By incrementally restoring the ports, the changes to the hardware are prevented from contending with each other. This reduces the delay between a port up and the hardware updates with the appropriate Layer 3 and Layer 2 information for the port. This process ensures sub-second fail over.

All non-Layer 3 and non-vLAG ports are restored first. This allows the cluster links to activate and the cluster configuration to synchronize information. Layer 3 and vLAG port restoration starts after the cluster synchronizes. This is predicated on the cluster becoming active, all Layer 2 and Layer 3 entries, such as status updates, exchanged, cluster STP status synchronized, and all router interfaces initialized.

Netvisor ONE enforces the following sequence for port bring up (not guaranteed for first upgrade to Netvisor ONE and is allowed only for subsequent reboots):

- 1. Cluster ports, VXLAN-loopback-trunk ports, and Loopback ports
- 2. Laver 3 ports
- 3. vLAG ports
- 4. All other ports

The sequence for port bring-down is:

- 1. Orphan ports (non-vLAG, non-Layer3, and non-Cluster)
- 2. vLAG ports
- 3. Layer 3 ports
- 4. All other ports

If a port is configured with defer-bringup parameter, then that port is brought up along with other ports. All ports except cluster ports can be configured for defer-bringup using the port-config-modify command. You can specify the global timer value for delaying the port bringup by using the cluster-bringup-modify command with port-defer-bringup-delay duration parameter.

The parameter, maximum-sync-delay, controls the maximum time to wait for synchronization in the case where the cluster cannot synchronize information. After synchronization is complete, Layer 3 ports are restored first, since Layer 3 traffic can traverse the cluster link to the peer VLAG port if needed. Currently the reverse is typically not true.



If vLAG ports are restored first, a Layer 3 adjacency between the two cluster nodes may be needed but may not exist in some network configurations. After Layer 3 ports are restored, Netvisor One waits a configurable Layer 3 port to vLAG delay to allow time for the routing protocols to converge and insert the routes. The delay time defaults to 15 seconds.

After the delay, the vLAG ports are restored incrementally and restoring ports incrementally allows enough time to move Layer 2 entries from the cluster link to the port. This incremental restoration of ports also allows the traffic loss to occur in small, 200-300ms per port, rather than one large time span. This is particularly important for server clusters where temporary small losses are not problematic, but fail or timeout for a large continuous traffic loss. If the node coming up is the cluster master, then no staggering and no Layer 3 to VLAG wait is applied. And if the node is the cluster master node, that means the peer is down or coming up, and not handling traffic. Therefore Netvisor ONE safely restores the ports as soon as possible to start traffic flowing between the nodes.

In addition, with version 5.1.1, Netvisor ONE supports the staggered bring up of vRouter vNICs. When configured, the vRouter vNICs, which are not configured on Layer3 ports, are brought up in a staggered manner during the nvOS boot-up on a cluster peer. You can specify the wait time (0-60000 ms) between NIC bring up.

By default, the vRouter interfaces for which the VLAN is up is brought up simultaneously. The bring up can be staggered by specifying a non-zero vrouter-ifstaggered-interval. The staggered bring up process is helpful to reduce the traffic loss caused by the simultaneous bring up of all VNICs.

Note: The vRouter interfaces on Layer 3 ports are brought up first and is not staggered. Also, after bootup, the subsequent VLAN interfaces being down or up is not affected by the staggered configuration.

To configure or modify the port bring up process, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-bringup-modify

Modifies the cluster bring up cluster-bringup-modify configuration.

Specify one or more of the following options

13-port-bringup-mode Specify the Layer 3 port bring up mode during start up. staggered | simultaneous

Specify the interval between Layer 3 ports in Layer 3 staggered mode. This 13-port-staggered-iterval

duration: #d#h#m#s can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds.

Specify the vLAG port bring up mode vlag-port-bringup-mode staggered | simultaneous during start up.

Specify the interval between vLAG ports vlag-port-staggered-interval duration: #d#h#m#s in vLAG staggered mode.



Specify the interval between cluster

cluster-trunk-port-staggeredtrunk ports in staggered mode. interval duration: #d#h#m#s This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds.

seconds.

cluster to synchronize before starting maximum-sync-delay duration: Layer 3 or vLAG port bring up. #d#h#m#s

This can be in days, hours, minutes, or

Specify the maximum delay to wait for

This can be in days, hours, minutes, or

seconds.

13-to-vlag-delay duration: #d#h#m#s

Specify the delay between the last Layer 3 port and the first vLAG port bring up. This can be in days, hours, minutes, or seconds. The default value is 15 seconds.

13-to-vlan-interface-delay duration: #d#h#m#s

Specify the delay between the last Layer 3 port and the vRouter VLAN interface bring up.

port-defer-bringup-delay

Specify the global timer value to be used for port delay-bring up.

port-defer-bringup-mode staggered simultaneous

duration: #d#h#m#s

Specify the port defer bring up mode during start up.

port-defer-bringup-staggeredinterval duration: #d#h#m#s

Specify the interval between ports in defer bring up mode.

vrouter-if-bringup-mode staggered | simultaneous

Specify the vRouter VLAN interface bring up mode.

vrouter-if-staggered-interval 0..60000

Specify the interval in ms between vRouter VLAN interface bring up in staggered mode. The value ranges between 0-60000 milli-seconds.

start-port-enable-delay 0..240

Specify the time delay (sec) to start enabling ports (including cluster ports) on the standby switch.

To display the status of the cluster bring up process, use the cluster-bringupshow command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > cluster-bringup-show

switch: Leaf1

state: ports-enabled 13-port-bringup-mode: staggered

13-port-staggered-interval:

vlag-port-bringup-mode: staggered

vlag-port-staggered-interval: 3s maximum-sync-delay: 1m 13-to-vlag-delay: 15s



13-to-vlan-interface-delay: 0s port-defer-bringup-delay: 30s

port-defer-bringup-mode: staggered

port-defer-bringup-staggered-interval: 0s

vrouter-if-bringup-mode: staggered

vrouter-if-staggered-interval(ms): 0

To display the status of ports with defer-bringup details on select ports, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-config-show format port,cluster-port,defer-bringup,vlag, port 11,15,42,49

port	cluster-port	defer-bringup	vlag
11	no	no	host-vlag
15	no	yes	
42	yes	no	
49	no	no	

To view the details of a specified port, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-show port 49 format
port,ip,mac,vlan,status,config



## Configuring Active-Active vLAGs: a Step-by-Step Example

**Note:** As displayed in *Figure 7-9*, there must be a physical connection between PN-0 and PN-1 before you can configure a vLAG.

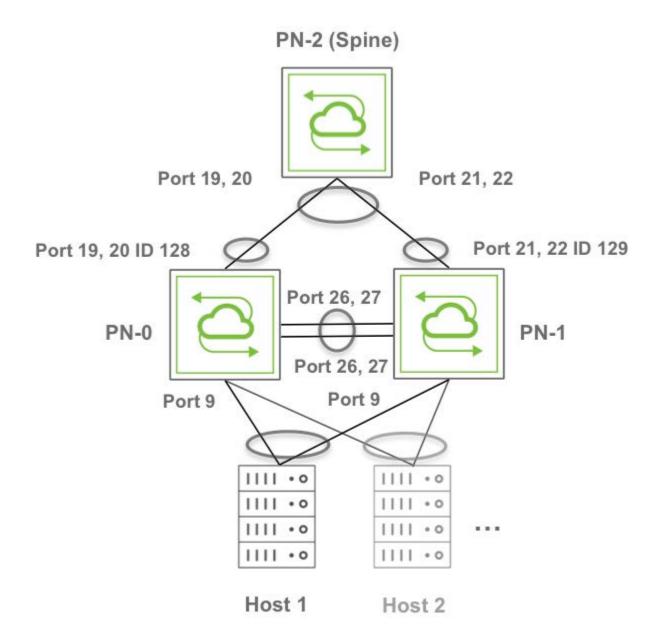


Figure 7-9 - Active-Active vLAGs Toward a Dual-Homed Host and a Spine Switch

The sample topology in Figure: Active-Active vLAGs Toward a Dual-Homed Host and a Spine Switch above comprises three Pluribus switches that are part of the same fabric instance, fab-vLAG. The spine switch is set as RSTP root.

It's important to note that ports 19-20 on PN-0 and ports 21-22 on PN-1 are connected to PN-2 (Spine). Ports 26, 27 interconnect PN-0 and PN-1 for the cluster link configuration required to set up a vLAG.



You can use the following steps to configure the above-pictured configuration with active-active vLAGs.

1) On the spine switch PN-2 use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > stp-modify bridge-priority 4096
```

2) Create the fabric and add the switches to it. On PN-2 use the fabric-create command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-create name fab-VLAG
```

On PN-0 and PN-1 join the fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join name fab-VLAG
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-join name fab-VLAG
```

3) Create VLAN connectivity from the spine switch all the way to the host. On PN-2 create for example VLAN 25 with scope fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 25 scope fabric
```

On PN-0 and PN-1 add VLAN 25 and untag the port connected to the host:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 25 untagged ports 9
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-port-add vlan-id 25 untagged ports 9
```

On PN-0 and PN-1 make the port connected to the host be an edge port:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > stp-port-modify port 9 edge
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > stp-port-modify port 9 edge
```

4) Create a cluster configuration between PN-1 and PN-0. This creates the cluster link between ports 26, 27. On PN-0 enter the cluster-create command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-create name VLAG cluster-node-1 PN-0 cluster-node-2 PN-1
```

5) In this example, for simplicity's sake we will use static trunks toward the spine switch to create a vLAG. (LACP's active mode can be used too, instead of off mode.) In this case you would first disable ports between PN-2 and PN-0 and then create a static trunk between them. Therefore, on PN-0 modify the ports facing PN-2 like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 19,20
```



#### disable

6) Create a two-port trunk between PN-0 and PN-2 with those ports:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name pn0-to-pn2
ports 19,20 lacp-mode off
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format all layout
vertical
switch: PN-0
trunk-id: 128
name: pn0-to-pn2
ports: none
speed: disable
egress-rate-limit: unlimited
autoneq: off
jumbo: on
enable: off
lacp-mode: off
lacp-priority: 0
lacp-timeout: slow
lacp-fallback: bundle
lacp-fallback-timeout:
                        50
lacp-individual: none
stp-port-cost: 2000
stp-port-priority: 128
reflect: off
edge-switch: no
pause: no
description:
loopback: off
receive-only: on
unknown-ucast-level: %
unknown-mcast-level: %
broadcast-level: %
lport: 0
rem-rswitch-port-mac: 00:00:00:00:00:00
rswitch-default-vlan: 0
status:
config:
trunk-hw-id: 0
send-port: 4294967295
routing: yes
host-enable: no
```

From the above output, you can verify the name and ID of the trunk configuration *pn0-to-pn2*. You need this information to create the vLAG.

7) On PN-1 repeat the same commands to create a static two-port trunk (LACP mode off) between PN-1 and PN-2. You would, therefore, disable ports between PN-2 and PN-1 and then create a static trunk between them. On PN-1 modify the ports facing PN-2



like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 21,22
disable
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name pn1-to-pn2
ports 21,22 lacp-mode off
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format all layout
vertical
switch: PN-1
intf: 129
name: pn1-to-pn2
port: 21-22
speed: 10g
autoneq: off
jumbo: off
enable: off
lacp-mode: off
lacp-priority: 32768
lacp-timeout: slow
reflect: off
edge-switch: no
pause: no
description:
loopback: off
mirror-only: off
lport: 0
rswitch-default-vlan: 0
port-mac-address: 06:60:00:02:10:80
confiq:
send-port: 0
8) Create the vLAG from the bottom switches going upstream. Keep one side of the
 vLAG disabled while you configure this step. On PN-0 use the vlag-
 create command:
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlag-create name to-spine port
128 peer-port 129 peer-switch PN-1 lacp-mode off mode active-
active
```

On PN-2 create a normal 4-way trunk with the name trunk-pn:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name trunk-pn ports 19,20,21,22 lacp-mode off
```

9) Enable ports on all switches. On PN-2, PN-0 and PN-1 enter the port-configmodify command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port
```



19,20,21,22 enable

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 19,20 enable

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 21,22 enable

10) As a final step, create the server-facing active-active vLAG. In this case we will make it dynamic (LACP mode active). On PN-0 enter the vlag-create command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlag-create name to-host port 9 peer-port 9 peer-switch PN-1 lacp-mode active mode active-active

Display and verify the vLAG configuration information:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlag-show format all layout
vertical

id: a000024:0
name: to-host
cluster: VLAG

mode: active-active

switch: PN-0

port: 9

peer-switch: PN-1

peer-port: 9

failover-move-L2: no

status: normal

local-state: enabled, up

lacp-mode: active
lacp-timeout: slow
lacp-key: 26460

lacp-system-id: 110013777969246



## **Understanding LAG Path Selection and Load Balancing**

For Layer 2 back-to-back connectivity, Pluribus Netvisor ONE software supports the standard link aggregation technology in order to combine multiple network connections into a logical pipe called a Link Aggregation Group (LAG), or '(port) trunk', which can provide redundancy in case of single or multiple link failure.

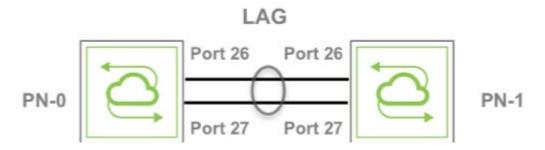


Figure 7-10: Two-port LAG Example

Netvisor ONE also supports link aggregation across two redundant chassis to implement multi-pathing without requiring the creation of Layer 2 loops and the use of the Spanning Tree protocol. This feature is called *vLAG* (Virtual Link Aggregation Group) on a switch cluster.

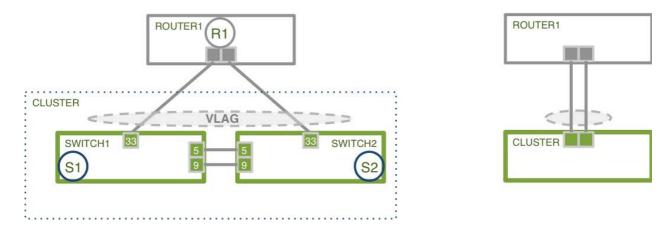


Figure 7-11: Two-port vLAG Example

Both the aforementioned technologies perform path selection in hardware using a high-performance technology called *packet field hashing*.

What that means is that the hardware extracts a number of packet fields and with them performs a special calculation to generate a *hardware index*. This hardware index is then used to select an egress physical port for a (v)LAG. Refer to the *About Layer 2 Hardware Hashing* section for more details on hashing field selection.



## **Understanding the vLAG Forwarding Rule**

In order to prevent potential duplication of multicast or broadcast traffic, a forwarding rule is installed on all ports that are part of vLAGs to drop traffic whose ingress point is the cluster links. This rule is shown in the figure below:

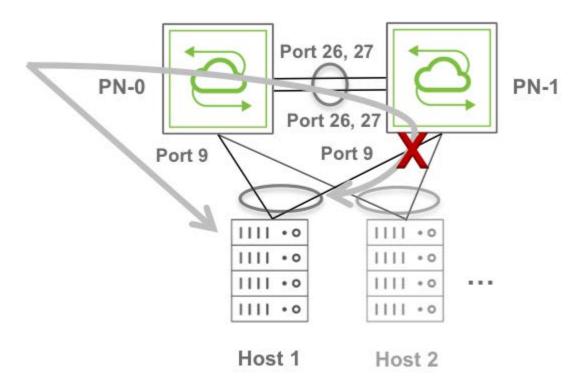


Figure 7-12 - vLAG Forwarding Rule

The figure above shows a packet entering cluster switch PN-0 that needs to be sent out to Host 1 over the vLAG. To prevent duplication of traffic on the vLAG, any traffic traversing the cluster links and egressing on vLAG ports on cluster switch PN-1 is dropped.



## **Configuring Trunk Hashing**

By default, Netvisor ONE supports the trunk hashing algorithm based on the fields listed in the About Layer 2 Hardware Hashing section (**Table 4-1**).

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, this default mode is called enhanced hashing. Starting from the same release, Netvisor ONE also supports other less granular hashing modes that can be useful in special cases. The supported alternate modes are:

```
12-src src mac based hashing
12-dst dst mac based hashing
12 src+dst mac based hashing
13-src src ip based bashing
13-dst dst ip based hashing
13 src+dst ip based hashing
```

They can be selected with the new hash-mode parameter in the trunk-create and trunk-modify commands. For example like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name trunk1 hash-mode 13
```

The mode can be verified with the trunk-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format name,trunkid,ports,hash-mode,status

name	trunk-id	ports	hash-mode	status
trunk1	272	65-68	13	up,PN-switch,PN-
cluster, multicast-ro	uter			
vxlan-loopback-trunk	397	13-16	enhanced	up,stp-edge-port



## **Configuring Resilient Trunk Hashing**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, the resilient hash mode can be configured on trunks to help prevent unnecessary traffic disruption when the number of trunk member ports changes.

**Note**: Resilient hashing is supported on all platforms except:

- Dell Z9100-ON, S5048F, Z9264-ON
- Freedom F9532L-C/Edgecore AS7712-32X
- Freedom F9532-C/Edgecore AS7716-32X
- Freedom F9572L-V/Edgecore AS7312-54XS
- Freedom F9572-V/Edgecore AS7316-54XS
- Freedom F9532C-XL-R/Edgecore AS7716-32X
- Freedom F9664-C/Edgecore AS7816-64X.

Due to a hardware restriction, this feature cannot be changed on the fly and needs to be configured during trunk creation like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name trunk2 hash-mode resilient ports 5,6,7
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format name,trunkid,ports,hash-mode,status

name	trunk-id	ports	hash-mode	status
trunk1	272	65-68	13	up,PN-switch,PN-
cluster, multicast-ro	uter			
trunk2	273	5,6,7	resilient	up,PN-switch
vxlan-loopback-trunk	397	13-16	enhanced	up,stp-edge-port

If you then try to dynamically modify resilient mode (for example to revert back to the default enhanced mode), you get an error message:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify trunk-id 273 hash-mode enhanced trunk-modify: Trunk is configured with resilient hash. Delete and create trunk to change hash mode
```

So you need to delete the trunk first and then recreate it if modification of resilient



mode is required.



## **Configuring Symmetric Trunk Hashing**

When a specific network design or monitoring device requires that the same trunk port be selected for all packets in both directions in a connection, starting from release 6.1.0 Netvisor ONE supports the *Symmetric Trunk Hashing* mode.

### Note that:

- Symmetric hashing is agnostic to intrinsically unidirectional parameters, such as the ingress physical interface.
- Symmetric hashing mode is an alternative configuration to the default (asymmetric) mode.
- Configuring symmetric hashing does not require a switch restart.
- You can configure symmetric hashing on a single switch or on all switches of a fabric by prepending the command with switch\*.

To configure symmetric hashing, use the following per-device system command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify
<symmetric-hash | no-symmetric-hash>
```

Where, the symmetric-hash parameter enables symmetric trunk hashing on the switch. By default, this feature is disabled. If enabled, you can use the no-symmetric-hash parameter to disable it.

To configure symmetric hashing on all switches in a fabric, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * system-settings-modify
<symmetric-hash | no-symmetric-hash>
```

In case of GRE or IPSec traffic, ignoring the unidirectional GRE key or IPSec SPI fields in the symmetric hash computation can be configured using the CLI:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify <hash-
suppress-unidir-fields | no-hash-suppress-unidir-fields>
```

This feature is disabled by default, using the no-hash-suppress-unidir-fields parameter.

To verify the configuration details, use the system-settings-show command. Below is a sample output, where both symmetric-hash and hash-suppress-unidir-fields parameters are disabled.



optimize-arps: off 11dp: on policy-based-routing: off optimize-nd: off reactivate-mac: on reactivate-vxlan-tunnel-mac: on manage-unknown-unicast: off manage-broadcast: off block-loops: off auto-trunk: on auto-host-bundle: off cluster-active-active-routing: on routing-over-vlags: off source-mac-miss: copy-to-cpu igmp-snoop: use-13 vle-tracking-timeout: pfc-buffer-limit: 40% cosq-weight-auto: off port-cos-drop-stats-interval(s): disable lossless-mode: off snoop-query-stagger: no-stagger-queries host-refresh: off proxy-conn-retry: on proxy-conn-max-retry: 3 proxy-conn-retry-interval: 500 manage-12-uuc-drop: on disable xcvr-link-debug: fastpath-bfd: off linkscan-interval: 150000 linkscan-mode: software single-pass-12-known-multicast: off single-pass-flood: off batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only: off memory-tracker: on symmetric-hash: off hash-suppress-unidir-fields: off



## **Configuring Asymmetric Routing over vLAGs**

vLAGs are symmetric Layer 2 redundant paths that work best with symmetric traffic flows. In these cases the aforementioned vLAG forwarding rule works fine, as discussed in the next section.

In case of Layer 3 forwarding over vLAGs, there can exist certain corner-case network designs in which a routing protocol (e.g., BGP or OSPF) is used to peer over a vLAG in an asymmetric fashion.

Let's consider the example in Figure: Asymmetric Routing over a vLAG in which the network admin has chosen to configure BGP peering only with cluster member PN-1. The downstream hosts are dual-homed and are properly connected to the rest of the network via a default gateway (provided by VRRP).

PN-2 is connected via a vLAG as well to the cluster, however is configured with a /30 subnet that is only present on one cluster member (PN-1 in this example, with PN-2 peering with it via BGP and using the address 10.75.1.1/30).



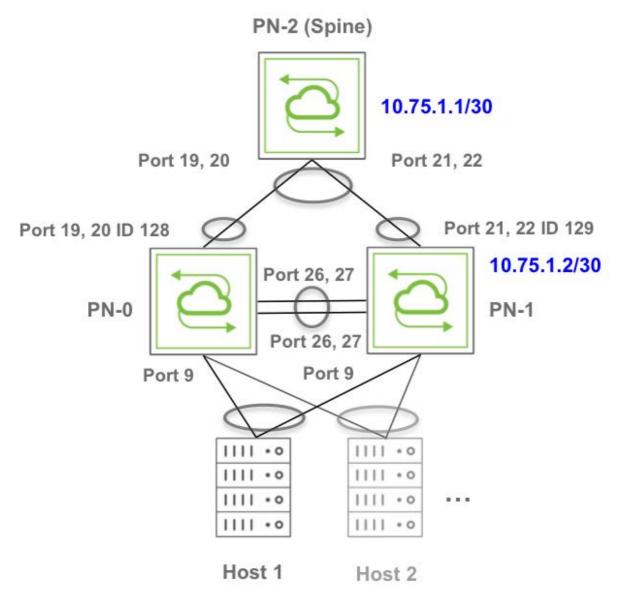


Figure 7-13 - Asymmetric Routing over a vLAG

If Host 1 wants to talk to PN-2's 10.75.1.1 (or to another asymmetric route advertised by it), its traffic can go left or right depending on the vLAG load-balancing algorithm. If it goes right, PN-1 can route it to PN-2. However if the traffic goes left, PN-0 has no route it has learned locally to reach PN-2. Therefore, in the best case it will direct traffic over the cluster link (assuming there is some IGP running over it). However, PN-1 will not be able to send the packet to H1 due to the egress filtering rules enforced on vLAGs (see previous section).

For this reason asymmetric routing configurations should be avoided.

However a knob is provided as a last resort to bypass the cluster egress filtering rules in case the customer still wants to utilize this sub-optimal design, which is not recommended. In general, it is sub-optimal for two main reasons:

• Even when there is no failure (vLAG links are up), traffic is forced to cross the cluster links, thereby potentially oversubscribing them.



• There is no redundancy at L3 level. When BGP peering to cluster member PN-1 fails, there is no backup path to direct the traffic to.

To enable support of this design a new configuration option is provided to allow packets crossing the cluster link to be routed without being dropped when egressing vLAGs.

To modify the default configuration use the system-settings-modify routing-over-vlags | no-routing-over-vlags command like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify routingover-vlags

You can use this command to verify the configuration change:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show

switch: PN-1

routing-over-vlags: on

switch: vanquish4

routing-over-vlags: off

switch: vanquish3

routing-over-vlags: off



## **About Symmetric Routing over vLAGs**

As stated above, vLAGs work best with symmetric traffic flows. In order to achieve that with routing, two main designs are recommended: VRRP + ECMP and symmetric VRRP.

The goal of either design is to distribute traffic equally across the different paths both upstream and downstream, making sure that the redundant cluster nodes can steer the traffic to its destination without having to rely upon the cluster links.

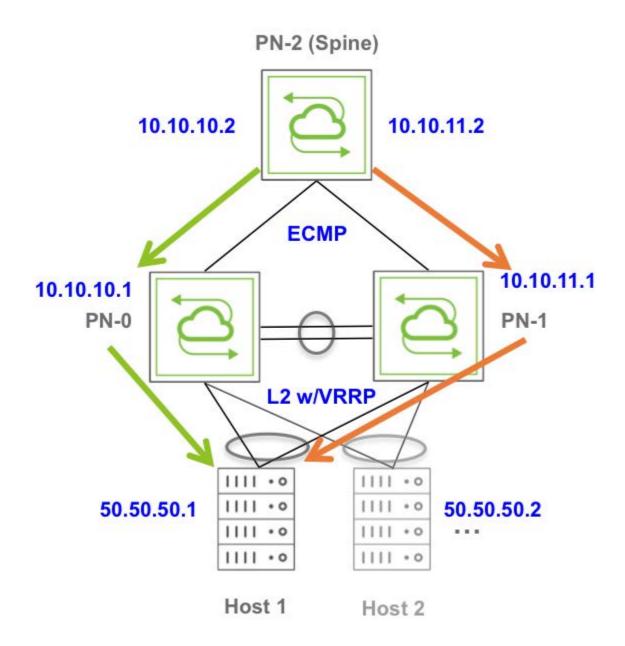


Figure 7-14 - Symmetric Routing over a vLAG with ECMP and VRRP

In this figure traffic is, for example, directed to and from host 50.50.50.1: downstream the spine router/switch has ECMP routes toward both cluster nodes, which have Layer 3 adjacencies to all the hosts, so either of them can properly steer traffic to 50.50.50.1. Upstream they implement the active-active default gateway function via VRRP and support traffic load-balancing with vLAGs from the host(s) toward the spine.



Hence this design implements optimal Layer 3 forwarding both ways (without relying on the cluster links as active paths, only as backups). It also supports running Layer 3 routing protocols on the cluster switches.

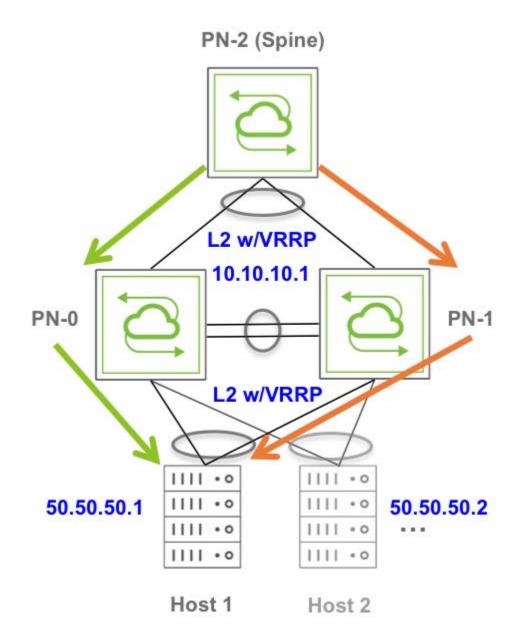


Figure 7-15 - Symmetric Routing over a vLAG with VRRP

In this other scenario two cluster switches run vRouters with active-active VRRP in order to provide redundant Layer 3 next hops (using virtual IPs) to both upstream and downstream devices.

This design achieves symmetric Layer 3 forwarding purely via vLAG load-balancing and VRRP active-active forwarding. However, note that it does not lend itself to the use of dynamic routing protocols on vRouters because with VRRP routing adjacencies would only form on the vRouter acting as VRRP master, preventing the slave vRouter to process and install routes.

Netvisor ONE supports the active-active dual-forwarding logic by default with VRRP. However, if needed, you can disable it or re-enable it on a per vRouter basis with this



### command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify name vRouter-PN-0 cluster-active-active-routing | no-cluster-active-active-routing

To display the configuration, use the vrouter-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-show format all layout
vertical

```
switch: PN-0
id: b000f1e:1
name: vRouter-PN-0
type: vrouter
scope: local
vnet: test
vnet-service: dedicated
state: enabled
location: sw45
zone-id: b000f1e:2
template: no
failover-action: stop-old
router-type: hardware
fabric-comm: false
router-ipstack: frr
hw-router-mac: 66:0e:94:1e:7a:6a
cluster-active-active-routing: disable
hw-vrid: 0
hw-vrrp-id: -1
proto-multi: none
proto-routing: static,routesnoop
bgp-redist-static-metric: none
bgp-redist-connected-metric: none
bgp-redist-rip-metric:
                        none
bgp-redist-ospf-metric: none
bgp-dampening: false
bgp-scantime(s):
                  60
bgp-delayed-startup(s): 1
bgp-keepalive-interval(s): 60
bgp-holdtime(s): 180
ospf-redist-static-metric: none
ospf-redist-static-metric-type: 2
ospf-redist-connected-metric: none
ospf-redist-connected-metric-type: 2
ospf-redist-rip-metric: none
ospf-redist-rip-metric-type: 2
ospf-redist-bgp-metric: none
ospf-redist-bgp-metric-type: 2
ospf-stub-router-on-startup: false
ospf-bfd-all-if: no
ospf-default-information: none
ospf-default-info-originate-metric: none
ospf-default-info-originate-metric-type: 2
bgp-snmp: false
bgp-snmp-notification: false
ospf-snmp: false
ospf-snmp-notification: false
ospf6-snmp: false
```



ospf6-snmp-notification: false

ip-snmp: false



# **Configuring Active-Active vLAG Forwarding with Loopback Recirculation**

In network designs in which vLAG load-balancing with fast failover is required to work in conjunction with dynamic routing protocol peering, the aforementioned vLAG forwarding rule may cause traffic drops.

Therefore, for certain switch models with spare bandwidth an additional configuration option has been implemented.

Let's consider the example in Figure: Symmetric Routing over a vLAG with Loopback Recirculation below where a cluster pair uses standard OSPF peering over a Layer 2 domain represented by a redundant (v)LAG.

To the routing protocol running on PN-2 the (v)LAG looks like a share medium over which both cluster nodes, 10.10.10.1 and 10.10.10.2, are reachable. However, the (v)LAG performs traffic load-balancing: packets sent toward 10.10.10.1 can be steered to either PN-0 or PN-1; likewise, packets sent toward 10.10.10.2 can be steered to either PN-0 or PN-1. When packets are sent to the "wrong" next-hop, the latter will have to use the cluster links to steer the packets back to their "correct" destination.

However, packets traversing the cluster links that need to egress a vLAG (going downstream to reach one of the hosts) are dropped.

For this case, Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of internal loopback recirculation for routed packets entering the switch from cluster links in order to bypass the vLAG forwarding rule.

The approach consists in provisioning a set of physical ports in loopback mode without requiring external cabling. In particular, the Pluribus E28-Q model offers up to 12x10GE ports (that is, which are not exposed to users in the front panel) that can be configured in loopback mode for an additional forwarding capacity of 120 Gbps.

An internal forwarding rule can be manually installed on both cluster nodes to redirect the traffic to the internal loopback when it ingresses from the cluster links with a destination MAC address matching that of the next-hop. When a packet is recirculated by this rule over the loopback, it gets normally routed and hence is not subject to the vLAG forwarding rule (that would otherwise drop it).



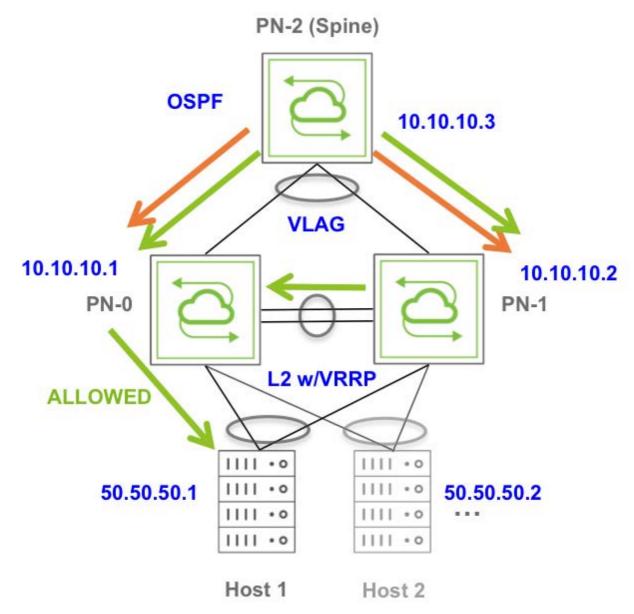


Figure 7-16 -Symmetric Routing over a vLAG with Loopback Recirculation

Note that, when this option is configured, approximately 50% of the traffic traverses the cluster links, which is not ideal, hence it is not recommended as a general solution but can be useful in certain designs.

For each vRouter that needs redirection of the traffic to the internal loopback, first find the MAC addresses of the (two, in case of a cluster) corresponding interfaces using the vrouter-interface-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show vrouter-name UP1

vrouter-name: UP1
nic: eth11.200

ip: 200.200.200.1/24
assignment: static
mac: 66:0e:94:10:29:e1



vlan: 200 vxlan: 0 if: data

vm-nic-type: data

exclusive: no

nic-config: enable

nic-state: up

In this case the interface MAC address is 66:0e:94:10:29:e1.

Then configure a loopback (with a single port or a multi-port trunk):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 89 loopback

### Or for the trunk case:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 89-100 loopback

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name loopbackUP ports 89-100 loopback

Then create the special forwarding rule using the vFlow command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name LB\_vflow scope local in-port 129 dst-mac 66:0e:94:10:29:e1 action set-dmac-to-port action-value 89 action-set-mac-value 66:0e:94:10:29:e1

### Or for the trunk case:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name LB\_vflow scope local in-port 129 dst-mac 66:0e:94:10:29:e1 action set-dmac-to-port action-value 130 action-set-mac-value 66:0e:94:10:29:e1

For action-value use the loopback port number or the loopback trunk ID (130, in this example, assigned during creation).

For a cluster pair, you must configure each node using the above configuration steps.



## **Configuring Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol**

The configuration of the VRRP protocol is tied to the creation and configuration of vRouters. It requires entering various parameters such as a VRRP priority, a VRRP ID to uniquely identify the virtual router, etc.

### **Configuring VRRP Priority**

The priority is a value used by the VRRP master election process.

The valid priority range is 1-254, where 1 is the lowest priority and 254 is the highest priority.

The default value is 100. Higher values indicate higher priority for the master router election, therefore a backup router (also called a slave) can be configured for example with a priority value lower than the default.

### Configuring the VRRP ID

A virtual router is identified by its virtual router identifier (VRID) and by a set of virtual IPv4 and/or IPv6 address(es).

Each virtual IPvX address is paired to a MAC address in the 00-00-5E-00-01-XX address range where the last byte of the address (XX) corresponds to the VRID.

The VRID is also used to tag and differentiate protocol messages exchanged by VRRP routers.

The virtual router identifier is a user-configurable parameter with a value between 1 and 255. There is no default value.

In the configuration this parameter has to be associated to a vRouter entity and to the VRRP interface, as shown in the example below.

### **Example Configuration**

In this example two switches, named switch1 and switch2, are going to share a subnet and VLAN over which to set up VRRP's virtual router function (with an ID of 10):

VLAN 100 with IP address range 192.168.11.0/24

The corresponding vRouters are going to share a common vNET:

• The vrrp-router vNET with scope fabric

To configure VRRP, start with switch1 and create a vRouter that is associated with the aforementioned vNET and a VRRP ID of 10. Before configuring the vrouter-create command, you must create the corresponding vnet:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrrp-rtrl vnet vrrp-router router-type hardware hw-vrrp-id 10 enable



Add a vRouter interface that corresponds to the router's own real IP address:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-
name vrrp-rtr1 ip 192.168.11.3 netmask 24 vlan 100 [if data]
```

The above command will output a message such as:

```
Added interface eth0.100 with ifIndex 24
```

You can also use the vrouter-interface-show command to check the name of the newly created interface (eth0.100):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show
```

format all layout vertical
vrouter-name: vrrp-rtr1

nic: eth0.100

ip: 192.168.11.3/24
assignment: static
mac: 66:0e:94:dd:18:c4

vlan: 100 vxlan: 0 if: data alias-on:

exclusive: no
nic-config: enable

nic-state: up

Create the VRRP interface on the master switch with virtual IP 192.168.11.2, VRRP ID 10 and default priority (100):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-
name vrrp-rtr1 ip 192.168.11.2 netmask 24 vlan 100 [if data]
vrrp-id 10 vrrp-primary eth0.100 vrrp-priority 100
```

The above command will output a message such as:

```
Added interface eth1.100 with ifIndex 25
```

Then create a vRouter and an interface (with real IP 192.168.11.4) also on switch2:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrrp-rtr2 vnet vrrp-router router-type hardware hw-vrrp-id 10 enable
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-
name vrrp-rtr2 ip 192.168.11.4 netmask 24 vlan 100 [if data]
```

Use the vrouter-interface-show command to check the name of the newly created interface (eth3.100):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-interface-show format all layout vertical
```



vrouter-name: vrrp-rtr2

nic: eth3.100

ip: 192.168.11.4/24
assignment: static
mac: 66:0e:94:21:a9:6c

vlan: 100
vxlan: 0
if: data
alias-on:
exclusive: no

nic-config: enable

nic-state: up

Create the VRRP interface for the backup switch with the same VIP 192.168.11.2, same VRRP ID (10) and a lower-than-default priority (say, 50):

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vrrp-rtr2 ip 192.168.11.2 netmask 24 vlan 100 [if data] vrrp-id 10 vrrp-primary eth3.100 vrrp-priority 50

Display the information about the VRRP setup:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-interface-show format
all layout vertical

vrouter-name: vrrp-rtr1

nic: eth0.100

ip: 192.168.11.3/24 assignment: static mag: 66:0e:94:dd:18:c4

mac: 66:0e:94:dd:18:c4

vxlan: 0
if: data
alias-on:
exclusive: no

vlan: 100

nic-config: enable

nic-state: up

vrouter-name: vrrp-rtr1

nic: eth1.100

ip: 192.168.11.2/24
assignment: static
mac: 00:00:5e:00:01:0a

vlan: 100
vxlan: 0
if: data
alias-on:
exclusive: no

nic-config: enable

nic-state: up
vrrp-id: 10

vrrp-primary: eth0.100 vrrp-priority: 100



vrrp-state: master vrouter-name: vrrp-rtr2 nic: eth3.100 ip: 192.168.11.4/24 assignment: static mac: 66:0e:94:21:54:07 vlan: 100 vxlan: 0 if: data alias-on: exclusive: no nic-config: enable nic-state: up vrouter-name: vrrp-rtr2 nic: eth4.100 ip: 192.168.11.2/24 assignment: static mac: 00:00:5e:00:01:0a vlan: 100 vxlan: 0 if: data alias-on: exclusive: no nic-config: enable nic-state: down vrrp-id: 10 vrrp-primary: eth3.100 vrrp-priority: 50

vrrp-state: slave

When you intentionally disable the master's VRRP interface, the backup interface becomes the new master:

vrouter-name: vrrp-router2 nic: eth4.100 ip: 192.168.11.2/24 assignment: static mac: 00:00:5e:00:01:0a vlan: 100 vxlan: 0 if: data alias-on: exclusive: no nic-config: enable nic-state: up vrrp-id: 10 vrrp-primary: eth3.100 vrrp-priority: 50 vrrp-state: master

When you re-enable the disabled interface on the former master, that interface becomes the master again, and the second interface returns to be a backup (slave):



vrouter-name: vrrp-router2

nic: eth4.100

ip: 192.168.11.2/24 assignment: static

mac: 00:00:5e:00:01:0a

vlan: 100
vxlan: 0
if: data
alias-on:
exclusive: no

nic-config: enable
nic-state: down

vrrp-id: 10

vrrp-primary: eth3.100

vrrp-priority: 50
vrrp-state: slave



## **Configuring VRRP Pre-emption Mode**

VRRP supports rapid transition from master to backup router in case of node failures. The master router sends VRRP advertisements based on the configured VRRP advertisement interval or a default interval of 1000 ms to the backup router(s). If the master router's advertisements are not received within the configured time window, then a backup router is elected as the master router. If the failed master router becomes active again, it can reclaim the role of master or allow the former backup to continue as the master router. The role depends on the value assigned to a parameter called VRRP priority.

To minimize network traffic, only the master router sends periodic VRRP advertisement messages. A backup router do not attempt to preempt the master unless it has higher priority, thereby eliminating service disruption.

It is also possible to administratively prohibit all preemption attempts. When the master router becomes unavailable due to a node failure or other network issues, then the highest priority backup router transitions to the master role after a short delay, providing a controlled transition of the virtual router responsibility with minimal service interruption.

With Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0, you can enable or disable the *VRRP* preempt mode while configuring a VRRP interface. The preempt (or pre-empt) mode controls when a starting or restarting higher-priority backup router preempts a lower-priority master router.

By default, the preemption mode is enabled on all VRRP instances in Netvisor ONE. Enabling the preemption feature is useful when a high priority router represents a much preferred path and hence takes over the master role whenever it comes back online, albeit with a potential (small) traffic disruption.

On the other hand, by disabling the preemption feature, you can prevent a high priority backup VRRP router from taking over the master router role after a restart (caused for example by a failure or other network issue). In other words, when the VRRP preemption mode is disabled and when a high priority master router becomes unavailable, the next high priority VRRP instance on the backup router assume the role of master router. When the previously unavailable VRRP device is back online and starts receiving advertisements, it does not take over the master role and remains as the backup (slave) router.

However, it is recommended not to disable the preemption mode on all the VRRP instances on a router. For example, if you have seven VRRP instances, you may disable the preemption mode on a few instances (say 3-4 VRRP instances) to maintain load balancing by avoiding a lower priority router to continue as the master router causing the control plane traffic to be handled by a single node.

Disabling the preemption mode is useful in scenarios when a higher priority backup router tries to become the master router, while a master router already exists. For example, when a higher priority master router becomes unavailable and the next high priority router assumes the master role, and later when the original master router comes back online and does not receive any advertisements for a short period (due to



any network issue or power failure), then the original master router reclaims the role of master router while the second high priority router continues in the master role. In this case, the higher priority router's claim is accepted and that becomes the master router.

**Note**: In Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0, you must use the vrrp-preempt-mode disable option only when the VRRP is enabled between two switches. This functionality is not applicable for cases where VRRP is enabled on more than two switches.

You can enable or disable preemption feature on IPv4 and IPv6 addresses of the vrouters.

This feature includes the addition of a new OID to the Pluribus proprietary PN-VRRP-MIB, which is mapped to the standard VRRP-MIB v3.

Use either the CLI command or the REST API syntax to enable or disable the preemption feature. To enable or disable the VRRP preemption mode by using the CLI, use the vrouter-interface-add or vrouter-interface-modify commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername name-string vrrp-priority <0..254> vrrp-preempt-mode disable|enable

vrouter-interface-add	Adds an interface to a vRouter.		
vrouter-name name-string	Enter a name for the service configuration.		
vrrp-priority 0254	Enter a VRRP priority for the vrouter interface. The default priority is 100.		
vrrp-preempt-mode disable  enable	Specify one of the options to allow or prevent a high priority Backup router from becoming Master router.  The default value is enabled.		

For example, to add an interface, VR1 with priority 150, and enable the preempt mode, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vr1 vrrp-priority 150 vrrp-preempt-mode enable

To view the details, use the vrouter-interface-show or vrouter-interface-ip-show commands. The format all option displays a separate column 'vrrp-preempt-mode' with the configured value.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show format all

To modify an existing vrouter interface, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-modify vrouter-name name-string nic nic-string vrrp-preempt-mode disable | enable



Assuming that you had already configured other parameters such as vlan, nic, ip-address, and vrrp-priority for a vrouter interface (refer to the Configuring VRRP section for details), below is a sample configuration and show output when you enable and disable the vrrp-preempt-mode parameter on a vrouter interface.

View the details when the vrrp- preempt-mode is enabled on a VLAN:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show vlan 2
format nic,nic-state,vlan,ip,vrrp-priority,vrrp-state,vrrppreempt-mode,

vrouter-name	nic	nic-state	vlan	ip	vrrp-priority	vrrp-state	vrrp-preempt-
illode							
ghq-spine1	eth0.2	up	2	10.10.2.2/24			
ghq-spinel	eth1.2	down	2	10.10.2.1/24	100	slave	enable
ghq-spine2	eth2.2	up	2	10.10.2.3/24			
ghq-spine2	eth3.2	down	2	10.10.2.1/24	110	slave	enable
uss-spinel	eth4.2	up	2	10.10.2.4/24			
uss-spinel	eth5.2	down	2	10.10.2.1/24	120	slave	enable
uss-spine2	eth6.2	up	2	10.10.2.5/24			
uss-spine2	eth7.2	up	2	10.10.2.1/24	130	master	enable

Disable the VRRP preempt by using the vrouter-interface-modify command on vrouter instances:

```
CLI (network-admin@ghspine01-new) > vrouter-interface-modify vrouter-name ghq-spine1 nic eth1.2 vrrp-preempt-mode disable
```

CLI (network-admin@ghspine01-new) > vrouter-interface-modify vrouter-name ghq-spine2 nic eth3.2 vrrp-preempt-mode disable

CLI (network-admin@ghspine01-new) > vrouter-interface-modify vrouter-name uss-spine1 nic eth5.2 vrrp-preempt-mode disable

CLI (network-admin@ghspine01-new) > vrouter-interface-modify vrouter-name uss-spine2 nic eth7.2 vrrp-preempt-mode disable

### View the details after disabling the VRRP preemption mode:

CLI (network-admin@ghspine01-new) > vrouter-interface-show vlan 2 format nic,nic-state,vlan,ip,vrrp-priority,vrrp-state,vrrp-preempt-mode,

vrouter-name mode	nic	nic-state	vlan	ip	vrrp-priority	vrrp-state	vrrp-preempt-
ghq-spine1	eth0.2	up	2	172.16.2.2/24			
ghq-spine1	eth1.2	down	2	172.16.2.1/24	100	slave	disable
ghq-spine2	eth2.2	up	2	172.16.2.3/24			
ghq-spine2	eth3.2	down	2	172.16.2.1/24	110	slave	disable
uss-spinel	eth4.2	up	2	172.16.2.4/24			
uss-spinel	eth5.2	down	2	172.16.2.1/24	120	slave	disable
uss-spine2	eth6.2	up	2	172.16.2.5/24			
uss-spine2	eth7.2	up	2	172.16.2.1/24	130	master	disable



## **Troubleshooting High Availability**

A trunk (also called LAG or port channel) can be configured automatically or can be defined manually with or without the LACP protocol.

Due to their resiliency and traffic load balancing, trunks can be used for inter-switch communication within a cluster (auto-LAG) or for general network connectivity (user-configured LAG).

You can verify a trunk (LAG) status with the command trunk-show:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format
switch,name,ports,speed,lacp-mode,status

switch	name	ports	speed	lacp-mode	status
pnswitch1	ports1-4	1-4	10g	off	up
pnswitch1	ports5-8	5-8	10g	off	up
pnswitch1	ports9-12	9-12	10g	off	up
pnswitch1	ports13-16	13-16	10g	off	up

Trunks can be configured with or without LACP. The following example shows the LACP options available when creating a trunk:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name port1-4 ports 1,4 lacp-mode

Off LACP is off

Passive LACP passive mode
Active LACP active mode

When LACP is set to active or passive mode it helps detect link and configuration changes, whereas in off mode it is up to the network admin to deal with the trunk bring up process and to avoid configuration mistakes/oversights (such as asymmetries in the configuration).

Clusters and vLAGs provide the underlying redundancy structure for network communications. You can check that a cluster and a vLAG are functioning properly with the following commands. First verify the cluster status (online or offline) with the command cluster-show:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cluster-show

name	state	cluster-node-1	cluster-node-2	tid	ports	remote-ports
pnclusterodd	${\tt online}$	pnswitch1	pnswitch3	15	4,36,128	4,36,129
pnclustereven	${\tt online}$	pnswitch2	pnswitch4	0	4,8,128	4,8,129

Then verify the vLAG status(es) with the command vlag-show:



### CLI (network-admin@pnswitch1) > vlag-show layout vertical

name: pnvlag1 cluster: pnclusterodd mode: active-active mode: active-active switch: pnswitch1 port: trunk-to-plus peer-switch: pnswitch3 peer-port: trunk-to-plus

normal status: local-state: enabled lacp-mode: up off

name: pnvlag2 cluster: pnclustereven mode: active-active mode: active
switch: pnswitch2
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peer-switch: pnswitch4

peer-port: 18 status: normal local-state: enabled lacp-mode: up active

A vLAG is a logical entity that relies upon its port members (physical ports with an operational Layer 1 status) and upon the underlying cluster.

Therefore, first check that the vLAG status is normal and the state is "enabled,up".

If there are problems with the vLAG, work back through the objects it depends on the cluster, and ultimately the physical ports and the cables.



## **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version			
<pre>trunk-create, trunk- modify (with LACP parameters and loopback)</pre>	Commands with parameters first supported in version 2.1			
cluster-create	Command added in version 1.2			
cluster-bringup-modify	Command added in version 2.5.4			
13-to-vlan-interface-delay	Parameter introduced in version 2.6.2			
<pre>vlag-create, vlag-modify (with parameters for mode lacp-mode, active-standby and active-active)</pre>	Commands with parameters first supported in version 2.2			
lacp-mode, lacp-fallback, and lacp-fallback-timeout	Parameters introduced in version 2.4			
lacp-port-priority	Parameter introduced in version 2.5			
hw-vrrp-id	Parameter introduced in version 2.2 for vrouter-create			
vrrp-id, vrrp-priority, and vrrp-primary	Parameters introduced in version 2.2 for vrouter-interface-modify			
vxlan, nodel-ip, node2-ip	Parameters introduced in version 7.0.0 for cluster-create			

Refer to the Pluribus Networks Command Reference documents for more details on the commands.



### **Related Documentation**

For more information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, and the Fabric), refer to below topics from the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric
- Configuring VXLAN



## **Configuring VXLAN**

This chapter provides information about understanding and configuring the VXLAN features on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI).

- Understanding VXLAN
  - About VXLAN's Packet
     Format and Its Implications
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  - About IGMP Snooping Support with VXLAN
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  - About Pluribus Open
     Networking Multi-site Fabric
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   Interconnections and VNIs
  - Configuring the VXLAN Loopback Trunk
  - Configuring VLAN 1 with VXLAN
  - Checking VXLAN
     Recirculation's L2 and L3
     Entries
  - Showing VXLAN TrunkReplication Counters
  - Displaying ECMP Load
     Balancing Info for VXLAN

- Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections
- Disabling VXLAN Termination
- Disabling MAC Address Learning
- Configuring Unicast Fabric VRFs with Anycast Gateway
- Configuring the Anycast Gateway
   MAC Address as Source Address
- Configuring Virtual Service Groups
  - Configuring vSG RouteSharing
- Configuring IGMP Snooping with VXLAN
- Configuring Distributed VRF-aware vFlow
- Configuring Multicast Fabric VRFs
- Configuring Multiple VXLAN Next
   Hops on a Single Egress Port
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## **Understanding VXLAN**

In modern networks, Virtual eXtensible Local Area Network (VXLAN) has become a key technology enabler for advanced data center network designs such as those employed by cloud service providers and large enterprises. RFC 7348 is the IETF *informational* document that describes in detail the VXLAN encapsulation scheme.

Historically, the primary need for the introduction of a new encapsulation scheme originated in the data center where high server density on top of server virtualization placed increased demands on the available physical and logical resources of the network.

In particular, each virtual machine (VM) requires its own Media Access Control (MAC) address. Therefore, highly scalable data centers with N VMs running on M servers would require MAC address tables potentially larger (N  $\times$  M) than what is available in a switched Ethernet network.

In addition, bare metal servers as well as VMs in a data center need to be grouped and isolated according to various management and security policies: this is usually achieved by assigning them to Virtual LANs (VLANs). However, the maximum number of VLANs is limited to 4094 and hence it's inadequate for the largest network designs, especially when *multi-tenancy* and *VLAN reuse* are required.

In fact, data centers are often required to host multiple tenants, which must have their own isolated management and data forwarding domains. This means that each tenant should be able to independently assign MAC addresses and VLAN IDs without causing resource conflicts in the physical network. In order to achieve this, an extra *layer of network virtualization* is required.

While various solutions for each aforementioned resource limitation/challenge have been proposed in the past, thanks to its flexibility and ample software and hardware support VXLAN has risen above all alternatives to become the *solution of choice* to address all of the above limitations. Moreover, its powerful UDP-based encapsulation has been leveraged to enable novel capabilities as well as to replace legacy solutions for highly scalable network designs (as further discussed in the paragraphs below).

One important use case is when virtualized environments require having Layer 2 forwarding capabilities scale across the entire data center or even between different data centers for efficient allocation of compute, network and storage resources. A solution that enables a network to scale across data centers is oftentimes referred to as Data Center Interconnect (DCI) and is an important high availability design.

In the DCI scenario traditional approaches that use the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) or an MPLS-based technology (such as VPLS) for a loop-free topology are not always optimal or flexible enough. In particular, network designers typically prefer to use an *IP transport for the interconnection, redundancy and load balancing of resources and traffic.* 

Nonetheless, despite the preference for a Layer 3-based interconnect, in VM-based environments there is often a need to preserve Layer 2-based connectivity for inter-VM communication. How can both models coexist then?



VXLAN is the answer to this question: it employs a UDP-based header format which can be used to route traffic within a physical Layer 3 network (also called an *underlay*) while its encapsulation capabilities can seamlessly *preserve and augment* Layer 2's inherent characteristics (such as MAC addresses and VLANs) and communication rules.

From this point of view VXLAN marries the best of both worlds. Hence it can be used to implement a virtual Layer 2 network (a so-called *Layer 2 overlay*) on top of a traditional Layer 3 network design.

This capability is also an ideal fit for example for DCI deployments where a Layer 2 overlay is required to carry the Ethernet traffic to and from geographically dispersed VMs.

The approach of transporting Layer 2 traffic in a UDP-encapsulated format is akin to a logical 'tunneling function'.

However, VXLAN's informational RFC does not enforce any particular control-plane and data-plane scheme (like a tunnel-like model), nor does it limit the number of possible use cases. (It simply illustrates how to overcome certain limitations while suggesting one communication scheme for unicast traffic and one for multicast/broadcast/unknown unicast traffic).

In practical terms, then, VXLAN is primarily an encapsulation format. The way the control plane uses it varies from vendor to vendor, sometimes with fully proprietary implementations and sometimes with open software components based on common interoperability standards.

Despite this heterogeneity and flexibility of implementation, the VXLAN format has become widely popular: it is supported in hardware by most data center switches and it is also supported in software on virtualized servers running for example an open virtual switch.

Most hardware vendors however don't implement verbatim the entire RFC in particular with regard to the 'flood and learn' data plane mechanism described in it, because deemed not scalable enough.

The following sections will describe Pluribus Networks' innovative VXLAN integration with the *Unified Cloud Fabric* (UCF, or simply the *fabric*), the related optimizations and use cases, and their configuration.



## **About VXLAN's Packet Format and Its Implications**

From a pure encapsulation perspective, the VXLAN format has a few important general implications related to the specific fields that it adds as well as to the UDP encapsulation.

The VXLAN header is shown in *Figure 8-1* below.

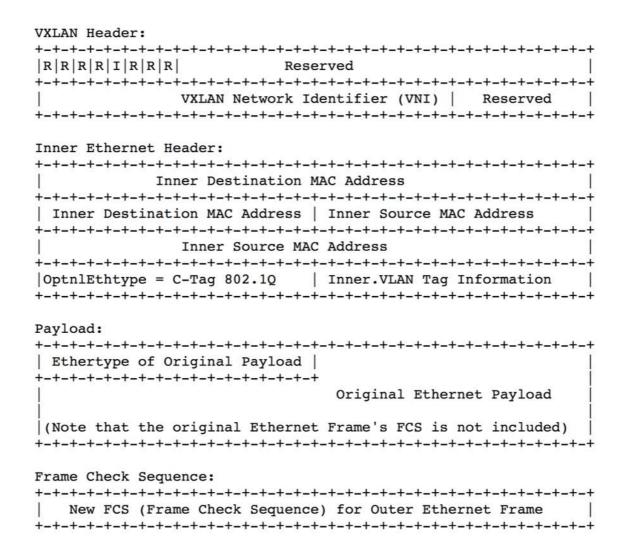


Figure 8-1: VXLAN Header Added on Top of a Plain UDP Packet (Ethernet + IP + UDP)

VXLAN requires the addition of a variable number of extra octets (i.e., overhead) to all the frames it encapsulates: as shown above, Inner Ethernet Header + Payload + FCS represent the Ethernet frame that originates in the underlay network from a host (virtualized or not). Such original frame is then encapsulated into an 8-octet VXLAN header, which is then encapsulated into a regular UDP (+ IP + 802.3) packet. An outer IEEE 802.1Q VLAN tag is optional and, when present, adds four additional octets to the total.

For example, in case of UDP over IPv4, this equates to a total of 50/54 additional octets of VXLAN encapsulation overhead. In case of UDP over IPv6 an additional 20 octets (compared to IPv4's case) have to be added due to the longer IPv6 header (for 70/74 bytes of total extra overhead).



### **About the MTU Configuration**

The first obvious implication is that, in order to make sure that variable-length VXLAN encapsulated packets can be successfully carried across a generic Ethernet underlay network, the *Maximum Transmission Unit* (*MTU*) size must be properly increased end-to-end on all the physical and logical interfaces connecting the network nodes.

In the IPv4 case the MTU needs to be raised to at least 1554 octets (from the standard 1500 value). In the IPv6 case it needs to be set to at least 1574 octets.

In an Ethernet network, usually this requirement is supported for both cases by enabling *jumbo frame forwarding* on the device interfaces (at Layer 2 and 3) that have to carry any VXLAN traffic.

### About the VXLAN IDs

The second important implication of the VXLAN packet format is that it includes a very useful 24-bit field called VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI). Per the definition in RFC 7348:

VXLAN Segment ID/VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI): this is a 24-bit value used to designate the individual VXLAN overlay network on which the communicating VMs are situated. VMs in different VXLAN overlay networks cannot communicate with each other.

Traditional network segmentation at Layer 2 is implemented with IEEE 802.1Q VLANs to provide logical segmentation of the traffic in different broadcast domains. The use of VLANs, however, imposes a number of limiting factors, especially in large network designs, for example in large multi-tenant data centers.

By leveraging the VNI field as well as a number of VXLAN-based forwarding optimizations it is possible to provide the same Ethernet Layer 2 network services as VLANs but with greater extensibility and flexibility.

In particular, the 24-bit VNI field supports 16 million possible IDs, which is usually considered more than sufficient for the largest network designs.

When compared to VLANs, VNIs offer the following benefits:

- Increased scalability to address more Layer 2 segments as it is possible to map such segments to up to 16 million IDs that can coexist in the same administrative domain.
- Flexible allocation of segment IDs in multi-tenant environments, as it is possible to map each VLAN ID to different unique VNIs (that is, VLAN ID reuse is easily supported). Furthermore, VXLAN's UDP transport enables the flexible interconnect of data center pods across a generic IP underlay, even when the pods are geographically distributed for redundancy and load sharing purposes.
- Standard routing technologies (Layer 3 forwarding and equal-cost multipath (ECMP) load-balancing) are applied to VNI-based segments in the underlying IP network



thanks to VXLAN's UDP-based encapsulation. This can translate into better network utilization, simpler interoperability in heterogeneous networks and greater scalability enabled by *hardware-based forwarding and replication*.

### **About VXLAN's Layer 2 Extension**

The third important implication of the VXLAN packet format is that it can be used to transport Layer 2 traffic from a source to a destination where both source and destination use a single MAC address each (or a limited number of addresses). That is why VXLAN is often likened to a 'tunnel' from a source to a destination that carries traffic from any number of end devices.

In more general terms, as we will see in the following, it's a versatile Layer 3 forwarding path from a source to a destination.

Both source and destination are called VXLAN Tunnel End Points (VTEPs) per the RFC.

One important challenge in today's virtualized environments is that there is increased demand on MAC address tables of switches that connect to servers. Instead of learning one MAC address per physical server, the switch now has to learn the MAC addresses of the individual VMs, and if the MAC address table overflows, the switch will stop learning new MAC addresses until idle entries age out.

With VXLAN's end points using a single MAC address, only that address gets exposed to and learned by adjacent transit switches. Therefore, there is no requirement for global learning of all MAC addresses anymore (like in a flat Layer 2 network), and MAC address scalability is only limited by the table size of the switch where the VTEP is configured.

Furthermore, the VNI identifies the scope of the inner MAC frame originated from each host. Therefore, it is possible to utilize overlapping MAC addresses across segments without conflict since, just like with VLANs, the traffic is logically isolated by using different identifiers (the VNIs in case of VXLAN segments).

The aforementioned advantageous implications bring even more benefits to network designers when combined with Pluribus Network's innovative *Unified Cloud Fabric* and its advanced feature set.

In the following sections we will describe Pluribus' distinctive implementation of the VXLAN technology, its forwarding optimizations and benefits, as well as its specific configuration steps.



## **About Pluribus' VXLAN Implementation and Benefits**

If a network designer were tasked with selecting the best and most desirable technology among a number of implementation options, he or she would be hard pressed not to go with an open and standard approach. That is simply because a standard technology can maximize interoperability and hence offer network designers a wealth of software and hardware choices.

In contrast to other closed proprietary approaches, which require significant investments in complex and rigid hardware, Pluribus Networks has chosen the user-friendly path of a software-defined networking technology based on the VXLAN industry standard, where the fabric and its features seamlessly integrate with the advanced capabilities enabled by the VXLAN transport. (For more details on Pluribus' fabric configuration, refer to the Setting up and Administering the Pluribus Fabric chapter.)

In particular, Pluribus has integrated the VXLAN implementation with the fabric's capability of distributed MAC learning and VLAN transport, its redundant path support through vLAGs, virtual addresses and vRouters, as well as with the fabric VRFs' distributed forwarding capability for maximum redundancy and scalability.

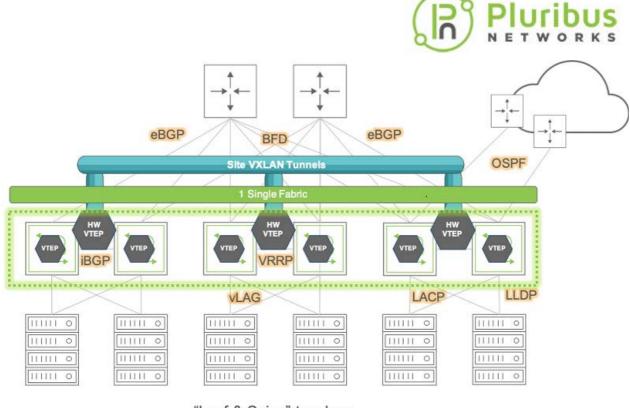
The power of the *Unified Cloud Fabric* distributed control plane has been leveraged to greatly augment and simplify VXLAN's basic capabilities without requiring complex proprietary (and potentially not inter-operable) enhancements. *Fabric VRFs and distributed multicast forwarding* (described later in this section) are two examples of the powerful synergies that have been achieved.

As part of the Unified Cloud Fabric, two inter-related logical layers have to be designed and configured: the underlay and the overlay network.

Let's look at each one individually.

## **About the Underlay Network's Architecture**

For flexibility and openness reasons, Pluribus engineers have decided to support a spectrum of different options based on *standard protocols* for fabric underlay architectures: they can be built using Layer 2 only, or with a combination of Layer 2 and Layer 3, or only with Layer 3, as shown in *Figure 8-2* below.



"Leaf & Spine" topology

Figure 8-2: Pluribus Fabric Over Any Underlay Network

As depicted above, network underlays typically include both path and device redundancy.

As explained in the *Configuring High Availability* chapter, either with Layer 2 or with Layer 3 designs Pluribus supports switch clustering and vLAGs in order to minimize reliance on the Spanning Tree Protocol (in case of Layer 2 networks) as well as to optimize redundancy and failover speed.

For Layer 3 underlay networks Pluribus also supports standard routing protocols for device interconnection (such as OSPF and BGP) as well as the VRRP protocol when default gateway redundancy is required.

In particular, having the possibility of leveraging an IP-based routed transport for intra-DC and inter-DC interconnection makes the entire architecture more open and leaner, with the option to use any switch vendor in the core (since any vendor nowadays can provide a broad, inter-operable and robust support of Layer 3 technologies).

In summary, for the network underlay the designer will have to decide which topology and forwarding scheme to use, which devices to deploy in each network location, and, as explained earlier, will have to enable jumbo frames wherever the VXLAN transport is required (typically it is required end-to-end for pervasive deployment models).

Pluribus Networks' open networking switches can be used as both leaf and spine switches, and can be connected to 3rd party switches, routers and appliances using just the aforementioned standard underlay technologies (whose configuration is described in detail in other chapters of this guide).



### **About the VXLAN Fabric Overlay and End Points**

Regarding the VXLAN transport's architecture and configuration, network designers have to decide where to place the VXLAN end points, i.e., the sources and the destinations of the VXLAN forwarding paths (referred to as *tunnels* in the RFC).

This decision depends on many different factors (such as level of software and hardware support, scalability, virtualization, traffic patterns, etc.) but the choice usually falls on the edge nodes of the fabric (whether hardware or software-based).

Redundancy can also be a key decision factor, as discussed in the next section.

A common scalable choice for end point (VTEP) placement is represented by the leaf switch(es), that is, the first-hop switches physically connected to the hosts (bare metal servers or VMs).

Furthermore, when configured in redundant pairs, leaf switches are the ideal locations for VTEP placement for improved service continuity, as shown in the figure below. (On the other hand, it is also possible that in certain other designs the VTEPs can be placed on spine switches, if so required by design prerequisites and/or network constraints.)

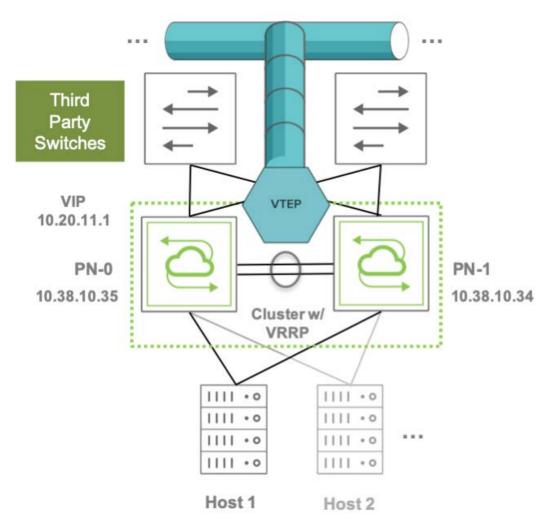


Figure 8-3: VTEP Placement on Leaf Switch Clusters



Pluribus switches support flexible VTEP placement. For example, VTEPs can be placed on pairs of Pluribus leaf switches that are connected to a third-party Layer 3 core network (as shown in the figure above), or they can be placed on pairs of Layer 3 Pluribus spine switches that interconnect two DC sites (or pods) over a generic IP-based network, or the design choice can even be a combination of the two above.

In any of these cases, the VXLAN traffic flows are terminated on the switches, which are responsible for encapsulating packets that arrive from servers or hosts on a Layer 2 network and transmitting them over to their destination. Similarly, the VXLAN packets arriving from the opposite direction are decapsulated and the inner packets are forwarded over to their destination end devices. The switches also collect traffic statistics, optimize ARP requests and MAC learning.

In addition to the above, Pluribus also supports scenarios in which VXLAN is not terminated on the switch itself, that is, in which the switch does not participate in the encapsulation and/or decapsulation of the VXLAN traffic.

In such case a host would typically implement a VTEP in software and therefore the switch would act mainly as an underlay node for the pass-through VXLAN traffic directed to that host.

On that VXLAN traffic, though, Netvisor ONE can still perform an important function:

Analytics collection: All TCP control packets as well as ARP packets traversing a tunnel are captured. By default, the ARP and TCP packets are captured only at the ingress and egress tunnel switches. With inflight analytics enabled, the analytics are captured on the traversing packets as well. These packets are used to build connection statistics and provide visibility as to which VXLAN nodes are on specific ports. With inflight analytics enabled, analytics packets are captured on the traversing packets.

## **About VTEP High Availability**

A critical design requirement for various DC networks is to deploy the VXLAN transport in conjunction with a *high availability (HA) configuration* at the edge of the fabric. This guarantees path redundancy and service continuity in case of link or device failure at the edge.

In VXLAN parlance edge redundancy support is known as VXLAN Tunnel Endpoint High Availability (VTEP HA).

Pluribus switches support VTEP HA through the combination of multiple features: in particular, Pluribus implements a VTEP HA switch pair by harnessing the power of switch clustering in conjunction with the vLAG technology and with the standard VRRP protocol (these features are described in detail in the *Configuring High Availability* chapter).

This feature combination enables the configuration of redundant active-active Layer 3 switches that function as VRRP peers (with mutual liveliness checks) and that can provide a common *virtual IP* (*VIP*) address as active-active default gateway.

Thanks to the cluster synchronization function, a VTEP pair can act as a single logical



VXLAN end point using a single shared VIP as source address. Similarly, a destination VXLAN end point can be reached by using its HA pair's common VIP as destination address.

This interconnection of virtual IPs is exemplified in the figure below.

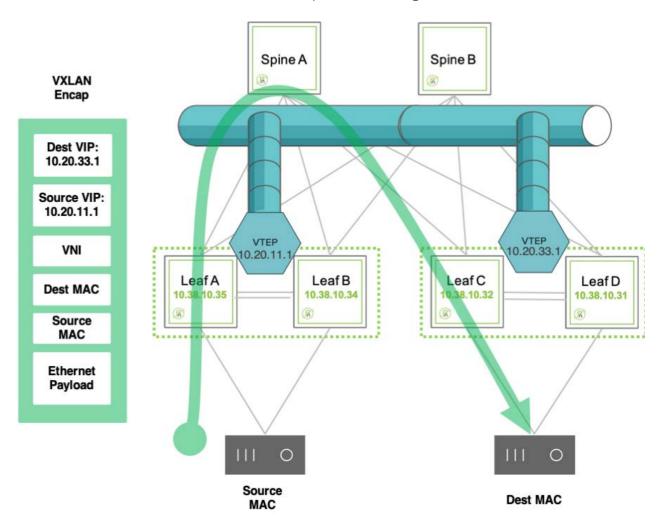


Figure 8-4: VIP Use for Inter-VTEP Communication

Setting up multiple of the above logical pairs enables the creation of an overlay network of interconnected VXLAN end points based on virtual (not physical) addresses which offers embedded physical as well as logical redundancy.

Configuration of these VXLAN pairs can be performed manually for each individual source and destination VTEP. However, Pluribus can further leverage the power of the Unified Cloud Fabric's distributed control plane to automate this tedious and potentially error prone process (for more details refer to the VTEP configuration section below).

Similarly, configuration of VLAN extensions over a VXLAN fabric requires a standard VLAN ID to VXLAN Network ID (VNI) mapping scheme. This ID mapping process too can be repetitive and error-prone, but with Pluribus' distributed control plane such global configuration can be propagated to all the nodes belonging to the same fabric instance, thus saving significant time and effort.



### **About the VXLAN Fabric Overlay and its Forwarding Optimizations**

A fabric overlay comprises a number of VXLAN end point pairs, as mentioned above, whose interconnection is used to transport end stations' traffic end-to-end based on their VLAN-to-VNI mappings.

A typical example of the logical overlay interconnect (of leaf switches in this instance) that VXLAN can be used to create over a physical underlay network is depicted in the figure below:

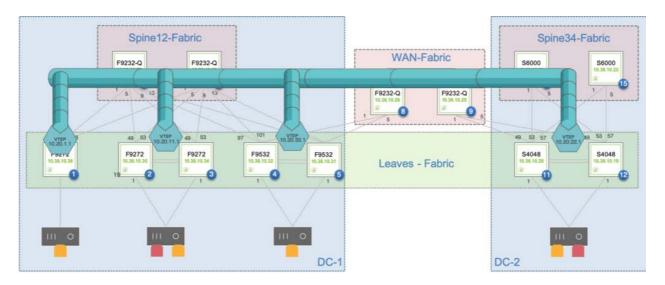


Figure 8-5: Overlay Network Interconnecting Single and Redundant VTEPs

Pluribus' forwarding logic and distributed control plane employ the standard *split* horizon algorithm to create a loop-free logical forwarding topology in the fabric overlay network so as to steer any VXLAN traffic over it without creating potential switching loops.

Furthermore, the implementation of the forwarding logic does not require complex address tracking and propagation mechanisms (such as IETF's MP-BGP-based EVPN solution). Pluribus instead uses its own *native address* registration and tracking technology, called *vPort database*, which is particularly useful to track host moves.

While a plain-vanilla hardware Layer 2 table is limited in its capacity by a switch's dedicated ASIC memory size, the Netvisor ONE software runs in the control plane processor's much larger DRAM memory space and hence is capable of tracking a large list of Layer 2 entries, much larger than what can fit into the limited space of a hardware table.

This logical software extension of the Layer 2 table is the vPort database, which can be considered as the *authoritative distributed endpoint directory and switching activity history book* of the entire Pluribus fabric.

In addition, as an optimization option (disabled by default), the fabric can use vPort information in conjunction with the *ARP optimization technology* to help manage the dynamic process of binding MAC/IP address pairs.



Pluribus' ARP optimization technology harnesses the versatility of the vPort database to perform the dynamic endpoint discovery and ARP proxy functions that are required to support the mobility of end-points across the fabric, as described in the figure below.

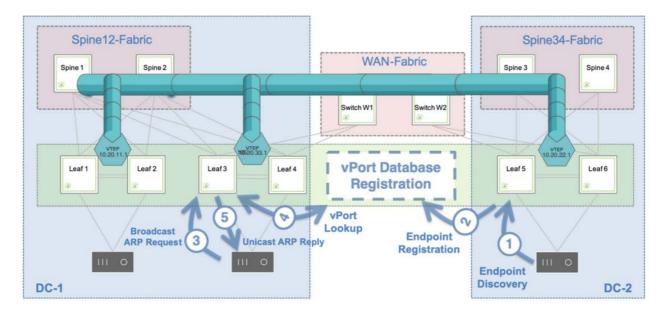


Figure 8-6: ARP Optimization Process

In the figure above, on the right-hand side a host is discovered through the traffic exchange with its neighboring switch. As a consequence, its information is recorded in the vPort database.

On a remote switch (on the left-hand side of the figure) whenever someone sends a broadcast ARP request to learn about the MAC address associated with the IP address of the newly discovered host, an ARP suppression function is executed.

In other words, the ARP response comes *proxied* from the fabric based on the contents of the distributed vPort database, which is available on all fabric nodes. Therefore, there is no need for any direct ARP communication between requester and registered host, nor for any flooding of broadcast ARP packets.

**Note:** The ARP optimization can be useful in various scenarios but may also impact the CPU utilization of the switches. Therefore, it is disabled by default and its use needs to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Moreover, starting from release 2.6.0, Pluribus has added a further under-the-hood enhancement to the fabric's control plane logic that significantly reduces the need for the less-than-optimal 'flood and learn' scheme for unknown destination traffic.

This enhancement, called *vPort forwarding*, implements a more optimized forwarding logic thanks to the versatility of the vPort database: this logic is analogous to ARP optimization's use of the vPort database information to avoid unnecessary ARP flooding, but it's applied to the general case when the destination Layer 2 address of a generic packet can be successfully looked up in the distributed vPort database so as to avoid having to flood the packet to all its possible destinations.



### **About ECMP Load Distribution for VXLAN Traffic**

Equal-cost multi-path routing (ECMP) is a routing strategy where next-hop packet forwarding can occur over multiple paths on a per flow basis.

Hardware platforms usually perform a hash function on a number of packet fields to perform path selection and determine the load balancing traffic distribution.

In case of VXLAN-encapsulated traffic, for backward-compatibility purposes, the same *legacy* ECMP algorithm can be applied to VXLAN packets too without requiring deeper inspection.

This is because the VXLAN RFC recommends that the encapsulation function add some amount of *entropy* to a VXLAN packet by generating a variable source UDP port:

Source Port: It is recommended that the UDP source port number be calculated using a hash of fields from the inner packet -- one example being a hash of the inner Ethernet frame's headers. This is to enable a level of entropy for the ECMP/load-balancing of the VM-to-VM traffic across the VXLAN overlay.

In other words, that recommendation makes sure that some amount of variability is present when creating VXLAN connections so that they can be easily load-balanced using most ECMP functions implemented by networking platforms.

In particular, any ECMP algorithm that takes into account (also) the *Layer 4 source port* for path determination will be able to take advantage of the level of entropy added to the VXLAN packets as per the RFC.

In case of Netvisor ONE this is achieved *by default* by implementing a granular 7-tuple hashing scheme that uses the following fields: source IP address, destination IP address, VLAN number, destination Layer 4 port, source Layer 4 port, IP protocol number, source physical port.

Other networking devices may use a simpler ECMP configuration referred to as 5-tuple hashing, which includes just the source and destination IP addresses, the protocol type, and the source and destination Layer 4 ports for UDP or TCP flows.

Adding VXLAN traffic entropy and applying ECMP hashing are basic hardware functions supported by default on Pluribus switches. These functions are supported by most 3rd party switches and routers as well.

See also the Displaying ECMP Load Balancing Info for VXLAN section.

# **About VXLAN Routing**

In most designs the VXLAN overlay network requires that overlay traffic be routed as well as bridged.

This is typically required for the host traffic to be routed across VNI-mapped VLANs and/or to reach the data center gateways, firewalls (or other L3/L4 appliances), so as to



be forwarded to the Internet. The reverse path from the Internet also requires that the traffic be routed as well to reach the hosts.

**Note**: Pluribus also refers to VXLAN routing with the acronym RIOT, which stands for Routing In and Out of Tunnels.

For hosts on different VLANs to communicate with each other and with the Internet, a cluster of *border leaf switches* is deployed for redundancy and load splitting purposes to become the overlay network's default gateway. VLAN interfaces are configured as required by the network administrator on the cluster's vRouters (up to 32 vRouters are supported).

This model is sometimes referred to as *centralized routing* for the VXLAN fabric (as opposed to the *distributed routing* model implemented with VRFs, as explained in a subsequent section).

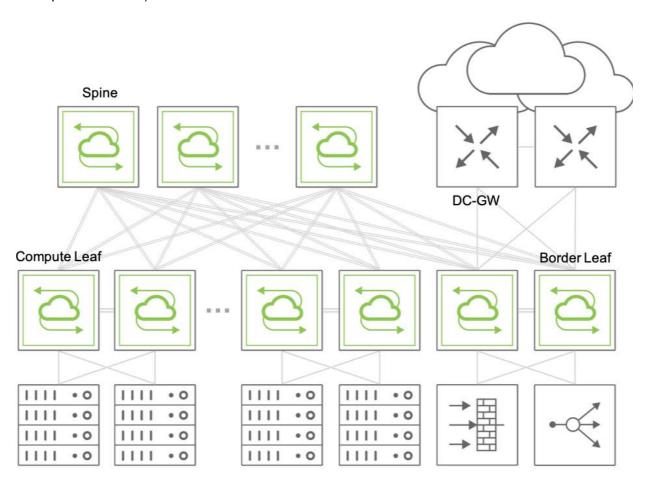


Figure 8-7: Example of Fabric Design Using Centralized Routing

In the centralized routing model, any fabric packets that need to be routed between two hosts in different VNI-mapped VLANs are sent to a centralized overlay vRouter and then VXLAN-encapsulated or -decapsulated depending on source and/or destination's host location.

When multiple sequential hardware operations are required, such as in the forwarding – > decapsulation –> routing sequence, or in the reverse routing –> encapsulation –> forwarding sequence (or also when any packet replication is needed), Pluribus leverages



the hardware's capabilities to implement *multiple packet lookup and rewrite passes* using a technology called *recirculation* (or hardware loopback).

This technique is used whenever a certain switch model is incapable of applying all the necessary operations to certain traffic in a single instance (that is, in a single pass). Hence, such traffic will have to be recirculated at least once through the hardware forwarding engine.

Pluribus supports the recirculation technique with the dedicated vxlan-loopback-trunk configuration.

## **About the VXLAN Loopback Trunk**

Netvisor ONE uses the vxlan-loopback-trunk configuration command to set aside a number of (internal or front-panel) ports that are configured as a logical group (i.e., a dedicated port channel) for recirculation.

This special trunk link is auto-created and is reserved to be used to carve out the necessary amount of bandwidth required for the recirculation of packets.

Typically, the network administrator allocates a number of ports (e.g., 2 or more for redundancy purposes) to a VXLAN loopback trunk that is sufficient to provide an amount of aggregate bandwidth *in excess of* what is required for routing and/or replication of all Broadcast/Unknown Unicast/Multicast (BUM) VXLAN traffic.

From an operational standpoint, if a packet needs to be recirculated after decapsulation as part of the routing operation, Layer 2 entries for the vRouter MAC address or the VRRP MAC address on VNI-mapped VLANs are programmed to point to the vxlan-loopback-trunk link in hardware.

Therefore, to verify that the traffic can be recirculated, the network administrator can simply look at output of the 12-table-show command, which should display a special vxlan-loopback flag to indicate the recirculation-related hardware state (see also the Checking VXLAN Recirculation L2 and L3 Entries section below).

In summary, it is important to size the VXLAN loopback trunk appropriately and, in certain cases, it may be helpful to verify the operational state of the Layer 2 entries associated to it in the hardware tables.

When monitoring the fabric, it is also useful to periodically check the hardware recirculation counters (as discussed in the *Showing VXLAN Trunk Replication Counters* below) so that the network admin can stay abreast on the peak recirculation bandwidth needs of the various fabric switches.

For sizing purposes, note that the VXLAN loopback infrastructure is used for routing traffic before VXLAN encapsulation and/or after VXLAN decapsulation. It is also used for bridging broadcast, unknown unicast or multicast (BUM, in short) traffic in the overlay network.

On the other hand, non-routed known unicast traffic is forwarded and encapsulated, or decapsulated and forwarded, in one single pass without requiring the VXLAN loopback trunk.



Starting from Netvisor ONE releases 6.0.0 and 6.0.1 new single-pass configurations are supported on certain switch models using newer hardware forwarding engines. In particular, it is possible to enable single-pass unicast VXLAN routing, single-pass broadcast/unknown unicast and multicast flooding, as well as single-pass distributed multicast bridging. Therefore, by leveraging these hardware capabilities when supported, it is possible to eliminate the need for loopback trunks in certain configurations. For more details, refer to the Configuring the VXLAN Loopback Trunk section.

## **About the VXLAN Configuration Models**

Netvisor ONE offers three powerful VXLAN configuration models.

The first model is aimed at full configuration automation and therefore is likely to be used more often. It leverages a special configuration abstraction called a *VTEP object*. When VTEP objects are created on the nodes, they trigger the automatic creation of VXLAN tunnels from such nodes, thus creating a full mesh of bidirectional connections between the nodes. In addition, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0 it is possible to automatically add a certain VLAN/VNI pair to all the VXLAN connections with the auto-vxlan keyword (note that, if the VNI value is not specified by the user, it is picked automatically by the system provided that the configuration scope is *fabric*.)

This any-to-any model is the most convenient one to quickly set up a full VXLAN fabric between multiple leaf nodes and associate to it all of the configured VLAN/VNI mappings. For more details, refer to the Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections section.

**Figure 8-8** shows an example of mesh with three leaf nodes configured with three VTEP objects.

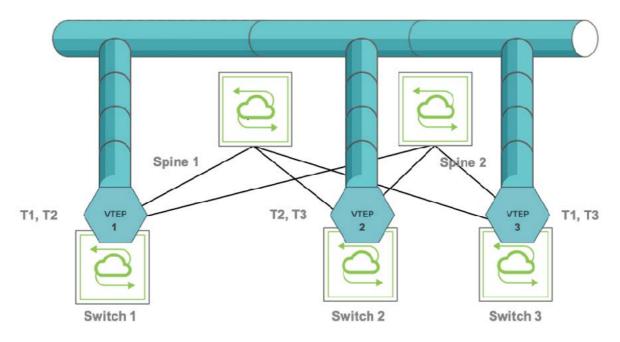


Figure 8-8: Example of VTEP Object Configuration



Bidirectional connections T1 through T3 are called *auto-tunnels* because they are automatically configured by the system when the VTEP objects are created with the vtep-create command. See the *Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections* section below for the naming of the tunnels automatically generated for the topology in *Figure 8-8*.

The second model is more granular because it requires more explicit configuration, as it doesn't use the auto-vxlan feature (which also means it does not require release 6.0.0 or later).

In this scenario, the user may not want to extend all the VNIs to all the VTEPs and their mesh of VXLAN connections. The user may instead want to extend a VNI, say, to VTEP1 and VTEP2 only (in the figure above) by using the <code>vtep-vxlan-add</code> command selectively. In such case, only two tunnels are automatically created between VTEP1 and VTEP2 for the chosen VNI (the two auto-tunnels are represented by the bidirectional T2 connection in the figure above), whereas T1 and T3 would not be created for the specific VNI per explicit user choice.

In this model, semi-manual establishment of VXLAN connections is required since the user is responsible to explicitly select which VNIs should be added to each VTEP.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1 a third model has been introduced: it's the *hub-and-spoke configuration* model. When used in conjunction with bridge domains, it mimics the behavior of the Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) *E-Tree service*.

This model leverages a new keyword, isolated, and is not compatible with the autovxlan assignment. The VTEP on the hub node is configured normally, just as in case 2 above, whereas the VTEPs on the spokes are configured with the isolated keyword because they are not supposed to communicate with each other.

**Figure 8-9** below shows an example of hub-and-spoke VXLAN topology where the hub node has bidirectional connections to the spokes but the spokes don't have connections between each other.



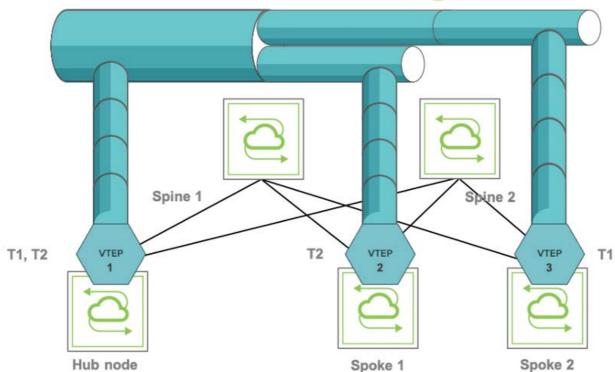


Figure 8-9: Example of Hub-and-spoke VXLAN Configuration

**Note:** The above two figures actually show a *virtual connection view on a per-VNI basis*: that means that tunnels are automatically created but then it's the per-VNI connectivity policy that determines whether nodes associated with each VNI are actually connected in a virtual mesh or in a virtual hub-and-spoke configuration.

For configuration details and examples, refer to the Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections section below.



# **About Unicast Fabric Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF)** with **Anycast Gateway**

Netvisor ONE Unified Cloud Fabric adds Layer 3 segmentation to VXLAN interconnections with the support of VRF (Virtual Routing and Forwarding) instances, complementing the vRouter construct and offering a highly scalable distributed routing solution to network architects.

Netvisor supports VRF as a hardware technology allowing multiple routing spaces to coexist on the same distributed fabric architecture. Furthermore, with the addition of the Anycast Gateway functionality, the Unified Cloud Fabric enables distributed forwarding at the first hop router as well as intrinsic VM mobility capabilities across complex multi-site data center designs. This guarantees the maximum VRF scalability possible, limited only by the specific forwarding ASIC capabilities.

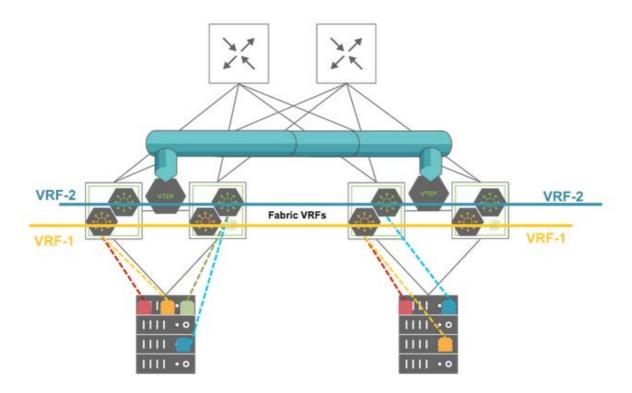


Figure 8-10: East-West Traffic Segmentation with Multiple VRF Instances

Netvisor Fabric VRFs have the following advantages:

- High scalability with support for a large number of VRF instances on a single fabric node (in the order of thousands depending on hardware capacity especially with newer ASICs and as an aggregate number fabric-wide).
- High performance distributed routing of East-West traffic at the Top-of-Rack (ToR) switch level. The distributed routing capability hosted on each leaf node avoids the need for hair pinning traffic to a centralized vRouter.
- Small forwarding state to manage on each node.



- Native redundancy without needing dedicated redundancy protocols (and potentially extra overhead).
- Dual stack support for IPv4 and IPv6 subnets.
- Simple fabric-wide configuration and management (typical provisioning overhead is proportional to: (number\_of\_VRFs + number\_of\_VLANs + number\_of\_switches) instead of the industry average of up to (number\_of\_VLANs \* number\_of\_switches).
- IPv4 and IPv6 subnets can be automatically stretched to multiple locations without extra configuration.
- Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1, subnet prefixes can be imported/exported between VRFs by using an innovative feature called virtual service group (vSG).

Fabric VRFs are lightweight distributed atomic constructs created without the need for a local vRouter and they do not currently support any routing protocols on VRF instances. This choice enables very high scalability and very low overhead in the management of the distributed segmentation and routing function.

You can connect fabric VRFs to third party VRF routers or gateways either directly using static routing or through a redundant group of border leaf switch(es) running the vRouter function mapping 1:1 to the Fabric VRF instances. In the latter case, border leaf switches can run any supported IGP protocol to interconnect with third party VRF routers or gateways.

For redundancy purposes, you can configure two VRF routers or gateways, sometimes referred to as *DC* gateways, can be configured per VRF (vrf-gw and vrf-gw2).

To be more precise, these two important configuration parameters represent two static default routes for northbound traffic. They can be quite flexible: after VRF global creation, they can be locally modified by using the vrf-modify command and allowing the implementation of different exit points for a VRF depending on the switch location.

In addition, static routing (with the vrf-route-add command) can be leveraged to augment them, for example, to install more than two routes or to change the VRF exit point for specific destination prefixes.

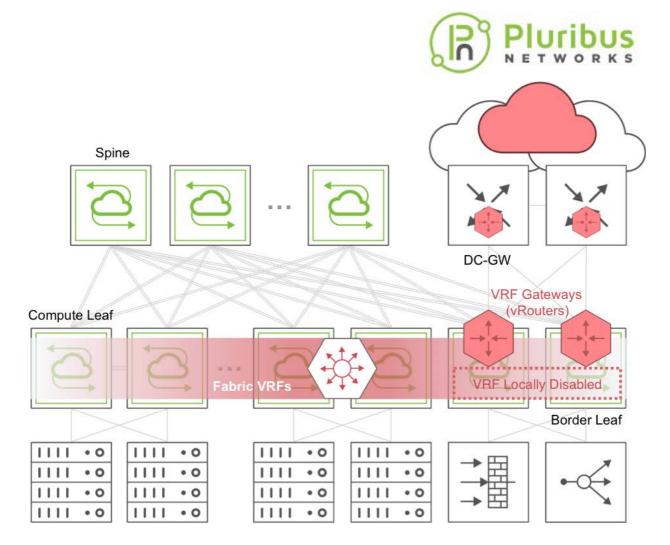


Figure 8-11: East-West Traffic Segmentation with North-South VRF (DC) Gateways

As part of the Fabric VRFs configuration, you can create IPv4 and IPv6 subnets, which are atomic objects in the Fabric data plane to associate to the VRF instances in order to implement distributed traffic segmentation.

In particular, Fabric leaf switches use subnet objects for management purposes to represent groups of directly connected hosts with a fabric wide scope across the VXLAN interconnect. Netvisor ONE also uses them to program subnet routes into the hardware to send Layer 3 packets corresponding to unresolved adjacencies to the software so that next-hop resolution through ARP requests can be performed. When a host responds to the ARP request(s), more specific Layer 2 and Layer 3 host entries are configured in the hardware so that end-to-end forwarding ensues.

In addition, Netvisor ONE supports the anycast gateway routing function for the Fabric VRFs to enable distributed first-hop routing, redundancy and mobility. This capability uses a dedicated virtual MAC address, called the anycast gateway MAC address, which gets associated with configurable anycast gateway IP addresses as part of the subnet object configuration.

The default MAC address for the anycast gateway function is 64:0e:94:40:00:02. It can be displayed with the <code>fabric-anycast-mac-show</code> command. If necessary, you can also modify it using the <code>fabric-anycast-mac-modify</code> command. Furthermore, as a key VRF-aware service, Netvisor ONE supports end host address assignment through the DHCP packet relay function for up to two DHCP servers.



# **About IGMP Snooping Support with VXLAN**

Starting with version 3.1.1, Netvisor ONE adds support for selective replication of (instead of always flooding) multicast traffic based on IGMP join messages received over ports and tunnels.

With this enhancement multicast traffic belonging to a group is forwarded only to member ports and relevant remote VTEPs.

This feature uses the head-end replication (HER) model for replication of packets to be sent over to remote VTEPs. Netvisor ONE also forwards IGMP join messages over VXLAN tunnels, for other fabric switches to see those messages and as a consequence build the group membership list accordingly.

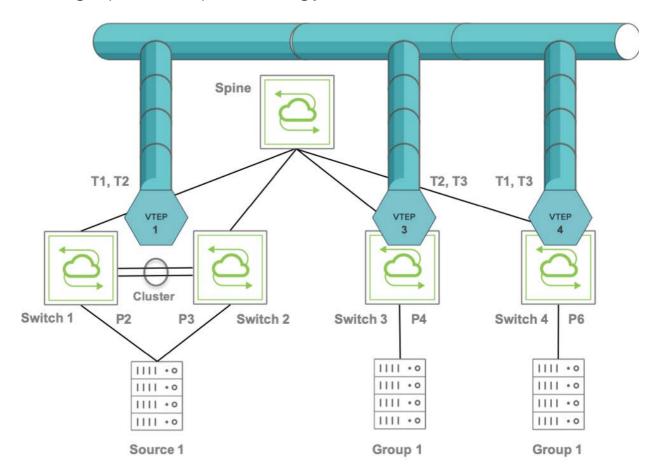


Figure 8-12: Example of Fabric Topology with Multicast Distribution

The topology in the *Figure 8-12* includes Switch 1 and Switch 2 configured as a cluster pair that uses a common virtual IP address (VIP) as the source for two tunnels T1 and T2.

The cluster pair, Switch 1 and Switch 2, appears as one logical switch with a common VXLAN endpoint VTEP1. Two tunnels, T1 and T2, are created with the same local VIP toward the other two end points, VTEP3 and VTEP 4.

The spine switch hashes the traffic from Switch 3 or Switch 4 to the cluster pair, load



balancing between Switch 1 and Switch 2.

The above topology includes Switches 1, 2, 3, and 4 with ports 2,3,4, and 6, as part of the same broadcast domain (say, VXLAN ID 10).

Initially, port 4 sends an IGMP join messages for the G1 multicast group. Hence Switch 3 adds local port 4 (P4) as an IGMP member for Layer 2 multicast group G1.

In addition, Switch 3 floods IGMP packets to the remote VTEPs 1 and 4. Hence the remote switches associated with those VTEPs receive IGMP packets and add G1 as Layer 2 multicast group.

On VTEP1's cluster the flooded IGMP join message is also forwarded (synced) to the cluster peer through the out-of-band channel so that both cluster peers can see and program the same Layer 2 multicast group entry.

Next, P6 joins group G1 too, and the IGMP join packet is flooded to the remote VTEPs 1 and 3.

Now the group membership is:

- On both Switch 1 and Switch 2, VTEP 3 and 4
- On Switch 3, local port P4 and VTEP4
- On Switch 4, local port P6 and VTEP 3

Then, if source S1 sends multicast traffic on P3, that traffic matches the MAC address corresponding to G1's DMAC on VXLAN ID 10 in the Layer 2 table therefore the hardware bridges that traffic to the remote VTEPs 3 and 4. After receiving it, Switch 3 and Switch 4 check the Layer 2 table and forward the traffic to local receivers on P4 on Switch 3 and on P6 on Switch 4.

Refer to the Configuring IGMP Snooping with VXLAN section for the configuration details.



# **About Distributed Multicast Forwarding with Fabric VRFs**

**Note**: This feature is supported only on certain switch models as described in the section Configuring Multicast Fabric VRFs below.

By leveraging the distributed control plane of the Unified Cloud Fabric, Pluribus has extended unicast Fabric VRFs (as described above) to also include multicast routing support.

This enhancement is referred to as *Multicast Fabric VRFs* with distributed routing support.

It leverages Pluribus fabric's native capabilities to route multicast traffic without employing a multicast routing protocol (such as PIM) in the underlay or overlay networks.

In particular, Multicast Fabric VRFs are a *logical extension* of the IGMP Snooping feature described in the previous section.

That is because Multicast Fabric VRFs use techniques analogous to IGMP Snooping to handle and selectively forward multicast traffic.

In particular, with Multicast Fabric VRFs, the multicast forwarding logic is enhanced to also handle inter-VLAN forwarding and replication.

These are the lookup steps that are implemented.

First, multicast traffic may need to be locally bridged and/or remotely forwarded to multicast receivers in the same VXLAN ID-mapped VLAN on the other overlay nodes.

In addition, multicast receivers may be located locally in one or more distinct VLANs and hence multicast traffic may need to be routed and replicated to those VLANs as well.

Pluribus leverages Layer 2 hardware table entries to point to local ports and tunnels (represented by logical ports, as seen in the previous section). Those entries point to a loopback trunk to implement a second pass lookup. This pass corresponds to a hardware (\*, G, VLAN) L3 multicast lookup for any of the local receiver ports located in different output VLANs.

Furthermore, once a multicast packet reaches a remote VTEP in the overlay network, it is decapsulated and then L3 multicast entries route the traffic locally on that node. The decision to which VXLAN ID(s) to replicate the decapsulated packets is based on the IGMP snooping logic (which knows where all receivers attached to the node are).

Refer to the Configuring Multicast Fabric VRFs section for more details on how to enable the feature and to configure the appropriate loopback trunk.



# **About Pluribus Open Networking Multi-site Fabric**

Data Center Interconnect (DCI) is the process of connecting two or more geographically distributed data center locations (also known as *multi-site fabric network designs*).

It is employed to ensure that data is exchanged consistently and in a timely manner among different locations for redundancy, high availability and load sharing purposes, to support a number of important design requirements that include: service resiliency (i.e., fault tolerance), performance and scale, disaster recovery, operational efficiency, local country regulations.

A multi-site Unified Cloud Fabric design is Pluribus' best-in-class standards-based solution to address customer requirements for multi-site data center connectivity. It leverages the VXLAN-based feature set to be able to extend across a generic IP transport core network, as depicted in the **Figure 8-13** below.

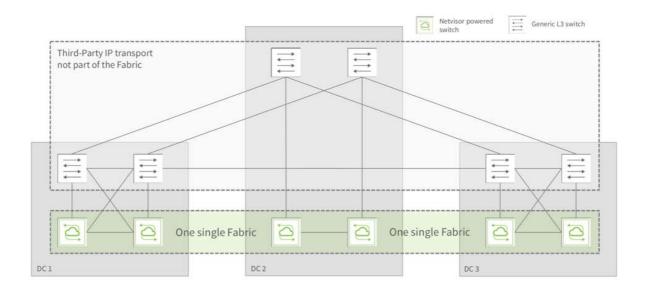


Figure 8-13: Multisite Fabric Topology Over an Agnostic IP-routed Core

Thanks to VXLAN, it boasts a number of very desirable characteristics: it's simple, very high performance, highly redundant and can scale up to support dozens of sites, while providing high availability (HA) with ~200 ms failover times.

It's flexible, multi-tenant, interoperable and topology agnostic: it works with any L3 core/underlay and uses sophisticated VXLAN-based Layer 2 extension and pseudo-wire technologies to achieve transparent inter-site communication with end-point tracking.

This enables the support for important use cases such as VM mobility for business continuity and geographical load sharing. In addition, it natively supports end-to-end visibility of client-server application traffic as well as of server-to-server communication flows.

In order to implement an Open DCI architecture that can scale to a multi-site design it is important to bring together all the foundational technologies discussed in the previous



#### sections:

- Unified Cloud Fabric's distributed control plane
- Switch clusters with vLAGs
- Fabric traffic optimizations
- Virtual Networks (vNETs)-based network provisioning
- Analytics collection

Pluribus provides support for different underlay architectures as well as for different routing options (centralized or distributed) for the fabric overlay.

Distributed forwarding with *Fabric VRFs* represents the most scalable multi-site DC design option (with both unicast and multicast support), whose configuration steps are detailed in the following sections.



### **Guidelines and Limitations**

For most fabric designs the general recommendation is to implement a Layer 3 underlay for scalability and ease of interoperability: BGP and OSPF are solid and mature protocols that in a great number of scenarios offer the most effective way to design and run a fabric.

Whenever possible, for redundancy, scalability and optimal trunk load splitting it is recommended to allocate at least 50% extra bandwidth to VXLAN loopback trunks in excess of the peak aggregate bandwidth expected to be used by all the fabric traffic when recirculated.

These are some common limitations to consider when planning and configuring VXLAN deployments:

- 1. For VXLAN centralized routing designs up to 32 vRouters are supported (the actual maximum number is platform-dependent).
- 2. For Fabric VRF distributed designs the number of supported VRFs is in in the order of thousands, depending on the specific switch model's hardware capacity.



# **Configuring the VXLAN Underlay Network**

Configuring the underlay network involves the configuration of (at least) the following base features:

- Layer 2
- Layer 3
- The fabric
- Clustering
- vLAGs
- Optionally (even though it's highly recommended), traffic analytics

Readers are referred to the respective configuration sections of each feature for more details.

In addition, on Pluribus switches jumbo frame support can be enabled on the appropriate interfaces to accept frames with an MTU larger than 1500 bytes (namely, with a 'jumbo' size). Refer to the *Enabling Jumbo Frame Support* section earlier in this guide for details.

This guarantees that all standard maximum size packets to be transmitted in the overlay network are not dropped by the underlay.

Moreover, starting from release 2.5.0, Netvisor ONE enforces a routing MTU size in hardware, which can be set with the  $\mathfrak{mtu}$  option when adding vRouter interfaces (see examples below).

Therefore, in order to avoid large frames to be dropped during Layer 3 forwarding or during encapsulation, in addition to enabling jumbo frames on physical interfaces, it is also important to configure routed interfaces with the proper MTU settings (typically between 1580 and 9398 bytes).

Changes to interface attributes (such as the MTU) are recommended to be applied in the initial phases of the underlay configuration. Moreover, changing the MTU on certain higher-level entities such as trunk ports may require more specific commands (such as trunk-modify instead of the basic port-config-modify command).



## **Configuring the Overlay: VTEP Interconnections and VNIs**

VTEPs can be configured as individual vRouter interfaces. However, as discussed in the *About VTEP High Availability* section, VTEPs are more commonly configured on switch pairs running VRRP to support redundant logical VIPs for VXLAN termination.

In this latter case, the first step is to create a VIP instead of a regular interface.

Both cases are exemplified below (a. and b.) in the list of steps required to set up the overlay:

- 1. First configure the underlay's vRouter interfaces, with the proper MTU:
  - a) Create a vRouter and add a vRouter interface for each VTEP:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name <vr-
name> vnet <vnet-name> router-type hardware hw-vrrp-id
<id>
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add
vrouter-name <vr-name> ip <network/netmask> vlan <y> mtu
<mtu>

b) For VTEP HA instead add a vRouter interface using VRRP:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add
vrouter-name <vr-name> ip <network/netmask> vlan <y>
vrrp-id <id> vrrp-primary <ethz.y> mtu <mtu>
```

<mtu> can be set for example to 1580 bytes (or more).

2. Once the VTEPs are created, configure the VTEP connections (also referred to as 'tunnels') from sources to destinations. On non-redundant switches, the tunnel is created with scope local whereas on redundant switches the tunnel is created with scope cluster:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-create name <tunnel-name> local-ip <ip1> remote-ip <ip2> scope local vrouter-name <vr-name>
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-create name <tunnel-name> local-ip <vip1> remote-ip <vip2> scope cluster vrouter-name <vr-name> peer-vrouter-name <peer-vr-name>
```

3. Then create the mappings between VNIs and VLANs on the respective switches:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create scope <scope> id
<vlan-id> vxlan <vnid>
```

**Note:** A VLAN can be associated to a VNI when created on a VTEP HA pair with the



vlan-create scope cluster id <vlan-id> vxlan <vnid> command. Also, the mappings can be set up also with the vlan-modify id <vlan-id> vxlan <vnid> command after VLAN creation.

Then, to add ports to a VLAN created with vlan-create command, use the vlan-port-add command, for example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-port-add vlan-id <vlan-id>
ports <port numbers>

To delete a VLAN with its mapping, use the vlan-delete command.

Lastly, to display the information about a VLAN, for example to verify a VNI mapping and the list of ports added to it, use the vlan-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-show id 70 format id, type, vxlan, scope, description, ports, untagged-ports layout vertical

id: 70

type: public
vxlan: 70000
scope: cluster

description: vlan-70

ports: 0-2, 5-48, 50-52, 54-56, 63-70,272-273, 275-276,

278-280, 397

untagged-ports: none

4. Add the required VNI mappings to the VXLAN connections:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-vxlan-add name <tunnelname> vxlan <vnid>

5. For monitoring VXLAN specific states and statistics, use the following commands:

vlan-show	Displays the VXLAN ID associated with the VLAN ID.			
tunnel-show	Displays the configured tunnel and the state.			
trunk-show	Displays the port used for BUM traffic recirculation.			
port-stats-show	Displays statistics for each port.			
tunnel-stats-show	Displays statistics for each tunnel.			
vxlan-stats-show	Displays statistics for each VXLAN ID.			

Note: The above configuration model is called 'manual VXLAN tunnel creation' and is



preferred for example when the user needs to have maximum control and granularity of configuration. On the other hand, when more automation is needed, an alternate configuration model is available and is described below in the *Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections* section.



# **Configuring the VXLAN Loopback Trunk**

In order to perform routing on the overlay and to replicate Layer 2 broadcast, unknown unicast and multicast (BUM) traffic over multiple VXLAN tunnels on Pluribus switches, you must add ports to a vxlan-loopback-trunk using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-modify name vxlan-loopback-trunk ports <list of ports> jumbo

Where list of ports > may vary based on the hardware architecture of the switch (on most models it is likely to be a list of front panel ports set aside for this use.)

Check the data sheet of your switch model to verify the number of internal ports as well as front-panel ports available and their respective speeds. Depending on the expected peak amount of routed and BUM traffic, you can use either N x 10 GbE ports or two (or more) 40 GbE ports (or even 100 GbE).

The above command also prints out the following informational message:

!!!! Ports updated on vxlan-loopback-trunk. Ports added only support vxlan recirculation. Any features configured on these ports may not work. Please update the necessary config. Any ports removed need necessary adjustment on autoneg, jumbo, etc !!!

If you create a VLAN with associated VXLAN ID when vxlan-loopback-trunk is without any active ports, you will get this warning message:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 100 scope local vxlan 1001000

!!!! Vlan 100 created, but there are no ports configured in vxlan-loopback-trunk. vxlan forwarding may not function correctly. !!!!

# Single-pass VXLAN Forwarding

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms and on the Dell S5200 Series, more advanced hardware capabilities enable the switches to perform routing in and out of tunnels (RIOT) in a single pass (that is, without requiring the loopback trunk).

**Note**: On the Dell S4100 series single pass RIOT is supported for distributed VXLAN routing with Unicast Fabric VRFs, however single pass RIOT is not supported for centralized VXLAN routing on a DC Gateway border leaf.

On the supported platforms, this capability can be enabled with the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system settings-modify no-single-



```
pass-riot|single-pass-riot
```

The default setting is no-single-pass-riot. A reboot is required for the configuration change to take effect and an appropriate message is displayed to remind the user of this requirement.

Furthermore on all hardware platforms, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, a new global command is introduced to enable single-pass replication (i.e., flooding) of Layer 2 broadcast, unknown unicast and multicast (BUM) traffic over multiple VXLAN tunnels: system-settings-modify no-single-pass-flood|single-pass-flood.

By default, single-pass-flood mode is disabled. A reboot is required for the configuration change to take effect and an appropriate message is displayed to remind the user of this requirement.

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > system-settings-modify single-
pass-flood
!!!! Please reboot the system for the new single-pass-flood
setting to take effect correctly !!!!

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > system-settings-show format
single-pass-flood
single-pass-flood: on
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > switch-reboot
```

After the reboot, the tunnel-show flood-nexthop command can be used to display the path that is selected as next hop for flooded traffic out of the available ECMP paths, when single-pass-flood is enabled:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > tunnel-show flood-nexthop

switch name flood-nh-ip flood-nh-vlan flood-nh-port flood-nh-mac flood-nh-egress-
id

switch1

switch2 tnl2 12.12.12.7 4088 70 66:0e:94:1a:e3:d3 100008

switch2 tnl1 10.10.10.7 4092 69 66:0e:94:1a:e3:d3 100007
```

In the above output switch1 has no info as that node is not in single-pass-flood mode.

**Note** that, due to a hardware limitation in single-pass mode, ECMP load balancing of flooded traffic is only performed on a per-tunnel basis. In other words, flooded traffic for a specific tunnel will always take the same active ECMP path, which is selected at random out of the available ECMP next hops.

The port-stats-show command can be used to display the traffic statistics on the loopback ports and on tunnel ports:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > port-stats-show format
```



time,port,ibits,iUpkts,iMpkts,iCongDrops,ierrs,obits,oUpkts,oB
pkts,oMpkts,oCongDrops

time	port	ibits	iUpkts	iBpkts	iMpkts	iCongDrops	ierrs	obits	oUpkts	oBpkts	oMpkts	oCongDr	ops
18:28:56	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18:28:56	49	110K	0	85	58	0	0	174K	0	104	127	0 0	0
18:28:56	69	41.8K	0	0	10	0	0	119K	85	0	11	0 0	0

In this example, port 1 is the VXLAN loopback port (with a zero packet count, as the switch is in single-pass-flood mode), while port 49 is the input port where the broadcast packets are received and port 69 is the tunnel output port where the encapsulated flooded packets are sent to. The same packet count (along with the corresponding byte count) is displayed in the HER-pkts and HER-bytes fields of tunnel-stats-show:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > tunnel-stats-show format switch, HER-pkts, HER-bytes
```

switch	HER-pkts	HER-bytes
switch2	85	98K

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1, analogously to the BUM traffic replication case described above, support for single-pass Layer 2 forwarding of *known* multicast traffic is introduced.

IGMP snooping is used to determine the output interfaces corresponding to the multicast receivers as described in the section titled Configuring IGMP Snooping with VXLAN (refer to that section for configuration details). A new parameter is introduced to perform single-pass L2 forwarding for this multicast traffic with *known* receivers:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify no-single-pass-12-known-multicast | single-pass-12-known-multicast
```

The no-single-pass-12-known-multicast is the default setting. A reboot is required for a change in setting to take effect, as reminded by the message shown below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify single-pass-12-known-multicast
!!!! Please reboot the system for the new single-pass-12-known-multicast setting to take effect correctly !!!!

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format single-pass-12-known-multicast single-pass-12-known-multicast: on
```

**Note:** that as in the BUM forwarding case, due to a hardware limitation in single-pass mode, ECMP load balancing of multicast traffic is only performed on a per-tunnel basis. In other words, forwarded multicast traffic for a specific tunnel will always take the same active ECMP path, which is selected at random out of the available ECMP next hops.



**Note**: On capable devices, single-pass features can be used to avoid consuming front panel ports for the recirculation function.



## **Configuring VLAN 1 with VXLAN**

VLAN 1 is also known as the *default VLAN*, as it is assigned by default to switch ports. It is also used by default on Pluribus switches to transport fabric-specific traffic.

In general, it is a common best practice to not use VLAN 1 network-wide to carry user traffic, especially to avoid potential misconfigurations due to user error.

However, in certain cases, it is required to use and transport VLAN 1 over a VXLAN-based fabric and hence it needs to be associated with a VNI. Before Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0 attempting to map VLAN 1 to a VNI would be rejected, like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-modify id 1 vxlan 123 vlan-modify: Vlan id 1 is not a valid vlan, or is a reserved vlan

Starting from release 6.0.0, if the fabric VLAN is modified to a value different from 1, it is then possible to map VLAN 1 to a VNI like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-local-modify vlan 100
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-modify id 1 vxlan 123 vlan-modify: ports 13,25-26,69-Disabling MAC Address Learning72 are tagged in vlan 20, but untagged in vlan 1 with vxlan not allowed, Adjust the port membership and retry the vxlan configuration

**Note** that the fabric-local-modify command is—as the name implies—local to each node and hence it needs to be executed on all the nodes that are part of the fabric (for example, with the switch \* command prefix). Moreover, although fabric-local-modify was available even before release 6.0.0, the VLAN 1 to VNI mapping was not allowed until version 6.0.0.

Also note that, as shown above, if the untagged port membership of VLAN 1 comprises any ports, due to a hardware limitation, the vlan-modify id 1 vxlan <value> command will still fail. You need to make sure there are no ports using VLAN 1 as untagged VLAN in order for the command to succeed:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-modify id 1 vxlan 123 !!!! Vlan has vxlan, but there are no ports configured in vxlan-loopback-trunk. vxlan forwarding may not function correctly. !!!!

The printed message means that VLAN 1 was successfully associated to a VXLAN ID. As explained in the previous section, in order for VXLAN forwarding to be fully functional, you also need to make sure that ports are added to the vxlan-loopback-trunk.

Once VLAN 1 is mapped to a VNI, you cannot change the fabric VLAN back to 1, as that would create a conflict:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-local-modify vlan 1 fabric-local-modify: vlan 1 has VXLAN 123, unconfigure and



#### retry

However, you may at some point decide to unmap VLAN 1 from the associated VNI (in other words, "unconfigure" it as suggested in the message above), by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-modify id 1 vxlan 0

As explained in the command help, as shown below, the VNI value 0 is used to *unconfigure*, that is, to remove a VLAN/VNI mapping:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-modify id 1 vxlan

vlan-modify	modify a VLAN
id 04095	VLANID
between 1 and 4 of the following options:	
description description-string	VLAN description
vxlan 016777215	VXLAN identifier for tunnel, <b>value 0 indicates unconfigure vxlan</b>
replicators vtep-group name   none	Replicator Group
vnet vnet name	VNET for this VLAN
public-vlan 04095	Public VLAN for VNET VLAN



# **Checking VXLAN Recirculation's L2 and L3 Entries**

As discussed earlier, when implementing RIOT at least a recirculation pass is used. That requires that Layer 2 and Layer 3 entries be programmed appropriately to point to the loopback trunk.

With the 12-table-show command it's possible to verify that a specific VNI-mapped VLAN is configured to point to the VXLAN loopback trunk to forward and then encapsulate the upstream traffic at the ingress VTEP.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > 12-table-show vlan 200

mac: 00:00:5e:00:01:0a

vlan: 200 vxlan 10000 ip: 2.2.2.2

ports: 69

state: active, static, vxlan-loopback, router

hostname: Spine1 peer-intf: host-1

peer-state:

peer-owner-state:

status:
migrate:

When VTEP HA is implemented, the same command can be used to show that the VLAN is configured with VRRP and that it points to the VLAN loopback trunk. For example:

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > 12-table-show vlan 200

mac: 00:00:5e:b9:01:b0

 vlan:
 200

 vxlan
 10000

 ip:
 2.2.2.2

ports: 69

state: active, static, vxlan-loopback, router, vrrp

hostname: Spinel

peer-intf: host-1

peer-state: active, vrrp, vxlan-loopback

peer-owner-state:

status:
migrate:

Similarly, in order to decapsulate and router the VXLAN traffic originated from a source VTEP, at the destination VTEP at least two passes are required. Therefore, a Layer 3 entry is programmed to point to the vxlan-loopback-trunk.

The 13-table-show command can be used to verify that the hardware state is properly set with the vxlan-loopback flag:

CLI (network-admin@Spine4) > 13-table-show ip 3.3.3.2 format



#### all

mac: 00:00:c0:00:07:75

ip: 3.3.3.2

vlan: 200
public-vlan: 200
vxlan: 10000
rt-if: eth5.200

state: active, vxlan-loopback

egress-id: 100030 create-time: 16:46:20 last-seen: 17:25:09

hit: 22

tunnel: Spine1\_Spine4



# **Showing VXLAN Trunk Replication Counters**

It is possible to display statistics (incoming and outgoing bytes, packets, etc.) for VXLAN connections (simply called tunnels) that also include the amount of head-end replication (HER) applied to the VXLAN traffic.

Currently, Netvisor ONE uses vxlan-loopback-trunk port stats counters for HER replication statistics; therefore, they are cumulative not granular, but may provide a useful tool to measure the amount of vxlan-loopback-trunk bandwidth required in real world conditions.

The tunnel-stats-show command can be used to output all the statistics including the number of head-end replicated packets and the number of head-end replicated bytes. It can also be executed periodically with the show-interval seconds-interval option as shown in the example below:

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > tunnel-stats-show show-interval 1
format all



Figure 8-14: Wide Multi-Column Output of VXLAN Head End Replication Counters



# **Displaying ECMP Load Balancing Info for VXLAN**

As discussed in the earlier sections, equal-cost multi-path (ECMP) load balancing defines a routing strategy in which next-hop packet forwarding to a single destination can occur over multiple paths.

In case of VTEP interconnections, it is possible to verify that multiple next hops are available with the tunnel-show command.

It is also possible to verify that ECMP is applied in hardware (provided multiple next hops exist) and to display the selection of the next hops by checking the RIB table with the vrouter-rib-routes-show command.

For example, the user has configured a tunnel called <code>leafltoleaf2</code> with a local IP address <code>22.3.11.1</code> and a remote IP address <code>32.4.11.1</code>. The network design provides two next hops to route the VXLAN traffic from the local VTEP to the remote one: <code>192.178.0.6</code> and <code>192.178.0.2</code>.

The tunnel-show and vrouter-rib-routes-show commands can be used to display the tunnel's specific next hops as well as the route info for the remote end point (32.4.11.0/24) in the RIB table, as shown below:

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > tunnel-show name leaf1toleaf2
ecmp-nexthops layout vertical

scope: local

name: leaf1toleaf2

type: vxlan

vrouter-name: scorpius-vxlan-01

next-hop-mac: 66:0e:94:f7:31:f0

nexthop-vlan: 4091 active: yes state: ok

bfd: disabled

bfd-state: not-replicator-vtep

route-info: 17.60.11.0/30

ports: 49
auto-tunnel: static
scope: local

name: leaf1toleaf2

type: vxlan

vrouter-name: scorpius-vxlan-01

local-ip: 17.60.13.1 remote-ip: 17.60.11.1 router-if: eth0.3

**next-hop:** 192.178.0.2

next-hop-mac: 66:0e:94:b7:95:c3



nexthop-vlan: 4092 active: yes state: ok

bfd: disabled

bfd-state: not-replicator-vtep

route-info: 17.60.11.0/30

ports: 272 auto-tunnel: static

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > vrouter-rib-routes-show ip
32.4.11.0

vrid id	ip	prelen	number-of-nexthops	nexthop	flags	vlan	intf_ip	intf-
0	17.60.11.0	30	2	192.178.0.6	ECMP, in-hw	4091	192.178.0.5	1
0	17.60.11.0	30	2	192.178.0.2	ECMP, in-hw	4092	192.178.0.1	0



# **Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections**

Based on the command sequence in the earlier section, *Configuring the Overlay: VTEP Interconnections and VNIs*, configuring a series of unidirectional end-point interconnections (even in a simple triangular topology) requires the network administrator to manually issue a long list of explicit (and hence tedious) tunnel-create commands.

Therefore, starting from release 2.6.0, Pluribus has introduced an additional user-friendly operational simplification element called a *logical VTEP configuration object* that leverages the intelligence of the fabric's distributed control plane to automate the aforementioned tedious connection setup process.

With this configuration paradigm, instead of having to create individual unidirectional connections between the end points (i.e., the tunnel-create model), a user can simply create a single VTEP object per endpoint with the vtep-create command and then map the required VXLAN identifiers to it.

This in turn triggers the automatic creation of all the required VXLAN connections in both directions between endpoints, yielding a significant amount of configuration and time savings.

An example of VTEP object configuration syntax is displayed below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-create name <vtep-object-
name> vrouter-name <vrouter name> ip primary IP> virtual-ip
<vip> [location <switch name>]

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-add name <vtep-object-
name> vxlan <vnidl>

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-add name <vtep-object-
name> vxlan <vnid2>

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-add name <vtep-object-
name> vxlan <vnid2>
```

And so on...

VTEP objects can also be displayed or deleted with the vtep-show and vtep-delete commands, respectively.

#### Auto-VXLAN

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0 the auto-vxlan parameter is supported as an option of the VLAN creation process and can be used to automate the vtep-vxlan-add operations.

The auto-vxlan parameter can be used either in combination with an explicit VNI



value or implicitly without specifying it. In both cases any created VLAN/VNI mapping is automatically added to all the existing VTEP objects. Additionally, in the latter case, the VNI value is automatically picked and assigned out of a predefined range.

Therefore, to automatically assign a certain user-defined VLAN/VNI mapping to all VTEP objects in the fabric, you can use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 1234 scope fabric vxlan 5001234 auto-vxlan

If you want the software to automatically pick and assign the VNI too, you can simply enter the shorter command below, which requires the scope to be set to fabric (as the VNI assignment can only be fabric-wide):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 1234 scope fabric auto-vxlan

The above vlan-create commands with auto-vxlan automatically configure the following (assuming there are 3 VTEPs in the fabric, VTEP1 through VTEP3):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-add name VTEP1 vxlan 5001234

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-add name VTEP2 vxlan 5001234

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-add name VTEP3 vxlan 5001234

where 5001234 is the VNI value either entered explicitly by the user or automatically selected from the vtep-auto-vxlan range.

The range used for automatic VNI assignment can be controlled and modified, if needed, with the vtep-auto-vxlan-show and vtep-auto-vxlan-modify commands.

**Note:** You can use the vlan-create command with auto-vxlan in local and cluster scope too provided the VNI is explicitly specified. If it's not, an error message is printed:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 1000 scope **cluster** auto-vxlan

vlan-create: auto-vxlan only allowed for fabric scope

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 1000 scope **local** auto-vxlan

vlan-create: auto-vxlan only allowed for fabric scope

Also starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0 the vlan-show command output displays when auto-vxlan is used:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-show id 1234 format id, type, vxlan, auto-vxlan, scope, description, active, stats,



#### ports

```
id type vxlan auto-vxlan scope description active stats ports
---- 1234 public 5001234 yes local vlan-1234 yes no 0-48,50-52
```

If an associated VNI value needs to be changed after a VLAN has been created using the auto-vxlan option, the vlan-modify command can be used for that purpose like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-modify id 1234 vxlan 4001234
```

For VLANs created with the auto-vxlan option, the new VNI will replace the old VNI in the VTEP connections.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, when a VLAN is deleted, if it was previously created with the auto-vxlan option, the VLAN/VNI mapping will be removed from all the VTEP objects automatically.

In the example of **Figure 8-8** above, the following commands can be used to create three VTEP objects on three nodes:

```
CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > vtep-create name VTEP1 vrouter-name vrl ip 1.1.1.1 location Switch1
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Switch2) > vtep-create name VTEP2 vrouter-name vr2 ip 2.2.2.2 location Switch2
```

CLI (network-admin@Switch3) > vtep-create name VTEP3 vrouter-name vr3 ip 3.3.3.3 location Switch3

CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > vlan-create id 10 scope fabric vxlan 10010 auto-vxlan

The command sequence above automatically creates bidirectional VXLAN connections between the three nodes and also automatically adds VNI 10010 to all of them, thanks to the auto-vxlan keyword, as shown in the following outputs:

CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > tunnel-vxlan-show

switch	name	vxlan
Switch1	auto-tunnel-1.1.1.1_2.2.2.2	10010
Switch1	auto-tunnel-1.1.1.1_3.3.3.3	10010
Switch2	auto-tunnel-2.2.2.2_1.1.1.1	10010
Switch2	auto-tunnel-2.2.2.2_3.3.3.3	10010
Switch3	auto-tunnel-3.3.3.3_1.1.1.1	10010
Switch3	auto-tunnel-3.3.3.3_2.2.2.2	10010

CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > vtep-vxlan-show

```
name vxlan
---- ----
VTEP1 10010
VTEP2 10010
VTEP3 10010
```



#### Inter-fabric VTEP Connections

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, the automatic VTEP object creation functionality is further extended to include an additional parameter that can be used to connect a VTEP in one fabric instance to another one in a different fabric instance. In other words, this new capability enables *inter-fabric VTEP connections*.

As part of the VTEP object creation, a new reserved location keyword, called host-external, is introduced to enable inter-fabric connectivity, as shown in the command output below:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vtep-create name ext-VTEP
location

#### host-external

switch1 switch2

Specifying the host-external keyword in the command identifies an external VTEP, whose corresponding *unique IP address* should then be specified as part of the command like so:

```
CLI(network-admin@switch1) > vtep-create name FAB2-VTEP1
location host-external ip 20.1.1.1 description
"RemoteFabricName: FAB2, SwitchName: FAB2-switch2"
```

**Note:** The virtual-ip option is not supported with external VTEPs (it's meant to be used only with regular VTEPs). For redundancy, the ip option can simply point to the VRRP VIP (virtual IP) of the external VTEP.

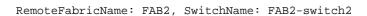
Also note that a good practice (which is not enforced in the CLI but is recommended) is to name external VTEPs in a user-friendly and precise way, for example, with the following naming structure: <fabric-name>-vtep-name, or with any other suitable structure that allows the naming to unequivocally and uniquely identify a specific VTEP.

As shown in the example above, a description field is also added to the vtep-create command, which can be used to store additional details about the precise remote VTEP location including switch name, fabric name, switch vendor, etc.

External VTEPs can be displayed along with regular VTEPs in the vtep-show command like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vtep-show format all name FAB2-VTEP1

scope	name	location	vrouter-name	ip	virtual-ip description
fabric	VTEP1	switch1	vr1	190.11.1.2	190.11.1.1
fabric	VTEP2	switch2	vr2	190.11.1.3	190.11.1.1
fabric	VTEP3	switch3	vr3	190.12.1.3	190.12.1.1
fabric	VTEP4	switch4	vr4	190.12.1.2	190.12.1.1
fabric	FAB2-VTEP1	host-external		20.1.1.1	





## **Hub-and-spoke VXLAN Connectivity**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1, a new keyword is introduced to support a *hub-and-spoke* VXLAN connectivity model in which a hub node is connected to all the spokes bidirectionally, but the spokes are not connected to each other (see an example in *Figure 8-9* above).

**Note**: This feature is supported only on Dell, Edgecore, and Freedom series switches.

The new isolated keyword is used along with manual VNI assignment in the vtep-vxlan-add command. Therefore, it is applied on a per-VNI per-VTEP mapping basis.

The isolated keyword is used to configure the spoke nodes, whereas the hub nodes are configured normally. In the example of **Figure 8-9** above, the following sequence can set up one hub and two spoke/isolated nodes for VNI 10030:

```
CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > vlan-create id 30 scope fabric vxlan 10030

CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > vtep-vxlan-add name VTEP1 vxlan 10030

CLI (network-admin@Switch2) > vtep-vxlan-add name VTEP2 vxlan 10030 isolated

CLI (network-admin@Switch3) > vtep-vxlan-add name VTEP3 vxlan 10030 isolated
```

Due to the hub-and-spoke nature of the configuration, bidirectional VXLAN connections are only created (automatically) between the hub node (Switch1) and the spokes (Switch2 and Switch3), but not between the spokes as shown below:

```
CLI (network-admin@Switch1) > tunnel-vxlan-show
```

Switch	name	vxlan
Switch1	auto-tunnel-1.1.1.1_2.2.2.2	10030
Switch1	auto-tunnel-1.1.1.1_3.3.3.3	10030
Switch2	auto-tunnel-2.2.2.2_1.1.1.1	10030
Switch3	auto-tunnel-3.3.3.3_1.1.1.1	10030

The default configuration mode is not-isolated (in other words, the isolated keyword is not assigned by default to any VNI mappings). Also, not-isolated is an optional keyword so it can be omitted. Note that, if users need to change a VNI from isolated to not-isolated/normal mode, they need to first execute the vtep-vxlan-remove command in order to delete the VNI assignment and subsequently they can add it back with the default/normal mode.

The per-VNI isolated configuration can be checked with the vtep-vxlan-show command as shown below:



```
(network-admin@switch) > vtep-vxlan-show
CLI
name vxlan isolated
____
vt1
     10021 no
vt1
   10020 yes
vt1
     10023 yes
     10025 no
vt1
vt1
     10022 no
     10024 yes
vt1
vt2
     10021 no
     10020 yes
vt2
vt2
     10023 no
vt2
     10025 no
     10022 yes
vt2
vt2
     10024 yes
     10021 no
vt3
vt3
     10020 yes
vt3
     10023 yes
vt3
     10025 yes
vt3
     10022 yes
vt3
    10024 no
```



## **Disabling VXLAN Termination**

It is possible, for security purposes, to disable VXLAN termination on certain ports that are not supposed to source VXLAN-encapsulated traffic.

This prevents any malicious host from generating VXLAN encapsulated packets that would normally be subject to (unwanted) VXLAN tunnel termination and subsequent forwarding. For example, the following command disables the termination on port 35:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 35 novxlan-termination

It can be re-enabled, if necessary, like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 35 vxlan-termination

The default settings are:

- vNETs with vlan-type private rely on the VXLAN functionality to implement their private characteristics. Therefore, when a port is configured to be a managed port with vlan-type private, VXLAN termination is disabled by default.
- Underlay ports have VXLAN termination on by default and can use the portconfig-modify command to disable VXLAN termination as deemed to enforce port level security.



## **Disabling MAC Address Learning**

In certain fabric topologies, the MAC address learning function can be disabled in order to achieve better scalability, or because it is not strictly required (for example on point-to-point connections).

For these cases, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, it is possible to disable MAC address learning as part of the VXLAN configuration. For this purpose, a new configuration option is added, mac-learning | no-mac-learning, to the following commands:

- tunnel-create
- tunnel-modify
- vtep-create
- vtep-modify

In the above commands, mac-learning is the default setting. The tunnel-show and vtep-show commands are extended to display the learning state in a new column. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-create name tun1 scope local local-ip 1.1.1.1 remote-ip 1.1.1.2 vrouter-name vr1 no-mac-learning
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-show format name,localip,remote-ip,mac-learning,

```
name local-ip remote-ip mac-learning
----
tunl 1.1.1.1 1.1.1.2 off
```

Then to re-enable MAC address learning, you can use:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-modify name tun1 mac-
learning
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-show format name,localip,remote-ip,mac-learning,

```
name local-ip remote-ip mac-learning
----
tunl 1.1.1.1 1.1.1.2 on
```

Similarly, in case of VTEP object creation to disable MAC address learning you can use:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-create name VTEP-01 location switch vrouter-name vrl ip 10.16.111.2 virtual-ip 10.16.111.1 no-mac-learning

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-show

scope name location vrouter-name ip virtual-ip mac-learning
```



fabric VTEP-01 switch vr1 10.16.111.2 10.16.111.1 off

#### To re-enable it:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-modify name VTEP-01 maclearning

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-show

**Note:** Disabling MAC address learning at the tunnel or VTEP level means that the learning function is disabled for all of the associated VNIs.



## **Configuring Unicast Fabric VRFs with Anycast Gateway**

The following commands are used for the configuration of VRF instances and of the associated VRF gateway (vrf-gw and vrf-gw2) IP addresses:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create

name name-string	Specify a name for the VRF.			
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF. If you only have a global vNET configured, omit this parameter.			
scope local cluster fabric	Specify the scope for the VRF.			
vrf-gw ip-address	Specify the gateway IP address.			
vrf-gw2 ip-address	Specify the second gateway IP address.			
vrf-gw-ipv6 ip-address	Specify the IPv6 gateway address.			
vrf-gw2-ipv6 ip-address	Specify the second IPv6 gateway address.			
enable disable	Specify to enable or disable VRF routing.			
description description- string	Specify a VRF description. The maximum number of allowed characters is 59.			
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vr	rf-delete			
name name-string	Specify VRF name that you want to delete.			
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET assigned to the VRF.			
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vr	rf-modify			
name name-string	Specify a name for the VRF.			
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.			
scope local cluster fabric	Specify the scope for the VRF.			
vrf-gw ip-address	Specify the gateway IP address.			
vrf-gw2 ip-address	Specify the second gateway IP address.			
vrf-gw-ipv6 ip-address	Specify the IPv6 gateway address.			
vrf-gw2-ipv6 ip-address	Specify the second IPv6 gateway address.			
enable disable	Specify to enable or disable VRF routing.			



description descripti	Specify a VRF description. The maximum
string	number of allowed characters is 59.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-show

name name-string	Displays the name of the VRF.
vnet vnet-name	Displays the name of the vNET assigned the VRF.
scope local cluster fabric	Displays the scope of the VRF.
vrf-gw ip-address	Displays the gateway IP address.
vrf-gw2 ip-address	Displays the second gateway IP address.
vrf-gw-ipv6 ip-address	Displays the IPv6 gateway address.
vrf-gw2-ipv6 ip-address	Displays the second IPv6 gateway address.
enable disable	Displays the status of VRF routing as enable or disable.
description description- string	Displays the VRF description.

The following commands are used for the configuration of subnet objects for the associated anycast gateway addresses and the associated VNIs:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create

name name-string	Specify the name of the subnet.
description description- string	Specify the subnet description. The maximum number of allowed characters is 59.
scope local cluster fabric	Specify the scope for the VRF.
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.
vxlan vxlan-id	Specify the VXLAN ID to assign to the subnet.
vrf vrf name	Specify the VRF to which the subnet belongs to.
network ip-address	Specify the IPv4 network IP address.
netmask netmask	Specify the netmask for the IPv4 address.
anycast-gw-ip ip-address	Specify the anycast gateway IPv4 address for the subnet.
network6 ip-address	Specify the IPv6 subnet network



	address.		
netmask6 netmask	Specify the IPv6 subnet netmask address.		
anycast-gw-ip6 ip-address	Specify the anycast gateway IPv6 address for the subnet.		
<pre>packet-relay enable disable  none</pre>	Enable or disable the packet relay.		
forward-proto dhcp	Specify the protocol type to forward the packets.		
forward-ip ip-address	Specify the forwarding IPv4 address.		
forward-ip2 ip-address	Specify the second forwarding IPv4 address.		
forward-ip6 ip-address	Specify the forwarding IPv6 address.		
forward-ip6-2 ip-address	Specify the second forwarding IPv6 address.		
flood enable disable none	Specify the flooding state of BUM traffic		
enable disable	Specify to enable/disable subnet routing.		
CLI (network-admin@switch) > su	ıbnet-delete		
name name-string	Specify the name of the subnet.		
name name-string  vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the subnet.  Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.		
_	Specify the name of the vNET to assign		
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.		
vnet vnet-name  vrf name-string	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.		
<pre>vnet vnet-name  vrf name-string  CLI (network-admin@switch) &gt; st</pre>	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.		
<pre>vnet vnet-name vrf name-string  CLI (network-admin@switch) &gt; st  name name-string description description-</pre>	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.  abnet-modify  Specify the name of the subnet.  Specify the subnet description. The maximum number of allowed characters		
<pre>vnet vnet-name  vrf name-string  CLI (network-admin@switch) &gt; su  name name-string  description description- string</pre>	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.  Specify the name of the subnet.  Specify the subnet description. The maximum number of allowed characters is 59.  Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.		
<pre>vnet vnet-name  vrf name-string  CLI (network-admin@switch) &gt; st  name name-string  description description- string  vnet vnet-name</pre>	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.  Specify the name of the subnet.  Specify the subnet description. The maximum number of allowed characters is 59.  Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.		
<pre>vnet vnet-name  vrf name-string  CLI (network-admin@switch) &gt; su  name name-string  description description- string  vnet vnet-name  Specify one or more of the following option</pre>	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.  Specify the name of the subnet.  Specify the subnet description. The maximum number of allowed characters is 59.  Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Ins:		
<pre>vnet vnet-name  vrf name-string  CLI (network-admin@switch) &gt; su  name name-string  description description- string  vnet vnet-name  Specify one or more of the following option network ip-address</pre>	Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Specify the VRF to assign the subnet.  Specify the name of the subnet.  Specify the subnet description. The maximum number of allowed characters is 59.  Specify the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.  Ins:  Specify the IPv4 network IP address.  Specify the netmask for the IPv4		



	address.
netmask6 netmask	Specify the IPv6 subnet netmask address.
anycast-gw-ip6 ip-address	Specify the anycast gateway IPv6 address for the subnet.
<pre>packet-relay enable disable  none</pre>	Enable or disable the packet relay.
forward-proto dhcp	Specify the protocol type to forward the packets.
forward-ip ip-address	Specify the forwarding IPv4 address.
forward-ip2 ip-address	Specify the second forwarding IPv4 address.
forward-ip6 ip-address	Specify the forwarding IPv6 address.
forward-ip6-2 ip-address	Specify the second forwarding IPv6 address.
enable disable	Specify to enable/disable subnet routing.

#### CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-show

name name-string	Displays the name of the subnet.		
description description- string	Displays the subnet description.		
scope local cluster fabric	Displays the scope for the VRF.		
vnet vnet-name	Displays the name of the vNET to assign the VRF.		
vlan vlan-id	Displays the VLAN ID to assign to the subnet.		
vxlan vxlan-id	Displays the VXLAN ID to assign to the subnet.		
vrf name-string	Displays the VRF to assign the subnet.		
network ip-address	Displays the network IPv4 address.		
netmask netmask	Displays the netmask for the IPv4 address.		
anycast-gw-ip ip-address	Displays the anycast gateway IPv4 address.		
network6 ip-address	Displays the IPv6 subnet network address.		
netmask6 netmask	Displays the IPv6 subnet netmask address.		
anycast-gw-ip6 ip-address	Displays the anycast gateway IPv6		



address for the subnet.

Displays the IPv6 Link Local address. linklocal ip-address packet-relay enable disable Displays the packet relay mode. none Displays the protocol type forwarding the forward-proto dhcp packets. Displays the forwarding IPv4 address. forward-ip ip-address Displays the second forwarding IPv4 forward-ip2 ip-address address. Displays the forwarding IPv6 address. forward-ip6 ip-address Displays the second forwarding IPv6 forward-ip6-2 ip-address address. state init ok vxlan not found | vxlan | deactivated | not-Displays the subnet state. in-hw vrouter interface exists Displays if there is a hardware state hw-state no-hw-state present. enable disable Displays the state of the subnet routing. Display output using a specific parameter. Use all to display all possible format fields-to-display output. Display output formatted for machine parsable-delim character parsing using a specified delimiter. sort-asc Display output in ascending order. Display output in descending order. sort-desc show dups Display duplicate entries in the output. Format the output in a vertical or layout vertical horizontal horizontal layout. show-interval seconds-Repeat the show command at a specified interval. interval show-headers Display column headers or not. no-show-headers Limit the display output to a specific limit-output number number of entries. Display the number of entries in the output. This is useful with vRouter count-output show commands. Displays the number of entries only. count-only Display full values in the output instead unscaled



of scaled approximate values.

Display integer values instead of mapped values

raw-int-values

The following commands allow you to modify and display anycast gateway information on the fabric:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-anycast-mac-show

format fields-to-display	Display output using a specific parameter. Use all to display all possible output.
parsable-delim character	Display output formatted for machine parsing using a specified delimiter.
sort-asc	Display output in ascending order.
sort-desc	Display output in descending order.
show dups	Display duplicate entries in the output.
layout vertical horizontal	Format the output in a vertical or horizontal layout.
show-interval seconds- interval	Repeat the show command at a specified interval.
show-headers   no-show-headers	Display column headers or not.
limit-output number	Limit the display output to a specific number of entries.
count-output	Display the number of entries in the output. This is useful with vRouter show commands.
count-only	Displays the number of entries only.
unscaled	Display full values in the output instead of scaled approximate values.
raw-int-values	Display integer values instead of mapped values
CLI (network-admin@switch) > f	Eabric-anycast-mac-modify
mac mac-address	Modify the MAC address for anycast. The default MAC address is 64:0e:94:40:00:02.

For example, the following vrf-create command can be used to create VRF-1:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name VRF-1 scope
fabric



The vrf-create command can be issued to configure for instance 1000 VRFs on a single node, as shown in this output:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-show count-output

name	vnet	scope	anycast-mac	vrf-gw	vrf-gw2	active	hw-router-mac	hw-vrid
VRF-1	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	no	00:00:00:00:00:00	-1
VRF_2	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	yes	66:0e:94:1b:59:47	1
VRF_3	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	yes	66:0e:94:1b:6c:91	2
VRF_4	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	yes	66:0e:94:1b:76:3d	3
VRF_5	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	yes	66:0e:94:1b:7f:e2	4
VRF_6	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	yes	66:0e:94:1b:89:87	5
VRF_999	0:0	fabric	64:0e:94:40:00:02	::	::	yes	66:0e:94:1b:aa:8a	999

Count: 999

**Note:** The newer ASICs can support an even higher count. The maximum number is ASIC *limited*.

The following commands can be used to create two subnet objects associated with VRF-1 for East-West traffic segmentation:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 12 vxlan 500012 scope fabric ports none

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 13 vxlan 500013 scope fabric ports none

CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name subnet-vxlan-500012 scope fabric vxlan 500012 network 172.10.2.0/24 anycast-gw-ip 172.10.2.1 vrf VRF-1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name subnet-vxlan-500013 scope fabric vxlan 500013 network 172.10.3.0/24 anycast-gw-ip 172.10.3.1 vrf VRF-1

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, the VNI assignment in vlancreate can be automated with the auto-vxlan keyword.

Finally, the following commands can be used to create two smaller subnets (/29) to provide North-South reach-ability in and out of VRF-1 to/from VRF gateways 172.10.0.2 and 172.10.1.2:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 10 vxlan 500010 scope fabric ports none

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 11 vxlan 500011 scope fabric ports none



CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name subnet-vxlan-500010 scope fabric vxlan 500010 network 172.10.0.0/29 anycast-gw-ip 172.10.0.1 vrf VRF-1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name subnet-vxlan-500011 scope fabric vxlan 500011 network 172.10.1.0/29 anycast-gw-ip 172.10.1.1 vrf VRF-1

**Note:** The scope of the VRF and subnet objects typically would be fabric; however, to cater to specific needs and designs it is also possible to configure *local VRFs* and *subnets* in certain cases.

The next step is to configure the VRF gateways for VRF-1:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch <switch\_list> vrf-modify name VRF-1 vrf-gw 172.10.0.2 vrf-gw2 172.10.1.2

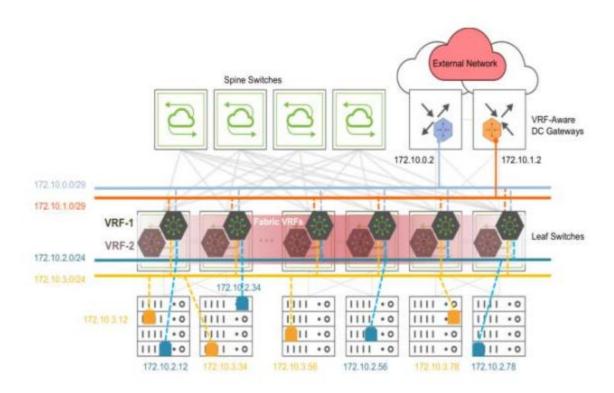


Figure 8-15: Fabric VRFs with Border Leaves Connecting External Network

In this example it is assumed that the connectivity is implemented with static routing on the DC gateways (for example, third-party devices). To provide inbound reach-ability for VRF-1, the DC gateways must be provisioned with static routes for the VRF subnets receiving traffic from external networks, using the adjacent anycast gateway addresses as next-hop:

```
DC-Gateway-1# ip route vrf VRF-1 172.10.2.0/23 172.10.0.1 DC-Gateway-1# ip route vrf VRF-1 172.10.2.0/23 172.10.1.1 DC-Gateway-2# ip route vrf VRF-1 172.10.2.0/23 172.10.0.1 DC-Gateway-2# ip route vrf VRF-1 172.10.2.0/23 172.10.1.1
```



In addition, you can also leverage the vrf-route-add command to add static routes to specific VRF-enabled networks when required:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-route-add

vrf-route-add add vrf route

one of the following vrf selectors:

vrf-name name-string vrf name

vrf-vnet vnet name VNET for the VRF

the following route arguments:

network ip-address
netmask netmask

IP address
netmask

gateway-ip ip-address gateway IP address

vrf-route-remove and vrf-route-show commands are also available.



# **Configuring the Anycast Gateway MAC Address as Source Address**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, it is possible to select the Anycast Gateway MAC address as source address used for distributed routing of traffic across subnets. (When the Anycast Gateway function is not used or when this capability is not enabled, Netvisor ONE only employs the router MAC address as source address.)

This feature is useful when some downstream device (for example, a firewall) gleans the source MAC address from a routed packet to use it for various reasons, such as for example in the response to the original packet.

The default source MAC address used for the Anycast Gateway function is the common router MAC address. During VRF creation or modification, by using the following command it is possible to specify to use the Anycast Gateway MAC address instead:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name vrfl anycast-mac-for-forwarding
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * vrf-modify name vrf1
{anycast-mac-for-forwarding | no-anycast-mac-for-forwarding}
```

The default setting is no-anycast-mac-for-forwarding.

**Note**: To modify this capability fabric-wide, use switch \* vrf-modify as shown above, because scope fabric is not supported.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-show format name,anycast-mac,active,hw-router-mac,anycast-mac-for-forwarding
```

```
      name
      anycast-mac
      active
      hw-router-mac
      anycast-mac-for-forwarding

      VRF-1
      64:0e:94:40:00:02
      yes
      66:0e:94:b5:9e:c2
      yes

      VRF-4
      64:0e:94:40:00:02
      yes
      66:0e:94:b5:d5:fb
      yes

      VRF-2
      64:0e:94:40:00:02
      yes
      66:0e:94:b5:be:8c
      yes

      VRF-3
      64:0e:94:40:00:02
      yes
      66:0e:94:b5:6c:97
      yes
```

You can verify that the vFlow entry is properly installed with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show format name,src-mac,action | grep Anycast
```



## **Configuring Virtual Service Groups**

**Note**: This feature is supported only on Dell, Edgecore, and Freedom series switches.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1 it is possible to import/export subnet prefixes between Unicast Fabric VRFs. This operation is sometimes informally referred to as 'prefix leaking'.

To implement this functionality a new innovative entity called *Virtual Service Group* (vSG) is introduced: it's an abstraction that defines in an intuitive and user-friendly way the policies by which prefixes are shared.

**Note:** As of Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1, this functionality applies only to Unicast Fabric VRFs and not to vRouter-based VRFs.

First a vSG is created with the vsg-create command, specifying a name and optionally (but conveniently) a description string:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-create name <vsg-name>
[description <description>]
```

Similarly, an existing vSG can be deleted or its description can be modified with the vsg-delete and vsg-modify commands, respectively.

A newly created vSG is a grouping that is meant to contain a list of VRFs, which can be added individually with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add name <vsg-name> vrf <name> [type promiscuous | isolated] [vnet]
```

The vsg-vrf-add command enables the user to optionally specify the type of prefix sharing to apply to each VRF as well as an associated vNET. The promiscuous keyword (i.e., the default option) identifies VRFs whose prefixes can be freely shared with any other VRF. Instead, the isolated keyword identifies VRFs whose prefixes can only be shared with VRFs marked as promiscuous. So when the type is not specified, it defaults to promiscuous.

Analogously to the vsg-vrf-add command, VRF removal is performed with the vsg-vrf-remove command.

The last vSG configuration step is to identify which subnet(s) and/or prefix(es) to share for each VRF with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add name <vsg-name>
vrf <vrf-name> network <prefix/mask>|subnet <name> [vnet]
```

If all (current and future) subnets within a VRF have to be shared, you can use the handy shortcut: subnet all.



Once added, subnets/prefixes can be removed with the corresponding vsg-network-remove command.

The sharing of the added prefixes/subnets between VRFs follows the rules dictated by the respective promiscuous/isolated markings, which is a very simplistic configuration model but can also be rather powerful.

Going through a few examples of use cases is the best way to describe the flexibility of such configuration model, as discussed in the following.

#### **Example 1: Full-mesh Connectivity Model**

In this scenario there are for example two tenants who share a common service. The three network entities are associated to three VRFs respectively: TENANT-GREEN, TENANT-GREY and SERVICE-AMBER. All three VRFs need to share at least one subnet with the others for proper connectivity.

This is an any-to-any communication model, in which you can use the promiscuous keyword to (explicitly) state that sharing is allowed. Then you can specify which subnets are shared. For example, TENANT-GREEN and TENANT-GREY share one of their subnets with SERVICE-AMBER like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-create name GROUP-A
description ANY-TO-ANY-SHARING
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-A vrf
TENANT-GREY type promiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-A vrf
TENANT-GREEN type promiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-A vrf
SERVICE-AMBER type promiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-A
vrf TENANT-GREY subnet SUBNET-11
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-A
vrf TENANT-GREEN subnet SUBNET-21
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-A
vrf SERVICE-AMBER subnet SUBNET-1
```

SUBNET-11 corresponds to 10.0.11.0/24, SUBNET-21 to 10.0.21.0/24 and SUBNET-1 to 10.1.1.0/24.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-show
switch name description
----- switch GROUP-A ANY-TO-ANY-SHARING

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-show
switch vsg-name vnet vrf type
----- switch GROUP-A 0:0 TENANT-GREY promiscuous
switch GROUP-A 0:0 SERVICE-AMBER promiscuous
```



CLI (network-admin@switch) > <b>vsg-network-show</b>						
switch	vsg-name	vrf	vnet	subnet	network	
network	_state					
switch	GROUP-A	TENANT-GREY	0:0	SUBNET-11	10.0.11.0/24	
ok						
switch	GROUP-A	TENANT-GREEN	0:0	SUBNET-21	10.0.21.0/24	
ok						
switch	GROUP-A	SERVICE-AMBER	0:0	SUBNET-1	10.1.1.0/24	
ok						

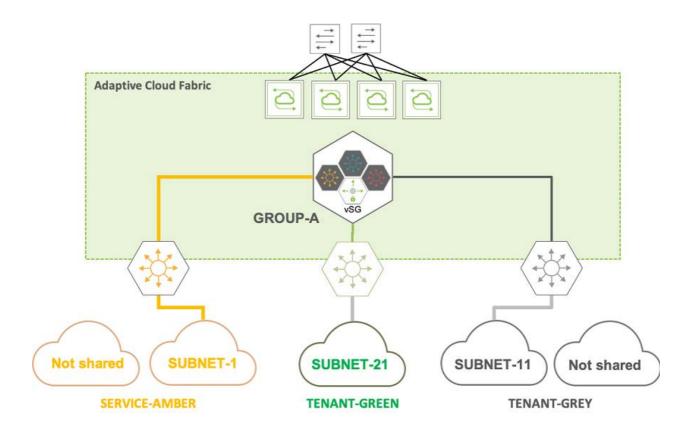


Figure 8-16 - Virtual Service Group Example

## **Example 2: Hub-and-spoke Connectivity Model**

In this scenario, the 'hub' VRF is the one that needs to share its subnet(s) with all other vSG members without distinction. In other words, it's the *promiscuous VRF*. A good example would be a common shared service. Instead, *isolated VRFs* (*spokes*) don't need to share subnets between each other, they only need to share them with the promiscuous VRF. A common case would be different tenants (say, GREEN and GREY) that require routing segregation without any mutual prefix sharing, like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-create name GROUP-B description HUB-AND-SPOKE-SHARING CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-B vrf
```



```
SERVICE-BLUE type promiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-B vrf
TENANT-GREY type isolated
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-B vrf
TENANT-GREEN type isolated
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-B
vrf TENANT-GREY subnet SUBNET-12
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-B
vrf TENANT-GREEN subnet SUBNET-22
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-B
vrf SERVICE-BLUE subnet SUBNET-2
```

#### **Example 3: Hierarchical Connectivity Model**

This example is analogous to #1 above but applies the vSG grouping function to separate service VRFs (say, AMBER, BLUE and CRIMSON). This allows the user to create a hierarchy where the vSG corresponds to the superset (i.e., the union) of multiple VRFs that remain separate. The advantage of this approach compared to having a single merged 'fat' VRF is that keeping service VRFs separate can enable better granularity in assigning subnets/prefixes, policies or different vNETs:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-create name GROUP-C description VRF-UNION

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-BLUE type promiscuous

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-AMBER type promiscuous

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-CRIMSON type promiscuous

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-AMBER subnet SUBNET-1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-BLUE subnet SUBNET-2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-BLUE subnet SUBNET-2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-CRIMSON subnet SUBNET-3
```

The vsg-network-add enables full granularity of prefix sharing depending on the specific network requirements. If all current and future subnets have to be shared, then you can use these shortcuts instead:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-AMBER subnet all
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-BLUE subnet all
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-C vrf SERVICE-CRIMSON subnet all
```

## **Example 4: Unidirectional Connectivity Model**

This example is less common because it is more typical for traffic to flow bidirectionally



and hence routing to be applied in both directions. However, it is possible that in some scenarios only unidirectional communication is required, for example, in certain service chaining cases.

To support this use case, you can configure certain VRFs to act only as *traffic sources* (hence not sharing subnets) and other VRFs to act only as *traffic receivers* (hence sharing subnets). In other words, in order to accommodate the unidirectional flow scenario, only partial subnet sharing can be configured like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-create name GROUP-E description UNIDIRECTIONAL-SHARING
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-E vrf RECEIVE type typepromiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name GROUP-E vrf SOURCE promiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name GROUP-E vrf RECEIVE subnet SUBNET-RCV
```

Furthermore, sharing of subsets is possible too by using the network keyword in vsg-network-add (say, there are two subnets, 100.1.1.0/24 and 101.1.1.0/24, but only four prefixes have to be shared respectively: 100.1.1.0/30 and 101.1.1.0/30):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name vsg1 vrf
vrf1 network 100.1.1.0/30
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name vsg1 vrf
vrf2 network 101.1.1.0/30

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-show

Switch vsg-name vrf vnet subnet network network_state
```

Switch	vsg-name	vri	vnet	subnet	network	network_state
switch	vsg1	vrf1	0:0		100.1.1.0/30	ok
switch	vsg1	vrf2	0:0		101.1.1.0/30	ok



#### **Configuring vSG Route Sharing**

In certain configurations it can be convenient to implement the automatic sharing of one or more routes in accordance with the vSG rules. For example, a firewall (or a DC gateway or another similar device) may be a common next hop for all the end devices across the entire vSG. Such device (or devices) is typically deployed to enable shared service(s): in the case of a firewall, it supports external connectivity, security policies, etc.

In these configurations with shared services, it can be convenient to add routes directly to the vSG so that they get automatically shared to *all* the members based on the vSG rules chosen by the user.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0 a new capability is introduced to add routes to the vSG, which can save significant configuration overhead especially in large vSG configurations.

For example, let's consider a scenario in which there are two isolated VRFs (blue and red) that need to communicate through a firewall. (For the sake of simplicity, the example only uses two VRFs but it can be scaled to N VRFs making the new automation even more advantageous.)

The firewall is in a subnet associated with a promiscuous VRF called transit. blue and red are isolated VRFs that share one subnet each (10.1.1.0/24 and 20.1.1.0/24) with transit, which uses a third subnet. In particular, the firewall is the actual common service to be shared in such subnet and uses the address 30.1.1.2.

This is the corresponding configuration of the vSG:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name blue
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name red
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name transit vrf-gw
30.1.1.2
CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name vlan_10 vrf
blue vlan 10 network 10.1.1.0/24 anycast-gw-ip 10.1.1.1
CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name vlan_20 vrf
red vlan 20 network 20.1.1.0/24 anycast-gw-ip 20.1.1.1
CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name vlan_30 vrf
transit vlan 30 network 30.1.1.0/29 anycast-gw-ip 30.1.1.1
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-create name vSG-1 description
"Firewall Access"
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add name vSG-1 vrf blue
type isolated
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add name vSG-1 vrf red
type isolated
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add name vSG-1 vrf
transit type promiscuous
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add name vSG-1 vrf
blue subnet vlan_10
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add name vSG-1 vrf
```



```
red subnet vlan_20
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add name vSG-1 vrf
transit network 30.1.1.2/32
```

In this example, the need is to automatically share across all the VRFs in the vSG the default gateway route (0.0.0.0/0) pointing to the firewall's IP address (30.1.1.2/32). That could be achieved by manually configuring in both blue and red the same route by using the vrf-route-add command twice.

Alternatively and more conveniently, starting from release 6.1.0 a single command, vsg-route-add, can be used to share the default route across *all* of the VRFs that are part of a vSG, like so (by virtue of the promiscuous nature of transit):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-route-add vsg-name vSG-1 vrf transit network 0.0.0.0/0 gateway-ip 30.1.1.2
```

**Note**: The <code>gateway-ip</code> address (i.e., the next hop) in the vSG route must be shared from the promiscuous VRF prior to the <code>vsg-route-add</code> command. Hence the sequence of commands is in the order displayed above with the network highlighted in bold. If by mistake this requirement is not met, the <code>vsg-route-add</code> command will produce an error message: <code>network 30.1.1.2</code> not <code>leaked from vrf transit</code>

**Note**: The network in the vSG route should not overlap with local subnets or shared prefixes. For example, the command: vsg-route-add name vsg1 vrf transit network 10.1.1.2/30 gateway-ip 30.1.1.2 produces the error message: vsg-route-add: !! Overlapping subnet found for network 10.1.1.2 in vrf blue because 10.1.1.2 overlaps with the local subnet of VRF blue.

To verify that a vSG route was correctly added, you can use the vsg-route-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-route-show switch name vrf vnet network gateway-ip switch vsg1 transit 0:0 0.0.0.0/0 30.1.1.2
```

Moreover, to verify the entire vSG configuration the following commands can be used:



CLI (network-adm	min@switch) >	vsg-vrf-show	
switch vsg-name	vnet vrf	type	
switch vsgl switch vsgl switch vsgl	0:0 red	isolated isolated promiscuous	
CLI (network-adm	min@switch) >	vsg-network-show subnet network	network-state
switch vsgl switch vsgl switch vsgl	blue 0:0 red 0:0 transit 0:0	vlan_20 20.1.1.0/24	ok

Once added, a vSG route can also be removed with the corresponding vsg-route-remove command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-route-remove name vsg1 vrf transit network 0.0.0.0/0 gateway-ip 30.1.1.2



## **Configuring IGMP Snooping with VXLAN**

By snooping IGMP messages it is possible to determine the (local) port membership for multicast groups. It is also possible to include the logical ports associated with VXLAN tunnels and their remote VTEPs when IGMP messages are snooped on remote overlay network nodes.

The following command supports this feature:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > igmp-snooping-modify vxlan no-vxlan

vxlan no-vxlan		Enable IGMP on VXLAN. Disabled by							
		default.							
CLI (network-admin@switc	ch) >	igmp-snooping-modify vxlan							
CLI (network-admin@switc	ch) >	igmp-snooping-show							
<pre>enable: vxlan: enable-vlans: snoop-link local-vlans:</pre>		yes yes 1-4092 none							
To disable it:									
CLI (network-admin@switc	ch) >	igmp-snooping-modify no-vxlan							
vxlan:	yes no								
	1-4092 none								

**Informational Note**: IGMP Snooping is enabled by default while the VXLAN option is disabled by default.

Let us consider an example: Assume that IGMP join messages for group 239.1.1.1 (from source 10.1.1.2) are received on a tunnel associated with VLAN 10 (with VNI 10), as shown in the command output below:

Group IP 239.1.1.1 is associated to source IP 10.1.1.2 and its port membership list



only contains the logical port ID (12755068416) associated with a VXLAN tunnel:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > igmp-show group-ip 239.1.1.1

You can check the tunnel info (such as its associated VTEP IP addresses) corresponding to logical port 1275068416 with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-show tunnelID 1275068416

scope: local

name: auto-tunnel-70

vxlan

vrouter-name: vr1
local-ip: 70.1.1.2
remote-ip: 80.1.1.2
router-if: eth1.4092
next-hop: 70.1.1.1

next-hop-mac: 66:0e:94:70:61:7f

remote-switch: 0 active: yes state: ok

bfd: disabled bfd-state: unknown

error:

type:

route-info: 80.1.1.0/24

ports: 19 auto-tunnel: auto

You can also verify that the L2 table contains the MAC address corresponding to group IP 239.1.1.1 (i.e., 01:00:5e:01:01:01):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > 12-table-hw-show mac 01:00:5e:01:01

 mac
 vlan
 vxlan
 ports
 state
 hw-flags
 mc-index

 01:00:5e:01:01:01
 10
 none
 active, static, hit
 201326595



#### **Configuring Distributed VRF-aware vFlow**

Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0 introduces Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRF) -aware vFlows, which enables vFlows to operate at scale in a distributed VRF environment. This feature extends support for Policy Based Routing (PBR) in a VRF. By using the VRF-aware vFlow enhancement, you can implement L3 or L4 security access lists, microsegmentation, QoS, and monitoring features in a fabric with distributed VRFs.

#### **Configuring Distributed VRF-aware Policy Based Routing**

Distributed PBR enables service insertion (adding services into the forwarding path of traffic) of constructs such as firewalls. When a firewall is inserted into a network, the traffic originating from a VRF instance needs to be redirected to the firewall or DC gateway through a next-hop address or an ECMP group.

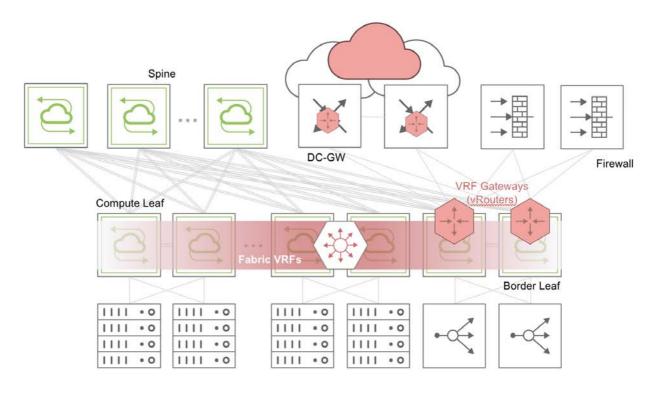


Figure 8-17 - Distributed VRF-aware Policy-based Routing

For instance, in a spine-leaf topology as shown in *Figure 8-17*, if traffic with a source IP address of 100.1.1.10 in a VRF needs service insertion of a firewall, you can create a vFlow to redirect the traffic to a next hop address or ECMP group. When the traffic matches the source IP address of 100.1.1.10, traffic is sent to the next hop or ECMP group indicated in the vFlow, instead of being forwarded based on the Layer 3 routing entries.

You must enable PBR globally to create vFlows . You can enable PBR by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-settings-modify policy-based-routing

Note: nvOSd must be restarted for this setting to take effect

Now, create a vFlow to send the packets from the source IP address to the required next hop IP address by using the command:



CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow1 scope local vrf vrf-1 src-ip 100.1.1.10 action to-next-hop-ip action-to-next-hop-ip-value 150.1.1.2

To view the details of the vFlow, use the command vflow-show:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-show layout vertical

name: flow1 scope: local type: pbr

src-ip: 100.1.1.10

action: to-next-hop-ip

action-to-ecmp-group-value: 150.1.1.2
enable: enable

table-name: System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0

If there are multiple plausible next hop IP addresses to reach a firewall, you can perform load balancing by creating a static ECMP group and adding the next hop addresses (up to 16) to the ECMP group. Then, configure a vFlow to send the required traffic to the ECMP group and in turn, to the firewall. For details regarding configuration of ECMP groups, refer to the Sending Network Traffic to an ECMP Group with PBR section.

For example, to create a vFlow to send packets to a pre-configured ECMP group named vrf\_ecmp (previously created with the static-ecmp-group-create command), use the vflow-create command with the action keyword to-ecmp-group:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow2 scope local in-port 23 src-ip 10.0.11.100 src-ip-mask 255.255.255.0 dst-ip 10.0.12.100 dst-ip-mask 255.255.255.0 vrf vrf-2 action to-ecmp-group action-to-ecmp-group-value vrf\_ecmp

To view the configuration details, use the vflow-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-show

name: flow2
scope: local
type: pbr
in-port: 23

action: to-ecmp-group

action-to-ecmp-group-value: vrf\_ecmp
enable: enable

table-name: System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0



#### **Configuring Distributed VRF-aware Security Access Lists**

Netvisor ONE supports L3 and L4 security access lists for traffic in a VRF. The keywords drop or none can be supplied to the action parameter in the vflow-create command, to drop or allow packets.

For example, to drop all packets from the source IP address 100.1.1.10 in a VRF, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow10 scope local src-ip 100.1.1.10 vrf vrf5 action drop
```

To view the vFlow details, use the command vflow-show:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-show layout vertical
                              flow10
name:
scope:
                              local
type:
                              pbr
src-ip:
                              100.1.1.10
dst-ip:
                              none
vrf:
                              vrf5
burst-size:
                              auto
precedence:
                              default
action:
                             drop
action-value:
                             none
metadata:
                             none
enable:
                              enable
table-name:
                              System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0
```

#### **Configuring Distributed VRF-aware Micro-segmentation**

Micro-segmentation is the process of creating secure zones within a fabric to isolate workloads. The distributed VRF-aware vFlow feature allows you to create security zones in a fabric. You can configure micro-segmentation by creating L3 or L4 filters for internal tagging during ingress and making an aggregated egress decision.

For example, define a security zone (A) in a VRF. The zones can be based on various source IP address criteria, such as, across subnets, external subnets, and intra-subnet.

Create vFlows that define zone A as the source:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-SOURCE-10.1 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 src-ip 10.10.1.0/24 action set-metadata action-value 10 precedence 5

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-SOURCE-10.1 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 src-ip 10.10.128.0/20 action set-metadata action-value 10 precedence 5

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-SOURCE-10.3 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 src-ip 10.10.33.0/24 action set-metadata action-value 10 precedence 5

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-SOURCE-10.4 scope
```



fabric vrf VRF-1 src-ip 10.10.64.0/20 action set-metadata action-value 10 precedence 5

Create vFlows that define zone A as the destination. These vFlows are given a lower precedence in this example.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-DESTIN-11.1 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 dst-ip 10.10.1.0/24 action set-metadata action-value 11 precedence 3

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-DESTIN-11.1 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 dst-ip 10.10.128.0/20 action set-metadata action-value 11 precedence 3

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-DESTIN-11.3 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 dst-ip 10.10.33.0/24 action set-metadata action-value 11 precedence 3

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-DESTIN-11.4 scope fabric vrf VRF-1 dst-ip 10.10.64.0/20 action set-metadata action-value 11 precedence 3

Zone A uses metadata 10 for traffic that leaves specific IP addresses and metadata 11 for traffic that arrives at specific IP addresses. Now, you can create egress microsegmentation rules based on the security zone. The metadata values are among the parameters that define the egress policies, and these values help in making the egress decision to send the packets out. The egress policies are defined in Egress-Table-1-0 or the Egress Content Aware Processing (ECAP) hardware filter table.

For example, to allow UDP traffic from zone A to the destination IP address 172.10.0.0/8, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-172.10-UDP-PASS table-name Egress-Table-1-0 vrf VRF-1 metadata 10 dst-ip 172.10.0.0/8 proto 17 action none

To allow TCP traffic from zone A to the destination IP address 172.10.0.0/8 and the reverse, use the set of following commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name ZONE-A-172.10-TCP-PASS table-name Egress-Table-1-0 vrf VRF-1 metadata 10 dst-ip 172.10.0.0/8 proto 6 action none

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name 172.10-ZONE-A-TCP-PASS table-name Egress-Table-1-0 vrf VRF-1 metadata 11 src-ip 172.10.0.0/8 proto 6 action none

#### **Configuring Distributed VRF-aware QoS Policies**

You can use vFlows to set Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) and VLAN priority values for traffic in a VRF. For example, to set a DSCP value of 10 for traffic originating from 10.10.1.0/24, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow5 scope local vrf VRF\_2 src-ip 10.10.1.0 action set-dscp action-value



To view the details, use the vflow-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-show layout vertical
name:
                              flow5
                              local
scope:
                              pbr
type:
src-ip:
                              10.10.1.0
dst-ip:
                              none
vrf:
                              vrf 2
burst-size:
                              auto
precedence:
                              10
action:
                              set-dscp
action-value:
                              10
metadata:
                              none
enable:
                              enable
table-name:
                               System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0
```

To set a VLAN priority value of 5 for traffic from 10.10.1.1/24, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow6 scope fabric vrf VRF_3 src-ip 10.10.1.1/24 action set-vlan-pri action-value 5
```

#### Configuring Distributed VRF-aware vFlow-based Monitoring

You can copy packets to a port or CPU for traffic monitoring by using the action keywords copy-to-cpu and copy-to-port.

For example, to copy the packets with the source IP address of 10.1.1.1 in vrf10 to the CPU, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow5 scope local vrf vrf10 src-ip 10.1.1.1 action copy-to-cpu
```

Use the vflow-show command to view the details:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-show layout vertical
name:
                             flow5
scope:
                             local
type:
                             pbr
                             10.1.1.1
src-ip:
vrf:
                             vrf10
burst-size:
                             auto
precedence:
                             default
action:
                             copy-to-cpu
action-value:
                             none
enable:
                             enable
table-name:
                             System-L3-L4-PBR-1-0
```

To copy packets with a source IP 10.1.1.2 in vrf10 to port 25, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name flow7 scope
```



local vrf vrf10 src-ip 10.1.1.2 action copy-to-port action-to-ports-value 25

For details on vFlows, see the Configuring and Using vFlows chapter.



## **Configuring Multicast Fabric VRFs**

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.1, this feature is supported on NRU03 and NRU-S0301 platforms and on the Dell S4100 and S5200 Series.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, this feature is supported also on the following platforms:

- Dell Z9100-ON, S5048F
- Freedom F9532L-C/Edgecore AS7712-32X
- Freedom F9532-C/Edgecore AS7716-32X
- Freedom F9572L-V/Edgecore AS7312-54XS
- Freedom F9572-V/Edgecore AS7316-54XS
- Freedom F9532C-XL-R/Edgecore AS7716-32X

The CLI commands to configure and verify distributed multicast forwarding with Multicast Fabric VRFs are described below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-multicast-show
enable: yes
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-multicast-modify

scope local fabric	Specify the scope - fabric or local						
disable	Specify to disable flooding over tunnels in DM Forwarding						
enable	Specify to enable flooding over tunnels in DM Forwarding						

Enabling or disabling Multicast Fabric VRFs takes effect only after a reboot. For example, this command disables the feature:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-multicast-modify disable
System must be REBOOTED for this setting to take effect
```

The above command is analogous to IGMP Snooping's insofar as you can modify the feature's state with a local or fabric scope.

With Multicast Fabric VRFs enabled, to optimize certain network designs, in more recent Netvisor ONE releases BUM traffic is *not* flooded to tunnels *by default*. However, you can use the modify command below to enable/disable flooding of BUM traffic on tunnels to cater to your network design's specific requirements. First check what is the current



setting, and then modify it if needed:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-multicast-flood-show
enable: no

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-multicast-flood-modify
scope    scope - fabric or local
disable disable flooding over tunnels in DM Forwarding
enable enable flooding over tunnels in DM Forwarding

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-multicast-flood-modify enable
```

The vrf-mroute-show command, can be used to show the L3 entries dynamically created to implement L3 multicast forwarding:

This command can be used to check the list of multicast destination groups, incoming VLANs, outgoing ports and egress VLANs.

The above output shows (\*, 224.1.1.1, 501) with port 1 as outgoing port and 506 as egress VLAN. Note that this kind of L3 entry will only contain routed ports in the egress VLAN(s) (instead, a separate L2 entry will bridge in the ingress VLAN).

The igmp-show command offers a high-level view of the dynamic behavior of the feature (in this example, port 15 is the *loopback port*):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > igmp-show

The first line is a Layer 2 entry for group 225.1.1.1 that corresponds to a logical port (1275068416), namely, to a VXLAN tunnel to replicate the multicast traffic to (as it has at least a receiver in the same VNI-mapped VLAN). More than one tunnel may be listed in this position.

The second line is dynamically programmed by the software to send a copy of the multicast traffic for group 225.1.1.1 in VLAN 10 to a special loopback port (see below) so that a second (routing) pass after recirculation can be performed. This means that there is a source sending traffic to the group on the ingress VLAN, therefore a L3 lookup can happen for local routing.

The third line (in the show output above) shows IGMP membership on port 19 in egress VLAN 30 (which needs to be routed to).



The loopback port(s) used by Multicast Fabric VRFs are called mlb-loopback-trunk, which is an additional loopback trunk for L3 multicast traffic only. The vxlan-loopback-trunk instead continues to be used for unicast traffic. While vxlan-loopback-trunk is auto-created, mlb-loopback-trunk needs to be manually created by the user.

Furthermore, under certain circumstances it may be necessary to use the following commands to add, show or delete a static IGMP entry on a port/trunk:

In this example, the commands are useful for interoperability purposes when you need to simulate an IGMP join on a certain port (in this case port 14, to which a multicast receiver is indirectly connected through a third-party network). Then, when the receiver no longer needs to receive the multicast traffic, the static IGMP entry can be deleted.



## **Configuring Multiple VXLAN Next Hops on a Single Egress Port**

Prior to the Netvsior ONE 6.1.0 release, a hardware limitation on the Broadcom ASICs allowed Netvisor ONE to configure only one egress port to next hop index (NHI) mapping per physical egress port or trunk port. This limitation obstructed the creation of multiple VXLAN tunnels in the hardware if the respective next hops resolved on the same physical port or trunk port.

From Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 onward, you can create multiple VXLAN tunnel next hops on the same egress trunk port or physical egress port due to a resolution in the hardware restriction.

This feature is available on the following Trident3, Trident2+, and Maverick platforms of Pluribus switches:

• S5248F-ON	• S4128F-ON	• AS5812-54X
• S5224F-ON	• S4128T-ON	• AS5812-54T
• S5232F-ON	• S4112F-ON	• F9372-X
• S4148-ON	• S4112T-ON	• F9372-T
• S4148F-ON	• NRU03	
• S4148T-ON	• NRU03-S0301	

For example, consider a basic sample topology (*Figure 8-18*) consisting of four switches interconnected through physical and trunk ports. Each switch is connected to other three switches using a trunk port or a physical port (trunk port 1/ports 5, 6 in the diagram). They are also inter-connected via a layer 2 network. To build a VXLAN-based fabric, you can configure a full mesh of VXLAN tunnels connecting all the switches to one another.

Prior to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, the switches were unable to establish three separate VXLAN tunnels to other three switches because their next hops were all routed through the same trunk port. In other words, you could achieve only a one-to-one mapping of egress ports to VXLAN next hops.



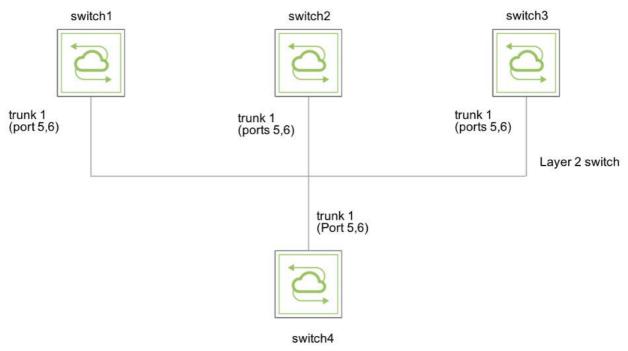


Figure 8-18 - Topology with Physical Egress Ports or Trunk Ports

With Netvisor ONE 6.1.0, you can configure a one-to-many mapping of:

- Physical egress ports to VXLAN next hops, or
- Trunk egress ports to VXLAN next hops

To configure multiple VXLAN tunnels, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch4) > tunnel-create

tunnel-create	This command creates a tunnel between two switches.						
scope local cluster	Specify the scope.						
name <name-string></name-string>	Enter the name of the tunnel you want to configure.						
Specify any of the following options:							
vrouter-name <vrouter name=""></vrouter>	Specify the name of the vRouter service						
local-ip <ip-address></ip-address>	Specify the local IP address.						
remote-ip <ip-address></ip-address>	Specify the remote host IP address.						

As an example, in the above topology (*Figure 8-18*), configure three static VXLAN tunnels to connect switch4 to switch1, switch2, and switch3 by using the commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch4\*) > tunnel-create scope local name tun20-9-3 vrouter-name vr-tucana local-ip 20.20.20.9 remote-ip 20.20.20.3



CLI (network-admin@switch4\*) > tunnel-create scope local name tun50-9-3 vrouter-name vr-tucana local-ip 50.50.50.9 remote-ip 50.50.50.3

CLI (network-admin@switch4\*) > tunnel-create scope local name tun80-9-3 vrouter-name vr-tucana local-ip 80.80.80.9 remote-ip 80.80.80.3

View the configuration details using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch4\*) > tunnel-show

scope name	type	vrouter-name	local-ip	remote-ip ro	uter-if	next-hop	next-hop-mac	nexthop-vlan	active	state	bfd	bfd-state	route-info	ports	auto-tunnel	mac-learning
local tun20	-9-3 vxlar	n vr-tucana	20.20.20.9	20.20,20.3 et	th0.20	20.20.20.3	66:0e:94:b7:e8:6b	20	yes	ok	disabled	not-replicator-vter	20.20.20.0/2	272	static	on.
local tun50	-9-3 vxlar	n vr-tucana	50.50.50.9	50.50.50.3 et	th1.50	50.50.50.3	66:0e:94:b7:e8:6b	50	yes	ok	disabled	not-replicator-vter	50.50.50.0/24	272	static	on
local rungo	-9-3 uvlas	n wr-tucana	80.80.80.9	80.80.80.3 **	- bb 60	80.80.80.3	66:0e:94:h7:e8:6h	80	2255	ok	disabled	not-replicator-when	80.80.80.0/24	272	STATIC	O.D.

The output above shows that the VXLAN tunnels are created and are functional as in *Figure 8-19*.

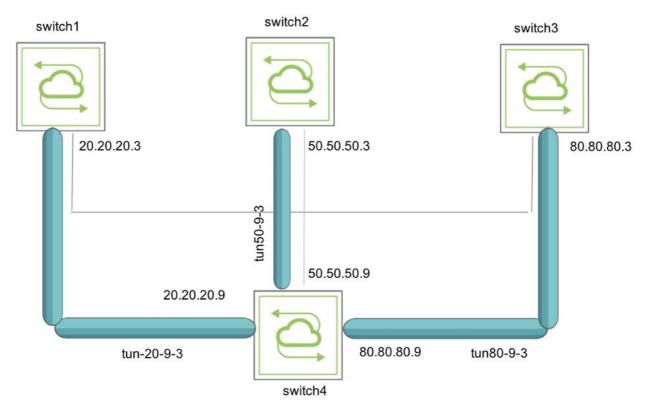


Figure 8-19 - Topology with VXLAN tunnels

To view the details of each tunnel, use the following commands:



CLI (network-admin@switch4\*) > vlan-show id 50

id type auto-vxlan replicators scope description active stats ports untagged-ports active-edge-ports

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50 public no none local vlan-50 yes yes 0-1,125,272 none

0,272

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > vlan-show id 80

id type auto-vxlan replicators scope description active stats ports untagged-

ports active-edge-ports

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80 public no none local vlan-80 yes yes 0-1,125,272 none

0,272



## **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version
trunk-modify name vxlan- loopback-trunk	Commands with parameters first supported in version 2.4
tunnel-create	Command added in version 1.2. The option, cluster, was added to scope and the parameters, vrouter-name and peer-vrouter-name, were added in version 2.4.
tunnel-vxlan-add	In version 1.2 the command was introduced. In version 2.4 the parameter, vxlan, was added.
vtep-create, vtep-delete, vtep-show	Commands introduced in version 2.6.0.
vtep-vxlan-add, vtep-vxlan-remove, vtep-vxlan-show	Commands introduced in version 2.6.0.
<pre>vrf-create, vrf-delete, vrf- modify, vrf-show, subnet- create, subnet-delete, subnet-modify, subnet-show</pre>	Commands introduced in version 3.0.0
igmp-snooping-modify vxlan   no-vxlan	Parameter introduced in version 3.1.1
vrf-multicast-modify, vrf- mroute-show	Commands introduced in version 5.1.0
vle-create, subnet-delete, subnet-modify, subnet-show	Commands introduced in version 2.5.4
vlan-create vxlan-mode standard transparent	In version 2.5.2 the parameter vxlan-mode was added.
vlan-create auto-vxlan	In version 6.0.0 the parameter auto- vxlan was added.
mac-learning   no-mac- learning	Parameter introduced in version 6.0.0
system settings-modify riot- single-pass	Command introduced in version 6.0.0
system-settings-modify no- single-pass-flood single- pass-flood	Command introduced in version 6.0.0



system-settings-modify no- single-pass-12-known- multicast   single-pass-12- known-multicast	Command introduced in version 6.0.1
isolated	VTEP parameter introduced in version 6.0.1
<pre>vsg-create delete modify, vsg-vrf-add remove, vsg- network-add remove, vsg-show, vsg-vrf-show, vsg-network- show</pre>	Commands introduced in version 6.0.1
type isolated, promiscuous	vSG parameters introduced in version 6.0.1
vsg-route-add, vsg-route- remove, vsg-route-show	Commands introduced in version 6.1.0
anycats-mac-for- forwarding/no-anycast-mac- for-forwarding	VRF parameters introduced in version 6.1.0

Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.



### **Related Documentation**

Refer to these sections in the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Setting up and Administering the Pluribus Fabric
- Configuring High Availability

for further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, the fabric, clusters, vLAGs, VRRP, etc.)



## **Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services**

This chapter provides information about the Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI).

- Understanding Virtual Link Extension (vLE)
- Understanding Virtual Ports Groups
- Understanding VXLAN-based Bridge Domains
- Configuring Virtual Link Extension
- Configuring Virtual Link Extension State Tracking
- Configuring Virtual Link Extension in vNFTs
- Configuring Virtual Link Extension Error Transparency
- Configuring Virtual Link Extension Redundancy with Clusters
- Showing Virtual Link Extension Between Ports on the Same Switch
- Configuring Keep-Alive Timeout for Virtual Link Extension
- Enabling and Disabling a Virtual Link Extension End-to-End
- Saving Virtual Link Extension Topology Configurations

- Configuring VXLAN-based BDs for 802.1Q and QinQ Internetworking
- Configuring Transparent and Remove Tags Modes for Bridge Domain
- Configuring a Bridge Domain and a VLAN on the Same Port
- Configuring Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling
- Disabling MAC Address Learning on Bridge Domains
- Displaying vLE Statistics
- Troubleshooting vLE
- Configuring Virtual Port Group State Tracking
- Guidelines and Limitations
- Supported Releases
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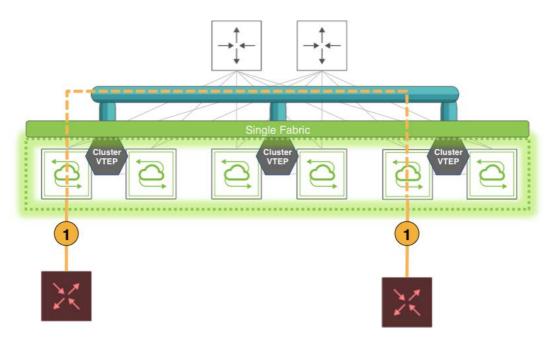
## **Understanding Virtual Link Extension (vLE)**

Pluribus Networks offers a highly flexible approach to software-defined networking (SDN), called *Adaptive Cloud Fabric*, which leverages a sophisticated distributed architecture in order to enable organizations to build scalable private and public clouds with the very desirable benefits of ease of management, reliability, security and performance.

With regard to ease of management and flexibility, the VXLAN technology described in the *Understanding VXLAN* chapter augments the Adaptive Cloud Fabric with a plethora of advanced capabilities. Among such features is the ability to natively transport traffic across the VXLAN fabric for end-to-end data center connectivity through overlay bridging and distributed routing.

Furthermore, in certain scenarios, network administrators have the requirement for the VXLAN fabric to be able to transport traffic *transparently* between two different ports as if interconnected through a *virtual pipe*: in other words, what comes in on one end goes out of the other end. This capability is often referred to as a 'pseudo-wire' in the literature. Pluribus calls it a *virtual wire*.

Pluribus Virtual Link Extension (vLE) implements a transparent point-to-point virtual link over the VXLAN fabric to emulate the connectivity of an actual wire interconnecting any two fabric ports selected by the user, as shown in *Figure 9-1* below.



#### Logical View of a vLE



Figure 9-1: Virtual Link Extension over the VXLAN Fabric

The key characteristic of a vLE is its ability to take what comes in on the local end of the



virtual pipe and send it to the remote end. That includes regular data plane traffic as well as Layer 2 PDUs.

Hence, one application of Pluribus' Virtual Link Extension feature is the remote monitoring of traffic between two fabric ports.

Another common use case is *lab automation*, i.e., the flexible interconnection of lab equipment through the fabric: with multiple vLEs the port interconnections can be dynamically (for example, programmatically) managed by the lab administrator through the creation of ad-hoc virtual pipes.

This type of use case is sometimes also referred to as 'IP Virtual Wire' (as it runs on top of a VXLAN overlay) or 'Virtual Wire+' to distinguish it from the regular (Layer 1) VirtualWire™ functionality (refer to the Configuring VirtualWire Deployment Guide). It is usually deployed with error transparency enabled (see below for more details).

From an implementation perspective, it should be noted that the Adaptive Cloud Fabric can transport multiple vLEs across a common high-performance VXLAN-based interconnect, thus enabling a very high degree of configuration flexibility and scalability. The main network constraint is the maximum bandwidth available on any of the shared physical links, which however can be scaled using higher speed Ethernet ports or trunks to avoid any chokepoints.

From a network design standpoint, in terms of ease of configuration, vLEs can use manual or automatic VXLAN tunnels to piggyback the mirrored traffic end-to-end and thus they enjoy the same wide-spanning benefits of any other VXLAN-based feature. The only constraint is that they cannot share the same VXLAN tunnels with other features.

Alternatively, the Pluribus UNUM™ management platform can be leveraged to very effectively perform the provisioning of the entire vLE deployment in very few steps. First, a Layer 3 fabric can be deployed from a UNUM Layer-3 Playbook. Then, *Manager* --> *Services* --> *Manage* vLE can be used to create and manage one or more vLEs through user-friendly configuration forms. (Refer to the UNUM Fabric Manager documentation for more details.)

Finally, programmatic creation and management of vLEs can be performed through REST APIs.

## **About Virtual Link Extension State Tracking**

Just as in the case of physical back-to-back Ethernet connections, it is usually desirable that if one end of a vLE goes down the peer end mirrors that state change.

This behavior is called *link state tracking*. With such symmetric behavior, link state changes can be propagated end-to-end and hence network nodes or endpoints are able to react to them.

In other words, when a vLE is created with tracking enabled between two physical ports of two switches, the vLE remains up as long as both physical ports are in the link up state.

When a vLE is created with tracking enabled between two trunk ports (a.k.a. port



channels), the vLE stays up as long as at least one member port in the trunk is up and the remote trunk is also up. When the last trunk member goes down, the vLE is brought down. (Note that when you configure vLE tracking on a trunk port, you cannot configure tracking on individual trunk members.)

In the CLI link state tracking can be enabled/disabled over each vLE individually through the tracking | no tracking option. (In fact, having tracking enabled may not be required in all cases, such as for troubleshooting purposes.) Similarly, in the Pluribus UNUM management platform the tracking | no tracking option corresponds to a true/false configuration checkbox to be ticked by the user.

For more CLI configuration details refer to the *Configuring Virtual Link Extension State Tracking* section below. Refer to the UNUM Fabric Manager documentation for the specific pane and dashboard layout details for the link state tracking configuration checkbox.

The node-1-port and node-2-port are the names of the two vLE endpoints whose link state can be tracked. When node-1-port goes down the vle-show command can be used to check and display the overall vLE state, which is local-down. When node-2-port goes down, instead, the vle-show command displays the remotedown state.

If needed, as part of the vLE configuration, it is also possible to tweak the timing to be used by the tracking logic to detect a port down state and to trigger a (virtual) link down event.

For more details on the configuration, refer to the following sections.

#### About Virtual Link Extension Between Two Ports of the Same Switch

In earlier versions of Netvisor ONE, the vLE implementation supported only one vLE endpoint per node. With version 5.1.1, both vLE endpoints can be part of the same node. This configuration is referred to as *local vLE*.

A vLE can have two ports in the same node only if the corresponding vLE's VXLAN ID is not already mapped to a tunnel. Similarly, a tunnel can be mapped to a vLE's VXLAN ID if there is at most one local port in the vLE. In the case of auto-tunnels, a VXLAN ID can be mapped to a VTEP only if there is at most one local port in the node associated with that VTEP.

Netvisor ONE allows the users to track the vLE port status when part of a local vLE. In such case, the node-1 and node-2 labels refer to the same switch. However, for consistency reasons, the node-2-port is still considered as 'remote port' in the vle-show output, even though in actuality both the vLE ports are on the same switch.

Let us assume, for example, that port 30 (node-2-port) goes down, the vLE status is displayed as remote-down (see example below) so the user can understand exactly which port is causing the vLE to be down. Instead, if port 22 (node-1-port) is down, then the vLE status is displayed as local-down.



vnet:

node-1-port: 22
node-2-port: 30

status: remote-down

tracking: enabled ports-state: override create-time: 09:44:56

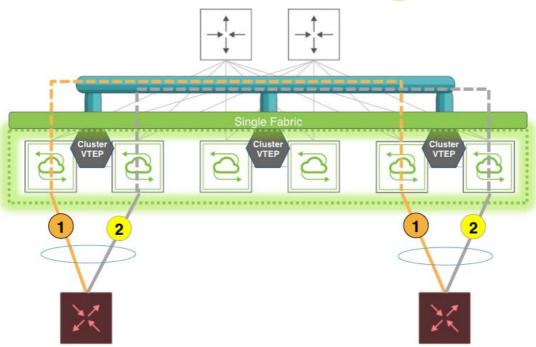
Use the <code>port-show</code> command to check if the <code>node-2-port</code> status is down or <code>vle-wait</code>. The <code>vle-wait</code> state indicates that the port is brought down due to remote port being down

#### About Virtual Link Extension Redundancy with Clusters

In network designs using pseudo-wires, link redundancy can be achieved by creating trunks using (at least) pairs of pseudo-wires as shown below. Such trunks originate and terminate on the *end devices*.

That can be conveniently achieved in fabric designs that leverage pairs of leaf switches (called *clusters* in Pluribus parlance) to provide redundancy for Layer 2 and Layer 3 last-hop traffic: as shown in *Figure 9-2* below, when vLEs are configured, vLE redundancy can be implemented by setting up *one vLE per cluster switch* and *by leveraging port channeling* or *NIC teaming* (depicted with an ellipse in the diagram) on the end devices to implement end-to-end *vLE trunks*.





#### End-to-end 'vLE Trunk'

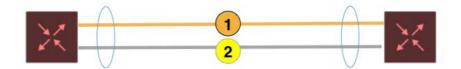


Figure 9-2: Virtual Link Extension End-to-end Redundancy

Leaf switches don't need to implement load balancing and failover for the vLE trunks as vLEs are in essence just end-to-end transparent pipes, which transport all the traffic and propagate port state changes through link state tracking. Hence, vLE-attached end devices can just use standard 802.3ad link bundling, static or dynamic with the LACP protocol, to manage the aggregation and the failover of the virtual wires.

vLE redundancy has the following characteristics:

- Failover between VTEPs used by vLEs is not required.
- Hence VTEPs associated with vLEs do not use a VRRP virtual IP address. They use a primary IP address, instead, or the real IP address of a dedicated interface.
- L2 PDUs such as LACP messages on vLE transparent VLANs are not sent to a fabric node's management CPU, as they need to be passed transparently through the virtual wire.

In the example topology shown above in Figure 9-2, two generic switches are connected respectively to two cluster leaf nodes. There is no vLAG on such nodes as it is not required. Both generic switches are configured with the LACP protocol on their trunk links to run connectivity checks and to form the trunk dynamically. Hence, they are directly in charge of link redundancy and failover management, whereas the leaf nodes are responsible for *transparent end-to-end traffic transport*.



### **About Virtual Link Extension Error Transparency**

In lab automation deployments employing vLE it is usually required to not only transport valid data plane frames and PDUs but also to include potential malformed frames that are received on a vLE port.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 5.1.1, with the optional configuration for *error* transparency, a vLE can be configured to transport also bad CRC frames as well as runts (i.e., undersized frames). Transported runt frames are padded with zeros up to a length of 64 bytes and their CRC is zeroed out, which can be used to recognize an undersized frame on the receiving end.

Error transparency is hardware-dependent (on newer ASICs) and thus works only on the following capable platforms:

- Dell S4100 Series
- Dell S5048
- Dell S5200 Series
- Dell Z9100
- Freedom F9372-X and F9372-T

In particular, on these platforms undersized frames with a *minimum* length of 50 bytes are supported.

Furthermore, full jumbo frame transport is also supported in Netvisor ONE version 5.1.1 by upping the maximum supported MTU size to 9398 bytes.

Refer to the *Enabling Jumbo Frame Support* section of this Configuration Guides for command details.

Error transparency is enabled globally to minimize the configuration steps required in lab automation setups. However, since it disables CRC checks even on inter-switch links, it can be turned off on a per port basis wherever it's not required.

## **About Virtual Link Extension Traffic Analytics**

Netvisor ONE does not make copies of vLE-transported control frames (such as LLDP, etc.) to the switch management CPU. Any inner VLAN tag, if present, is also preserved. This is achieved by installing a system vFlow entry called *Virtual-Link-Extend* with the highest priority of 15 with no action specified so that control frames are not terminated and sent to CPU.

In addition, to support *vLE traffic analytics*, a few additional system vFlow entries (named *System-vLE-x*, where *x* can be *S* or *F* or *R*) are installed with the same priority as the Virtual-Link-Extend entry in order to copy TCP SYN/FIN/RST packets to the management CPU. This ensures that any SYN/FIN/RST packets carried by vLE can be used for *TCP flow analysis*.

The vflow-system-show command can be used to display such system entries used for transparency and flow analysis:



# CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch \* vflow-system-show name Virtual-Link-Extend

switchnamescopetypeprecedenceactionenabletable-nameswitchVirtual-Link-Extendlocalsystem15noneenableSystem-L1-L4-Tun-1-0switchVirtual-Link-Extendlocalsystem15noneenableSystem-L1-L4-Tun-1-0switchVirtual-Link-Extendlocalsystem15noneenableSystem-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

#### CLI (network-admin@switch) > connection-show layout vertical

vnet: 100
vlan: 100
vxlan: 10100

src-ip: 20.20.20.1
dst-ip: 20.20.20.2

dst-port: http
cur-state: fin
syn-resends: 0

syn-ack-resends: 0

latency: 74.8us
obytes: 149
ibytes: 311

total-bytes: 460

age: 2h11m21s



## **Understanding Virtual Port Groups (vPG)**

In addition to vLE, Pluribus Networks' Netvisor ONE software supports an additional and more flexible VXLAN-based technology called a Virtual Port Group (vPG). This powerful CLI construct can be used to define a set of ingress (or source) ports and of destination ports so that the hardware can transport traffic from the source ports to (multiple) desired destination ports, and (optionally) in the reverse direction too.

Forwarding is performed in hardware using vFlow policies. For more details on vFlow, please refer to the *Configuring vFlow* chapter.

When the vPG configuration forwards traffic from the source ports to the destination ports only, it is referred to as a unidirectional vPG topology (as the monitored traffic flows in one direction only).

The primary use case for this configuration is Pluribus' Network Packet Broker. For more details on this use case, please refer to the Understanding and Configuring Pluribus Network Packet Broker sections. These sections provide a full configuration walk-through to set up vPGs and vFlow policies to establish a secondary monitoring network for production traffic.

On the other hand, when the vPG configuration forwards traffic bidirectionally between source ports and destination ports, it is referred to as a bidirectional vPG topology: it can be useful to establish a sophisticated set of virtual wires between network nodes for bidirectional data exchange (for example, for lab automation use cases).

## **About Virtual Port Group State Tracking**

In bidirectional vPG topologies (for example, for lab automation purposes) it is often required to mirror the state of one end of the connection to the other end.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.1, the bidirectional vPG functionality leverages a BFD-based state tracking logic to achieve state tracking across VXLAN tunnels. In other words, when enabled this tracking logic makes sure that, if a port on a local vPG goes down, the corresponding remote vPG's port is also brought down, and vice versa. This tracking functionality can be particularly handy in lab automation use cases.

The common tracking logic is called the vBT (vLE/vPG BFD Tracking) module. For vPGs this logic is currently limited to intra-fabric tracking.

Whenever a local port (which is a part of a vPG with tracking enabled) goes down, the vBT logic uses BFD to propagate the change of state to the remote endpoint which then brings its corresponding port down and puts it into vbt-wait state. Subsequently, whenever that local port comes back up, the state change is again propagated and the remote endpoint is brought back up too and removed from the vbt-wait state.

Note that unidirectional vPGs don't support this bidirectional tracking logic. Moreover, only point-to-point bidirectional vPGs support state tracking: that means that each bidirectional vPG can have only one port in one node for tracking to be enabled.

Refer to the Configuring Virtual Port Group State Tracking section below for the command syntax details.



# **Understanding VXLAN-based Bridge Domains for IEEE 802.1Q and QinQ Internet-working**

With the IEEE 802.1Q standard a network design is constrained to 4094 possible VLAN numbers. When more Layer 2 identifiers are needed, and a hierarchy of network entities can be established, the *VLAN stacking technology* (informally also called *QinQ*, after the name of Cisco's original implementation, also known as 802.1Q Tunneling) can be utilized to scale up to 16 million (4094 x 4094) identifiers using *two* (*concatenated*, i.e., '*stacked*') *VLAN tags instead of one*.

The IEEE organization has standardized the VLAN stacking technology with the *Provider Bridges* standard, also known as *IEEE 802.1ad*, which was later incorporated into the IEEE 802.1Q-2011 revision of the LAN/MAN standard.

IEEE 802.1ad refers to providers of services, such as Transparent LAN Services in Metro networks. There are also a number of data center designs that can tap the scalability of the VLAN stacking technology: for example data center networks in which one tag (the so-called *outer tag*) is used to identify a data center customer, while the second tag (the so-called *inner tag*) is used to identify a customer service.

With this technology it is possible to identify up to 16 M services for up to 4K customers. The double-tagged traffic is oftentimes handed off to a provider (for example a cloud exchange provider) which can terminate it for end-to-end connectivity. Hence, this scheme can be used to deploy *hybrid cloud designs* in which private clouds integrate with external clouds.

In practice in such designs QinQ (i.e., VLAN stacking) augments the basic 802.1Q capabilities by massively scaling the number of usable network identifiers organized in a hierarchy.

Pluribus combines this technology with the VXLAN-based Unified Cloud Fabric to yield an even higher degree of scalability and flexibility. In fact, VXLAN IDs (a.k.a. VNIs) are 24-bit long (vs. 12-bits of VLAN IDs) and therefore are a perfect match for double-tagging Layer 2 network transports.

In addition, VLAN ID to VXLAN ID mappings enable a great degree of flexibility for network designers that Pluribus substantiates with a new type of configuration object called *VXLAN-based bridge domain* (BD).

VXLAN-based bridge domains will be supported in a future release of Netvisor ONE: they can be mapped to single or multiple 802.1Q VLANs as well as to dual IEEE 802.1ad VLAN tags, covering all possible design requirements.

The different available configuration models for VXLAN-based bridge domains are:

- Single tag mapping, in which an outer VLAN tag (for example, a customer ID) is mapped to a VNI on an IEEE 802.1ad port and the inner VLAN tags are preserved inside the VXLAN encapsulation. This type of mapping can be used on customer facing 'QinQ access' interfaces.
- Double tag mapping, in which an outer VLAN + inner VLAN tag pair is mapped to a VNI



- on an IEEE 802.1ad port (traffic is received double-tagged in ingress and is marked with two tags in egress after VXLAN decapsulation). This type of mapping can be used on multi-VLAN ports (sometimes called *QinQ trunks*) facing for example an external cloud provider.
- Single 802.1Q tag mapping, in which a single 802.1Q VLAN (or multiple 802.1Q VLANs) are mapped to a common VNI (for example, for inter-DC communication within the same customer's private cloud network).

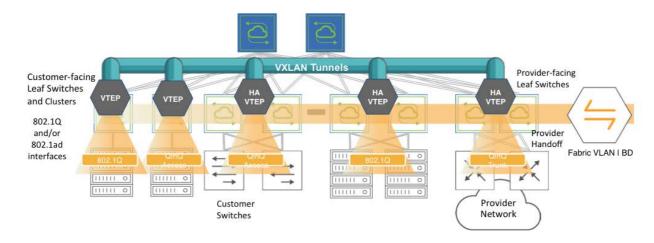


Figure 9-3: Hierarchical Fabric Structure Using Bridge Domains for Intra- and Inter-DC Connectivity

The various configuration models of bridge domains yield an unprecedented level of flexibility in terms of advanced Layer 2 transport services, with the ability of re-using VLANs across tenants, supporting QinQ hierarchies and handoff links, as well as aggregating multiple VLANs in the same overlay construct (thus supporting high-scale L2 tenant services).



## **Configuring Virtual Link Extension**

The vLE configuration revolves around the creation and transport over VXLAN of one or more transparent VLANs using the transparent option of the vlan-create vxlan-mode standard | transparent command. To explain how that is implemented, let's first refer to *Figure 9-4* below which shows an example with port 10 and 17 as ingress/egress vLE ports on two fabric leaf switches that are supposed to be connected transparently through a vLE pseudo-wire:

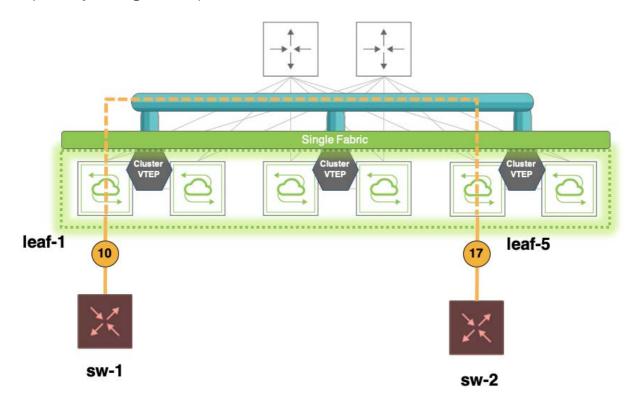


Figure 9-4. Two Ports Interconnected Through a vLE Pseudo-wire

Establishing such vLE pseudo-wire transport requires multiple configuration steps:

- 1. Configuration of jumbo frames on all the required ports (ingress and egress ports, as well as all inter-switch ports that are used to transport vLE traffic)
- 2. Creation of Layer 3 VLANs (or of routed ports) that are used as tunnel end points (with an MTU configuration suitable to route jumbo frames)
- 3. Set up of dedicated VXLAN connections. Typically, manual tunnels are created and set aside for vLE use.
- 4. Creation of a VXLAN-mapped transparent VLAN to transport the traffic over vLE.
- 5. Addition of the transparent VLAN's VXLAN ID to the allocated tunnels.

Let us look at one configuration example for each of the above steps.

**Step 1** requires adding the jumbo option as part of the port configuration with the following command(s):

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > port-config-modify port 10 jumbo



In this example, as shown in the figure above, port 10 on leaf-1 is a vLE port. Jumbo (i.e., oversized) frame support should be enabled if mirroring of ingress frames with a (typical) MTU of 9216 bytes is required.

This option is usually already configured end-to-end on inter-switch links if a VXLAN transport is used in the fabric (refer to the *Configuring VXLAN* section).

Otherwise, the following commands can be used to enable the transport of oversized frames on inter-switch links (individual ports or trunks):

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > port-config-modify port <interswitch port-list> jumbo

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > trunk-modify name <trunkname>
jumbo

**Step 2** requires the creation of the *Layer 3 routing endpoints*, in this case VLAN interfaces (a.k.a. SVIs), on the switches where the ingress and egress vLE ports are located:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> vlan-create id 1021 scope local description VLE-VTEP ports none

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name Leaf-1 vlan 1021 ip 10.21.1.1/30 mtu 9398

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5)> vlan-create id 1021 scope local description VLE-VTEP ports none

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5)> vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name Leaf-5 vlan 1021 ip 10.21.7.1/30 mtu 9398

Then the VLAN(s) can be checked with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> vlan-show id 1021

switch	id	scope	description	active
leaf-1	1021	local	VLE-VTEP	yes
leaf-5	1021	local	VLE-VTEP	yes

#### **Step 3** involves the creation of the VXLAN tunnels:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> tunnel-create name VLE\_L1\_to\_L5 scope local local-ip 10.21.1.1 remote-ip 10.21.7.1 vrouter-name Leaf-1

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5)> tunnel-create name VLE\_L5\_to\_L1 scope local local-ip 10.21.7.1 remote-ip 10.21.1.1 vrouter-name Leaf-5

The tunnel creation can be checked with the following commands:



CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > tunnel-show local-ip 10.21.1.1 format switch, scope, name, type, vrouter-name, local-ip, remote-ip

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > tunnel-show local-ip 10.21.7.1 format switch, scope, name, type, vrouter-name, local-ip, remote-ip

switch scope name type vrouter-name local-ip remote-ip
----leaf-5 local VLE\_L5\_to\_L1 vxlan Leaf-5 10.21.7.1 10.21.1.1

#### **Step 4** requires the creation of a transparent VLAN per vLE:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> vlan-create id 3001 scope local description VLE-1 vxlan-mode transparent vxlan 3001000 ports 10

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5)> vlan-create id 3001 scope local description VLE-1 vxlan-mode transparent vxlan 3001000 ports 17

#### The VLAN's creation can be checked with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vlan-show id 3001 format switch,id,type,vxlan,scope,description,active,ports

switch	id	type	vxlan	scope	e description	active	ports
leaf-1	3001	public	3001000	local	VLE-1	yes	10
leaf-5	3001	public	3001000	local	VLE-1	yes	17

Finally, in *step 5* the above VXLAN ID(s) of the transparent VLAN(s) are mapped to the tunnel(s):

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> tunnel-vxlan-add name VLE\_L1\_to\_L5 vxlan 3001000 CLI (network-admin@leaf-5)> tunnel-vxlan-add name VLE\_L5\_to\_L1 vxlan 3001000

The VXLAN tunnels and their mappings can be checked with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> tunnel-vxlan-show vxlan 3001000

switch	name	vxlan
leaf-1	VLE_L1_to_L5	3001000
leaf-5	VLE_L5_to_L1	3001000

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1, to prevent the misconfiguration of a vLE port which may get assigned to another VLAN by mistake, a new configuration



check was added. The restriction is that a port assigned to a regular VLAN cannot be assigned to a vLE VLAN (i.e., in transparent mode) and vice versa.

Let's suppose VLAN 1 (the default VLAN) and VLAN 100 are assigned to port 1, as shown below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-show ports 1
switch port vlans untagged-vlan description active-vlans
----- switch 1 1,100 1 none
```

An attempt to assign this port to a vLE VLAN (VLAN 555 in transparent mode) is rejected:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 555 scope local ports 1 vxlan-mode transparent vxlan 666666 vlan-create: vle port 1 cannot be member of other vlans
```

If you want to unassign the port and then reassign it to a vLE VLAN, you can go through a two-step process. First, remove the port from the specific VLAN (VLAN 100 in the above example, or from vlans all):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-remove port 1 vlans 100

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-show ports 1

switch port vlans untagged-vlan description active-vlans
----- switch 1 1 1 none
```

Then you can assign it to a vLE VLAN like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 555 scope local ports 1 vxlan-mode transparent vxlan 666666 Vlans 555 created

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-show ports 1
switch port vlans untagged-vlan description active-vlans
----- switch 1 555 555 none
```



## **Configuring Virtual Link Extension State Tracking**

In addition to the above configuration steps, it is often common to also turn on state tracking in order to make sure that link state changes are mirrored:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> vle-create name vLE-1 node-1 leaf-1 node-1-port 10 node-2 leaf-5 node-2-port 17 tracking
```

This configuration step requires specifying the two vLE nodes (leaf-1 and leaf-5) as well as their respective ports in addition to the tracking option by following this syntax:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> vle-create

vle-create	Create vLE configuration.
name name-string	Specify the vLE name.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET assigned to this vLE.
node-1 fabric-node name	Specify the vLE node 1 name.
node-2 fabric-node name	Specify the vLE node 2 name.
node-1-port node-1-port- number	Specify the vLE node 1 port.
node-2-port node-2-port- number	Specify the vLE node 2 port.
node-1-port-desc node-1-port-desc-string	Specify a description for the node 1 port.
node-2-port-desc node-2-port-desc-string	Specify a description for the node 2 port.
[tracking no tracking]	Enable or disable tracking between vLE ports.
ports-state override enable  disable	Specify the ports admin control state.

The link state tracking configuration can be verified with the vle-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-show layout vertical
name:
                  vLE-1
vnet:
node-1:
                   leaf-1
node-2:
                   leaf-5
node-1-port:
                   10
node-2-port:
                   17
node-1-port-desc:
node-2-port-desc:
status:
                  up
tracking:
                   enabled
```



ports-state: **override** create-time: 08:47:56

Furthermore, since a vLE transparently transmits PDUs over to the other end, it is possible to test state tracking by leveraging for example the LLDP protocol messages exchanged between two test switches (sw-1 and sw-2 in the figure above) connected to the vLE ports 10 and 17.

The two test switches exchange LLDP messages by default, so the LLDP peer relationship can just be shown with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@sw-1) > lldp-show

switch local-port bezel-port chassis-id port-id port-desc sys-name
----- sw-1 1 0b0012c0 1 PN Switch Port(1) sw-2
```

Then, if a vLE port is disabled (in this case, port 10), the peer relationship is lost and <code>lldp-show</code> does not display a neighbor anymore. The test switch's port also goes down thanks to vLE state tracking. Once the port is re-enabled, the neighboring relationship is re-established:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > port-config-modify port 17
disable
CLI (network-admin@sw-1) > port-phy-show port 1
switch port bezel-port state speed eth-mode max-frame learning def-vlan
sw-1 1 1 down 10000 10Gbase-cr 1540 off 0
CLI (network-admin@sw-1) > lldp-show
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > port-config-modify port 17 enable
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > port-phy-show port 17
port bezel-port state speed eth-mode max-frame learning def-vlan
17 17 up 10000 10G-SFI 1540 off 0
CLI (network-admin@sw-1) > port-phy-show port 1
switch port bezel-port state speed eth-mode max-frame learning def-vlan
sw-1 1 1 up 10000 10Gbase-cr 1540 off 1
CLI (network-admin@sw-1) > lldp-show
switch local-port bezel-port chassis-id port-id port-desc sys-name
```

To enable or disable tracking between existing vLE ports, use the vle-modify

sw-1 1

1 0b0012c0 1 PN Switch Port(1) sw-2



#### command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-modify name name-string
tracking|no tracking

vle-modify	Modify virtual link extension tracking			
name name-string	The vLE name to be modified			
tracking no tracking	Enable or disable tracking between vLE ports			

To delete a state tracking configuration, use the vle-delete command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-delete name name-string



## **Configuring Virtual Link Extension in vNETs**

Starting from Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, you can configure a vLE on vNET managed ports. This enhancement enables you to separate the management of the feature on a per tenant basis.

To configure a vLE in a vNET, follow the steps from step 1 to step 4 discussed in the Configuring Virtual Link Extension section. You can then use the vle-create command to configure the vNET and enable state tracking. For example, as an extension of step 4, you can assign the vNET vnet1 to the vLE vLE-1 and enable state tracking by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-create name vLE-1 vnet vnet1 node-1 leaf-1 node-1-port 10 node-2 leaf2 node-2-port 17 tracking

**Note:** vLE creation is not allowed on vNET shared ports.

Use the vle-show command to display the configuration.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-show

local-down|up|down|disabled

[tracking|no tracking]

Use the vle-show command to display the configuration.

vle-show	Display vLE configuration.
name name-string	The vLE name.
id	The ID assigned to the vLE.
vnet vnet-name	The vNET assigned to this vLE.
node-1 fabric-node-name	vLE node 1 name.
node-2 fabric-node-name	vLE node 2 name.
node-1-port node-1-port- number	vLE node 1 port.
node-2-port node-2-port- number	vLE node 2 port.
node-1-port-desc node-1-port-desc-string	Description for the node 1 port.
node-2-port-desc node-2-port-desc-string	Description for the node 2 port.
status unknown   remote-down	The vLE status.

ports.

Enable or disable tracking between vLE



ports-state override|enable| Ports admin control state.

create-time date/time: yyyymm-ddTHH:mm:ss

clapsed-time duration: Time duration since the vLE was created.

up-time duration: #d#h#m#s

Time since the last instance at which the vLE came online.

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-show format all layout

vertical

name: vle1
id: 900ad7:0
vnet: vnet1
node-1: leaf-1
node-2: leaf-2
node-1-port: 10
node-2-port: 17

node-1-port-desc:
node-2-port-desc:

status: up

tracking: enabled ports-state: override create-time: 09:44:56 elapsed-time: 11m37s

up-time: 0s



## **Configuring Virtual Link Extension Error Transparency**

In order to be able to preserve bad CRC and undersized packets as part of the vLE transport, a new fabric-wide *error transparency* configuration option has been added:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-modify mode
enable

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-show
fabric: Transparent VLE mode is enabled

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-modify mode
disable

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-show
fabric: Transparent VLE mode is disabled
```

However, since disabling CRC checks is not necessarily desirable on all links, some ports can be excluded (for example certain edge ports and inter-switch links) with a local scope command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-modify mode enable

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-port-remove port 18,45

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-port-show switch: leaf-1  
leaf-1: ports removed from VLE transparent mode: 18,45

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-port-add port 18,45

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-transparent-port-show switch: leaf-1  
leaf-1: ports removed from VLE transparent mode: none
```

**Informational note**: Transparency exclusion should be applied to ports that are not in the end-to-end vLE transport path through the fabric, which needs to be based on supported switches that are capable of error transparency to preserve bad frames.



## **Configuring Virtual Link Extension Redundancy with Clusters**

The configuration of redundant vLE pseudo-wires requires the replication of the configuration steps described in the above sections. In addition, the endpoints (for example two switches as in the figure below) need to have link bundling enabled (static or dynamic LACP-based negotiation) in order to manage end-to-end path redundancy.

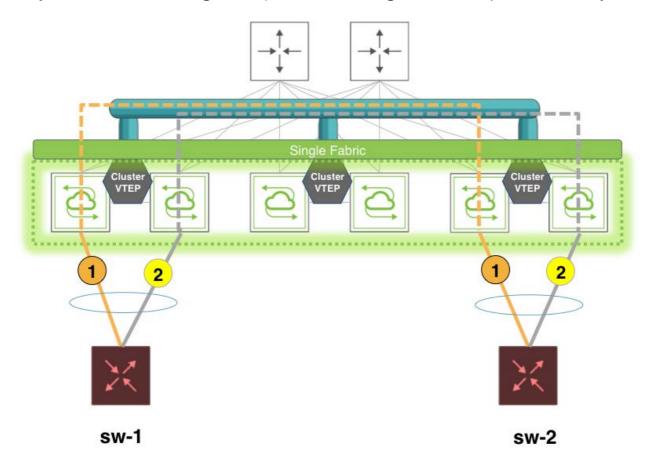


Figure 9-5: Virtual Link Extension End-to-end Redundancy

In this example, let us assume that both test switches, sw-1 and sw-2, are configured with the LACP active negotiation option.

Then, every vLE configuration step needs to be replicated twice to create VLE-1 and VLE-2 (based on two transparent VLANs and four VTEPs):

- 1. Creation of Layer 3 VLANs that are used as tunnel end points
- 2. Set up of dedicated VXLAN connections
- 3. Creation of VXLAN-mapped transparent VLANs
- 4. Addition of the transparent VLAN's VXLAN ID to the allocated tunnels.

The distinctive configuration step is the creation of the VTEPs (step 2 above): VTEP HA is not required and not supported in case of vLE redundancy (namely, the virtual IPs cannot be used). The four VTEPs can be created instead with each cluster member's primary IP address like so:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > tunnel-create scope local name VTEP1 vrouter-name vr-s1 local-ip 10.10.11.1 remote-ip



10.10.15.1

CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > tunnel-create scope local name VTEP2 vrouter-name vr-s2 local-ip 20.20.22.1 remote-ip 20.20.26.1

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > tunnel-create scope local name VTEP3 vrouter-name vr-s3 local-ip 10.10.15.1 remote-ip 10.10.11.1

CLI (network-admin@leaf-6) > tunnel-create scope local name VTEP4 vrouter-name vr-s3 local-ip 20.20.26.1 remote-ip 20.20.22.1

Note that 10.10.11.1 and 10.10.15.1 are primary IP addresses used for VLE-1 on leaf-1 and leaf-5 respectively while 20.20.22.1 and 20.20.26.1 are primary IP addresses used for VLE-2 on leaf-2 and leaf-6.

The remaining four steps are the same as those described in the previous sections, replicated for both VLE-1 and VLE-2.

vLE tracking is also greatly beneficial in order to implement redundancy on Netvisor ONE nodes as it propagates link state changes and helps client side's LACP with timely link up/link down detection.



# **Showing Virtual Link Extension Between Ports on the Same Switch**

In certain network configurations, both vLE ports should be part of the same node. This case is supported by Netvisor ONE and is referred to as *local vLE*.

In the example below node-1 and node-2 refer to the same switch in the local vLE, in which port 30 is displayed as remote port in the vle-show output, even though both the vLE ports are on the same node.

Port 30 went down, therefore the vLE status is shown as remote-down (see command output below) so you can understand exactly which port caused the vLE to be down:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-show layout vertical

name: vle1

vnet:

node-1-port: 22
node-2-port: 30

status: remote-down
tracking: enabled
ports-state: override
create-time: 09:44:56

You can use the <code>port-show</code> command to check if the <code>node-1-port</code> status is down or <code>vle-wait</code>. The <code>vle-wait</code> state indicates that the port was brought down due to the remote port being down.



## **Configuring Keep-Alive Timeout for Virtual Link Extension**

As part of the vLE link state tracking logic each node hosting a vLE endpoint sends fabric fast keepalive messages every second to its peer node that hosts the other endpoint.

A node considers its peer node down if a keepalive is not received from the remote node within 3 seconds (which is the default *vLE tracking timeout*). If that happens, the local port is brought down and the *vLE* state reflects both ports' down state.

However, in some deployments (for example with frequent link flaps), a three second timeout may not be enough to avoid false positives. Therefore, it can be modified with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify vle-
tracking-timeout seconds
```

You can configure a value from 3 to 30 seconds. (Note that the fast keepalive transmission frequency remains one second. Only the timeout value is adjusted to the configured value.) The configured value can be checked with the system-settings-show command.

**Note:** The default 3 second keepalive timeout is automatically configured when vLE link state tracking is enabled. When it is disabled, the standard fabric message timeout interval is 21 seconds as shown for the three leaf switches below that don't use tracking:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show format
name,keepalive-timeout

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format vle-
tracking-timeout
vle-tracking-timeout: 3
```

When tracking gets disabled, the fabric keepalive timeout goes back to 21 seconds:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vle-modify name vLE no-tracking
CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show format
name, keepalive-timeout
```

name	keepalive-timeout
leaf-1	21
leaf-2	21



leaf-3 21 switch 21

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format vletracking-timeout, vle-tracking-timeout: 3

When it is necessary to change the administrative vLE keepalive timeout value, the fabric keepalive timeout reflects the new value when tracking is enabled, as shown below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify vle-tracking-timeout 30

CLI (network-admin@switch) > fabric-node-show format
name,keepalive-timeout

name	keepalive-timeout
leaf-1	21
leaf-2	21
leaf-3	21
switch	30



## **Enabling and Disabling a Virtual Link Extension End-to-End**

At times, whether in the CLI or in the Pluribus UNUM GUI, it can be convenient to manage vLE ports in *pairs* as a single entity (instead of doing so individually). Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, a new end-to-end vLE configuration option can be used to enable or disable both vLE ports at the same time as part of the vle-create command.

The new ports-state option can have three values:

- override is the default setting which means that, as usual, each individual port state configuration takes precedence
- disable means that both vLE ports get disabled together and this option takes precedence over each individual port state
- enable means that both vLE ports get enabled and this option takes precedence over each individual port state.

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@swi01) > vle-create name vle-test node-1 swi01 node-2 swi02 node-1-port 13 node-2-port 13 no-tracking ports-state disable
```

Note: If node-1 and node-2 are the same switch, then it becomes a local vLE configuration.

The vle-modify command can be used to further change the end-to-end vLE configuration after the initial vle-create.

For example, after setting ports-state to disable in vle-create, the user can revert to the default behavior in which local port configuration takes precedence with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@swi01) > vle-modify name vle-test ports-
state override
```

In case of responsibility conflict in the CLI a message is printed out to explain what is taking precedence and to suggest a possible course of action.

For example, when a user tries to disable a vLE port when ports-state is set to enable, the following message is printed:

```
CLI (network-admin@swi01) > vle-show layout vertical
name:
              vle-test
vnet:
node-1:
              swi01
node-2:
              swi02
node-1-port:
              13
node-2-port:
              13
status:
              up
tracking:
              enabled
ports-state: enable
create-time:
              08:47:56
```



CLI (network-admin@swi01) > port-config-modify port 13 **disable** port-config-modify: could not disable port 13 as it is VLE vle-test administratively enabled port. Use the following cli to override: vle-modify name vle-test ports-state override

Similarly, when a user tries to enable a vLE port when ports-state is disable:

CLI (network-admin@swi01) > vle-show layout vertical

name: vle-test

vnet:

status: disabled tracking: enabled ports-state: disable create-time: 08:47:56

CLI (network-admin@swi01) > port-config-modify port 13 **enable** port-config-modify: could not enable port 13 as it is VLE vletest administratively disabled port. Use the following cli to override: vle-modify name vle-test ports-state override

Even when the user configuration intent is the same (both in the local configuration and the vLE configuration), but there is still a responsibility conflict, a message is also printed out. For example, when a user tries to disable a vLE port when ports-state is disable:

CLI (network-admin@swi01) > vle-show layout vertical

name: vle-test

vnet:

status: disabled tracking: enabled ports-state: disable create-time: 08:47:56

CLI (network-admin@swi01) > port-config-modify port 13 disable port-config-modify: could not disable port 13 as it is VLE vle-test administratively disabled port. Use the following cli to override: vle-modify name vle-test ports-state override

Or when a user tries to enable a vLE port when ports-state is enable:

CLI (network-admin@swi01) > vle-show layout vertical

name: vle-test

vnet:

node-1: swi01



node-2: swi02
node-1-port: 13
node-2-port: 13
status: up

tracking: enabled ports-state: enable create-time: 08:47:56

CLI (network-admin@swi01) > port-config-modify port 13 **enable** port-config-modify: could not enable port 13 as it is VLE vletest administratively enabled port. Use the following cli to override: vle-modify name vle-test ports-state override



## **Saving Virtual Link Extension Topology Configurations**

In lab automation deployments in which Pluribus Networks switches are used with the vLE feature, users require easy repeatability when the same topology is to be deployed. For example, there is a need to be able to configure different vLE connections and then save them to be re-created when required.

Before Netvisor ONE release 7.0.0, the software only supported saving and replaying individual configurations by using the switch-config-export and switch-config-import commands. However, this process is not optimal and convenient for vLE setups because it saves entire switch configurations and restarts the devices.

Starting from release 7.0.0, a new vLE topology feature can be used to automate the creation of vLEs, their associated transparent VLANs and the associated VXLAN IDs on the tunnels, in a convenient and user-friendly fashion. This new functionality introduces the topology-vle-add/-remove/-modify/-show commands to store and create the vLEs so that users can easily save and replay their topologies without having to restart the devices.

The feature's logic checks for the presence of the *static* VXLAN tunnel(s) that is/are needed between the vLE nodes: a warning is displayed in case they are not active, and the automation does not proceed. On the other hand, if the tunnel(s) required for vLE creation is/are present, then the automation process adds the required VXLAN ID to each tunnel and the vLE setup is created.

The feature's logic uses automatic assignment for parameters that are not specified and uses a dry run process to verify potential conflicts. The software checks:

- 1. Ports for conflicts during vLE creation
- 2. VLAN and VXLAN IDs to see if they are already in use
- 3. The tunnels required for the vLE functionality

**Note**: Auto-tunnels are not supported. Only static ones are.

**Note**: Only single fabric deployments are supported.

The feature includes the following commands:

• topology-create name <name> is used to create a named topology entity.

#### Example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > topology-create name topol

• topology-delete name <name> deletes the topology configuration.

#### Example:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > topology-delete name topol

• topology-show displays all the configured topologies and their enabled state.

#### Example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > topology-show name enable ----- topol yes topo2 no
```

• topology-modify enable | disable creates or deletes the vLEs.

enable creates the vLEs and the associated VLANs between the node ports disable deletes the vLEs and the associated VLANs between the node ports

#### Example:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-modify name topol enable
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vlan-show format
switch,id,vxlan,auto-
vxlan,vxlanmode,description,active,ports,untagged-
ports,active-edge-ports
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > tunnel-vxlan-show

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-show format name,node-1,node2,node-1-port,node-2-port,status,tracking,ports-state,topology

```
        name
        node-1
        node-2
        node-1-port
        node-2-port
        status
        tracking
        ports-state
        topology

        topol-vle
        leaf-1
        leaf-5
        10
        17
        up
        enabled
        override
        topol
```

 topology-import imports existing vLEs into a topology and stores the endpoints' information (switch name and port).

**Note**: After importing an existing vLE connection into a topology, you must delete it before enabling the topology, because the topology setup process needs to recreate the vLE connection from scratch.

Example of successful imports:



CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vle-show format name,node-1,node-2,node-1-port,node-2-

port, status, tracking, ports-state, topology

```
name node-1 node-2 node-1-port node-2-port status tracking ports-state topology
DUT2-to-DUT3 leaf2 leaf3 11 19 up enabled override
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-import name topol
vle name DUT2-to-DUT3

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show
```

```
        name
        vle-name
        node1
        node2
        node-1-port
        node-2-port
        vlan-id
        vxlan

        topo1
        DUT2-to-DUT3
        leaf2
        leaf3
        11
        19
        100
        100000
```

#### Example of import with conflict when the topology is enabled:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-import name topo2 type vle vle_name vle1
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show

```
        name
        vle-name
        node1 node2
        node-1-port
        node-2-port
        vlan
        vxlan

        topo1
        vle4
        leaf-0 leaf-1 la
        13
        16
        2752 l2500003

        topo1
        vle2
        leaf-0 leaf-1 l2
        15
        2753 l2500004

        topo2
        vle1
        leaf-0 leaf-0 la
        13
        14
        2754 l2500005
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-modify name topo2 **enable** topology-modify: vle conflict, please delete vle vle1 or modify node-1-port of topology vle vle1

• topology-vle-add specifies the vLE name to be added, the node and the node ports between which the vLE needs to be set up. VLAN ID and VXLAN ID are optional. IDs are taken from the auto VXLAN range when not specified.

#### Example:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1)> tunnel-create name VLE\_L1\_to\_L5 scope local local-ip 10.21.1.1 remote-ip 10.21.7.1 vrouter-name vr1

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5)> tunnel-create name VLE\_L5\_to\_L1 scope local local-ip 10.21.7.1 remote-ip 10.21.1.1 vrouter-name vr2

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > tunnel-show local-ip 10.21.1.1 format switch, scope, name, type, vrouter-name, local-ip, remote-ip

```
switch scope name type vrouter-name local-ip remote-ip ----- local VLE_L1_to_L5 vxlan Leaf-1 10.21.1.1 10.21.7.1
```



CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > tunnel-show local-ip 10.21.7.1 format switch, scope, name, type, vrouter-name, local-ip, remote-ip

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-add name topol vle-name DUT1-to-DUT5 node-1 leaf-1 node-1-port 10 node-2 leaf-5 node-2-port 17 [vlan 3001] [vxlan 300100]

• topology-vle-remove removes a VLE from a topology. To succeed, it requires the topology to be disabled first.

#### Example of successful removal:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show
```

name	vle-name	node1 r	node2	node-1-port	node-2-port	vlan	vxlan
topo1	vle1	leaf-0	leaf-1	12	14	2750	12500000
topo1	vle4	leaf-0	leaf-1	13	16	2752	12500003

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-remove name topol
vle-name vle1

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show
```

```
      name
      vle-name
      node1
      node2
      node-1-port
      node-2-port
      vlan
      vxlan

      topo1
      vle4
      leaf-0
      leaf-1
      13
      16
      2752
      12500003
```

#### Example of unsuccessful removal:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-show
```

```
name enable ----- topol yes
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-remove name topol vle-name vle2 topology-vle-remove: topology topol is enabled, please disable it before removing a vle connection

• topology-vle-show displays the list of vLEs that have been added, the corresponding node names and ports, as well as the VLAN IDs and VXLAN IDs.

#### Example:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show
```

```
      name
      vle-name
      node1
      node2
      node-1-port
      node-2-port
      vlan
      vxlan

      topo1
      DUT1-to-DUT5
      leaf1
      leaf5
      10
      17
      3001
      300100
```



• topology-vle-modify modifies a vLE's parameters.

#### Example of node port modification:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show

name vle-name	node1 node2	node-1-port	node-2-port	vlan	vxlan
topol vle4	leaf-0 leaf-1	13	16	2752	12500003
topol vle2	leaf-0 leaf-1	12	15	2753	12500004

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-modify name topol vle-name vle2 node-2-port 17

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show

name	vle-name	node1	node2	node-1-port	node-2-port	vlan	vxlan
topo1	vle4	leaf-0	leaf-1	13	17	2752	12500003
topo1	vle2	leaf-0	leaf-1	12	15	2753	12500004

#### Example of VLAN modification:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show

name	vle-name	node1	node2 r	node-1-port	node-2-port	vlan	vxlan
topo1	vle4	leaf-0	leaf-1	13	16	2752	12500003
topo1	vle2	leaf-0	leaf-1	12	15	2753	12500004

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-modify name topol vle-name vle2 vlan 1234

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-vle-show

name	vle-name	node1	node2 r	node-1-port	node-2-port	vlan	vxlan
topo1	vle4	leaf-0	leaf-1	13	17	2752	12500003
topo1	vle2	leaf-0	leaf-1	12	15	1234	12500004

The feature's dry run logic can catch conflicts when they occur and notify the user, as shown in the examples below:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-modify name topo2 enable topology-modify: vle conflict, please disable topology topo1 or modify node-1-port of topology vle vle1

In this case, when topo2 is applied, it conflicts with the vLE of another topology.

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-modify name topo2 enable topology-modify: vle conflict, please delete vle vle1 or modify node-1-port of topology vle vle1

In the case above there is a conflict with an existing vLE, which needs to be deleted first.



CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > tunnel-delete name VLE\_L5\_to\_L1

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > topology-modify name topol enable topology-modify: tunnels do not exist between the switches leaf-0 and leaf-1 for vle vle1 creation or tunnels between these switches have vxlan of standard mode.Please create new tunnels as per vle config docs

In the case above the required static VXLAN tunnels don't exist.

CLI (network-admin@leaf3\*) > vlan-show ports 12 format
id,vxlan,autovxlan, scope,description,active,ports

```
id vxlan auto-vxlan scope description active ports
--- ------
100 12500000 yes fabric vlan-100 yes 0-12,14-48,50-52,54-72,397
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf3) > topology-vle-show

```
      name
      vle-name
      node1
      node2
      node-1-port
      node-2-port
      vlan
      vxlan

      -----
      -----
      -----
      -----
      -----
      -----
      -----

      topo1
      vle1
      leaf3
      leaf4
      12
      13
      2625
      12345
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf3\*) > topology-modify name topol enable topology-modify: node\_1\_port 12 of topology vle vle1 has vlan 100 already created, please delete it or use a different port using topology-vle-modify

In the case above a VLAN ID is already present on a port when the vLE creation takes place.

CLI (network-admin@leaf3\*) > topology-modify name topol enable topology-modify: vxlan 12345 is in use, please use a different vxlan for vle vlel using topology-vle-modify

In the case above a VXLAN ID to be added to a tunnel is already active.

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf3*) > vpg-show

scope name type ports
----- fabric vpg2 source 12

CLI (network-admin@leaf3*) > topology-vle-show

name vle-name node1 node2 node-1-port node-2-port vlan vxlan
---- topol vle1 leaf3 leaf4 12 13 2625 12345
```



CLI (network-admin@leaf3\*) > topology-modify name topol enable topology-modify: vle vle1 of topology has port conflict. Port 12 is already configured for vpg

In this case, a port that is needed for vLE creation is already in use by a vPG.



# Configuring VXLAN-based Bridge Domains for 802.1Q and QinQ Internetworking

Bridge domains' configuration process is based upon the deployment of a VXLAN transport as described in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter of this guide.

Subsequently, switch ports can be selectively added to a BD to accept either 802.1Q frames or double-tagged 802.1ad frames based on the connected device(s) and/or network(s), as depicted in the *Figure 9-6*.

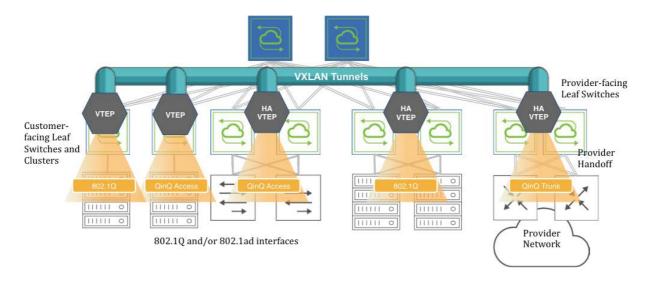


Figure 9-6: VXLAN-based BD Internetworking

Switch ports can be connected to either servers/hosts or switches/provider gateways as shown above.

In case of interconnection with an external cloud provider's gateway devices, as shown on the right hand side of *Figure 9-6*, the connectivity is based on double-tagged 802.1ad frames, as it is required to preserve all 16M (4094 x 4094) possible combinations of user IDs and service IDs.

On the other hand, connectivity to servers can be based on a single 802.1Q VLAN tag. This case is useful in private cloud networks for direct server-to-server connectivity (for example a Web services node that needs to communicate with a database node).

Alternatively, server NICs can be configured with both an outer VLAN and an inner VLAN ID. In such case, the inner VLAN represents for example the service implemented on such server. Certain network designs employ this double-tagging scheme to be able to scale the number of supported services to 16M. In this case, switch ports have to be configured in 802.1ad mode to preserve the inner tag.

The 802.1Q ports can also be used to connect to customer switches and traffic can be double tagged by the fabric leaf nodes themselves.

**Note**: BD ports can be configured in 802.1Q mode or in 802.1ad/QinQ mode but not in



both on the same switch for the same BD. Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1, in remove-tags mode, this restriction has been lifted (see the following sections for more details).

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.1, it is possible to configure BD ports in 802.1Q mode and in 802.1ad/QinQ mode on the same switch.

Before adding ports to any of the aforementioned scenarios, the first basic configuration step is the creation of a VXLAN-based bridge domain entity with the command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > 1	bridge-domain-create
bridge-domain-create	Create a bridge domain.
name name-string	Specify the name for the bridge domain.
scope local/cluster/fabric	Specify the bridge domain scope.
Specify any of the following options:	
vnet vnet-name	Specify the vNET for this bridge domain.
vxlan 016777215	Specify the VXLAN identifier for the tunnel.
auto-vxlan no-auto-vxlan	Specify the options to automatically assign VXLAN and/or assign to VTEPs.
description description- string	Add a bridge domain description.
rsvd-vlan 14093	Specify the fabric reserved VLAN for cluster switches for bridge domain.
local-rsvd-vlan 14093	Specify the local reserved VLAN for cluster switches for bridge domain.
mac-learning no-mac-learning	Specify if you want to enable or disable MAC address learning.

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-create name bd1000 scope fabric vxlan 10000 rsvd-vlan 4002

A bridge domain's scope can be fabric, cluster, or local.

The bridge-domain-create command uses a manually assigned VNI to uniquely identify the bridge domain at the hardware level.

Moreover, with fabric and cluster scope, it must set aside a VLAN ID as reserved for supporting switch clusters:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-create name bd1000 scope fabric vxlan 10000 rsvd-vlan 4002



This command reserves VLAN 4002 on all *cluster switches* in the fabric for BD's internal use, so it can no longer be configured as a regular VLAN number. (The same requirement applies to bridge-domain-create scope cluster commands).

If for a particular pair of cluster switches the reserved VLAN has to be modified, on any one of the two switches you can use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-modify name bd1000 local-rsvd-vlan 4006
```

Note that the above command requires both cluster switches to be rebooted to take effect. Before rebooting, both VLAN 4002 and 4006 are no longer available but only 4006 is reserved on the cluster switches after reboot.

Also note that in a cluster both switch members are required to use the same mode for a port, either QinQ or 802.1Q, for the same BD.

Bridge domains can also be created with a textual description to provide more context like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-create name bd1000 scope fabric vxlan 10000 description business rsvd-vlan 4002
```

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-show name scope vxlan auto-vxlan description ports cluster-name
```

bd1000 fabric 10000 no

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0 the auto-vxlan parameter is supported as an option of the BD creation process.

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This new parameter can be used either in combination with an explicit VNI value or implicitly without specifying it. In both cases any created BD or VNI mapping is automatically added to all the existing VTEP connections. Additionally, in the latter case, the VNI value is automatically picked and assigned out of a predefined range (see also the examples below) when scope fabric is used.

The next configuration step is to set up the fabric overlay either with manual tunnel creation or with VTEP object configuration. The latter way is *preferred*.

In order to manually create a VXLAN tunnel, say, on cluster member leaf-5 in the *Figure 9-6*, the following commands can be used:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > tunnel-create scope cluster name tunnel-5 vrouter-name vr5 peer-vrouter-name vr1 local-ip 20.20.25.1 remote-ip 20.20.27.1
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > trunk-modify name vxlan-loopback-trunk ports 17 jumbo

The same steps are required on the other leaf switches to deploy an overlay comprising a full mesh of VXLAN-based interconnections.



Alternatively, VTEP objects can be configured so that a full mesh of VXLAN interconnections is brought up automatically without requiring manual configuration.

This is the command required to create a VTEP object on a non-clustered switch:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vtep-create name vtep1 vrouter-name vr1 ip 20.20.25.1
```

which can be used to create each fabric termination point (vtep1, vtep2, etc. on each leaf switch).

In case of clustered switches using a common VIP, the following command pairs should be used:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > vtep-create name vtep5 vrouter-name vr5 ip 103.103.103.250 virtual-ip 103.103.103.10
```

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-6) > vtep-create name vtep6 vrouter-
name vr6 ip 103.103.103.251 virtual-ip 103.103.103.10
```

The next configuration step is to associate the BD's VXLAN ID (e.g., 10000) to the newly created tunnel(s) or VTEP objects. For example, this command implements the association with a tunnel:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > tunnel-vxlan-add name tunnel-1 vxlan 10000
```

whereas this command implements the association with a VTEP object:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vtep-vxlan-add name vtep1 vxlan 10000
```

As mentioned above, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, as an alternative to the manual assignment, you can automatically assign a certain user-defined BD or VNI mapping to *all tunnels* with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-create name bd5001234 scope fabric vxlan 5001234 auto-vxlan
```

Instead, if you want the software to automatically pick and assign the VNI, you can simply enter the following shorter command that requires scope to be fabric:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-5) > bridge-domain-create name BD-VNI-
SELF scope fabric auto-vxlan
```

The range used for automatic VNI assignment can be controlled and modified, if needed, with the vtep-auto-vxlan-show and vtep-auto-vxlan-modify commands.

Once the VXLAN overlay deployment is complete and the BD's VXLAN ID is (manually or automatically) associated to it, then it is possible to start adding switch ports.



**Informational note**: Before Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1., when a port is assigned to a BD (as in the examples below) it cannot be associated with a regular VLAN configured with the vlan-create command, and vice versa. The restriction has been lifted in release 6.1.1.

In order to add a port connected to the cloud provider network to the BD, you can use the following command that explicitly maps both inner and outer VLANs to the BD:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-7) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1000 port 13 outer-vlan 13 inner-vlan 100
```

This configuration also means that a frame's MAC lookup in the Layer 2 table is performed including both the outer VLAN and the inner VLAN.

The same configuration can be used to add a port connected to an 802.1ad-configured server to the BD:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1000 port 11 outer-vlan 13 inner-vlan 100
```

In order to add a port connected to an 802.1Q network to the BD, you can use the following command that explicitly maps only the outer VLAN to the BD (and preserves the inner VLAN):

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1000 port 15 outer-vlan 19
```

This configuration also means that a frame's MAC lookup in the Layer 2 table is performed including only the outer VLAN while the inner VLAN is ignored.

In order to add a port connected to an 802.1Q server to the BD, you can use the following command that explicitly associates one or more VLANs on the same switch port to the same BD:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd2100 port 10 vlans 210,310
```

**Note**: The multiple VLAN IDs on the same port can be part of the same bridge domain. However, VLAN IDs added to a BD cannot be reused with another BD on the same port. Also note that MAC addresses associated with these two VLAN IDs must be unique within the BD.

Finally, you should also configure all cluster ports/trunks and ports in QinQ mode to work with the 802.1ad TPID (i.e., 0x88A8) with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port
<port_number> allowed-tpid q-in-q
```

Port removal from a BD and BD deletion follow the reverse order compared to the addition process described in the above steps.

Ports have to be removed first with the command:



CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > bridge-domain-port-remove name bd1000 port 15

Then a BD's VXLAN ID may be manually removed from the associated tunnel(s):

CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > tunnel-vxlan-remove name tunnel-2 vxlan 10000

or from the corresponding VTEP objects like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > vtep-vxlan-remove name vtep2 vxlan 10000
```

Finally, the BD can be deleted with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-2) > bridge-domain-delete name bd1000
```

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, when a BD is deleted, if it was previously created with the auto-vxlan option, the BD or VNI mapping gets removed from all the tunnels automatically, so you don't need to do it manually.

From Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, the vxlan-stats-show command displays the statistics for VXLANs associated with bridge domains.

For example, to view the VXLAN statistics for the bridge domain BD100, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vxlan-stats-show bd BD100 layout vertical
```

time: 03:23:19 vnid: 12591499

vxlan-name:

vnet:

bd: BD100 ibytes: 7.60T ibits: 66.8T ipkts: 3.59G idrops-pkts: 0 7.54T obytes: obits: 66.5T opkts: 3.59G odrops-pkts: 0

## **Configuring Outer TPID for Double-tagged Packets**

By default a QinQ bridge domain port is configured to use the 802.1ad TPID (i.e., 0x88A8) in the outer tag.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.1 it is possible to configure the TPID to be 0x9100 or 0x8100, instead, to be compatible with other QinQ implementations (for example, Cisco Systems' original QinQ).



On the NRU03, NRU-S0301, AS7726-32X/F9432-C, AS7326-56X/F9480-V, AS5835-54X/F9460-X, AS5835-54T/F9460-T platforms and on the Dell S5200 Series it is possible to configure the TPID on a per switch port basis, like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-tpid-modify ports <portlist> outer-tpid <tpid-value>

Possible TPID values are:

- 1. dot1q (0x8100)
- 2. q-in-q (0x88A8)
- 3. q-in-q-old (0x9100)
- 4. none (default)

When outer-tpid is configured as none (default), double tagged packets use the standard 802.1ad encapsulation with the outer TPID equal to 0x88A8 (and the inner TPID equal to 0x8100).

Here is an example of configuration of the TPID to be 0x9100:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-tpid-show ports 121,123,32
switch ports outer-tpid
_____
switch 121
           q-in-q
switch 123
            q-in-q
test4 32
            q-in-q
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-tpid-modify ports 123,121
outer-tpid q-in-q-old
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-tpid-show ports 121,123,32
switch ports outer-tpid
_____
switch 121
           q-in-q-old
switch 123
            q-in-q-old
test4 32
            q-in-q
```

On the other hand, on platforms that are not NRU03, NRU-S0301, AS7726-32X/F9432-C, AS7326-56X/F9480-V, AS5835-54X/F9460-X, AS5835-54T/F9460-T and the Dell S5200 Series it is possible to configure the TPID on a per bridge domain port basis like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name <bd-
name> port <port> outer-vlan <vlan-id> outer-tpid <tpid-value>
[inner-vlan <vlan-id>]
```

```
For example:
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > bridge-domain-port-add name bdl port 11 outer-vlan 2001 inner-vlan 201 outer-tpid q-in-q-old CLI (network-admin@switch*) > bridge-domain-port-show
```



name	port	outer-vlan	single-bum-domain	vlans	inner-vlan	12-learning	outer-tpid
bd1	11	2001	false		201	none	q-in-q-old

**Note:** TPID configuration on a per bridge domain port basis is not supported for bridge domains when vxlan-inner-packet mode is set to transparent.

#### **Configuring Bridge Domains in vNETs**

Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 supports the configuration of bridge domains in vNETs. This enhancement enables vNET users to configure bridge domains on vNET ports so that they can be managed on a per tenant basis.

To configure bridge domains in a vNET, you should first specify the number of allowed bridge domains in the vNET when creating it. Also, you must specify the vlan-type as private, because the default vlan-type is public but bridge domains are supported only in global or private vNETs. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) vnet-create name vnet1 scope fabric vlan-type private vlans 300-400 num-bridge-domains 3 vxlans 10100 vxlan-end 10200

You can now create a bridge domain in vnet1 by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) bridge-domain-create name bdl scope fabric vxlan 10100 vnet vnet1

View the bridge domain configuration by using the command:

on

mac-learning:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-show layout
vertical
name:
                    bd1
                    vnet1
vnet:
                    fabric
scope:
vxlan:
                    10100
auto-vxlan:
rsvd-vlan:
                    2833
vxlan-inner-packet:
                    auto
qinq_rsvd_vlan:
                    2833
```

**Note**: You cannot specify a reserved VLAN for a bridge domain in a vNET configuration as the reserved VLAN is automatically selected from the vtep-auto-vlan range. Since this VLAN range is common to all vNETs, you cannot create bridge domains in a vNET if this pool is exhausted.

The vtep-auto-vlan range has 500 VLANs allocated by default:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-auto-vlan-show
```



vlans: 2500-2999

You can widen this range, for example, by 11 VLANs by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vtep-auto-vlan-modify vlans 2500 vlan-end 3010

vtep-auto-vlan-modify	Modify the VLAN ID range for automatic assignment to VTEPs at the fabric level.
vlans 04095	Specify the starting VLAN ID for vtep-auto-vlan range.
vlan-end 04095	Specify the ending VLANID for vtep-auto-vlan range.

**Note:** The vtep-auto-vlan reserved range and the VLAN range manually allocated to each vNET must be mutually exclusive.

Add ports to bd1 by using the bridge-domain-port-add command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bdl port 33 vlans 100
```

**Note:** You can only add vNET managed ports to the bridge domain. However, there is no restriction on assigning VLANs that are not part of the vNET to the bridge domain.

View the configuration using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show switch name port vlans 12-learning ----- switch bd1 33 100 none
```

To complete the configuration, as demonstrated earlier, associate the bridge domain's VXLAN ID with a tunnel by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-vxlan-add name t1 vxlan 10100
```

You can also associate the bridge domain's VXLAN ID with a VTEP by using the vtep-vxlan-add command as shown earlier.

## **Configuring VLAN Ranges On Bridge Domain Ports**

Starting from release 7.0.0 Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of VLAN ranges on a bridge domain port.

A VLAN range can be used to minimize the amount of flooded



(Broadcast/Unicast /Multicast, BUM in short) traffic that goes out of a bridge domain port: for each VLAN range only one copy of this kind of traffic is transmitted (instead of N copies, with N equal to the number of VLAN numbers in the range).

Referring to **Figure 10-6** above, for example an 802.1Q BD port on a switch can send traffic to a QinQ BD port on a different switch (over the VXLAN transport): a QinQ BD port (with the outer-vlan parameter configured) and a BD port with a VLAN range can be configured across a VXLAN-tunnel to provide the desired end-to-end 802.1Q tunnel functionality.

**Note**: Netvisor ONE supports this feature on the following platforms:

- F9480-V (AS7326-56X), F9460-X (AS5835-54X), F9460-T (AS5835-54T)
- Dell S5200 Series
- NRU03, and NRU-S0301.

**Note**: This feature is supported only in auto BD mode.

**Note**: VLAN translation and the untagged-port-vlan configuration are not supported in conjunction with this feature.

A vlan-range corresponds to a compact grouping of VLAN numbers described by two values: the lowest and the highest number in the range. The command syntax is:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name
<name> port <port> vlan-range <range>
```

You can configure only one range on a port for a bridge domain (the maximum number is 8 ranges per port with different bridge domains; the limit is hardware dependent), as shown in this example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name test port 12 vlan-range 15-16
```

If you try to configure more than what the hardware supports, you will get an error message:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name test port 12 vlan-range 12,14,15-16,20,23,25,27-29,30,32,35,38 bridge-domain-port-add: Too many ranges, limit to 1
```

A VLAN range can include all VLANs (1-4092) like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd-1 port 10 vlan-range all
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show
```



```
switch name port vlans single-bum-domain 12-learning
----- switch bd-1 10 1-4092 true none
```

On the other hand, a traditional range can be created by using this syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd-1 port 12 vlans 10-12
```

In this case, three copies of any flooded traffic with three VLAN numbers (10, 11 and 12) will be generated by the hardware.

You can distinguish traditional ranges from vlan-range groupings in the bridge-domain-port-show output by looking at the single-bum-domain column: when it's true, it's a vlan-range:

```
CLI (network-admin@DUT) > bridge-domain-port-show

switch name port vlans single-bum-domain 12-learning

---- --- switch bd-1 10 10-12 true none

switch bd-1 12 10-12 false none
```

**Note**: You cannot change a vlan-range with the bridge-domain-port-modify command: you need to delete the port first and then re-add it with the new vlan-range.

**Note**: To work on clusters the vlan-range feature requires the cluster over Layer 3 feature to be enabled. Refer to the Configuring High Availability chapter for more details.



# **Configuring Transparent and Remove Tags Modes for Bridge Domain**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, a new VXLAN transport mode, transparent has been added to the bridge domain configuration. This new mode can be used when end-to-end VLAN tag and CoS field (priority bits) transparency (i.e., preservation) is required.

Starting from the same release, there is an additional remove-tags mode, which can be used when 802.1Q tag preservation is not required. The typical use case is when an untagged host needs to talk to a VLAN-tagged one or with one configured with two tags.

**Note**: In this mode outer-vlan is not supported as standalone parameter and produces an error if used in the configuration of bridge domain ports. The user can instead specify both the outer-vlan and inner-vlan parameters in the port configuration.

Furthermore, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1 the remove-tags mode has been extended to support all port types with the same bridge domain (with the above exception of outer-vlan mode): untagged, tagged or double-tagged.

In this mode, when a packet is received on a port, the hardware removes all the VLAN tags flagging it as "untagged" and keeping it untagged also during VXLAN encapsulation. Then, after being decapsulated and when going out of the egress port, zero, one or two tags will be added to the packet depending on the egress port type. In this mode, CoS field (priority bits) configuration has been added too, as discussed below.

**Note**: Supporting multiple BD modes provides flexibility for numerous use cases, however BD modes *must be configured consistently across bridge domain end points*. In other words, a BD end point configured with local scope in remove-tags mode will not talk to another end point on a different switch configured with local scope in, say, auto mode.

First off, use the vxlan-inner-packet parameter to select a mode or modify it:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-create name <name> scope <scope> vxlan <vxlan-id> vxlan-inner-packet auto|remove-tags|transparent

Auto is the implicit default transport mode, which represents the pre-6.1.0 mode of operation. In the VXLAN transport it removes the outer VLAN tag for 802.1ad-tagged packets and retains the VLAN tag for 802.1Q-tagged packets.

Instead, the new transparent and remove-tags modes must be configured explicitly by the user to be applied to the VXLAN transport.



When a bridge domain is created in transparent mode there are some important configuration limitations/requirements to keep in mind:

- Transparent mode is supported only with ports configured with the vlans or outer-vlan parameter, but **not** with both for the same bridge domain.
- The bridge-domain-modify command is not supported. Instead, you must delete the BD followed by adding the BD again by using the commands, bridge-domain-delete, followed by bridge-domain-add.
- The bridge-domain-port-modify command is not supported. Instead, use bridge-domain-port-remove followed by bridge-domain-port-add commands.
- Untagged ports are not supported.
- For 802.1ad-tagged (QinQ) ports, use outer-vlan <vlan-id> parameter only. The inner-vlan parameter is not supported while using the bridge-domain-port-add command.
- On all the ports of a transparent bridge domain the user needs to configure a common global VLAN, which needs to be set aside specifically for that use in the fabric.
- The user does not need to configure a special rsvd-vlan on clusters. Netvisor ONE takes care of that automatically.
- Local scope is not supported.
- The user needs to add both vlan and q-in-q TPIDs on cluster links.
- Netvisor ONE supports both the parameters: mac-learning | no-mac-learning to enable or disable MAC learning on a bridge domain. However, we recommend enabling MAC learning. If you disable MAC learning by using the parameter, no-mac-learning, then it may lead to unnecessary flooding including to cluster and CPU port.
- The port congestion displayed in the port-stats-show port 0 (CPU port) reflects packets dropped by the hardware *rate-limiter* that exceeds the configured Q threshold to protect the CPU. This includes flooded (BUM) traffic.

Here is an example of transparent bridge domain creation:

CLI (network-admin@switch) bridge-domain-create name transparent-bd scope fabric **vxlan-inner-packet transparent** vxlan 10000

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-show
```

```
Switch name scope vxlan auto-vxlan vxlan-inner-packet mac-learning ------ switch transparent-bd fabric 10000 no transparent on
```

Once the bridge domain is created, you can assign a port configured with a regular 802.1Q VLAN (say, 100) to the transparent bridge domain like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name transparent-bd port 10 vlans 100
```

Alternatively, if a port needs to receive 802.1ad double-tagged traffic (with outer VLAN 100), you can add it to the transparent bridge domain like so:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name transparent-bd port 11 outer-vlan 100

In the above examples the common global VLAN that gets dedicated to the transparent bridge domain is VLAN 100. The user has to make sure that the same VLAN is used consistently on each transparent bridge domain port. Also, as noted in the limitation list above, ports configured with the vlans parameter and ports configured with the outer-vlan parameter are *not* allowed to be used in the same transparent bridge domain.

An important requirement with transparent bridge domains is that cluster links (for example, switch ports 8 and 9 on a cluster pair) be manually configured to carry both 802.1Q and 802.1ad TPIDs (namely, 0x8100 and 0x88a8) like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify ports 8,9
allowed-tpid vlan,q-in-q

To view the statistics (byte, packet, unicast, multicast, broadcast, input, output, drops) use the following commands:

- To view per tunnel statistics, use the tunnel-stats-show command.
- To view the per VNI (tied to VLAN or bridge-domain) statistics, use the vxlan-stats-show command.
- To view the per port statistics, use the port-stats-show command.
- To view the per port per CoS statistics, use the port-cos-stats-show command.

Use the show-diff-interval <interval-in-secs> formatting option with the above commands to monitor the real-time statistics every <interval-in-secs> seconds. For example,

CLI (network-admin@switch) > tunnel-stats-show show-diffinterval 2

time	tunnel-name	ibits	iUpkts	iBpkts	iMpkts	iCongDrops	ierrs	obits	oUpkts	oBpkts	oMpkts	oCongDrops	oerrs	mtu-errs
16:21:17	VLE-TUNNEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.8M	8.01K	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:17	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 14.0.0.1	9.27M	0	0	10.9K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:17	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 13.0.0.1	31.9M	0	0	37.4K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:17	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 16.0.0.1	6.35M	0	0	8.04K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:17	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 15.0.0.1	27.5K	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
time	tunnel-name	ibits	iUpkts	iBpkts	iMpkts	iCongDrops	ierrs	obits	oUpkts	oBpkts	oMpkts	oCongDrops	oerrs	mtu-errs
16:21:19	VLE-TUNNEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:19	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 14.0.0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:19	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 13.0.0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:19	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 16.0.0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16:21:19	auto-tunnel-11.0.0.1 15.0.0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Use the format all option to view detailed statistics.

Starting from Netvisor version 6.1.1, the remove-tags mode supports all port types at the same time on the same physical interface. You can use different bridge domains or even the same bridge domain configured in all modes on the same port.



**Note**: As with transparent mode, the bridge-domain-port-modify command is not supported. Instead, use bridge-domain-port-remove followed by the bridge-domain-port-add command to change port mode.

To configure remove-tags mode use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-create name <new-name> scope <scope> vxlan <vxlan-id> vxlan-inner-packet remove-tags
```

Or, for an existing bridge domain, use the command:

port 20 vlans 300

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-modify name
<br/>bridge-domain-name> vxlan-inner-packet remove-tags
```

For example, you can configure multiple port modes on bridge domain BD2 in removetags mode like so:

The result of the port configuration can be displayed with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show

name port vlans untagged-port-vlan 12-learning
---- ---- BD2 20 200 none

BD2 20 300 none
```

You can also configure different BDs on the same port in different modes, for example like so:



switch bdl	30			500		none
switch bd2	30		300			none
switch bd3	30	2000			1000	none

It is also possible to configure multiple VLANs on the same port for the same bridge domain:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show

name	port	outer-vlan	vlans	untagged-port-vlan	inner-vlan	12-learning
BD1	25		103			none
BD1	25		104			none

And it is possible to configure multiple combinations of inner and outer VLANs on the same port for the same bridge domain, as shown below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show

switch	name	port	outer-vlan	vlans	untagged-port-vlan	inner-vlan	12-learning
switch	BD1	9	2000			1000	none
switch	BD1	9	2001			1001	none
switch	BD1	9	2002			1002	none

Furthermore, it is possible to configure the egress CoS field value (priority bits) to include in the packet tag by using one of the following commands depending on the egress port type:

• Double-tagged traffic port:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1 port 10 outer-vlan 10 outer-cos 7 inner-vlan 100 inner-cos 5
```

• Single-tagged traffic port:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1 port 20 vlans 200 cos 3
```

**Note**: The bridge-domain-port-modify command cannot be used to change CoS values.



## **Configuring a Bridge Domain and a VLAN on the Same Port**

Before Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1, a bridge domain and a VLAN were not allowed to be configured on the same port. They were mutually exclusive.

A port can be added to a bridge domain with the bridge-domain-create plus bridge-domain-port-add command sequence. On the other hand, a port can be added to a VLAN with the vlan-create plus vlan-port-add command sequence.

In the latter case above, when a VLAN was already configured on a port (say, port 20), attempting to configure a bridge domain on the same port would have produced the following error:

vlan/vxlan is already configured on port 20, remove it to configure Q-in-Q

Vice versa, on a port (say, port 21) already configured with a bridge domain (with the first sequence described above), attempting to configure a VLAN on the same port would have produced the following error:

Ignoring port (21) addition to vlan 10 since these port are part of Q-in-Q

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1, these checks (and the corresponding errors) are removed as it is now possible to configure both a VLAN and a BD on the same port.

However, there are still some *restrictions* that must be considered:

- A bridge domain and a VLAN are not allowed to share the same (port, VLAN ID) value pair. So, for example, if (port 20, VLAN 100) is already part of BD1, then the VLAN configuration cannot use the same (port 20, VLAN 100) pair. If a conflicting pair is used by mistake in the configuration, it will be rejected.
- Since a port can only have one untagged VLAN, it can either be used by a bridge domain (in untagged mode) or as a port's native VLAN. The same VLAN ID cannot be used in both configurations. Therefore, a conflicting configuration will be rejected.
- If vLE is configured on a port, the same port cannot be used for VLAN or BD configuration.
- VLAN and bridge domain configuration cannot be done on a port that is configured as a Network Packet Broker (NPB) port.



# **Configuring Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.1, PDU Transparency (a.k.a. Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling) is supported on bridge domains by leveraging hardware forwarding capabilities. With this feature certain protocol packets (i.e., PDUs) are no longer terminated on the ingress switch port and then sent to the CPU for processing. They are instead tunneled over a bridge domain. Currently the feature supports STP, LLDP and LACP PDUs.

Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling can be enabled during or after bridge domain creation with the new 12-tunneling keyword. When a bridge domain is created:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-create name <name>
scope <scope> vxlan <vxlan-id> vnet <vnet-id> l2-tunneling
{stp | lacp | lldp | all | none}
```

none is the default value when the 12-tunneling keyword is not used.

Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling configuration can be modified with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bride-domain-modify name <name> 12-tunneling {stp | lacp | lldp | all | none}
```

The bridge-domain-show command includes a new column to display the Layer 2 Protocol Tunneling configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-show format name, vxlan, auto-vxlan, rsvd-vlan, local-rsvd-vlan, qinq_rsvd_vlan, mac-learning, L2-tunneling,
```

switch name	vxlan	auto-vxlan	rsvd-vlan	local-rsvd-vlan	qinq_rsvd_vlan	mac-learning	L2-
tunneling							
	_						
switch bd1	100101	no	1001	1001		off	all
switch bd2	100102	no :	1002	1002		on	
stp,lldp							
switch bd3	100103	no :	1003	1003		on	none

**Note**: Bridge domain PDU transparency leverages the device's hardware capabilities and therefore requires the configuration of a VXLAN Loopback Trunk, even when single pass mode is used.



# **Disabling MAC Address Learning on Bridge Domains**

In certain bridge domains, the MAC address learning function can be disabled in order to achieve better scalability, or because it is not strictly required (for example on point-to-point connections).

For these cases, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0, it is possible to disable MAC address learning as part of a bridge domain configuration. For this purpose, a new configuration option is added, mac-learning | no-mac-learning, to the following commands:

```
bridge-domain-create scope local mac-learning | no-mac-learning bridge-domain-modify scope local mac-learning | no-mac-learning
```

By default, MAC address learning is enabled at the bridge domain level.

Moreover, to support more granular per-port configurability, a new option, 12-learning enable | disable | none, is also added to the bridge-domain-port-add and bridge-domain-port-modify commands.

The default configuration is 12-learning none. In such case, at the port level the MAC address learning state is directly derived from the one of the encompassing bridge domain.

On the other hand, the enable and disable options can be used to take precedence over the per-bridge domain configuration to achieve port-level granularity.

The bridge-domain-show and bridge-domain-port-show commands are extended to display the mac-learning/12-learning state.

For example, to disable MAC address learning for an entire bridge domain at creation, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-create name bd1 scope local vxlan 100101 no-mac-learning
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-show

switch name scope vxlan auto-vxlan rsvd-vlan ports mac-learning
----- switch bdl local 100101 no

off
```

To reenable MAC address learning only on port 17, while leaving it disabled on port 21, you can use the commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1 port 17 vlans 100 l2-learning enable
```



CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bdl port 21 vlans 200

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show name bdl

switch name port vlans 12-learning
----switch bd1 17 100 enable
switch bd1 21 200 none

To re-enable MAC address learning on the entire bridge domain:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-modify name bd1
mac-learning

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-show name bd1

switch name scope vxlan auto-vxlan ports mac-learning ----- switch bdl local 100101 no 17,21 on

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-show name bdl

switch name port vlans 12-learning
----- switch bd1 17 100 enable
switch bd1 21 200 none

Then to revert to the default per-port configuration on port 17 you can use:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-modify name bd1 port 17 l2-learning none



# **Displaying vLE Statistics**

The vLE statistics information is useful for understanding the data traffic through a vLE. This information includes the number of incoming and outgoing packets (classified as unicast, multicast, and broadcast), bytes dropped, bytes discarded, Head-End-Replicated (HER) packets, and errors. Use the vle-stats-show command to display vLE statistics on each vLE port.

,					
vle-stats-show	Displays port statistics.				
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify a time for the packet count statistics using the timestamp format yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.				
start-time <i>start-time</i>	Specify a start time for the packet count statistics using the timestamp format yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss.				
end-time end-time	Specify an end time for the packet coustatistics using the timestamp format YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS				
duration duration	Specify the duration in seconds.				
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval between statistics collection.				
since-start no-since-start	Specify if the statistics are collected from the start of collecting statistics.				
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify if the statistics are older than the duration in days, hours, minutes, and seconds.				
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify if the statistics are within the duration in days, hours, minutes, and seconds.				
vle-name vle-name-string	Specify the vLE name.				
description description	Displays the vLE description.				
counter counter-number	Displays the counter number.				
ibytes ibytes-number	Displays the incoming number of bytes.				
ibits <i>ibits-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming bits.				
iUpkts <i>iUpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming unicast packets.				
iBpkts <i>iBpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming broadcast packets.				
iMpkts <i>iMpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming multicast packets.				



iPauseFs <i>iPauseFs-numb</i> er	Displays the number of incoming pause frames.
iCongDrops iCongDrops-number	Displays the number of incoming packets dropped due to congestion.
idiscards idiscards-number	Displays the number of incoming packets discarded.
ierrs ierrs-number	Displays the number of incoming packets with errors.
obytes obytes-number	Displays the number of outgoing bytes.
oUpkts oUpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing unicast packets.
oBpkts oBpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing broadcast packets.
oMpkts oMpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing multicast packets.
oPauseFs oPauseFs-number	Displays the number of outgoing pause frames.
oCongDrops oCongDrops-number	Displays the number of outgoing packets dropped due to congestion.
odiscards odiscards-number	Displays the number of outgoing discarded packets.
oerrs oerrs-number	Displays the number of outgoing packets with errors.
mtu-errs mtu-errs-number	Displays the number of MTU errors.
HER-packets HER-pts-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) packets.
HER-bytes HER-bytes-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) bytes.

Consider for example, a vLE represented by the following vle-show output:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vle-show layout vertical

name: vle1

vnet:

node-1-port: 12 node-2-port: 23 status: up

tracking: enabled
ports-state: override
create-time: 08:47:56

View the statistics for this vLE by using the vle-stats-show command:



CLI (network-admin@ara00) > vle-stats-show layout vertical

switch: switch1 time: 06:14:49

vle-name: vle1
port: 12
description:

ibits: 349M
iUpkts: 184K
iBpkts: 0
iMpkts: 0

iCongDrops: 0
ierrs: 0

obits: 63.3M oUpkts: 56.2K oBpkts: 0

oMpkts: 0
oCongDrops: 0
oerrs: 0
mtu-errs: 0

switch: switch2 time: 06:14:49

vle-name: vle1
port: 23

description:

ibits: 108M
iUpkts: 0
iBpkts: 0
iMpkts: 141K
iCongDrops: 0
ierrs: 0

obits: 63.3M

oUpkts: 0 oBpkts: 0

oMpkts: 56.3K

oCongDrops: 0
oerrs: 0
mtu-errs: 0

You can clear the statistics on the local switch by using the command vle-stats-clear.



## **Troubleshooting vLE**

To troubleshoot vLE link state tracking, refer to the examples in the *Configuring Virtual Link Extension State Tracking* section. In particular, for both individual vLE pseudo-wires and redundant vLE trunks protocol messages can be leveraged to verify end-to-end connectivity (or lack thereof). LLDP messages (and LACP messages in case of trunks) show the neighboring port ID(s) and reflect the up/down connectivity status of the pseudo-wire(s). Therefore they are very valuable troubleshooting tools.

With vLE link state tracking enabled, a vLE pseudo-wire can go down (i.e., in vle-wait state) when the remote end of the vLE goes down. However, in some cases, it may be possible that a "false positive" event occurs in which the local vLE port goes down even if the remote end is *physically up*. This could happen if the vLE tracking logic incorrectly believes the remote end to be unreachable. In such case, you can disable vLE tracking, which should bring the local port back up and allow you to check if the traffic is flowing through the vLE pseudo-wire correctly. Increasing the vLE tracking timeout can help to avoid false positives by giving more leeway to the link state tracking software, especially when experiencing frequent link flaps or CPU overload conditions (which could affect the tracking logic negatively).



## **Configuring Virtual Port Group State Tracking**

Starting from release 7.0.1, Netvisor ONE leverages a BFD-based state tracking logic to support mirroring the port state across VXLAN connections for interconnected virtual Port Group (vPG). BFD is used automatically when the connection is established and so does not require any additional configuration. This logic is shared with vLE.

**Note:** The vPG state tracking is supported only with bidirectional point-to-point vPG.

When configuring vSGs, state tracking can be enabled when creating new vFlow policies using the vflow-create command, or by using the vflow-modify command on existing policies.

A new tracking configuration parameter has been added to enable or disable vPG state tracking. A new tracking-status column shows the vFlow-related state of the vPGs, which can be one of the following values:

- **up:** the ports of both the local and remote vPGs of the vFlow are up.
- **local-down**: the port of the local vPG is down.
- **remote-down**: the port of the remote vPG is down.
- **down**: from the perspective of a node on which neither of the vPGs are local, it means that the ports of both vPGs are down.
- **disabled**: state tracking is disabled for a vFlow entry.
- **unknown**: the status could not be determined (which is possible during corner cases, for example due to errors).

For instance, the unknown status may be displayed when vflow-show is executed on a switch that is not a vPG state tracking endpoint and there is a communication error. Or when a user executes the vpg-port-remove command on a vPG that is being tracked: in such case, the status will be unknown until a port is added back.

Tracking is disabled by default. When in disable state, the tracking-status column shows disabled.

You can enable state tracking during vFlow creation like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name bivf scope fabric bidir-vpg-1 bil bidir-vpg-2 bi2 tracking enable
```

Then you can show the administrative and operational statuses like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show format type,in-port,bidir-vpg-1,bidir-vpg-2,tracking,tracking-status,enable,table-name

You can enable/disable state tracking during vFlow modification like so:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name bivf scope fabric bidir-vpg-1 bil bidir-vpg-2 bi2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-modify name bivf tracking
enable

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show format type,in-port,bidir-vpg-1,bidir-vpg-2,tracking,tracking-status,enable,table-name

```
name type in-port bidir-vpg-1 bidir-vpg-2 tracking tracking-status enable table-name

---- ---- bivf vflow 25 bi1 bi2 enable up enable System-VCAP-table-1-0
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-modify name bivf tracking
disable

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show format type,in-port,bidir-vpg-1,bidir-vpg-2,tracking,tracking-status,enable,table-name

Below is a complete example of the behavior for the state tracking feature along with the port state changes:

a) The first configuration step is vPG creation with type bidirectional on two nodes (local and remote):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vpg-create name bil type bidirectional ports 25
```

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vpg-create name bi2 type bidirectional ports 25

b) The subsequent configuration step is vFlow creation:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vflow-create name bivf scope fabric bidir-vpg-1 bil bidir-vpg-2 bi2 tracking enable

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vflow-show format type,in-port,bidir-vpg-1,bidir-vpg-2,tracking,tracking-status,enable,table-name

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > switch-local port-show port 25

```
switch port status config
----- switch2 25 up,host,LLDP,vlan-up fd,10g
```



```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch-local port-show port 25 switch port status config config switch1 25 up,host,LLDP,vlan-up fd,10g
```

c) When disabling the local vPG port, the remote port goes to vbt-wait state and on the local node the vFlow entry shows the tracking status to be local-down:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > port-config-modify port 25
disable

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > switch-local port-show port 25 switch port status config ------ switch2 25 disabled 10q
```

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vflow-show format type,in-port,bidir-vpg-1,bidir-vpg-2,tracking,tracking-status,enable,table-name

```
name type in-port bidir-vpg-1 bidir-vpg-2 tracking tracking-status enable table-name

---- ---- bivf vflow 25 bi1 bi2 enable local-down enable System-VCAP-table-1-0
```

Meanwhile, at the remote end:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch-local port-show port 25 switch port status config config switch1 25 disabled,vbt-wait 10g
```

d) After re-enabling the local port, the remote port comes out of vbt-wait state and the vFlow entry shows the tracking status to be up:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > port-config-modify port 25
enable

```
CLI (network-admin@switch2) > switch-local port-show port 25 switch port status config config switch2 25 up,host,LLDP,vlan-up fd,10g
```

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vflow-show format type,in-port,bidir-vpg-1,bidir-vpg-2,tracking,tracking-status,enable,table-name

Meanwhile, at the remote end the port is back up:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > switch-local port-show port 25 switch port status config config switch1 25 up,host,LLDP,vlan-up fd,10g
```



#### **Guidelines and Limitations**

This is a list of guidelines and limitations to keep in mind when configuring bridge domains:

- Currently on bridge domain ports in auto mode the QoS default behavior is as follows:
  - o Incoming 802.1Q frames' CoS value (a.k.a. PCP) is preserved along with the VLAN tag when transported in the VXLAN payload
  - o Incoming 802.1ad frames' CoS value from the inner tag is preserved along with the inner VLAN tag when transported in the VXLAN payload
  - o For outgoing 802.1Q frames after VXLAN decapsulation CoS is set to value 0
  - o For outgoing 802.1ad frames after VXLAN decapsulation the CoS value carried in the VXLAN packet is preserved and becomes the CoS value of the inner tag. The outer tag instead *carries a CoS value of 0*.
- Before Netvisor ONE release 6.0.0 on the Dell S5232-ON and Dell S5248-ON switch
  models the QinQ and untagged modes were not supported, while the 802.1Q mode is
  allowed. Starting from release 6.0.0 support for QinQ and untagged mode was added
  (however, an untagged host can only communicate to another untagged host in a
  bridge domain).
- On ports added to a BD, the STP protocol and the IGMP snooping features are not supported.
- Routing on BDs is not supported.
- Before Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0 vNETs were not supported with BDs.
- The LLDP and LACP protocols are supported on BD ports configured in QinQ mode. The trunking and vLAG functionalities are supported too.
- The optimized ARP and optimized ND features cannot coexist with BDs. They should be set to off in the system-setting-show output. If the user attempts to enable the feature, a conflict message is printed as below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify optimize-
arps
system-settings-modify: Cannot turn on optimized ARP as
bridge-domain Q-in-Q is configured
```

When optimized ARP/ND is already configured before a port is added to a BD, a similar conflict message is printed:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd1000 port 18 outer-vlan 18 inner-vlan 100 bridge-domain-port-add: Cannot add port in Q-in-Q mode to bridge-domain as optimized ARP or ND configured
```

The flowtrace function is not supported with VXLAN and BDs.



• The VLAN ID is not shown in the 12-table-show output when a L2 entry is associated to a cluster tunnel:

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > 12-table-show bd bd1 format
switch,mac,bd,vlan,vxlan,inrf,ports,tunnel

switch	mac	bd	vlan	vxlan	intf	ports	tunnel
leaf1	00:12:c0:80:1c:09	bd1	100	101001	274		
82							
ursa-scale-leaf2	00:12:c0:80:1c:09	bd1	100	101001	274	82	
ursa-scale-leaf1	00:12:c0:80:40:52	bd1		101001			auto-tunnel-
10.40.40.1_10.30	.40.1						
ursa-scale-leaf2	00:12:c0:80:40:52	bd1		101001			auto-tunnel-
10.40.40.1_10.30	.40.1						
ursa-scale-leaf4	00:12:c0:80:40:52	bd1	100	101001	81	81	

- When configuring vLE redundancy, if LACP is used for end-to-end connectivity checks (which is usually preferable), a vLE trunk can be set up only with multiple individual virtual pipes using separate VTEPs (e.g., 8 in case of a 4-way vLE trunk). When using static trunks, instead, it is also possible (but generally less desirable) to set up, say, a 4-way vLE trunk with 2 2-way trunks as endpoints (which equates to a 4 x 2-port trunk configuration on leaf switches and a 4-way trunk configuration on end devices).
- For vLE endpoints only use physical IP (PIP) addresses. Do not use VRRP virtual IP (VIP) addresses.
- With the allowed-tpid qinq (i.e., 802.1ad TPID) configuration on a BD port configured in 802.1Q mode, MAC address learning includes both outer and inner VLAN of a double-tagged 802.1ad frame. Instead, for a single-tagged 802.1Q frame MAC address learning is based on just one VLAN. Both types of MAC address entries can be seen with the 12-table-show command. The hardware associates a BD and a VNI to a packet based on the port type. For BD ports configured in 802.1Q mode, the hardware lookup does not use the inner VLAN, it uses only the outer VLAN. So for bridge domain-related troubleshooting, use the 12-table-show command to focus on the MAC address+VNI pairs, rather than looking at the outer and/or inner VLAN, as the hardware lookup for Layer 2 entries is based on MAC address and VNI value.



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version			
vxlan-mode standard  transparent	Parameter added in version 2.5.2			
vle-create, vle-delete, vle-modify, vle-show	Command added in version 2.5.4			
vle-tracking-timeout	Parameter added in version 3.0.0			
vle-transparent-modify, vle- transparent-show, vle- transparent-port-remove, vle- transparent-port-show, vle- transparent-port-add	Commands introduced in version 5.1.1			
port-config-modify allowed- tpid q-in-q	Parameter introduced in version 5.2.0			
bridge-domain-create, bridge- domain-rsvd-vlan-add, bridge- domain-port-add	Commands introduced in version 5.2.0			
12-table-show bd bd_name	Parameter introduced in version 5.2.0			
ports-state	Parameter introduced in version 6.0.0			
auto-vxlan	Parameter introduced in version 6.0.0			
mac-learning no-mac-learning 12-learning enable disable  none	Parameters introduced in version 6.0.0			
vnet, create-time, elapsed- time, up-time	Parameters introduced in version 6.1.0			
vle-stats-show	Command introduced in version 6.1.0			
vxlan-inner-packet transparent auto remove-tags	Parameters added in version 6.1.0			
outer-cos, inner-cos, cos	Parameters added in version 6.1.1			
12-tunneling	Parameters added in version 6.1.1			
vlan-range	Parameters added in version 7.0.0			
topology-create, topology-delete,topology-modify, topology-import,topology-show, topology-vle-add,topology-vle-remove, topologyvle-show, topology-vle-modify	Commands introduced in version 7.0.0			



Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.



#### **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, etc.), refer to these sections of the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Switch Ports
- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric
- Configuring High Availability
- Configuring VXLAN
- Configuring vNETs

Also, refer to the VirtualWire Deployment guide.



# **Configuring VXLAN Ethernet VPN (EVPN)**

This chapter provides information about the configuration of the Ethernet VPN feature on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI).

- Understanding EVPN
- Understanding Pluribus VXLAN EVPN Technology
- Guidelines and Limitations
- Configuring EVPN
- Displaying VXLAN Features with EVPN
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## **Understanding EVPN**

Ethernet VPN (EVPN) is a standard technology that was created to overcome some of the limitations of a popular MPLS-based technology called *Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS)*, as specified in the respective IETF RFCs for MAN/WAN use. In particular, for example for data center deployments, it became imperative to address certain *VPLS limitations* in areas such as multihoming and redundancy, provisioning simplicity, flowbased load balancing, and multipathing.

Hence, as an evolution of VPLS, EVPN was born as a multi-protocol (MP) BGP- and MPLS-based solution in RFC 7432 (later updated by RFC 8584) to implement the requirements specified in RFC 7209.

The initial implementation of EVPN was intended to leverage the benefits of an MPLS Label Switched Path (LSP) infrastructure, such ss fast reroute, resiliency, etc. Alternatively, the EVPN RFC includes support also for an IP or IP/GRE (Generic Routing Encapsulation) tunneling infrastructure.

As a further evolution, in RFC 8365 EVPN was expanded to support various other encapsulations including a VXLAN-based transport (called overlay encapsulation type 8). By that time VXLAN had become the prevalent transport in the data center to implement virtual Layer 2 bridged connectivity between fabric nodes. So EVPN could then be used as an MP BGP-based control plane for VXLAN, with support for specialized Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) to communicate both Layer 2 and Layer 3 information for forwarding and tunneling purposes.

In EVPN parlance, VXLAN is a Network Virtualization Overlay (NVO) data plane encapsulation solution with its own identifiers, the VNIs (also called NVO instance identifiers). VNIs can be mapped one-to-one or many-to-one to EVPN instances (EVIs). VNIs can be globally unique identifiers (in a typical use case), but the EVPN RFC also includes support for the case when they are used as locally significant values (to mimic MPLS labels).

In a VXLAN network using EVPN, a VTEP node is called a Network Virtualization Edge (NVE) or Provider Edge (PE) node. An NVE node may be a Top-of-Rack (ToR) switch or a virtual machine, but—as we will see below—it can also be a border node.

For more details on EVPN, refer to the following IETF standards and drafts:

- RFC 7209 "Requirements for Ethernet VPN (EVPN)"
- RFC 7432 "BGP MPLS-Based Ethernet VPN"
- RFC 8365 "A Network Virtualization Overlay Solution Using Ethernet VPN (EVPN)"
- The draft-ietf-bess-evpn-prefix-advertisement-11, "IP Prefix Advertisement in EVPN"



## **Understanding Pluribus VXLAN EVPN Technology**

Pluribus Networks' *Unified Cloud Fabric* offers a highly flexible approach to software-defined networking (SDN) with native support for the VXLAN transport with an optimized control plane.

As described in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter earlier, the Pluribus fabric uses the VXLAN overlay technology for *intra-fabric connectivity*. It supports the creation of static VXLAN-based tunnels using the tunnel-create command. It also supports automatic tunnel creation through the *VTEP object* construct and its associated commands.

VTEP objects are fabric-scoped, making all the nodes aware of each other's VTEPs and their VNIs. Furthermore, fabric-wide Layer 2 and Layer 3 reachability information is propagated to each node inside a fabric through vPort data synchronization. Remote reachability data is leveraged to avoid the need to *flood and learn* packets. Hence, traffic forwarding is optimized.

Multi-tenancy is supported too by using highly scalable hardware-based VRF segmentation.

In this context, the EVPN technology's BGP-based control plane offers a unique opportunity to further augment the fabric's flexibility and provisioning simplicity in complex multi-pod data center network designs.

As we will describe in the following, the Pluribus Unified Cloud Fabric has been extended to integrate the EVPN standard as a means to improve the fabric's scalability and interconnection options between data center pods, as well as to support *multi-vendor interoperability*.

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, Pluribus Networks implemented the EVPN technology to interconnect multiple fabric pods and to extend the VXLAN overlay across them, supporting both IPv4 and IPv6. EVPN's powerful control plane enables network architects to build larger scale multi-pod designs, where each pod can comprise up to 32 leaf nodes. It also allows a Pluribus pod to interoperate with pods using third party vendors' nodes.

In this implementation, VTEP objects, subnets, VRFs are naturally extended to communicate across pods. To do that, Netvisor ONE leverages EVPN in a *pragmatic*, *integrated and standards-compatible* way to implement a BGP-based control plane that enables multi-hop VXLAN-based forwarding across pods using a number of key fabric enhancements, described in the following.

## **About EVPN Border Gateways**

In Pluribus' fully interoperable implementation, EVPN's message exchange is supported *only* on specially designated *border nodes*, deployed individually or in redundant pairs (i.e., in clusters running VRRP).

Such border nodes are commonly called *Border Gateways (BGW)*, as they implement the *EVPN Border Gateway functions* (which we will describe in detail in the following sections). In essence, they are in charge of exchanging messages with external EVPN-capable nodes (Pluribus or other vendors' devices) and of propagating and translating external EVPN routes, where needed, within each pod, as depicted in the figure below.



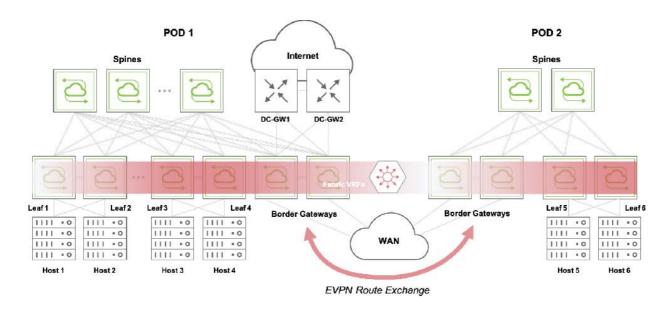


Figure 10-1: Border Gateways and EVPN Route Exchange

Border gateway nodes are identified by a special vRouter configuration that includes two steps: the vRouter must be configured with the evpn-border parameter and must have at least one BGP neighbor set to 12vpn-evpn, as described in more detail in the configuration section below.

Note: The VXLAN EVPN border gateway functions are supported only on the Dell S5200 Series.

Note: As of Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, only leaf nodes can be designated as border gateways.

## **About Border Gateway Functions**

EVPN border gateways implement a number of key control plane and data plane functions that guarantee multi-fabric interconnection and interoperability.

By leveraging them, Netvisor ONE can seamlessly extend VTEP objects, VNIs, subnets and VRFs across fabrics by simply leveraging the EVPN control-plane capabilities. Such capabilities are based on special *route types* specified by the standards.

Netvisor ONE supports the following EVPN route types:

- **Type 2 routes**, i.e., *MAC/IP advertisement routes*, as defined in RFC 7432. They are required to propagate MAC learning information (and optionally associated IP addresses) for device reachability purposes over a so-called *Layer 2 VNI (L2VNI)*. Additionally, MAC/IP advertisements are used to propagate host route information.
- **Type 3 routes**, i.e., *Inclusive Multicast Ethernet Tag* routes, as defined in RFC7432. They are required for Broadcast, Unknown Unicast and Multicast (BUM) traffic delivery across EVPN networks. They are used to propagate VTEP and VNI



information.

• **Type 5 routes**, i.e., *IP Prefix routes*, as defined in the *EVPN Prefix Advertisement* Internet Draft. This new type was added to advertise IP prefixes independently from MAC addresses (i.e., without relying on type 2 routes). They are used to advertise subnets and VRF information (the so-called Layer 3 VNIs).

The above standard route types are used to implement various networking functions:

#### **Type 2 Route Translation Function**

For inter-fabric broadcast domain and Layer 2 learning extension, border gateways translate Type 2 routes received from their peers to Netvisor ONE's vPort synchronization messages within the local fabric. Vice versa, they also translate local vPort synchronization messages to Type 2 routes and then send them over to their peers.

In other words, they act as 'language translators' because they import and export Layer 2 information to and from external EVPN nodes to keep both local and remote fabric nodes in sync.

#### **Type 3 Route Distribution Function**

To implement VXLAN-based connectivity, Netvisor ONE supports special configuration constructs called VTEP *objects*, which automatically create a mesh of tunnels between each other to establish a fabric overlay network.

VTEPs can be configured within a fabric pod or can be external to a pod (in which case their location is called host-external). See the Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections section for more details.

Border gateways act as proxies for the communication of the local fabric with remote VTEP objects, for the inter-pod automatic tunnel creation and the VNI configuration.

They leverage EVPN Type 3 routes to propagate VTEP and VNI information within BGP messages.

Such information is used with a local scope by border gateways to automatically create host-external VTEPs to locally represent the remote border gateways' VTEP objects. In other words, these special VTEPs are proxy representations of the neighbor VTEPs in the local border gateways (for an example, refer to the configuration section below).

The name of the Type 3 route-derived external VTEPs contains the \_\_evpn\_\_ prefix string to make them easily identifiable (and also to distinguish them from manually created host-external VTEPs). The name also contains the (virtual) IP address of the corresponding remote VTEP object.

The VNI information exchanged in Type 3 routes is used to compare the VNIs configured on the local VTEPs with those configured on the remote ones. If there is at least one local VNI matching an external one, VXLAN tunnels are automatically established with the neighbor EVPN VTEPs from the local ones (see *Figure 10-2* below for a visual representation). The automatic tunnel naming scheme prefixes the auto-tunnel-



string to the source and destination VTEP IPs. (For more details and examples, see the configuration section below.) VNIs are added and removed dynamically based on receipt of Type 3 routes.

In summary, once VTEP objects are configured by the user in the different pods, border gateways act as inter-fabric translators of Type 3 routes to and from Netvisor ONE synchronization messages. This guarantees the full automation of the overlay creation process, not just within a single local pod but also across pods.

In addition, border gateways act as (individual or redundant) traffic forwarders for bridged traffic within the same broadcast domains.

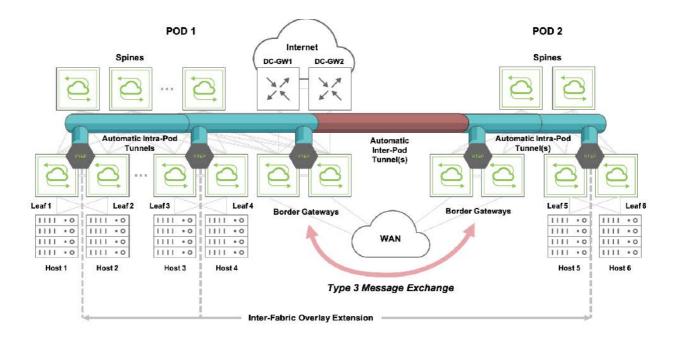


Figure 10-2: Inter-pod VXLAN Connections

Border gateways can also act as traffic forwarders for routed traffic, but that requires an additional key function as described next.

#### **Type 5 Route Distribution Function**

Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of subnet objects and VRF instances as a way to perform distributed VXLAN routing in hardware with multitenancy, as described in the Configuring Unicast Fabric VRFs with Anycast Gateway section.

EVPN border gateways can be used to extend subnets and associated VRFs across fabrics. For that purpose, they employ type 2 and type 5 routes which they send to their remote gateway peers to notify them of remote subnets and hosts. As a consequence, the remote border gateways can install into their routing tables *prefix routes* and *host routes* corresponding to any active remote subnets and known hosts.

In addition, subnets are associated to VRFs for route table entry segregation purposes. With EVPN, these VRFs have to be uniquely identified as part of the inter-fabric synchronization process: this task is achieved by introducing a new type of VNI, called *Layer 3 VNI*, which is uniquely associated to each VRF and is exchanged through EVPN messages between border gateways.



### **About Inter-Pod VXLAN Routing with Subnet Objects**

When deploying subnets in a multi-pod topology running EVPN, in Pluribus parlance subnets can be of three types:

- local (when present only in the local pod relative to a border gateway)
- remote (when located on a pod different from the local one)
- stretched (when present in two or more pods).

**Note**: Having a stretched subnet does not necessarily mean that there are hosts in that subnet connected to all nodes. Hosts can be connected only to a subset of the nodes.

VXLAN routing between them is possible provided certain basic configuration rules are observed:

- A local subnet must be present on all leaf nodes: for ease of configuration, that can be achieved by using fabric scope in the subnet creation command.
- Subnets' L2 VNIs and prefix lengths must be configured consistently across all pods.
- VRFs' L3 VNIs must be configured consistently across all pods.
- As shown in *Figure 10-3* below, if needed, data center gateways should be connected to the border gateways for routing of North-South traffic.

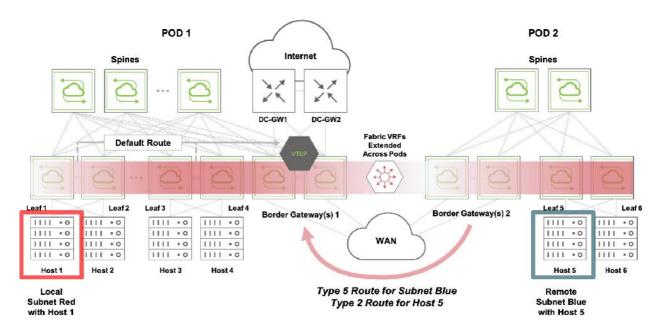


Figure 10-3: Control Plane for Inter-Pod VXLAN Routing (from Host 1 to Host 5)

In addition to the above configuration guidelines, some key automation is performed by the fabric when subnets are created: as depicted in *Figure 10-3*, border gateways propagate local subnet information with Type 2 and Type 5 messages to their EVPN peers. Such peers then send special messages to their local fabric nodes (that are not border gateways) to automatically install a *default route* pointing to their border gateways' VTEP IP address. VXLAN traffic can then be routed to any remote pod (for example from Host 1 to Host 5, as depicted the figure above) using the *two hop model* 



described in the following section.

### **About Packet Flows for Inter-Fabric Forwarding**

Let's analyze how forwarding is performed from a local subnet to a remote one, and then from a local subnet to a stretched one.

#### **Local to Remote Subnet Forwarding**

In this forwarding example, Host 1 in the local subnet (*Red*) needs to send a packet to Host 5 in a remote subnet (*Blue*), as already shown in *Figure 10-3*.

In this scenario, as explained earlier, Border Gateways 2 (configured as a redundant pair) send Type 2 and Type 5 information to Border Gateways 1 regarding Host 5 and subnet Blue.

The fabric automation also makes sure that a default route points to Border Gateways 1's VTEP virtual address on leaf nodes 1, 2, 3 and 4. So when a packet needs to be sent from Host 1 to Host 5, a two hop forwarding process is performed as described in the next figure:

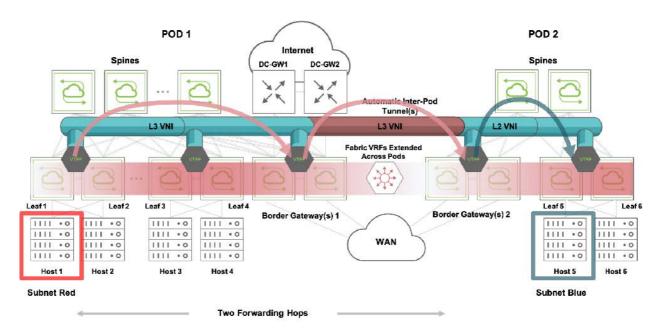


Figure 10-4: Two Hop VXLAN Routing

The packet from Host 1 is first routed to redundant Border Gateways 1 (per default route) over a VXLAN tunnel based on the VRF's L3 VNI.

Then, using the same L3 VNI, the packet is routed over a different tunnel to redundant Border Gateways 2 as the next hop. This intermediate tunnel is automatically created between the peer VTEPs of Border Gateways 1 and 2.

Lastly, when the packet reaches Border Gateways 2, the final routing from L3 VNI to subnet Blue is performed over a tunnel using subnet Blue's L2 VNI. In case the adjacency for Host 5 is not yet resolved, an ARP request is broadcast by the border gateway to all the devices in the subnet to learn about the destination address.



This multi-hop routing lookup model is also known as symmetric routing. The split horizon rule must be followed when forwarding VXLAN traffic in and out of tunnels to avoid traffic looping.

#### **Local to Stretched Subnet Forwarding**

When a subnet is present in two (or more) pods, it is called a *stretched subnet*: this case is handled differently from the above one, as shown in *Figure 10-5* below.

In this scenario, as seen earlier, Border Gateways 2 need to send a Type 5 route to Border Gateways 1 to advertise subnet Blue.

Moreover, since now the subnet exists in Pod 1 too (it's a *stretched subnet*), Border Gateways 1 also need to send a Type 5 route to Border Gateways 2. (In addition, subnet Red is advertised with a Type 5 route by Border Gateways 1 to Border Gateways 2.)

As soon as Host 5 is learned by its corresponding leaf node (Leaf 5), its MAC address and IP address information is sent by Border Gateways 2 to Border Gateways 1 with a Type 2 route. From there, the MAC/IP information is propagated to the rest of Pod 1 via *vPort updates*.

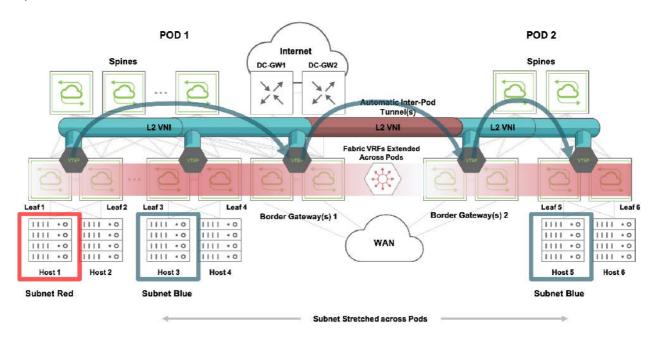


Figure 10-5: Local to Stretched Subnet Forwarding

As depicted in *Figure 10-5* above, in this scenario when a packet from Host 1 needs to be routed to Host 5, it is rewritten with the destination address of Host 5 and then sent over a tunnel using *subnet Blue's* L2 VNI from the ingress node's VTEP to the local fabric's Border Gateways 1. This is also referred to as the *asymmetric routing* model. Then, using the same L2 VNI, the packet is bridged over a different tunnel to redundant Border Gateways 2.

Lastly, when the packet reaches Border Gateways 2, the usual (and final) bridging step on subnet Blue is performed over a tunnel also using subnet Blue's L2 VNI.

In the reverse direction a response from Host 5 to Host 1 would follow the packet flow described in Figure 10-4 (non-stretched case).



Since two extra hops (using border gateways) are introduced, the model is also called the two hop VXLAN forwarding model for EVPN multi-pod integrated routing and bridging scenarios.

In a scenario with three or more (N) pods, it's possible for a subnet to be stretched only on two (or fewer than N) pods. So a *stretched subnet* can also be a *remote subnet* for at least one pod. When a host in that pod sends traffic to the remote stretched subnet, the destination border gateways in the remote pods *may not* have an adjacency resolved for the traffic destination. In such cases, as normal, the adjacency is resolved by the border gateways by broadcasting an ARP request throughout the stretched subnet (that is, *across multiple pods*) and by learning about the destination from the ARP response. Once a destination host is discovered through this mechanism, the packet flow is the same as in *Figure 10-4*.

### **About Border Gateway High Availability**

Any leaf node within a fabric can be made a border gateway, as long as it has BGP connectivity to EVPN nodes outside of the fabric.

A border gateway acts as a proxy for all the VTEPs in the fabric. As seen in the previous sections, it translates Type 2, Type 3, Type 5 routes to and from the EVPN peers. That means, in Pluribus parlance, that a border gateway assumes ownership of the translated vPort, VTEP, VNI and prefix/VRF route information gleaned from the external messages.

There can be multiple border gateways in a fabric to act as redundant nodes to proxy all of the above information. However, to avoid conflicts, it's important to keep *sole* ownership for that information within the fabric. For that purpose, a *primary border* gateway is elected.

From a control plane perspective, border gateway nodes in cluster pairs inherit the *master* or *backup state* from the VRRP interfaces configured for their VTEPs. A fabric node state change on the primary causes the secondary border node to become primary. Upon a border gateway state change triggered by a VRRP state change, the new primary node refreshes its routes without altering the BGP neighbor state.

Similarly, from a traffic forwarding perspective, VRRP is used for the selection of the master/backup roles and for the definition of a common virtual IP (VIP) address. BGP neighborship, instead, uses each node's physical IP (PIP) address.

The elected primary border gateway is in charge of injecting vPort/VTEP/VNI information learned from its EVPN peers. It can also deactivate such information as a consequence of a remote configuration change.

The secondary node is fully active too. It can advertise local VTEP/VNI information as part of the proxying process toward the external EVPN nodes. What a secondary node cannot do, however, is to inject (or deactivate) external vPort information into the fabric. That's reserved to the primary node, that is, to the *sole owner* of such translated/proxied information.

A secondary node also periodically monitors the primary node for any loss of connectivity or possible malfunction. If an issue is detected (for example, the primary



border gateway goes offline unexpectedly), the secondary node takes over the role of primary node and maintains any learned vPort database information with its newly acquired ownership. This means that there is no disruption to already established tunnels and to the traffic that is traversing such tunnels to reach external VTEPs.

### About the VXLAN Loopback Trunk with EVPN

VXLAN forwarding requires hardware functions like multiple lookups, encapsulation and decapsulation operations, packet replication, etc., even more so with EVPN's two hop forwarding model. This can be implemented using the VXLAN loopback trunk (i.e., the default option).

Starting from release 6.0.0, Netvisor ONE supports single-pass VXLAN forwarding and flood as an alternative to using the VXLAN loopback trunk. With EVPN, customers using the VXLAN loopback trunk in prior releases can still use it for backward compatibility. On the other hand, single pass mode can be used on supported platforms for instance to optimize the two hop forwarding model on non-border gateway nodes.

**Note**: As of Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, Dell S4100 and S5200 platforms can be used in single pass mode as non-border gateway nodes. Refer to the *Configuring the VXLAN Loopback Trunk* section in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter for details on the configuration and platform support of single pass mode.

For nodes to be configured as border gateways and to use single pass forwarding, the node's hardware must be able to support both single pass mode and border gateway functions (for the latter refer to the platform list in the *About EVPN Border Gateways* section above).

## About MAC Mobility with EVPN

A MAC address can be learned in one pod and then it can move to another pod, for example, when a virtual machine is migrated across locations. This is referred to as a 'MAC move'. Netvisor ONE supports the standard RFC 7432's MAC Mobility Extended Community functionality to automatically deal with MAC moves between pods.

This specialized Extended Community is added by the EVPN control plane in MAC/IP Advertisement (i.e., Type 2) routes when a MAC move is detected. It comprises a list of fields, including flags and a sequence number. The sequence number is particularly important to ensure that border gateways retain the most recent MAC/IP Advertisement route when multiple updates occur for the same MAC address.

RFC 7432 also specifies how to deal with scenarios in which MAC moves are too frequent, for instance due to a mis-configuration. In these scenarios, it is possible that MAC address duplication occurs, and hence very frequent MAC moves are triggered for an extended period of time.

In order to perform MAC address duplicate detection per the RFC, the following configuration parameters are used in conjunction with a remediation action:



- Max moves (N MAC moves, with a default value of N = 5)
- Moves duration (M-second timer, with a default value of M = 180)

The RFC states that a node must start an M timer whenever it detects a MAC move: then, if it detects N MAC moves before the timer expires, it concludes that MAC address duplication has occurred. Consequently, the node must take a remediation action (such as alerting the operator) and must stop sending and processing any BGP MAC/IP Advertisement routes for that MAC address until a corrective action is taken.

As part of this corrective action, it's possible to configure a third parameter to stop the MAC address flapping for a configurable period of time. This additional parameter defaults to 180 seconds and is called:

Freeze duration

For more details on the configuration of the above parameters, refer to the configuration section below. (Instead, for intra-pod MAC move protection, refer to the Configuring Excessive MAC or IP Move Protection section of the Configuration Guide.)

### **About IGMP Snooping with EVPN**

In case of an EVPN multi-pod network, basic IGMP Snooping support for VXLAN needs to be extended so that IGMP messages are propagated *across pods*. This is achieved as an extension of the local IGMP flooding process to forward the messages across the inter-pod automatic tunnels.

Whenever a multicast destination host sends an IGMP join or leave message for a multicast group, Netvisor ONE running on a border gateway notices that the message originated from within the pod and so floods it across the automatic tunnels between the local pod and the peer ones. Then, when the flooded IGMP message arrives at the neighbor border gateways, they in turn flood it to all the local VTEPs over the intra-pod tunnels. This results in the IGMP messages propagating to all the nodes, both intra- and inter-pod, within a flood domain. This allows the distributed control plane to learn about all the (local or remote) hosts that want to join or leave a multicast group.

As a consequence, L2 data plane forwarding rules are applied in hardware to known multicast traffic so as to limit head-end replication only to the inter-pod tunnels over which at least one remote host has indicated interest in a multicast group.



### **Guidelines and Limitations**

As discussed above, the user should follow these basic guidelines to avoid connectivity issues:

- A local subnet must be present on all leaf nodes within the pod, which can be achieved by using *fabric scope* in the subnet creation command. (See the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter for configuration details.)
- Subnets' L2 VNIs and prefix lengths must be configured consistently across all pods.
- VRFs' L3 VNIs must be configured consistently across all pods.
- Create fabric scoped VLANs associated to VNIs by using the auto-vxlan <vni-id> keyword to automatically map them to tunnels (no need to manually configure them with the vtep-vxlan-add command)
- For high availability enable the evpn-border option on both of the clustered border gateway nodes. Only one pair of border gateway nodes is supported in a fabric pod.
- Data center gateways should be connected to the border gateways for routing of North-South traffic.

In addition, the following limitations may apply:

- Multiple vNETs are not supported in conjunction with the EVPN border gateway configuration.
- Prior to Netvisor ONE release 7.0.0. bridge domains and the vSG feature were only supported within a pod, i.e., they would not span across EVPN pods. Starting with release 7.0.0 these features are supported across multiple pods.
- EVPN's Route Distinguisher and Route Target fields are currently propagated but are not used for filtering or other purposes.



### **Configuring EVPN**

The configuration of EVPN revolves around the selection of the border gateway nodes and the configuration of associated VNIs for the VRFs.

In addition, the fabric automation takes care of transparently performing various configurations, which can be verified with new show commands or with new parameters of existing commands, as shown in the examples below.

### **Configuring the Border Gateways**

The first step involves configuring the vRouters on at least two nodes across two pods to make them border gateways. That is achieved with the vrouter-create command using the evpn-border/no-evpn-border parameter. In case of an existing vRouter, the vrouter-modify command can be used instead.

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vRouter1 fabric-comm enable location border-switch router-type hardware evpn-border bgp-as 5200 router-id 10.30.30.30
```

Then the vrouter-show command can be used to verify the current EVPN parameter configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-show name vRouter1 format
all layout vertical
id:
                                c00029d:0
                                vRouter1
name:
type:
                                vrouter
                                fabric
scope:
vnet:
location:
                                switch
                                c00029d:1
zone-id:
router-type:
                                hardware
                                enable
evpn-border:
```

The second step is for the user to configure an MP BGP neighbor with the 12vpn-evpn parameter to point to an external EVPN border gateway:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-add vrouter-name vRouter1 neighbor 190.12.1.3 remote-as 65012 ebgp-multihop 3 update-source 190.11.1.3 multi-protocol 12vpn-evpn
```

This configuration enables the use of the standard EVPN NLRI, which is carried using BGP *Multiprotocol* Extensions with an Address Family Identifier (AFI) of 25 (*L2VPN*) and a Subsequent Address Family Identifier (SAFI) of 70 (*EVPN*).



### **Configuring L3 VNIs**

To uniquely identify VRF instances with EVPN it is necessary to specify a new 13-vni parameter during creation (or modification), like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 1000 auto-vxlan 101000 scope fabric ports none
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-create name VRF1 13-vni 101000
```

As explained in more detail in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter, subnets can be mapped to VRFs with the subnet-create command, for example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlan-create id 12 auto-vxlan 500012 scope fabric
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name subnet-vxlan-500012 scope fabric vxlan 500012 network 172.10.2.0/24 anycast-gw-ip 172.10.2.1 vrf VRF1
```

L3 VNIs also enable a new forwarding mode (see the two hop model described above), which is used for inter-pod VXLAN routing.

Once configured, you can check the VRFs with the vrf-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrf-show format name, vnet, anycast-mac, 13-
vni, active, hw-router-mac, hw-vrid, flags, enable
```

```
name vnet anycast-mac 13-vni active hw-router-mac hw-vrid flags enable ---- VRF1 0:0 64:0e:94:40:00:02 101000 yes 66:0e:94:48:68:a7 1 subnet yes
```

Note that the user doesn't need to configure vrf-gw and vrf-gw2 with EVPN except on border gateways connected to DC gateways for North South traffic. Traffic reaches the border gateways with the default route described in **Figure 9-3** above.

## **Configuring Route Maps for EVPN Filtering**

Since EVPN is based on a BGP configuration between the border gateways, it's a natural extension (and general practice) to use route maps for filtering.

A user can create a route map using the match/set/permit/deny statements, and then apply it to the BGP EVPN configuration, inbound or outbound.

When a route map is applied inbound, it ensures that the match statement is applied to the routes that are learned from a BGP neighbor. When it is applied outbound, it ensures that the match statement is applied to the routes that are sent to a BGP neighbor.

Starting from release 7.0.0 Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of route maps that



support the following EVPN-related statements both in the inbound and the outbound direction:

- match-evpn-default-route
- match-evpn-route-type
- match-evpn-vni
- match-evpn-rd

These statements can match a default route (such as 0.0.0.0/0 or 0::0/0), a route type (Type 2, 3, 5 routes), a VNI (L2 or L3), and a route distinguisher (Type 2, 3, and 5 routes carry an RD field in them). In addition, it is possible to apply *IP prefix lists* to the filters.

This enhancement extends the existing Netvisor ONE vrouter-route-map-add/-modify commands, as described below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name leaf1 name map
action permit | deny
```

with the additional parameters:

```
match-evpn-default-route
match-evpn-route-type
match-evpn-vni
match-evpn-rd
```

**Note**: This filtering capability must be configured on the EVPN border gateways. In redundant gateways, it must be enabled on both cluster nodes to ensure that the pair of EVPN border nodes filter routes symmetrically for the pod.

The following example filters Type 2 and Type 5 routes:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name vr1 name type52
action deny seq 1 match-evpn-route-type type-5

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name vr1 name type52
action deny seq 2 match-evpn-route-type type-2

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name vr1 name type52
action permit seq 3
```

Note that the third closing command is required (as *permit all*) for the entire route map to work.

Next, for example, the route map can be applied in the outbound direction like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name vr1 neighbor
```



#### 190.12.1.2 route-map-out type52

to stop advertising EVPN routes to the neighbor specified in the route map.

Additionally, it is also possible to filter the incoming routes from the matching neighbor like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name
vrl neighbor
190.12.1.2 route-map-in type52
```

The next example shows how to configure an IP filter list (100) and then apply it to a route map (rmap1) to filter EVPN routes in the outbound direction:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-prefix-list-add vrouter-
name vrl name 100
seq 1 prefix 100.1.1.0/24 action permit
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-prefix-list-add vrouter-
name vrl name 100
seq 2 prefix 101.1.1.0/24 action deny
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-add vrouter-
name vrl name rmap1
action permit match-prefix 100 match-evpn-route-type type-5
seq 1
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-bgp-modify vrouter-name
```

vr1 neighbor

190.1.2.3 route-map-out 100

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-route-map-show format vroutername, name, seq, action, match-prefix, match-evpn-route-type

```
vrouter-name name seq action match-prefix match-evpn-route-type
vr1 rmap1 10 deny 100 type-5
          rmap1 20 permit none
vr1
```

On the neighboring node, route 101.1.1.0 is present, because it's not filtered by the prefix list 100, but 101.1.1.0 gets filtered as shown below:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show route-type show-interval 2 format vrouter-name, vni, ip, route-type, next-hop, extended-community

```
vrouter-name vni ip
                      route-type next-hop extended-community
vr4 13434 101.1.1.0/24 5
                              190.11.1.1 RT:65011:1003434 ET:8
Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:64
   13434 33.3.1.0/29 5 190.11.1.1 RT:65011:1003434 ET:8
Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:64
```



### **Configuring Virtual Service Groups with EVPN**

Starting from release 7.0.0 Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of Virtual Service Groups (vSGs) not just in the local pod but also across EVPN pods. Refer to the *Configuring Virtual Service Groups* section in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter for more details on the functionality.

vSGs can be used to import/export (i.e., 'leak') subnet prefixes between Unicast Fabric VRFs.

Starting from release 7.0.0, it is possible to decide which subnets/prefixes to import/export locally and which ones to import/export over an EVPN transport using Type-5 routes. The selection can be configured based on the new parameters discussed below and is needed on one EVPN pod only, from which the shared prefixes can be extended to the other pods.

By default, exported (i.e., 'leaked') networks remain local and are not extended over EVPN, so this behavior is consistent with prior releases. However, it can be changed when adding a VRF to a vSG with the export-leaked-networks parameter:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-vrf-add vsg-name <vsg_name>
vrf <vrf> [export-leaked-networks evpn | none]
```

in which none is the default. For example, you can enable the extension over EVPN of the leaked networks/subnets associated with vrf3 like so:

The vsg-vrf-remove command would be used to remove a VRF from a vSG and consequently also stop any extension across pods, if enabled.

In a VRF that is extended over EVPN you can also decide which subnets to share with the subnet-create or subnet-modify commands. For that you need to use the evpn-export-leaked-networks parameter, which defaults to permit:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name <name> ...
[evpn-export-leaked-networks permit | deny]
```

In other words, when the evpn-export-leaked-networks parameter is not specified leaked subnets are extended over EVPN by default (when export-leaked-networks is set to evpn). During creation or modification, you can elect not to extend a leaked subnet like so:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > subnet-create name vlan-235 vlan 235 vxlan 10235 vrf vrf3 network 13.1.5.0/24 anycast-gw-ip 13.1.5.254 network6 2002:13:1:5::/64 anycast-gw-ip6 2002:13:1:5::254 evpn-export-leaked-networks deny

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > subnet-show name vlan-235 format name, scope, vlan, vxlan, vrf, network, state, enable, evpn-export-leaked-subnets

```
name scope vlan vxlan vrf network state enable evpn-export-leaked-subnets
------
vlan-235 fabric 235 10235 vrf3 13.1.5.0/24 ok yes deny
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name vsg-1 vrf vrf3 subnet vlan-235

Similarly, you can also decide to extend a specific network in the vsg-network-add/modify commands like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vsg-network-add vsg-name vsg1 vrf
vrf3 network 101.1.1.0/30
```

### **Configuring Bridge Domains with EVPN**

Starting from release 7.0.0 Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of bridge domains (along with VLANs) across multiple EVPN pods. (For more information on bridge domains, refer to the *Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services* chapter.)

The configuration of a VXLAN bridge domain (BD in short) does not change with the addition of the EVPN support: the main (and only) requirement for a bridge domain that is extended across EVPN pods is to use a *common VXLAN ID*. In other words, such ID has global significance and represents the bridge domain end-to-end. Note that this ID cannot be shared with VLAN-based VXLAN configurations.

A bridge domain supports a variety of modes (dot1q, q-in-q and untagged) as well as of tagging schemes (auto, remove-tags and transparent). All of them are transparently supported with EVPN as well.

**Note**: Starting from release 7.0.0, Netvisor ONE supports bridge domains over EVPN on the following platforms:

- F9480-V (AS7326-56X), F9460-X (AS5835-54X), F9460-T (AS5835-54T)
- Dell S4100 and S5200 Series
- NRU03, and NRU-S0301

To create a BD in an EVPN pod, you can use the regular bridge-domain-create command (as also described in the respective chapter), for example like so:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-create name **bd-evpn1** scope fabric **vxlan** 500500 rsvd-vlan 4030

To add a port in the pod to a BD, you can use for example the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd-evpn1 port 81 vlans 55

With EVPN you can also create another BD (name) in another pod, for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > bridge-domain-create name **bd-evpn2** scope fabric **vxlan** 500500 rsvd-vlan 4050

And add a port to it:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > bridge-domain-port-add name bd-evpn2 port 31 vlans 500

Note that the the *BD names and VLAN numbers* in the two pods can even be different but the VXLAN ID *must be the same*. The common VXLAN ID represents a unique forwarding domain end-to-end. Obviously in many cases, for consistency's sake, it can be convenient to use the same BD name end-to-end. Also in certain scenarios, when possible, using consistent VLAN numbers end-to-end can be desirable to simplify the network design.

You can check the BD configuration on a non-border gateway node:

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > 12-table-show bd bd-evpn1 format mac,bd,vlan,vxlan,ip,ports,state,status,vtep-ip

```
        mac
        bd
        vlan
        vxlan
        ip
        ports
        state
        status
        vtep-ip

        00:12:c0:88:07:32
        bd-evpn1
        500500
        205.205.1.64
        tunnel,evpn
        93.93.93.93

        00:12:c0:80:33:1e
        bd-evpn1
        55
        500500
        205.205.1.51
        81
        active
        host
```

vtep-ip 93.93.93.93 corresponds to the border gateway's VTEP:

CLI (network-admin@bgw\*) > fabric-evpn-node-show

```
fabric-pod evpn-node version vtep-ip evpn-role
-----
evpn-fabl bgw 6.2.6020018465 93.93.93.93 primary
```

CLI (network-admin@bgw\*) > vtep-show name vtep9

```
scope name location vrouter-name ip virtual-ip mac-learning
-----
fabric vtep9 bgw vr9 93.93.93.93.93.93 on
```

The BD extends to the border gateway (and beyond):

CLI (network-admin@bgw\*) > 12-table-show bd bd-evpn1 format mac,bd,vlan,vxlan,ip,ports,state,status,vtep-ip



mac	bd	vlan	vxlan	ip	state	status	vtep-ip
00:12:c0:88:07:32	bd-evpn1		500500	205.205.1.64	tunnel,evpn		22.22.22.2
00:12:c0:80:33:1e	bd-evpn1	55	500500	205.205.1.51	tunnel	host	

The BD is extended to Pod 2 too, as shown below on a non-border gateway node:

CLI (network-admin@switch2\*) > 12-table-show bd bd-evpn2 format mac,bd,vlan,vxlan,ports,state,status,vtep-ip

mac	bd	vlan	vxlan	ports	state	status	vtep-ip
00:12:c0:88:07:32	bd-evpn2	500	500500	31	active	host	
00:12:c0:80:33:1e	bd-evpn2		500500		tunnel,local-tunnel,evpn		22.22.22.2

This extension happens transparently as there is no BD-specific information in BGP:

CLI (network-admin@bgw\*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show format vrouter-name, vni, mac, ip, route-type, extended-community

vrouter-name	vni	mac	ip	route-type	extended-community
vr9	500500	00:12:c0:88:07:32		2	RT:5002:500500 ET:8
vr9	500500	00:12:c0:88:07:32	205.205.1.64/32	2	RT:5002:500500 ET:8

Note that, as with VLANs when configured with EVPN, a BD is enabled once the BD's VXLAN ID is added to the respective border gateway's VTEP and that same VXLAN ID is configured consistently on all the pods, as shown below on two nodes of different pods.

First make sure EVPN is enabled:

CLI (network-admin@bgw\*) > vrouter-show name vr9 format evpnborder,

```
evpn-border
```

#### enable

Then you can check that the BD's VXLAN ID is correctly configured in Pod 1:

CLI (network-admin@bgw\*) > vtep-vxlan-show name vtep9 vxlan 500500

```
name vxlan isolated ---- vtep9 500500 no
```

#### And also in Pod 2:

CLI (network-admin@bgw2\*) > vtep-vxlan-show name vtep2 vxlan 500500

```
name vxlan isolated
```



#### vtep2 **500500** no

**Note**: A hardware limitation is that you need to configure a BD port on the border gateway, regardless of whether there needs to be a host attached. So on the border gateway for BD configurations a port needs to be set aside anyway.



## **Configuring and Displaying MAC Mobility**

MAC mobility is handled automatically by the EVPN control plane. However, it is important to deal with duplicate MAC address scenarios appropriately. Therefore, some special parameters are available to help with the remediation in such scenarios, as explained in the *About MAC Mobility with EVPN* section above.

You can (optionally) configure the three duplicate MAC address parameters on a per vRouter basis with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name <vr-name> evpn-dup-addr-max-moves <count> evpn-dup-addr-moves-duration <seconds> evpn-dup-addr-freeze <seconds>
```

When not specified, the default values are:

- evpn-dup-addr-max-moves: 5
- evpn-dup-addr-moves-duration: 180
- evpn-dup-addr-freeze: 180

You can also modify those parameters with the vrouter-modify command.

For example, let's consider the case in which those three parameters are modified from the default values and are configured to 8, 401 and 301, respectively. You can display the new values with the following condensed command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > vrouter-show format name,evpn-border,evpn-dup-addr-max-moves,evpn-dup-addr-moves-duration,evpn-dup-addr-freeze,evpn-border
```

```
        name
        evpn-border
        evpn-dup-addr-max-moves(s)
        evpn-dup-addr-moves-duration(s)
        evpn-dup-addr-freeze

        vRouter1
        enable
        8
        401
        301

        vRouter1
        enable
        8
        401
        301
```

In this case, if 8 MAC moves are detected in a 401 second time window, the duplicate MAC address entry is frozen for 301 seconds to facilitate the operator in the remediation. The frozen entry and the corresponding sequence number received before the 8th MAC move can be displayed with the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-evpn-duplicate-mac-show switch vrouter-name host-mac seq switch vRouter1 00:12:c0:80:33:6a 7
```

This output will clear after dup-addr-freeze (180, by default) seconds have elapsed.

Furthermore, the total MAC move count can be periodically checked in the MM (MAC Move) field with this command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch * vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-
show route-type 2 format vrouter-name,rd,vni,mac,route-
type,next-hop,extended-community
```



switch	vrouter-name	rd	vni	mac	route-type	next-hop	path	extended-community
switch	vr2	2.2.0.1:2	100100	2e:d7:27:b9:11:6d	2	20.0.12.1	66001	RT:465:100100 ET:8 MM:48
switch1	vr1	2.2.0.1:2	100100	2e:d7:27:b9:11:6d	2	20.0.12.1	66001	RT:465:100100 ET:8 MM:48

In addition, typically for troubleshooting purposes, you can see each MAC move being notified and logged on a node by using the following command and looking for the string action MAC\_MOVE:

which shows the MAC move happening due to a certain host configured with a certain MAC and IP address pair. That information can be compared to the same command output obtained on the other node where the address duplication is also happening.



## **Configuring Optimized Allocation of EVPN Host Routes**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.0 it is possible to leverage the host route hardware table to allocate IPv4 /32 and IPv6 /128 routes when advertised by EVPN. This is advantageous as the host route table provides ample additional allocation space (its size depends on the specific ASIC used by the switch).

To enable/disable the allocation in the host route table, you can use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify no-13-use-host-table | 13-use-host-table
```

The functionality is disabled by default. When it gets enabled, a switch reboot is requested with the following output message:

```
"!!!! Please reboot the system for the new 13-use-host-table setting to take effect correctly !!!!"
```

You can verify the current configuration with this command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format 13-use-host-table
```

```
13-use-host-table: on
```

After being enabled and the switch being rebooted, a /32 IPv4 route or a /128 IPv6 route advertised by EVPN will get installed into the host table, for example as shown below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show | grep 2001
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-fib-arps-show | grep
2001



## **Displaying VXLAN Features with EVPN**

A multi-pod EVPN configuration requires the extension of the intra-pod features commonly used for single-fabric setups. Therefore, before proceeding, refer to the VXLAN commands described in the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter above for reference.

VTEPs are the VXLAN termination points: Netvisor ONE provides a CLI construct called *VTEP object* to automatically set up a mesh of bidirectional connections between the end points.

Multi-pod EVPN designs comprise two or more pods in which at least one node per pod is designated as *border gateway*, as explained earlier. Border gateways are interconnected by EVPN-derived automatic VXLAN tunnels, as shown in dark red color in the figure below for POD 1 and POD 2.

In the network design in *Figure 10-6*, for redundancy, two pairs of clustered leaf nodes are selected as border gateways (highlighted in yellow and green).

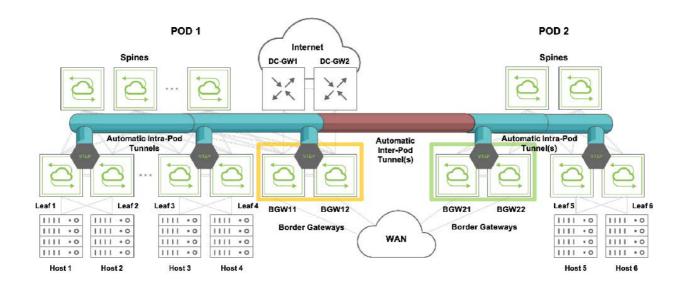


Figure 10-6: Border Gateways vs. Non-Border Gateways

## **Displaying VTEPs**

VTEPs can be created normally in each pod on all the leaf node pairs to automatically set up the intra-pod tunnels (in blue color in the figure above).

However, when the border gateways are configured and actively exchanging EVPN messages a pair of automatic VTEP objects (and the corresponding tunnels) are created as displayed in the output below:

CLI (network-admin@bgw11) > vtep-show format
switch,scope,name,location,vrouter-name,ip,virtual-ip,

switch	scope	name	location	vrouter-name	ip	virtual-ip
	fahric	wten-leaf1	leaf1	vrouter-leaf-1	172 16 128 1	172 16 128 3



```
fabric vtep-leaf2 leaf2 vrouter-leaf-2 172.16.128.2 172.16.128.3 fabric vtep-leaf3 leaf3 vrouter-leaf-3 172.16.129.1 172.16.129.3 fabric vtep-leaf4 leaf4 vrouter-leaf-4 172.16.129.2 172.16.129.3 fabric vtep-leaf5 leaf5 vrouter-leaf-5 172.16.130.1 172.16.130.3 fabric vtep-leaf6 leaf6 vrouter-leaf-6 172.16.130.2 172.16.130.3 fabric vtep-bgw11 bgw11 vrouter-bgw-11 172.16.133.1 172.16.133.3 fabric vtep-bgw12 bgw12 vrouter-bgw-12 172.16.133.2 172.16.133.3 bgw11 local __evpn__172.16.134.3 host-external bgw12 local __evpn__172.16.134.3 host-external
```

Each automatic VTEP is created with a local scope and the host-external location string on the two border gateways only. The name starts with the \_\_evpn\_\_ string followed by the (virtual) IP address of the neighboring border gateway (pair).

EVPN VTEPs can be displayed with the following command and identified from their name and from the vtep-source column:

#### **Displaying Automatic Tunnels**

Tunnels are created automatically between border gateways for inter-pod communication. They can be identified from the type column in the following command:



### **Displaying EVPN Border Gateways**

The role of border gateway, as configured by the user, can be shown with the expanded vtep-show format all command that includes the evpn-border column:

CLI (network-admin@bgw11) > vtep-show format all

	scope name arning evpn-border	location	vrouter-name	ip	virtual-ip	mac	description	
	fabric vtep-leaf1 false	leaf1	vrouter-leaf-1	172.16.128.1	172.16.128.3	00:00:5e:00:01:01	C	on
	fabric vtep-leaf2 false	leaf2	vrouter-leaf-2	172.16.128.2	172.16.128.3	00:00:5e:00:01:01	C	on
	fabric vtep-leaf3 false	leaf3	vrouter-leaf-3	172.16.129.1	172.16.129.3	00:00:5e:00:01:02	C	on
	fabric vtep-leaf4 false	leaf4	vrouter-leaf-4	172.16.129.2	172.16.129.3	00:00:5e:00:01:02	C	on
	fabric vtep-leaf5	leaf5	vrouter-leaf-5	172.16.130.1	172.16.130.3	00:00:5e:00:01:03	C	on
	fabric vtep-leaf6 false	leaf6	vrouter-leaf-6	172.16.130.2	172.16.130.3	00:00:5e:00:01:03	C	on
	fabric vtep-bgw11 true	bgw11	vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.133.1	172.16.133.3	00:00:5e:00:01:06	C	on
	fabric vtep-bgw12 true	bgw12	vrouter-bgw-12	172.16.133.2	172.16.133.3	00:00:5e:00:01:06	C	on
bgw11	localevpn172.16.134.	3 host-external		172.16.134.3	::	00:00:00:00:00:00	C	on
bgw12	localevpn172.16.134. false	3 host-external		172.16.134.3	::	00:00:00:00:00:00	C	on

The role of a border gateway can also be verified by using the <code>vrouter-show</code> command; however, the basic command may not be sufficient. To obtain additional info, you may use the <code>format-all</code> option. Alternatively, you can use the <code>evpn-border</code> filter to display only the border gateway node(s) for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@bgw11) > vrouter-show format name,hw-router-mac,evpn-border

name	hw-router-mac	evpn-border
vrouter-bgw-11	66:0e:94:14:f3:5b	enable
vrouter-bgw-12	66:0e:94:22:d7:1c	enable
vrouter-leaf-1	66:0e:94:ad:d4:41	disable
vrouter-leaf-2	66:0e:94:95:f9:74	disable
<snip></snip>		

The border gateway role is also reflected in the BGP configuration, as discussed above and as shown in this command output:

CLI (network-admin@bgwl1\*) > vrouter-bgp-show multi-protocol 12vpn-evpn

vrouter-name neighbor remote-as next-hop-self prepend replace-as ebgp-multihop update-source route-reflector-client override-capability soft-reconfig-inbound max-prefix-warn-only bfd multi-protocol weight default-originate neighbor-keepalive-interval(s) neighbor-holdtime(s) dup-addr-max-moves(s) dup-addr-moves-duration(s) dup-addr-freeze connect-retry-interval(s) send-community allowas-in allowas-in-origin as-override advertisement-interval(s) description



vrouter-bgv	v-11 172.16.1	34.1 66611	no	yes	no	4	172.16.133.	 1 no	
no	yes		no		no	12vpn-evpn	none no		60
	180	5		1	80		180	15	
yes	no	no	no		0		none		
vrouter-bgw	v-11 172.16.1	34.2 66611	no	yes	no	4	172.16.133.	1 no	
no	yes		no		no	12vpn-evpn	none no		60
	180	5		1	80		180	15	
yes	no	no	no		0		none		

The above verbose command output can be compacted, for example like so, to get an abridged overview of the EVPN neighborship:

CLI (network-admin@bgw11\*) > vrouter-bgp-show format
,neighbor,remote-as,update-source,multi-protocol

vrouter-name	neighbor	remote-as	update-source	multi-protocol
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.0.161	64311		ipv4-unicast
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.2.161	64312		ipv4-unicast
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.4.161	64313		ipv4-unicast
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.6.161	64314		ipv4-unicast
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.133.2	64518		ipv4-unicast
vrouter-bgw-11	101.1.1.1	60000		ipv4-unicast
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.134.1	66611	172.16.133.1	12vpn-evpn
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.134.2	66611	172.16.133.1	12vpn-evpn

## **Displaying VNIs**

VTEPs' VNI associations can be displayed with the vtep-vxlan-show command locally on the border gateway(s):

CLI (network-admin@bg	yw11*) :	> vtep-vxlan-show
name	vxlan	isolated
vtep-leaf1	10201	no
vtep-leaf1	103501	no
vtep-leaf1	10403	no
vtep-leaf2	10201	no
vtep-leaf2	103501	no
vtep-leaf2	10403	no
vtep-leaf3	10201	no
vtep-leaf3	103501	no
vtep-leaf3	10403	no
vtep-leaf4	10201	no
vtep-leaf4	103501	no
vtep-leaf4	10403	no
vtep-leaf5	10201	no
vtep-leaf5	103501	no
vtep-leaf5	10403	no
vtep-leaf6	10201	no
vtep-leaf6	103501	no
vtep-leaf6	10403	no
vtep-bgw11	10201	no
vtep-bgw11	103501	no



vtep-bgw11	10403	no
vtep-bgw12	10201	no
vtep-bgw12	103501	no
vtep-bgw12	10403	no
evpn172.16.134.3	10201	no
evpn 172.16.134.3	103501	no

In the above example, note that VNIs 10201 and 103501 are present on all the leaf nodes including the border gateways' VTEPs and the automatically created host-external ones.

In other words, this command can be used to verify that the inter-pod VNIs are configured consistently on each pod's VTEPs and that, as a consequence, the common VNIs get added to the automatic inter-pod tunnels too.

Let's suppose the number of VNIs grows pretty large. Then, you can limit the output of the display for example to a particular EVPN VTEP of interest, like so:

## **Displaying EVPN Route Types**

In order to display the supported EVPN route types for VXLAN (encapsulation type 8) received by a border gateway node, you can use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@bgwl1\*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show
format vrouter-name,rd,vni,network,route-type,nexthop,path,extended-community

vrouter-name rd	vni	network	route-type	next-hop	path extended-community
	103501	[24]:[10.2.3.0]	5	172.16.133.3	ET:8 RT:64518:103501
Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:06 vrouter-bgw-11 0.0.0.0:2	103501	[24]:[10.2.4.0]	5	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:103501 ET:8
Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:01 vrouter-bqw-11 0.0.0.0:2	103501	[24]:[10.2.4.0]	5	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:103501 ET:8
Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:01	103301			172.10.131.3	KI-10/3-103301 HI-0
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.11:3	10201	[48]:[00:3b:01:00:00:01]	2	172.16.133.3	ET:8 RT:64518:10201
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.11:3	10201	[32]:[172.16.133.3]	3	172.16.133.3	ET:8 RT:64518:10201
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.11:4	10403	[32]:[172.16.133.3]	3	172.16.133.3	ET:8 RT:64518:10403
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.13:3	10404	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:10404 ET:8
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.13:4	10201	[48]:[00:3d:01:00:00:01]	2	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:10201 ET:8
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.13:4	10201	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:10201 ET:8
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.14:3	10404	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:10404 ET:8
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.14:4	10201	[48]:[00:3d:01:00:00:01]	2	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:10201 ET:8
vrouter-bgw-11 192.168.0.14:4	10201	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:10201 ET:8

Note that the route type is listed in a separate column. The EVPN route contents are shown in the network column (IP addresses for type 5, MAC addresses for type 2, etc.).



Also note that EVPN Route Targets (RT) and Route Distinguishers (RD) are displayed. The RT field is used to transport the *VNI values*.

You can selectively display a single route type with these commands:

CLI (network-admin@bgw11\*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show route-type 2 format vrouter-name,rd,vni,network,route-type,next-hop,path,extended-community

vrouter-name		vni	network	route-type	next-hop	path
extended-commu	nity					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.11:3	10201	[48]:[00:3b:01:00:00:01] 2		172.16.133.3	
ET:8 RT:64518						
		10201	[48]:[00:3d:01:00:00:01] 2		172.16.134.3	
RT:1075:10201						
		10201	[48]:[00:3d:01:00:00:01] 2		172.16.134.3	
RT:1075:10201	ET:8					

CLI (network-admin@bgw11\*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show
route-type 3 format vrouter-name,rd,vni,network,routetype,next-hop,path,extended-community

vrouter-name	rd	vni	network	route-type	next-hop	path
extended-commu	-					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.11:3	10201	[32]:[172.16.133.3]	3	172.16.133.3	ET:8
RT:64518:10201	L					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.11:4	10403	[32]:[172.16.133.3]	3	172.16.133.3	ET:8
RT:64518:10403	3					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.13:3	10404	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	
RT:1075:10404	ET:8					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.13:4	10201	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	
RT:1075:10201	ET:8					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.14:3	10404	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	
RT:1075:10404	ET:8					
vrouter-bgw-11	192.168.0.14:4	10201	[32]:[172.16.134.3]	3	172.16.134.3	
RT:1075:10201	ET:8					

CLI (network-admin@bgwl1\*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes-show route-type 5 format vrouter-name,rd,vni,network,route-type,next-hop,extended-community

vrouter-name	rd	vni	network	route-type	next-hop	extended-community
vrouter-bgw-11	0.0.0.0:2	103501	[24]:[10.2.3.0]	5	172.16.133.3	ET:8 RT:64518:103501 Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:06
vrouter-bgw-11	0.0.0.0:2	103501	[24]:[10.2.4.0]	5	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:103501 ET:8 Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:01
vrouter-bgw-11	0.0.0.0:2	103501	[24]:[10.2.4.0]	5	172.16.134.3	RT:1075:103501 ET:8 Rmac:00:00:5e:00:01:01



### **Displaying VRFs**

VRF information, including the associated L3 VNIs, can be displayed with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@bgw11*) > vrf-show
```

Subnet information, including the associated VRF, can be displayed with the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@bgw11*) > subnet-show
```

### **Displaying Routing Information**

To verify the RIB routes associated with EVPN, you can use either of the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@bgw11*) > vrouter-rib-routes-show vrid 1
```

CLI (network-admin@bgw11\*) > vrouter-rib-routes-show vrid 1 flags evpn

vrid intf	-	prelen	number-of-nexthops	nexthop	flags	vnet	bd	vlan	intf-ip	
1	10.2.4.0	24	1	172.16.134.3	in-hw,evpn			3501	::	10

On non-border gateway nodes (such as Leaf 1), you can verify the presence of an automatically created default route pointing to the border gateway(s) with either of the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1*) > vrouter-rib-routes-show vrid 1
```

```
vrid ip prelen number-of-nexthops nexthop flags vnet bd vlan intf-ip intf-id
```



```
1 0.0.0.0 0 1 172.16.133.3 in-hw,evpn 3501 ::
8
1 10.2.3.0 24 1 10.2.3.1 in-hw,local-subnet 403
10.2.3.1 9
```

CLI (network-admin@leaf1\*) > vrouter-rib-routes-show vrid 1
flags evpn

In this case the default gateway points to a VIP address of a redundant border gateway pair, which can be displayed like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@bgw11*) > vrouter-interface-show is-vip
true
```

## **Displaying BGP Neighbor Information**

To display BGP neighbors associated with EVPN, you can use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@bgwl1*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-neighbor-
summary-show format all
```

vrouter-name pfxrcd	neighbor	ve:	r as	msg-rcv	d msg-sent	Tb/Ver	InQ	OutQ	up/down	state		
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.134.1	4	65011	122	226	0	0	0	00:00:39	Connect		
0												
vrouter-bgw-11	172.16.134.2	4	65011	83	190	0	0	0	00:07:36			
Established 4												

#### **Displaying vPort Information**

On a non-border gateway node such as Leaf 1, you can verify the vPort database information associated with the EVPN control plane by using the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1*) > vport-show state evpn
```

```
owner mac vxlan state vtep-ip
----- leaf1 64:0e:94:40:00:02 10201 evpn 172.16.133.3
leaf1 64:0e:94:40:00:02 103501 evpn 172.16.133.3
```



## **Displaying Additional BGP Control Plane Information**

EVPN uses BGP as control plane to exchange various kinds of information that are necessary for proper network functioning, such as VNI values, MAC/IP address pair entries (as found in ARP caches), and Layer 2 address information.

Note that the EVPN control plane in Netvisor ONE is divided into two layers. The higher layer comprises the familiar Netvisor ONE commands, which provide a holistic view on the network entities as described in the above sections. Instead, the lower layer (also known as FRR) provides a low-level 'raw' view on certain control plane functions.

For troubleshooting purposes, it can be useful to check that the upper layer and the lower layer information match.

For instance, it is possible to verify the list of active VNIs on a Border Gateway with the familiar 'high-level' vtep-vxlan-show command. For example, on bgw21 (limited to vtep-leaf 2 for brevity's sake) the command output shows:

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > vtep-vxlan-show name vtep-leaf2 sort-asc vxlan,

```
vxlan isolated
name
_____
vtep-leaf2 10110 no
vtep-leaf2 10112 no
vtep-leaf2 10120 no
vtep-leaf2 10121 no
vtep-leaf2 10122 no
vtep-leaf2 10130 no
vtep-leaf2 10131 no
vtep-leaf2 10140 no
vtep-leaf2 10145 no
vtep-leaf2 10146 no
vtep-leaf2 10147 no
vtep-leaf2 10148 no
vtep-leaf2 10149 no
vtep-leaf2 10150 no
```

The same VNI information can be checked also in the low-level 'raw' control plane view with the vrouter-evpn-bgp-vni-show command, which additionally shows that the VNIs are transported in the RT values. The command also shows that Netvisor ONE imports and exports all RTs from/to neighbor switches:

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > vrouter-evpn-bgp-vni-show sort-asc vni,

switch	vrouter-name	vni	type	rd	import-rt	export-rt
bgw21	bgw21-vr	10110	2	2.4.0.1:15	65012:10110	65012:10110
bgw21	bgw21-vr	10112	2	2.4.0.1:27	65012:10112	65012:10112
bgw21	bgw21-vr	10120	2	2.4.0.1:30	65012:10120	65012:10120
bgw21	bgw21-vr	10121	2	2.4.0.1:35	65012:10121	65012:10121
bgw21	bgw21-vr	10122	2	2.4.0.1:39	65012:10122	65012:10122
bgw21	bgw21-vr	10130	2	2.4.0.1:16	65012:10130	65012:10130
bqw21	bqw21-vr	10131	2	2.4.0.1:17	65012:10131	65012:10131



```
      bgw21
      bgw21-vr
      10140
      2
      2.4.0.1:20
      65012:10140
      65012:10140

      bgw21
      bgw21-vr
      10145
      2
      2.4.0.1:33
      65012:10145
      65012:10145

      bgw21
      bgw21-vr
      10146
      2
      2.4.0.1:13
      65012:10146
      65012:10146

      bgw21
      bgw21-vr
      10147
      2
      2.4.0.1:19
      65012:10147
      65012:10147

      bgw21
      bgw21-vr
      10148
      2
      2.4.0.1:32
      65012:10148
      65012:10149

      bgw21
      bgw21-vr
      10149
      2
      2.4.0.1:28
      65012:10150
      65012:10150
```

Similarly, it is possible to check the Layer 3 table's contents (MAC/IP address pairs) populated by EVPN and then also verify that the low-level entries match. For that you can use the following two commands (in this example, for the sake of brevity, only the entries associated with VLAN 211 and VNI 10211 are shown):

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > 13-table-show vlan 211

mac	ip	vlan	vxlan	state
00:11:01:00:00:06	100.0.211.6	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:02	2000::100:0:211:2	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:0a	2000::100:0:211:a	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:04	100.0.211.4	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:03	2000::100:0:211:3	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:07	100.0.211.7	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:05	2000::100:0:211:5	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:08	2000::100:0:211:8	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:07	2000::100:0:211:7	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:09	100.0.211.9	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:05	100.0.211.5	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:04	2000::100:0:211:4	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:08	100.0.211.8	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:02	100.0.211.2	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:03	100.0.211.3	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:0a	100.0.211.10	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:06	2000::100:0:211:6	211	10211	active,evpn
00:11:01:00:00:09	2000::100:0:211:9	211	10211	active,evpn

#### The corresponding low-level command is:

#### CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > vrouter-evpn-arp-cache-show vni 10211

```
vni ip
                                       remote-vtep type state
name
                          mac
remote-seq local-seq
bgw21-vr 10211 2000::100:0:211:8 00:11:01:00:00:08 7.1.1.1 remote active 0
bgw21-vr 10211 100.0.211.7 00:11:01:00:00:07 7.1.1.1
                                                 remote active 0
      0
bgw21-vr 10211 100.0.211.6 00:11:01:00:00:06 7.1.1.1
                                                remote active 0
      0
bqw21-vr 10211 2000::100:0:211:9 00:11:01:00:00:09 7.1.1.1 remote active 0
bgw21-vr 10211 2000::100:0:211:a 00:11:01:00:00:0a 7.1.1.1 remote active 0
bgw21-vr 10211 2000::100:0:211:6 00:11:01:00:00:06 7.1.1.1 remote active 0
```



	0						
bgw21-vr	10211	100.0.211.2	00:11:01:00:00:02	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	2000::100:0:211:7	00:11:01:00:00:07	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	2000::100:0:211:4	00:11:01:00:00:04	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	100.0.211.10	00:11:01:00:00:0a	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	100.0.211.8	00:11:01:00:00:08	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	2000::100:0:211:2	00:11:01:00:00:02	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	100.0.211.4	00:11:01:00:00:04	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	100.0.211.5	00:11:01:00:00:05	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	100.0.211.1	00:11:01:00:00:01	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	100.0.211.9	00:11:01:00:00:09	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211 0	2000::100:0:211:3	00:11:01:00:00:03	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211	2000::100:0:211:1	00:11:01:00:00:01	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0
bgw21-vr	10211	2000::100:0:211:5	00:11:01:00:00:05	7.1.1.1	remote	active	0

Furthermore, to check the Layer 2 table's contents (e.g., the MAC addresses learned locally and remotely via EVPN) and then also to verify that the low-level entries match, you can use the following two commands (in this example, for the sake of brevity, only the entries associated with VNI 10211 are displayed):

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > 12-table-show vlan 211 format mac,vlan,vxlan,ip,state,peer-state,peer-owner-state,status

mac status	vlar	ı vxlar	n ip	state	peer-state	peer-owner-state
00:11:01:00:00:01	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:1	tunnel,evpn	evpn-wo-bgp	
00:11:01:00:00:04	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:4	tunnel, evpn		
00:12:01:00:00:08 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:107	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:11:01:00:00:08	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:8	tunnel,evpn		
00:11:01:00:00:07	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:7	tunnel,evpn		
00:12:01:00:00:01 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:100	tunnel	tunnel	active
	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:5	tunnel, evpn		
00:12:01:00:00:06 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:105	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:11:01:00:00:03	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:3	tunnel,evpn		
00:11:01:00:00:02	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:2	tunnel,evpn		
00:12:01:00:00:02 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:101	tunnel	tunnel	active



00:11:01:00:00:06	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:6	tunnel, evpn		
00:12:01:00:00:07 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:106	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:12:01:00:00:05 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:104	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:12:01:00:00:0a host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:109	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:11:01:00:00:0a	211	10211	100.0.211.10	tunnel, evp	n	
00:12:01:00:00:03 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:102	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:12:01:00:00:04 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:103	tunnel	tunnel	active
00:11:01:00:00:09	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:9	tunnel, evpn		
00:12:01:00:00:09 host	211	10211	2000::100:0:211:108	tunnel	tunnel	active

In the above command output it's possible to look at the state of a MAC address entry to check if it's learned from a local tunnel and/or from the evpn control plane. When the peer-state is evpn-wo-bgp, it means that the entry was learned (initially) directly from the data plane.

The corresponding low-level command to check the Layer 2 entries is:

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > vrouter-evpn-vni-mac-show vni 10211

vrouter-name	vni	mac	type	intf/remote-v	tep	vlan	local-seq	remote-seq
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:02	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:0a	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:05	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:0a	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:07	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:02	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:09	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:07	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:04	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:03	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:08	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:08	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:01	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:03	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:06	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:01	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:09	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:05	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:12:01:00:00:04	local	9000becvni10211	0	0		0
bgw21-vr	10211	00:11:01:00:00:06	remote	7.1.1.1	0	0		0

# **Displaying EVPN Route History Information**

Displaying EVPN route history information is useful to verify the inter-pod information exchanged over type 2, 3 and 5 messages and for forensic tracing.

To display the type 2 route history, you can use the vport-history-show command. For example, to display the injected (i.e., created/added) vPorts, you can use:



CLI (network-admin@bgw21) > vport-history-show caller inject,
within-last 2d

Or you can use this command to show all the latest actions, for example limited to a certain VNI:

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > vport-history-show within-last 2d vxlan 100200 state **evpn-wo-bgp**,

time	log-type	reason	owner	mac	vlan	vxlan	state
hostname stati	ıs						
01-18,06:23:37	12-modify	modify	bgw21	20:04:0f:12:95:62	200	100200	tunnel, evpn-wo-bgp
bgw21 PN-i	nternal						
01-18,06:23:52	12-modify	modify	bgw21	50:9a:4c:d3:fd:f0	200	100200	tunnel, evpn-wo-bgp
bgw21 PN-i	nternal						
01-18,06:29:34	12-modify	flush	bgw21	20:04:0f:12:95:62	200	100200	evpn-wo-bgp
bgw21	PN-inter	rnal					
01-18,06:29:34	12-modify	flush	bgw21	50:9a:4c:d3:fd:f0	200	100200	evpn-wo-bgp
bgw21	PN-inter	rnal					

You can display the type 5 route history with the following command, for example filtered for a specific address:

CLI (network-admin@bgw21) > vrouter-rib-history-show within-last 2d flags **evpn**, ip 200.1.1.0

time	caller	reason	vrid	ip	prelen	nexthop	flags	vlan	intf-ip
01-17,17:12:12	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,20:17:32	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,20:26:39	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,20:56:09	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,21:09:06	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,21:23:45	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,21:32:43	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,21:36:37	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,21:42:27	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,22:50:22	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,23:32:06	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,23:32:07	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3
01-17,23:35:48	vrf	add	1	200.1.1.0	24	190.12.1.1	in-hw,evpn	3434	33.3.3.3

Furthermore, to see the type 3 message-triggered VTEP changes you can filter the audit log with grep, for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@bgw21\*) > log-audit-show name user\_command format message, | grep evpn

message

\_\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_\_

Command "vtep-create scope local vtep-source evpn name \_\_evpn\_\_190.12.1.1 location 16777214 ip 190.12.1.1" result success

Command "vtep-vxlan-add name \_\_evpn\_\_190.12.1.1 vxlan 10400" result success <snip>



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version
evpn-border/no-evpn-border, 12vpn-evpn, 13-vni, state evpn	Parameters added in version 6.1.0
<pre>vrouter-evpn-bgp-routes- show, vrouter-evpn-bgp- neighbor-summary-show, vrouter-evpn-bgp-vni-show, vrouter-evpn-arp-cache-show, vrouter-evpn-vni-mac-show</pre>	Commands added in version 6.1.0
evpn-dup-addr-max-moves, evpn-dup-addr-moves- duration, evpn-dup-addr- freeze	Parameters added in version 6.1.1
vrouter-evpn-duplicate-mac- show	Command added in version 6.1.1
system-settings-modify no- 13-use-host-table   13-use- host-table system-settings-show format 13-use-host-table	Command and parameter added in version 7.0.0
export-leaked-networks evpn, evpn-export-leaked-networks deny	Parameters added in version 7.0.0
<pre>match-evpn-default-route, matchevpn-route-type, match- evpn-vni,match-evpn-rd</pre>	Parameters added in version 7.0.0

Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.

### **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section, refer to these sections of the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric
- Configuring High Availability
- Configuring VXLAN
- Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services

for further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3,



etc.)



# **Configuring and Using Network Management and Monitoring**

This chapter provides required information about the Network Management and Monitoring features on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE Command Line Interface.

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### **Overview**

Network Management and Monitoring involves an array of methods and tools that can help to operate and maintain an error-free network. Network management tools primarily cater to the collection and organization of information regarding a network, enabling you to make informed decisions while configuring, troubleshooting, or overseeing the operation of the network. Network management is essential to ensure optimal performance and fault-free operation of network elements. Netvisor ONE provides a handful of methods to manage and monitor a network including different logging schemes, Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Network Packet Broker (NPB), mirroring of network traffic, and system statistics.



### **Supported Network Management Components**

Netvisor ONE supports systems statistics, logging, Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), and traffic mirroring, as the primary methods of network management and monitoring.

**System Statistics:** This network monitoring method provides information about the CPU and memory usage of a switch. This gives you an insight into the performance and efficiency of the network device.

**Logging:** Logs serve as a record of all important events that occur in a network. Netvisor ONE broadly has four types of logging: event logging, audit logging, system logging, and perror logging. Logging tracks activities such as connection state changes, administrative changes, user login or logout, protocol events, and so on. Logging information can be viewed on the switch and can also be sent to dedicated servers from where it can be accessed later through the CLI.

**SNMP:** Netvisor ONE allows monitoring of network nodes through this protocol. The SNMP manager installed on a server called Network Management Station (NMS) polls the SNMP agents installed on the network devices periodically for information regarding network events. This collected information can be accessed through the CLI. In addition, SNMP traps can be configured to receive instantaneous alerts for desired events, instead of relying solely on periodic SNMP polls.

**Traffic Mirroring for Ports and vFlows:** This functionality is used to copy packets from one port to another for increased visibility into the network traffic. This feature supports a basic configuration analogous to local Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN) as well as advanced configurations similar to Remote Switched Port Analyzer (RSPAN) and Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN).



# **Understanding System Statistics**

Measuring the hardware utilization of each device is the key to evaluate the efficiency of networking infrastructure. The performance of a device is determined primarily by two hardware resources: CPU and main memory. System statistics in Netvisor ONE comprise the CPU and memory usage of the switch.

System statistics on a switch also include memory swapping and paging parameters. Swapping is when an entire process' address space is mapped from the main memory (RAM) to a secondary memory (disk memory) that is used to "swap" pages to or from in order to free up space for the relevant processes in main memory. Paging allows a granular method of copying where, instead of an entire process, frames or pages of a process are copied to and from the main memory. The paging and memory swap parameters are important indicators of performance as consistently high values in these fields are predictors of slowness of the switch.



# **Configuring and Displaying System Statistics on a Switch**

You can display system statistics on a switch using the system-stats-show command. This command displays the memory and CPU usage statistics. The parameters under system-stats-show command are:

```
switch - The current switch of which the statistics are being displayed.
uptime - The amount of time for which the switch has been online.
used-mem - Percentage of memory used by the switch.
used-mem-val - The amount of memory used by the switch.
used-swap - The percentage of swap memory used by the switch.
used-swap-val - The amount of swap memory used by the switch.
paging - The swap scan rate.
cpu-user - The percentage of CPU usage associated with user processes.
cpu-sys - The percentage of CPU usage associated with system processes.
cpu-total - The total usage of the CPU in percentage.
cpu-idle - The percentage of CPU idle time.
cpu-avg - The average CPU usage (cpu-sys + cpu-user) over last 30 seconds.
For example:
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-show layout
vertical
switch:
                switch1
                7h7m10s
uptime:
                54%
used-mem:
used-swap:
                0%
paging:
                0
cpu-user:
                2.8
```

To view all the details, add the parameter format all:

5%

3%

92%

cpu-sys:
cpu-idle:

cpu-avq:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-show layout vertical format all
```

switch: switch1 7h5m41s uptime: used-mem: 54% used-mem-val: 3.84G 0% used-swap: used-swap-val: 0 paging: 0 cpu-user: 4% 4% cpu-sys: cpu-total: 9% cpu-idle: 90% cpu-avg: 3%



To view the system statistics within last 5 minutes, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-show within-last 5m

layout vertical

switch: switch1 time: 08:06:26

uptime: 3426684193d8h52m32s

used-mem: 63% used-swap: 0% paging: 0 cpu-user: 0% cpu-sys: 99% cpu-idle: 0%

switch: switch1
time: 08:07:26

uptime: 3427378633d4h10m24s

used-mem: 63%
used-swap: 0%
paging: 0
cpu-user: 2%
cpu-sys: 2%
cpu-idle: 95%
switch: switch1

time: 08:08:26 uptime: 3428073072d10h3m41s

used-mem: 63%
used-swap: 0%
paging: 0
cpu-user: 2%
cpu-sys: 1%
cpu-idle: 95%
switch: switch

switch: switch1 time: 08:09:26

uptime: 3428767511d20h1m42s

used-mem: 63%
used-swap: 0%
paging: 0
cpu-user: 2%
cpu-sys: 2%
cpu-idle: 95%

The paging field of the system-stats-show command displays the swap scan rate. A non-zero value in this field shows that memory is being paged from the physical memory (RAM) to virtual memory (disk or swap). A consistently high value in this field indicates that all memory, both physical and virtual, is exhausted and the system may stop responding.



#### **Configuring and Displaying System Statistics History**

In releases prior to Netvisor ONE version 6.10, the system-stats-show command provided instantaneous values of CPU usage, which was not representative of the average CPU usage over a duration. Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0 improves the infrastructure for collecting and displaying system statistics to provide average usage information. Netvisor ONE currently supports viewing of historical CPU and memory usage over the last 24 hours with a granularity of up to 10s.

You can enable system statistics history by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-history-settings-modify enable

system-stats-history- settings-modify	Modify system statistics history settings.
enable disable	Enable or disable system statistics history. The default status is enable.

When you enable the collection of historical system usage data, a new thread is created in nvOSd to collect statistics periodically. You can turn off this thread by using the disable option the CLI. If you disable statistics history collection and re-enable the feature, the statistics collection starts from scratch. Also, if you restart nvOSd or reboot the switch while system statistics history is enabled, statistics history is cleared and statistics collection starts afresh.

To view the settings for collection of system statistics history, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-history-settings-

show

switch: switch1

enable: yes read-interval: 10s

Note that the read interval is set to 10s in the software and is not configurable.

To display system statistics history over the last one minute (with a granularity of 10s), last 1 hour (with a granularity of 1 minute), and last 24 hours (with a granularity of 1 hour), use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1\*) > system-stats-history-show ### Usage over last 1 minute, 60 minutes and last 24 hours ###

time	mem-used(%)	<pre>cpu-used(%) cpu-peak(%)</pre>	over-last
01:48:24	54	4	10s
01:48:14	54	3	10s
01:48:04	54	3	10s
01:47:54	54	3	10s
01:47:44	54	3	10s
01:47:34	54	3	10s



01:47:34	54	3	3	1m
01:46:34	53	3	5	1m
01:45:34	53	3	4	1m
01:44:34	53	2	3	1m
		3		
01:43:34	53		4	1m
01:42:34	53	3	3	1m
01:41:34	53	3	4	1m
01:40:34	53	3	4	1m
01:39:34	53	2	3	1m
•				
•				
•				
00:56:34	53	2	3	1m
00:55:34	53	3	4	1m
00:54:34	53	3	4	1m
00:53:34	53	3	4	1m
00:52:34	53	3	3	1m
00:51:34	53	3	4	1m
00:50:34	53	3	4	1m
00:49:34	53	3	4	1m
00:48:34	53	3	4	1m
01:33:34	53	2	3	1h
00:33:34	53	2	3	1h
02-24,23:33:34	53	2	3	1h
02-24,22:33:34	53	2	3	1h
02-24,21:33:34	53	2	3	1h

**Note:** The system statistics history values are populated with time. For example, if you want to view the statistics history for the last 24 hours, nvOSd must have run for the last 24 hours with system statistics history enabled.

If you disable system statistics history, running the commands system-stats-history-show and sytem-stats-history-average-show returns an error. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-history-settingsmodify disable

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-history-show system-stats-history-show: system stats history collection is disabled

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > system-stats-history-average-show over-last 10s system-stats-history-average-show: system stats history collection is disabled



To view the average system usage statistics over the last 10 to 60 seconds, use the command:

CLI	(network-admin@switch)	>	system-stats-history-average-show
_	stem-stats-history- erage-show		Display average system statistics over a given duration.
			Specify a duration for average usage statistics (in multiples of 10s from 10s up to 60s).
OV	er-last <i>duration:#s</i>		
			<b>Note:</b> You cannot specify the duration in days, hours, or minutes.

For example, view the average memory and CPU usage for the last 40s by using the command:

For system statistics older than one day, use the system-stats-show within-last <#d#h#m#s> command.



# **Understanding Logging**

Netvisor ONE logs all important activities that occur on the switches and fabrics created on them. Logging is enabled by default and can be viewed using the CLI. You can also configure system logging to send syslog-formatted messages to servers configured to receive them, as part of centralized logging and monitoring.

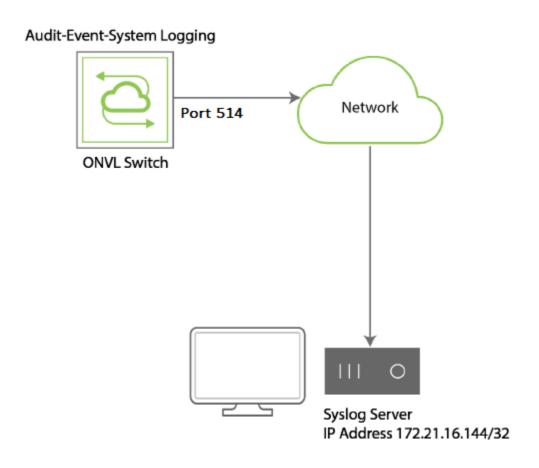


Figure 11-1 - Netvisor One Switch with Syslog Server

The following types of activities are logged:

Log Type	Description			
	Records action observed or performed by switches. Each Event type can be enabled or disabled. Events are collected on a best effort basis. If events occur too rapidly to be recorded, the event log is annotated with the number of events lost.			
	The following are examples of event types:			
Event	Port state changes			
	<ul><li>TCP connections</li><li>STP port changes</li></ul>			



Audit	When an administrative change to the configuration is made, an audit log is recorded. An audit log consists of the command and parameters along with the success or failure indication. When a command fails, an error message is also recorded.
System	The system log records error conditions and conditions of interest.
Perror	The Perror log records messages on standard error output, describing the last error encountered.

Each log message includes the following information:

- Category event, audit, or system
- Timestamp within a microsecond
- Process name and process ID of the process producing the message
- Unique message name
- Unique five digit numerical message code
- Message: additional message-specific parameters and explanation

A log message consists of common parameters separated by spaces and a colon (:), optional parameters, another colon, and then the log-specific message. The optional parameters, which may include the associated VLAN, VXLAN, or switch ports, appear as key/value pairs. An audit log message includes additional information:

- User
- Process ID
- Client IP of the remote computer issuing the command

An event log also includes the event type.

For information about specific log events and their meaning, see the *Netvisor ONE Log Messages Guide*.

The maximum number of repeated messages detected by Netvisor ONE is ten (10). After five seconds, if Netvisor ONE detects repeated messages, then the log prints "Last X messages(s) repeated Y time(s)". If the log message detects "X" and "Y" as both 1, then Netvisor ONE prints the message rather than "Last 1 message(s) repeated 1 time(s)". Log events are printed after a five (5) second delay.

Currently, accessing system log information may require assistance from TAC to retrieve the logs from Netvisor ONE. To enable log auditing in Netvisor ONE, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-admin-audit-modify enable|
disable

Log auditing is disabled by default. To display auditing status, use the following command:



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-admin-audit-show

switch: Leaf1
enable: yes

### **Using Facility Codes with Log Messages**

Netvisor ONE labels log messages with a facility code indicating the area of the software that generated the log message.

The following are the default facility codes:

- Log\_Daemon for events and system messages
- Log\_AUDIT for audit messages

The following severity levels are used by default:

- Log\_INFO = informational
- Log\_Critical = critical
- Log\_ERROR = error
- Log\_WARNING = warn
- Log\_NOTICE = note



# **Configuring Event Logging**

Event log messages in Netvisor ONE covers events related to the system, protocols (STP, TCP, LLDP, LACP, IGMP), and TACACS+, among others. By default, system, port, LLDP, and TACACS+ events are logged. You can add or remove log events by using the log-event-settings-modify command.

log-event-settings-modify	Modify log event settings.
Specify one or more of the following opt	ions:
system no-system	Enable or disable system event logging. Enabled by default
port no-port	Enable or disable port event logging. Enabled by default.
tcp no-tcp	Enable or disable TCP event logging.
stp no-stp	Enable or disable STP event logging.
igmp no-igmp	Enable or disable IGMP event logging.
lldp no-lldp	Enable or disable LLDP event logging.
lacp no-lacp	Enable or disable LACP event logging.
tacacs   no-tacacs	Enable or disable TACACS+ event logging.Enabled by default.
mld no-mld	Enable or disable MLD event logging.
mroute no-mroute	Enable or disable mroute event logging.
vport no-vport	Enable or disable vPort event logging.
lacp-port-event no-lacp- port-event	Enable or disable LACP port event logging.

For instance, to enable logging of STP events, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-event-settings-modify stp
```

To display log event settings, use the log-event-settings-show command:

igmp: off
lldp: on



lacp: off
tacacs: on
mld: off
mroute: off
vport: off
lacp-port-event: off

### **Displaying Event Log Information**

To view event log information, run the command log-event-show.

log-event-show	Display event log information.
Specify between zero to two of the following options:	
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the start time for the log file.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the end time for the log file.
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration of the log file.
Specify any of the following parameters t parameters:	o view the information related to those
program program-string	Specify the program that generates log messages.
pid <i>pid-number</i>	Specify the product ID generating the log messages.
name name-string	Specify the message name.
code code-number	Specify the message code.
level critical error warn  note info	Specify the severity level of event log messages.
<pre>event-type system port tcp  stp igmp lldp lacp vdp ecp  evb ptp storage tacacs mld  mroute vport lacp-port-event</pre>	Specify one among the options as the log event type.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the associated VNET.
remote_switch node name	Specify the name of the remote switch.
client-pid client-pid-number	Specify the client product ID.
client-addr ip-address	Specify the client IP address.
port port-number	Specify the port number.



vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Specify the VLAN ID as a value between 2 and 4092.
bd bridge-domain name	Specify the bridge domain.
vxlan vxlan-id	Specify the VXLAN ID.
count number 150000	Specify the number of events to be displayed in a range from 1 to 50000.
starting-point starting- point-number	Specify the starting point of the log audit.
length length-number	Specify the length of the log audit.
reverse no-reverse	Use this option to enable or disable displaying the messages in reverse order.

## For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) >log-event-show count 3							
category	r time	name	code	level	event-type	port	message
event	2013-06-04,13:12:18.304740	port_up	62	info	port	62	up
event	2013-06-04,13:12:18.304740	port_up	62	info	port	50	up
event	2013-06-04,13:12:18.304740	port up	62	info	port	10	up



# **Configuring Audit Logging**

Audit logging includes messages for user login or logout, authorization and denial of sessions or commands by TACACS+ server, audit drops, and commands run internally or by the user, among others. To view audit log Information, enter the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > lo	g-audit-show
log-audit-show	Display audit log information.
Specify up to two options from the following:	
start-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the start time for the log file.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the end time for the log file.
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration of the log file.
Specify any of the following parameters t parameters:	o view the information related to those
program program-string	Specify the program that generates log messages.
pid <i>pid-number</i>	Specify the product ID generating the log messages.
name name-string	Specify the message name.
code code-number	Specify the message code.
level critical error warn note info	Specify the severity level of audit log messages.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the associated VNET.
remote_switch node <i>name</i>	Specify the name of the remote switch.
client-pid client-pid-number	Specify the client product ID.
client-addr <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the client IP address.
port port-number	Specify the port number.
vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Specify the VLAN ID as a value between 2 and 4092.
bd bridge-domain name	Specify the bridge domain.
vxlan <i>vxlan-id</i>	Specify the VXLAN ID.
count number 150000	Specify the number of events to be



	displayed in a range from 1 to 50000.
starting-point starting-point- number	Specify the starting point of the log audit.
length length-number	Specify the length of the log audit.
reverse no-reverse	Use this option to enable or disable displaying the messages in reverse order.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > log-audit-show count 2 layout

vertical

category: audit

time: 2020-07-29,07:21:09.297988-07:00

name: login code: 11099 level: info

message: login
category: audit

time: 2020-07-29,07:21:25.593283-07:00

name: user command

code: 11001 level: info

user: network-admin
client-addr: 10.140.0.158

message: Command "vflow-delete name span1" result

success

#### **Exceptions for Audit Logging**

When Netvisor ONE supports a command for auditing, the command is added to the audit log and sent to the TACACS+ server as authorization and accounting messages. The commands log-audit-exception-create, log-audit-exception-delete, and log-audit-exception-show are used to control which CLI, shell, and vtysh commands are audited.

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > log-audit-exception-create

log-audit-exception-create	Create an audit logging exception.
cli shell vtysh	Specify the type of audit exception.
pattern pattern-string	Specify a regular expression to match exceptions.
any read-only read-write	Specify the access type to match exceptions.
scope local fabric	Specify the scope of exceptions.



CLI	<pre>(network-admin@Spine1) &gt;</pre>	log-audit-exception-delete
log	g-audit-exception-delete	Delete an audit logging exception.
cli	shell vtysh	Specify the type of audit exception.
patt	tern pattern-string	Specify a regular expression to match exceptions.
any	read-only read-write	Specify the access type to match exceptions.
CLI	(network-admin@Spine1) >	log-audit-exception-show
log	g-audit-exception-show	Display audit logging exceptions.
cli	shell vtysh	Display the type of audit exception.
patt	tern pattern-string	Display a regular expression to match exceptions.
any	read-only read-write	Display the access type to match exceptions.
scor	pe local fabric	Display the scope of exceptions.

By default, Netvisor ONE audits every command except for read-only CLI commands and shell commands with ^/usr/bin/nvmore pattern which is the pager for Netvisor ONE CLI:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > log-audit-exception-show

switch type pattern access scope

----- switch cli read-only local
switch shell ^/usr/bin/nvmore any local
```

To enable auditing of all CLI commands, you can delete the cli/read-only exception:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > log-audit-exception-delete cli
read-only

#### **Modifying User Roles**

You can impart privileges to a user through the role-create command. To add shell access to a user's role, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > role-create name role1 scope
local shell

role-create	Create a user role.
name name-string	Specify a name for the user role.



scope local fabric	Specify a scope for the user role.	
Specify one or more of the following options:		
access read-only read-write	Specify the type of access for the user role. The default is read-write.	
running-config no-running-config	Specify if the user role allows access to the switch running configuration.	
shell no-shell	Specify if the user role allows access to the shell.	
sudo no-sudo	Specify if the user role allows the sudo command.	

The  ${\tt role-modify}$  command can be used to modify a user role configuration.



# **Configuring System Logging**

Netvisor ONE allows you to send log messages to syslog servers over a UDP session or a TCP session with TLS encryption. By default, the messages are sent to syslog servers through UDP.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-create		
Use this command to configure syslog parameters.		
Specify the name for the syslog configuration.		
Specify one among the options the scope of the syslog.		
Specify the host name.		
Specify the host port number.		
Specify TCP with TLS or UDP as the transport protocol for log events. UDP is used by default.		
Specify one among the options as the message format for log events.		
Enable or disable the export of container logs.		
Enable or disable the export of OS logs.		

For example, to configure the switch to send all log messages to a syslog server with an IP address of 172.16.21.67 through port 10514, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-create name <name> scope fabric host 172.16.21.76 port 10514 message-format structured

To display the configuration, use the admin-syslog-show command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin@Leaf1) > admin@Leaf1)	min-syslog-show
admin-syslog-show	Use this command to view the syslog configuration.
Specify the following options:	
name name-string	Specify the name of the syslog.
scope local fabric	Specify the scope of the syslog.



host host-string	Specify the host name.
port port-number	Specify the host port number.
transport tcp-tls udp	Specify TCP with TLS or UDP as the transport protocol for log events.
message-format structured   legacy	Specify one among the options as the message format for log events.
status status-string	Specify the syslog export status.
export-container-logs no- export-container-logs	Enable or disable the export of container logs.
export-os-logs no-export-os- log	Enable or disable the export of OS logs.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-show layout vertical

switch: leaf1

name: log-all scope: fabric

host: 172.16.21.76

port: 10514 transport: udp

message-format: structured

export-container-logs: off
export-os-logs: off

You can send messages to syslog servers using either RFC5424 (structured) or RFC3164 (legacy) formats. To send syslog messages in a legacy format, add the message-format parameter to admin-syslog-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-modify name <name>
message-format legacy

You can also modify the port that the service listens on by using the port option in the CLI.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-modify name <name> port 22

By default, all log messages are sent to syslog servers. Netvisor ONE offers the flexibility of configuring more than one syslog server and sending selective syslog messages to each of them. Filters for forwarding log messages can be created by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-match-add

admin-syslog-match-add	Add a syslog event match filter.
syslog-name name-string	Specify the name of the syslog file.
Specify the following match arguments:	



name name-string	Specify a name for the matching scheme.
Specify any of the following options:	
<pre>msg-category event audit  system perror container os- logs xact-truncate</pre>	Specify one among the options as the category of the message to match.
msg-program program-string	Specify the name of the program used to generate the log messages.
msg-name name-string	Specify the name of the message to match.
msg-code code-number	Specify the message code to match.
msg-level critical error  warn note info	Specify one among the options as the severity level to match.  By default, all messages are forwarded to the syslog server.
<pre>msg-event-type system port  tcp stp igmp lldp lacp vdp  ecp evb ptp storage tacacs  mld mroute vport lacp-port- event</pre>	Specify the type of event to match.
msg-vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the vNET name to match.
msg-remote_switch node-name	Specify the remote switch to match.
msg-user <i>user-name</i>	Specify user name to match.
msg-client-addr ip-address	Specify the client IP address.
msg-port port-number	Specify the port number to match.
msg-vlan 04095	Specify the VLAN to match.
msg-bd bridge-domain-name	Specify the bridge domain to match.
msg-vxlan <i>vxlan-ID</i>	Specify the VXLAN to match.

In the absence of a match condition, Netvisor ONE forwards all messages to the syslog server. However, if you configure a match condition, only the messages that match the specified parameters are forwarded. For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-create name to-10.10.10.10 scope fabric host 10.10.10.10 port 10514 messageformat structured export-container-logs export-os-logs

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-match-add syslog-name to-10.10.10.10 msg-category event name match-1

The above configuration forwards only event log messages to the syslog server, and all



other categories are denied.

To display the configuration, use the admin-syslog-match-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-syslog-match-show syslog-name msg-category msg-level name to-10.10.10.10 event match-1
```

### **Displaying Syslog Information**

To view system log information, use the command log-system-show:

log-system-show	Display system log information.
Specify between zero to two of the following options:	
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the start time from which to display the logs.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Specify the end time for the log file.
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the duration of the log file.
Specify any of the following parameters to view the information related to those parameters:	
program program-string	Specify the program that generates log messages.
pid <i>pid-number</i>	Specify the product ID generating the log messages.
name name-string	Specify the message name.
code code-number	Specify the message code.
level critical error warn  note info	Specify one among the options as the level of severity.
vnet vnet-name	Specify the associated VNET.
remote_switch node name	Specify the name of the remote switch.
client-pid client-pid-number	Specify the client product ID.
client-addr ip-address	Specify the client IP address.
port port-number	Specify the port number.
vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Specify the VLAN ID as a value between 2 and 4092.



bd bridge-domain name	Specify the bridge domain.
vxlan vxlan-id	Specify the VXLAN ID.
count number 150000	Specify the number of events to be displayed in a range from 1 to 50000.
starting-point starting- point-number	Specify the starting point of the log audit.
length length-number	Specify the length of the log audit.
reverse no-reverse	Use this option to enable or disable displaying the messages in reverse order.

For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-system-show count 3 layout

vertical

category: system

time: 2020-04-13,12:36:00.966426-07:00

name: fabric\_node\_status

code: 11403 level: note

message: pavo-colo-5: Node status changed to mgmt-

only-online

category: system

time: 2020-04-13,12:36:46.462439-07:00

name: congestion\_relieved\_on\_port

code: 11402 level: critical

message: Congestion relieved on port=0

category: system

time: 2020-04-13,12:36:46.509220-07:00

name: congestion\_relieved\_on\_port

code: 11402 level: critical

message: Congestion relieved on port=126

**Note:** Prior to Netvisor ONE 6.0.0 release, during MAC and IP move, the nvOSd.log file gets flooded with MAC move notifications. Starting from Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0, the MAC and IP move messages are logged in to the system.log file and can be accessed using the log-system-show command. The output of the command is in a summarized format that displays the repetition count instead of printing each message.

**Note:** Starting from Netvisor ONE version 6.0.1, all system log messages are logged into system.log file. This prevents selective system log messages from being logged into of nvOSd.log or perror.log files.



### **Displaying Syslog Counters**

You can view the number of events that have occurred in the network belonging to the default severity levels by using the log-system-counters-show command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > log-system-counters-show layout

vertical

switch: Leaf1

critical: 0
error: 0
warn: 1061
note: 9

To reset the log counters, issue the log-system-counters-reset command.



### Forwarding Log Files to an External Server

Log messages can be sent to an external Linux server and encrypted using TLS over TCP. Netvisor ONE supports only one external server for TCP-TLS export while the UDP syslog export can be done to more than one server.

Follow the steps below to configure exporting of logs to an external server:

• Enable SFTP import/export using command below:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > admin-sftp-modify enable
```

• Create the private key and the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) for the switch using the command syslog-tls-cert-request-create.

This command creates a certificate request for the TLS connection.
Specify the contact address starting with the country code.
Specify the state or province.
Specify the city.
Specify the organization.
Specify the organizational unit.
Specify the common name. This name must match the switch hostname.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > syslog-tls-cert-request-create country US state CA city Palo Alto organization QA organizational-unit engineering common-name Leaf1

This command creates a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) and places it in the directory /sftp/export used by Netvisor ONE. You must get the CSR signed by the Certificate Authority (CA) and import the ca.pem and server-cert.pem files to Netvisor ONE.

 To import the signed certificate and CA root certificate files, you must upload the mycert.pem and the ca.pem files to /sftp/import directory in Netvisor ONE and run the following command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > syslog-tls-cert-import file-ca
ca.pem file-cert my-cert.pem



syslog-tls-cert-import	Import certificates from /sftp/import directory.
Specify the following options:	
file-ca file-ca-string	Name of the CA certificate file.
file-cert file-cert-string	Name of switch certificate file (signed by CA).

• To enable TLS-TCP logging export, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1)>admin-syslog-create name audit-logs scope local host 172.16.21.33 transport tcp-tls port 10514

This command can be executed anywhere in the sequence.

 To display and verify the syslog export configuration, use the admin-syslog-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leo-ext-23) > admin-syslog-show layout vertical
```

switch: leo-ext-23 name: audit-logs

scope: local

host: 172.16.21.33

port: 10514
transport: tcp-tls
message-format: legacy
export-container-logs: off
export-os-logs: off

To display alert messages related to syslog export, use the command log-alert-show. This command displays events such as a disruption in connection to the syslog TLS server and the restoration of the connection. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > log-alert-show
```

time: 07:31:32 switch: switch1 code: 20006

name: syslog\_tls\_server\_down

count: 1

last-message: tcp-tls connection to syslog server=MYTLS down. Logs are not

getting exported

time: 07:32:50 switch: switch1 code: 20007

name: syslog\_tls\_server\_down

count: 1

last-message: tcp-tls connection to syslog server=MYTLS restored. Log export is operational

#### **Related Commands**

• syslog-tls-cert-clear



Use this command to delete imported certificates.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > syslog-tls-cert-clear Successfully deleted all certificate files.

• syslog-tls-cert-info-show

Use this command to display certificate information.

syslog-tls-cert-info-show	Display the certificate information.
Specify any of the following options:	
cert-type ca intermediate  server	Specify the one among the options as the certificate type.
subject subject-string	Specify the the subject of the certificate.
issuer issuer-string	Specify the issuer of the certificate.
serial-number serial-number	Specify the serial number of the certificate.
valid-from valid-from-string	Specify the time from which the certificate is valid.
valid-to valid-to-string	Specify the time at which the certificate expires and is no longer valid.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > syslog-tls-cert-info-show

switch: switch1
cert-type: server

subject: /C=US/ST=CA/L=PA/O=Eng/OU=TT/CN=switch1.pluribu

snetworks.com

issuer: /C=US/ST=CA/L=PA/O=Eng/OU=TT/CN=switch1.pluribu

snetworks.com
serial-number: 1

valid-from: Oct 20 09:06:02 2016 GMT valid-to: Oct 20 09:06:02 2017 GMT

• The syslog-tls-cert-show displays the syslog TLS import certificate configuration.

syslog-tls-cert-show	Displays the certificate information.
Specify any of the following options:	
file-ca file-ca-string	Specify the name of CA certificate file.
file-cert file-cert-string	Specify the name of switch certificate file (signed by CA).



cert-ca cert-ca-string	Specify the CA certificate.
cert-switch cert-switch- string	Specify the switch certificate.

### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > syslog-tls-cert-show
file-ca file-cert
----- ca.pem my-cert.pem
```



# **Understanding Pluribus Network Packet Broker**

The Pluribus Network Packet Broker (NPB) solution enables users to deploy a dedicated modular, scalable monitoring fabric with a distributed architecture that connects to shared analytics and security tools located anywhere in the network. A monitoring fabric deployed as part of Pluribus' NPB solution features centralized management capabilities and logically functions as a distributed virtual chassis.

A network packet broker topology is built on top of the familiar Netvisor ONE's Unified Cloud Fabric: it does not require specialized software and a custom fabric, and consequently provides a high degree of flexibility, resiliency, and operational simplicity.

Using network taps or port mirrors, the NPB service copies traffic from a production network to the ingress ports of the monitoring fabric which, in turn, redirects the copied packets to the monitoring tools (which can be located geographically apart).

Pluribus' implementation employs a VXLAN overlay to transport packets from ingress ports to a "tool farm" (that is, a group of monitoring tools) and supports Equal Cost Multi-Path (ECMP) forwarding in the underlay to address link failures.

For more details on platform support, an example of NPB topology, and the configuration steps, refer to the *Configuring Pluribus Network Packet Broker* section below.



# **Configuring Pluribus Network Packet Broker**

**Note**: The Pluribus Network Packet Broker (NPB) solution is available on all Dell, Edgecore, and Freedom series platforms supported by Pluribus Networks.

An example of Pluribus Network Packet Broker topology is depicted in the figure below and will be used to illustrate the configuration steps:

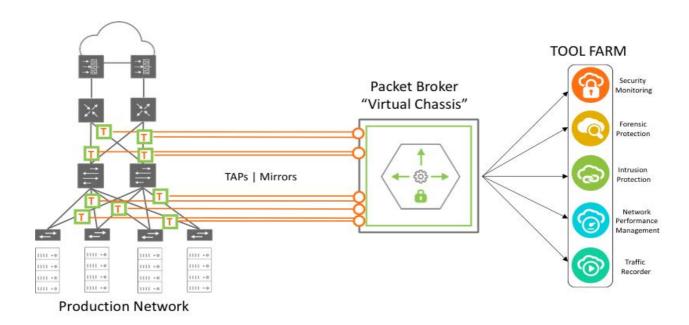


Figure 11-2: Network Packet Broker Architecture

The monitoring fabric can have any physical topology, including leaf/spine, ring, hub and spoke, mesh, and tree. Netvisor ONE supports the virtual Port Group (vPG) CLI construct to define a set of ingress or source ports and of destination ports so that the hardware will flood the traffic that arrives at the source ports to (multiple) desired destination ports where the monitoring tools are connected. This type of vPG configuration is referred to as a unidirectional vPG topology (as the monitored traffic flows in one direction only).

Refer to the Configuring Virtual Port Group section of the Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services chapter.



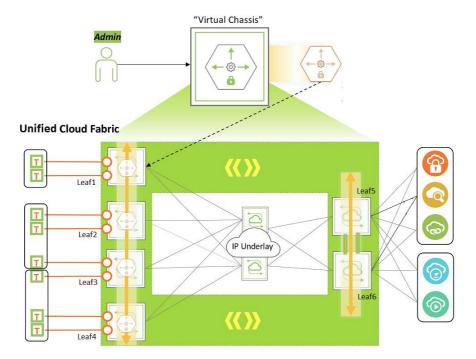


Figure 11-3: Monitoring Fabric Topology

Consider, for example, a monitoring fabric with a leaf-spine topology as shown above in Figure 11-3. Network taps copy traffic from the production network to the source ports or trunks on Leaf1, Leaf2, Leaf3, and Leaf4. These ports constitute the source vPGs: TAP-GROUP-1, TAP-GROUP-2, and TAP-GROUP3. The switches Leaf5 and Leaf6 form a cluster. The monitoring tools are connected to ports on Leaf5 and Leaf6 which constitute the destination vPGs: TOOL-GROUP-1 and TOOL-GROUP-2. This section describes the steps to configure source and destination vPGs and to create a forwarding policy.

Before creating the vPGs, you must configure a VXLAN underlay network and VTEPs for the overlay. For details, refer to the sections, *Configuring the VXLAN Underlay Network* and *Configuring VTEP Objects with Automatic Fabric Connections* 

Also, to deploy the Packet Broker fabric that spreads across geographical locations, you must create a Fabric over Layer 3 configuration. For details, refer to the section, Configuring a Fabric over a Layer 3 Network

Follow the steps below to configure the port groups and to send traffic from a source port group to a destination port group:

### 1. Configuring Source vPGs

Create vPGs for the source ports of the monitoring fabric, by using the command vpg-create.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vpg-create

vpg-create

Creates a virtual Port Group (vPG)



vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify the name of the vNET that you want to associate with this vPG.	
name name-string	Specify the name of the vPG.	
type source destination  bidirectional	Specify the type of the vPG as source, destination, or bidirectional.	
ports port-list	Specify the ports assigned to this vPG.	
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify a previously configured port description to add the ports with that description to the vPG.	
monitor-ports port-list	Specify the monitoring ports for destination or bidirectional vPGs.	

#### Below is an example configuration as per Figure 11-3.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-create name TAP-GROUP-1 type source

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-create name TAP-GROUP-2 type
source

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-create name TAP-GROUP-3 type
source

Add the source ports to the vPGs by using the vpg-port-add command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-port-add

vpg-port-add	Adds ports to a vPG.
vpg-name name-string	Specify a name for this vPG.
ports port-list	Specify the source ports for this vPG.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify a previously configured port description to add the ports with that description to the vPG.

The switches Leaf1, Leaf2, and Leaf3 form trunks (Link Aggregation Groups) with network taps, with trunk IDs 273, 274, and 275 as shown in *Figure 11-3*.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-port-add vpg-name TAP-GROUP-1 ports 273

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf2 vpg-port-add vpg-name TAP-GROUP-2 ports 274



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf3 vpg-port-add vpg-name TAP-GROUP-2 ports 22

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf3 vpg-port-add vpg-name TAP-GROUP-3 ports 25

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf4 vpg-port-add vpg-name TAP-GROUP-3 ports 275

**Note:** The source vPG can include ports from all the nodes in the fabric. However, this port group can only include at most one port or trunk from each node.

To view the vPG configuration, use the command vpg-show.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-show

vpg-show	Displays vPG configuration details.
scope	The scope of the vPG.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	vNET name associated with this vPG.
name name-string	The name of the vPG.
type source destination  bidirectional	The vPG type that was configured.
ports port-list	The ports assigned to this vPG.
port-desc port-desc-string	The port description.
vni <i>016777215</i>	The VNI or VXLAN identifier for auto BD configuration.
vlan 04095	The VLAN identifier for auto BD configuration.
monitor-ports monitor-ports- list	The list of monitoring ports.

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf1) > vpg-show

switch scope name type ports vni vlan

----- to ----- type ports vni vlan

Leaf1 fabric TAP-GROUP-3 source none 0 0

Leaf2 fabric TAP-GROUP-3 source 25 0 0

Leaf3 fabric TAP-GROUP-3 source 275 0 0

Leaf4 fabric TAP-GROUP-3 source none 0 0

Leaf5 fabric TAP-GROUP-3 source none 0 0

Leaf6 fabric TAP-GROUP-3 source none 0 0
```



```
Leaf1 fabric TAP-GROUP-2 source none 0 0
Leaf2 fabric TAP-GROUP-2 source 274 0 0
Leaf3 fabric TAP-GROUP-2 source 22 0 0
Leaf4 fabric TAP-GROUP-2 source none 0 0
Leaf5 fabric TAP-GROUP-2 source none 0 0
Leaf6 fabric TAP-GROUP-2 source none 0 0
Leaf1 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
Leaf2 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
Leaf3 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
Leaf4 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
Leaf5 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
Leaf6 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
Leaf6 fabric TAP-GROUP-1 source none 0 0
```

#### 2. Configuring Destination vPGs

Create destination tool groups by using the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf5 vpg-create name TOOL-GROUP-1 type destination

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf5 vpg-create name TOOL-GROUP-2 type destination
```

**Note:** For destination vPG creation to be successful, you must add at least one port to the vxlan-loopback-trunk on all the nodes of the NPB fabric, including spine switches. For more details, refer to 'Configuring the VXLAN Loopback Trunk' topic of the 'Configuring VXLAN' chapter.

Add the ports connected to the monitoring tools into the tool groups by using the command vpq-port-add:

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf5 vpg-port-add vpg-name TOOL-GROUP-1 ports 22,34,45

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf6 vpg-port-add vpg-name TOOL-GROUP-1 ports 47,50

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf5 vpg-port-add vpg-name TOOL-GROUP-2 ports 17,32

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch Leaf6 vpg-port-add vpg-name TOOL-GROUP-2 ports 48,55
```

**Note:** Starting from Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, you can add the same port to multiple destination vPGs. This enhancement allows tool ports to receive partially overlapping traffic. For more information, see 'Use cases for Network Packet Broker' topic.

The vpg-port-add commands automatically create bridge domains for TOOL-GROUP1 and TOOL-GROUP-2. These bridge domains flood the arriving traffic to the ports in the respective tool groups.



#### Use the vpg-show command to view the configuration:

CLI (net	twork-ac	dmin@leaf1) >	vpg-show typ	pe destina	ation	
switch	scope	name	type	ports	vni	vlan
Leaf1	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-2	${\tt destination}$	none	12666666	2833
Leaf2	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-2	${\tt destination}$	none	12666666	2833
Leaf3	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-2	${\tt destination}$	none	12666666	2833
Leaf4	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-2	${\tt destination}$	none	12666666	2833
Leaf5	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-2	${\tt destination}$	17,32	12666666	2833
Leaf6	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-2	${\tt destination}$	48,55	12666666	2833
Leaf1	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-1	${\tt destination}$	none	12000000	2500
Leaf2	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-1	${\tt destination}$	none	12000000	2500
Leaf3	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-1	${\tt destination}$	none	12000000	2500
Leaf4	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-1	${\tt destination}$	none	12000000	2500
Leaf5	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-1	${\tt destination}$	22,34,45	12000000	2500
Leaf6	fabric	TOOL-GROUP-1	destination	47,70	12000000	2500

**Note:** Netvisor ONE auto-generates a VNI and reserved VLAN ID for the destination vPGs.

#### 3. Configuring the vFlow Policy

As the final step of the configuration, create a vFlow to forward traffic from the desired source port group to a destination port group. For example, use the following command to send traffic from TAP-GROUP-1 to TOOL-GROUP-2 with protocol transparency enabled:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name TAP1-TOOL2 scope fabric src-vpg TAP-GROUP-1 dst-vpg TOOL-GROUP-2 transparency enable

This configuration floods the ingress traffic matching the vFlow to all the ports in TOOL-GROUP-2 over the VXLAN tunnel.

The above configuration also sends control plane traffic from source to destination as protocol transparency is enabled. In the absence of protocol transparency, the control plane traffic that originates from a switch is generally processed or dropped by the next hop switch. With protocol transparency, the traffic belonging to various Layer 2, Layer 3, and Layer 4 protocols can be sent to switches located anywhere within the fabric. These control plane protocols include:

- Layer 2: LLDP, STP, LACP, and VLAN
- Layer 3: IPv4 and IPv6
- Layer 4: TCP, UDP, and ICMP
- Layer 4 ports: HTTP, DNS, and DHCP

When you enable protocol transparency, Netvisor ONE automatically configures additional vFlows to ensure that the control traffic reaches the destination vPG. This auto-configuration is necessary as system vFlows generally consume the protocol traffic and therefore, there must be pathways for the control traffic to bypass system vFlows. To display the vFlow configuration, use the vflow-show command:



CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-show format all layout vertical

name: TAP1-TOOL2 id: b0022cd:1a9

scope: fabric
type: vflow
hidden: false
in-port: 275
burst-size: auto
precedence: 3

action-set-svp-value: 0x80000006

table-name: System-VCAP-table-1-0 name: npb-system-bypass-proto

id: b0022cd:1a8 fabric scope: vflow type: precedence: 15 action: none metadata: 1000 enabled hw-stats: enable: enable

table-name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

**Note:** The auto-configured vFlow, npb-system-bypass-proto having a high precedence of 15 bypasses system vFlow treatment for packets at the ingress side.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf6) > vflow-show format all layout vertical

name: npb-tunnel-decap-b0022cd:la9-1

id: b0022cf:16e
scope: local
type: vflow
precedence: 15
action: none
vxlan: 12666668
from-tunnel-decap: ves

from-tunnel-decap: yes
hw-stats: enabled
enable: enable

table-name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

The auto-configured vFlow on the destination switch bypasses system vFlow treatment for the decapsulated packets at the egress end of tunnels.

**Note:** The running configuration for the vflow-create command has parameters such as in-port. However, while configuring a vFlow, you should not configure these parameters as these fields are auto-populated.

#### **Additional CLI Commands**

1. vpg-delete



Use this command to delete a vPG. You cannot delete a vPG that is associated with a vFlow. In such cases, you must delete the vFlow before you delete the vPG.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-delete

vpg-delete	Deletes a vPG.
name name-string	Enter the name of the vPG you want to delete.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-delete name <vpg-name>

2.vpg-port-remove

Use this command to remove ports from a vPG.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-port-remove

vpg-port-remove	Removes ports from a vPG.
vpg-name name-string	Enter the name of the vPG from where you want to remove the ports.
ports port-list	Specify the ports to be removed from the vPG.
port-desc port-desc-string	Specify the port description to remove the ports with that description from the vPG.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-port-remove vpg-name <vpgname> ports <port-list>

**Note:** For a given switch, if you remove a port or trunk from a source vPG, the associated vFlow on that switch is disabled in hardware but it is retained by the software.

#### **Guidelines and Limitations**

- If you configure a protocol transparent vFlow, you cannot use the set-metadata keyword while modifying the vFlow thereafter. Conversely, if set-metadata is configured for a vFlow, you cannot enable protocol transparency for that vFlow.
- The metadata value of 1000 is reserved for protocol transparency and you cannot use this metadata value while configuring other vFlows.



All control plane protocols are tunnel transparent if no additional filters are enabled.
However, if you specify a vFlow filter, only the control plane packets pertaining to
that filter is copied between the vPGs. For example, if you specify a VLAN filter, only
the control plane packets belonging to that VLAN are copied. This limitation applies
to the global vNET and any user-defined vNET in which vFlows are created with a
VLAN filter. As a consequence of this limitation, adjacency over LLDP or LACP fails to
be established.



## **Configuring IPv6 Filters for Network Packet Broker**

Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 expands IPv6 filtering options for Network Packet Broker. To enable IPv6 filtering for NPB, you must first configure an IPv6 VLAN Content Aware Processing (VCAP) table. This IPv6 VCAP table is created by dividing the 512-entry VCAP table into 256 IPv4 entries and 256 IPv6 entries.

Create an IPv6 VCAP table by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-table-profile-modify profile ipv6-vcap hw-tbl switch-main enable
Note: Please reboot the system for this new profile setting to take effect
```

As seen from the CLI, the switch must be rebooted before the vFlow table profile modification can take effect.

After restarting the switch you can view the vFlow table profile configuration by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > vflow-table-profile-show layout
vertical
switch:
                      switch
profile:
                      ipv6-vcap
hw-tbl:
                      switch-main
enable:
                      enable
flow-capacity:
flow-slices-needed:
                      1
flow-slices-used:
comment:
                     VCAP-IPv6
```

View the vFlow table configuration by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@swi	itch*) > vflow-table	e-show			
name	flow-max-per-group	flow-used	flow-tbl-slices	capability	flow-profile
Egress-Table-1-0	512	1	2	match-metadata	system
System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0	2048	55	2	set-metadata	system
System-VCAP-table-1-0	256	0	2	none	system
VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0	256	0	1	none	vcap-v6

You can now create a vFlow to direct traffic from a source vPG to a destination vPG with IPv6 filters. For example, direct all traffic with IPv6 address 1000::1/64 from vPG-1 to vPG-10 by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vpg_v6 scope local src-ip 1000::1/64 src-vpg vPG-1 dst-vpg vPG-10 table-name VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0
```



**Note:** You must specify the table name as VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0 in the vflow-create command to enable IPv6 filtering for NPB.

Use the vflow-show command to view the configuration.

CLI (network-admin@leo-norma2) > vflow-show name vpg\_v6 layout

vertical

switch: switch
name: vpg\_v6
type: vflow

src-ip: 1000::1/ffff:ffff:ffff:

burst-sizeprecedence: autodefault

table-name: VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0

To disable the IPv6 VCAP table, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-table-profile-modify profile ipv6-vcap hw-tbl switch-main no-enable Note: Please reboot the system for this new profile setting to take effect



# **Configuring Regular Traffic and vPG Traffic Over the Same Fabric Topology**

Starting with Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1, you can configure the Network Packet Broker functionality on the same network topology used for regular traffic (the so-called production network).

With Netvisor ONE, only one VTEP configuration with auto-tunnel is allowed on a per switch (or switch pair) basis. The Network Packet Broker (NPB) functionality uses VTEPs with MAC learning disabled, whereas a production network uses VTEPs with MAC learning enabled. Therefore, because of this divergence, before Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1, the fabric could be used either for production traffic or for NPB functionality. Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1 enables both production and NPB traffic to coexist in the same fabric by using the same underlay and the same VTEPs. For a single VTEP, two tunnels are created, one for production traffic and one for NPB functionality. For production traffic, VXLAN tunnels is configured in standard mode. Additionally, for NPB traffic VXLAN tunnels are configured in transparent mode. This combination is referred to as hybrid mode.

### **Hybrid Mode**

Netvisor ONE can interconnect VTEPs automatically upon creation: when the switch is in hybrid mode (i.e., is configured for both standard and transparent mode), it creates two tunnels, one for regular traffic and one for NPB traffic. When hybrid mode is enabled for the same source IP, source port, destination IP and destination port, two tunnels are created: one standard tunnel with MAC learning enabled and another transparent tunnel with MAC learning disabled. Per-mode VNIs are associated to the VTEPs and are added to the respective tunnels in the hardware. (For more details on VTEPs, automatic tunnels and the VXLAN feature, refer to the Configuring VXLAN chapter.)

**Note:** Once the feature is enabled, and when a regular VTEP is created, for this special VTEP an automatic tunnel is created for standard mode only, as an additional tunnel is not supported nor required for NPB.

**Note:** While upgrading from earlier versions to Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1, ensure that the hybrid-mode is enabled before proceeding with upgrade if you want to configure both vLE and vPG on the same fabric.

The feature is disabled by default and can be enabled using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-setting-modify hybrid-mode

To disable the hybrid mode, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-setting-modify no-hybrid-mode

The hybrid mode value is visible only after enabling the hybrid mode feature. To view details, use the command:

CLI(network-admin@switch) > bridge-domain-show



switch name vxlan-inner-pack	-			vxlan-hybrid-mode	rsvd-vlan	ports
-			5			
switch-1 BD-1	fabric	10800	no	standard	1090	
auto	on	none	e			
switch-2 BD-1	fabric	10800	no	standard	1090	
auto	on	none	e			
switch-3 BD-1	fabric	10800	no	standard	1090	
auto	on	none	e			
switch-1 auto-dst_	vpg local	12333333	no	transparent	2666	57-
59,272,397 auto		off				
switch-2 auto-dst_	vpg local	12333333	no	transparent	2666	25-
27,272,397 auto		off				
switch-3 auto-dst_	vpg local	12333333	no	transparent		397
21110	off					

**Note:** You must reboot the switch after enabling or disabling feature.

**Note:** Bridge domains created as part of the NPB functionality will have the transparent value in the vxlan-hybrid-mode output column.

**Note:** When hybrid mode is disabled, the entire column of vxlan-hybrid-mode field is not visible in the show command output.

**Note:** When hybrid mode is enabled, more hardware resources will be utilized: the number of vFlow entries in the system table is increased with one additional vFlow entry allocated per BD. If the system table gets full, new vPG creation will fail. So, if only NPB/production traffic is to be used in the fabric, hybrid mode can be disabled.

**Note:** Enabling this feature results in creating a vFlow to block the CPU's incoming traffic at tunnel decapsulation. The tupple for this ICAP vFlow is VXLAN of vPG bridge-domain. This will hinder any additional vFlow the user has to create from vPG traffic on the egress side.

## **VTEP Tunnel Creation in Hybrid Mode**

In Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1 or later, when hybrid mode feature is enabled two tunnels are created, one for standard and one for transparent mode as shown in the figure below.

- In standard mode, auto-tunnel naming follows the standard rules. In transparent mode, the keyword \_transparent\_mode is appended.
- A transparent mode tunnel uses the same tunnel source and tunnel destination as a standard tunnel, but with MAC learning disabled and enabled for transparent as well as standard tunnel respectively.



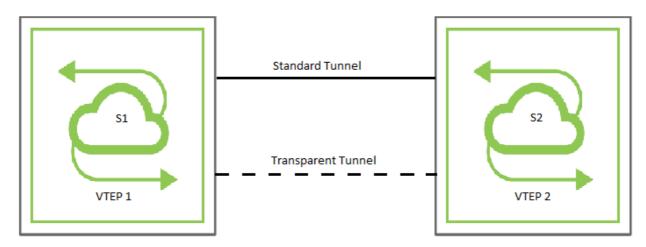


Figure 11-4 - Switches with two auto tunnels in Hybrid mode

For more details, visit the Configuring the Overlay: VTEP Interconnections and VNIs topic.



#### **Use Cases for Network Packet Broker**

 From Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, you can add the same port to multiple destination vPGs.

For example, you can add a common port to two distinct destination vPGs dvpg1 and dvpg2 to obtain partially overlapping traffic on the destination ports, as demonstrated by the configuration steps below:

#### Configure the source vPG:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vpg-create name svpg1 type source ports 27
```

Configure destination vPGs dvpg1 and dvpg2 with a common port 30:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf2) > vpg-create name dvpg1 type destination ports 30,40
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf2) > vpg-create name dvpg2 type destination ports 30
```

Configure vFlows that forward ICMP traffic to dvpg1 and HTTP traffic to dvpg2.

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name flow1 scope fabric src-vpg svpg1 dst-vpg dvpg1 proto icmp
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name flow2 scope fabric src-vpg svpg1 dst-vpg dvpg2 proto http
```

With this configuration, port 30 receives both HTTP and ICMP traffic as it is a part of both the destination vPGs, while port 40 receives ICMP traffic alone.

• From Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, to configure a vFlow to send traffic from a source vPG to destination vPG after stripping the outer VLAN tag of single-tagged or double-tagged packets, use the vFlow action strip-outer-vlan. For example:

• From Netvisor ONE 6.1.0 onward, the vFlow parameters src-mac and dst-mac are supported in the System-VCAP table in addition to the System-L1-L4 table. This enhancement allows you to use these parameters while configuring the Network Packet Broker (NPB) solution. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 scope fabric src-mac 00::0a dst-mac 00::aa src-vpg vpg1 dst-vpg vpg2
```



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show format,name,id,scope,in-port,src-mac,dst-mac,src-vpq,dst-vpq,table-name

• Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 introduces the inner-vlan vFlow parameter to support filtering of traffic based on the inner VLAN of a QinQ frame. This parameter is supported by the System-L1-L4 hardware table and can be configured as part of NPB deployments. You can set a metadata value for the NPB vFlow in System-VCAP table, and this value can be supplied along with inner-vlan parameter in another vFlow for filtration of NPB traffic based on inner VLAN ID.

For example, create a NPB vFlow and assign a metadata value to it:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vflow2 scope fabric src-vpg vPG1 dst-vpg vPG2 set-metadata action-value 201
```

Use the metadata value to configure vFlows that permit and drop NPB traffic with respect to the inner-vlan parameter.

Create a vFlow to permit NPB traffic with inner VLAN ID 10:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vflow3 scope

#### Create a vFlow to drop all other NPB traffic:

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CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vflow4 scope fabric metadata 201 precedence 13 action drop

 Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 supports the configuration of a vFlow action along with traffic redirection from a source vPG to a destination vPG, using a single command. In earlier versions of Netvisor ONE, this required two separate vFlow commands: one for configuring source and destination vPGs and another for configuring the action.

For example, you can configure an action of setvlan to assign a VLAN to all the packets that are copied between the source and destination vPGs:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vflow-create name TAP1-TOOL2 scope fabric proto tcp src-vpg TAP-GROUP-1 dst-vpg TOOL-GROUP-2 action setvlan action-value 20
```

The command above assigns VLAN 20 to the copied packets.



## **Understanding Port Mirroring**

The port mirroring feature is used to gain visibility into the traffic flowing through the network, which assists in troubleshooting connectivity issues and monitoring the performance of network devices. Port mirroring copies traffic from specific ports on a switch to other ports on the same switch or a different switch. To analyze the traffic, you must configure a destination port for the mirrored traffic where network analyzer tools can be connected. Consider the use case of an application that needs access to data flowing through the switch, but does not want to impede the flow. The port mirroring feature can provide the configuration required by this application.

Netvisor ONE supports three distinct port mirroring functionalities:

**Local Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN) mode:** The simplest port mirroring configuration which copies traffic from one or more source ports to one or more destination ports on the same switch.

**Remote Switched Port Analyzer (RSPAN) mode:** An extension of SPAN which copies packets between different switches by using a special user-specified VLAN to carry the traffic. This feature enables remote monitoring of multiple switches.

**Encapsulated Remote Switched Port Analyzer (ERSPAN) mode:** This configuration transfers mirrored traffic over a routed network (over IP) with GRE encapsulation.



## **Configuring Port Mirroring**

You can create a port mirror and configure the parameters using the mirror-create command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create

mirror-create	Create mirrored ports.
name name-string	Specify a mirror name.
Specify the following options:	
direction [ingress egress bidirectional]	Specify the direction of the traffic on the source port to be mirrored. Use this option to mirror the traffic that is received on source ports or traffic that leaves source ports, or both. The default direction is ingress.
out-port port-list	Specify one or more outgoing traffic ports.
out-trunk <i>trunk name</i>	Specifying outgoing traffic trunk (link aggregation). out-trunk option load balances the outgoing traffic among trunk ports. You can either configure an out-port or an out-trunk.
in-port port-list	Specify one or more incoming traffic ports. The in-ports can overlap among other mirror instances.
<pre>filtering [port vflow-and- port vflow-or-port]</pre>	Specify the traffic filter policy. With vflow-and-port policy, only if a packet matches both the vFlow and the in-port for the mirror will it get mirrored. With vflow-or-port policy, the packet gets mirrored if it matches either the vFlow or the in-port of the mirror.
enable disable	Enable or disable the mirror. A mirror, once created, is enabled by default.
other-egress-out [allow  prevent]	Specify to allow or prevent switching of other traffic to out-port. The default status is prevent.
span-encap [none over-ip over-vlan]	Specify the mirror encapsulation type.  Specify over-ip to enable ERSPAN and over-vlan to enable RSPAN. The default is none.
span-local-ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the local IPv4 address.
span-remote-ip ip-address	Specify the remote IPv4 address.



span-src-mac mac-address	Specify the source MAC address for the mirror.
span-dst-mac mac-address	Specify the destination MAC address for the mirror.
span-tagging-vlan vlan-id	Specify the mirror SPAN tagging VLAN ID. This VLAN carries the traffic in RSPAN configuration.
span-tos 0255	Specify the mirror SPAN Type of Service (ToS) as a value between 0 and 255.
nvie-mirror no-nvie-mirror	Specify to mark/unmark this mirror as an NVIE mirror used to mirror traffic to NVIE virtual machines.

#### **Configuring Local SPAN**

For Local SPAN, the in-port and out-port are on the same switch. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name mirror1 direction ingress in-port 10 out-port 15
```

Netvisor ONE defines a mirror configuration, but does not add any traffic into that mirror. A sniffer tool like Wireshark can capture and analyze the mirrored traffic at the destination port. You can modify a mirror configuration by using the mirror-modify command. To view the details of a mirror configuration, use the mirror-show command.

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name mirror2 direction bidirection out-port 10 in-port 15
```

The details of the mirror configured above can be viewed using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-show layout vertical

name: mirror2
direction: bidirection

out-port: 10
in-port: 15
filtering: port
enable: yes
other-egress-out: prevent
nvie-mirror: false

To modify the above configuration, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-modify name mirror2 outport 20
```

To view the modified configuration, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-show layout vertical
```



name: mirror2
direction: bidirection

out-port: 20
in-port: 15
filtering: port
enable: yes
other-egress-out: prevent
nvie-mirror: false

Use the following command to modify a configuration and setup mirroring to send traffic from a range of data ports to a destination SPAN port.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-modify mirror25 in-port 1-5 out-port 50
```

To disable the configuration, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-modify mirror25 in-port 1-5 out-port 50 disable
```

By default, a port configured as out-port of a mirror only functions as egress port for mirrored traffic. The out-port does not allow transit traffic to flow through which, in certain cases, can lead to traffic black holing. To overcome this problem, the out-port may be configured to allow other egress traffic. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > mirror-create name mirror20 direction ingress in-port 81 out-port 86 other-egress-out allow
```

#### **Configuring Multiple Port Mirrors**

Netvisor ONE supports the creation of multiple mirrors. At a time, up to four unidirectional mirrors can be configured on any platform.

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name rule1 in-port 1,2 out-port 50 span-encap over-vlan span-tagging-vlan 50 CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name rule2 in-port 3,4 out-port 51 span-encap over-vlan span-tagging-vlan 50 CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name rule3 in-port 5,6 out-port 52 span-encap over-vlan span-tagging-vlan 50 CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name rule4 in-port 7,8 out-port 53 span-encap over-vlan span-tagging-vlan 50
```

**Note:** All platforms support two bidirectional or four unidirectional mirrors. They also support either an out-port or an out-trunk per mirror.



## **Configuring Remote Port Mirroring**

#### **Configuring VLAN-based Remote Port Mirroring**

Remote port mirroring copies traffic between different switches and the mirrored traffic is carried over a specified VLAN. This functionality is also known as RSPAN.

Take for example, the topology below:

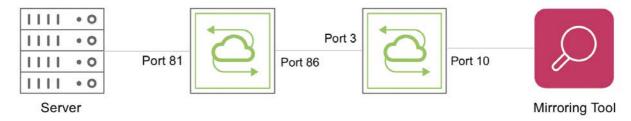


Figure 11-5: VLAN-based Remote Port Mirroring Topology

To configure remote port mirroring over a VLAN, you must first create a mirror instance on the source switch (switch1). You must also specify over-vlan as encapsulation scheme. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > mirror-create name mirror33 direction ingress in-port 81 out-port 86 other-egress-out allow span-encap over-vlan span-tagging-vlan 200

Use the mirror-show command to view the configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > mirror-show

name: mirror33 direction: ingress

out-port: 86
in-port: 81
filtering: port
enable: yes
other-egress-out: allow
span-encap: over-vlan

span-tagging-vlan: 200
nvie-mirror: false

This command tags all ingress packets on port 81 with VLAN 200 and these packets are sent out on port 86. If VLAN 200 is not configured on switch2, the packets are dropped at port 3. Thus, VLAN 200 must be configured on port 3 and port 10 of switch2.

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vlan-create id 200 scope local ports 3,10

The alternate method is to configure a mirror on switch 2 with a VLAN 200 tagging.

For example:



CLI (network-admin@switch2) > mirror-create name mirror35 inport 3 out-port 10 span-encap over-vlan span-tagging-vlan 200

Use the mirror-show command to view the configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > mirror-show

name: mirror35 direction: ingress

out-port: 10
in-port: 3
filtering: port
enable: yes
other-egress-out: prevent
span-encap: over-vlan

span-tagging-vlan: 200
nvie-mirror: false

With this configuration, the mirrored packets can be analyzed at port 10 of switch 2 by using a packet analyzer tool.

**Note**: If the path for the mirrored packets to reach the destination include multiple switches, the SPAN tagging VLAN must be configured on all the intermediate switches.

#### **Configuring IP-based Remote Port Mirroring**

Remote port mirroring can be configured to send packets to a destination reachable over Layer 3. This is achieved by encapsulating mirrored packets with an L3 header so that the packets can be routed. This functionality is also known as ERSPAN.

Consider for example, the topology below:

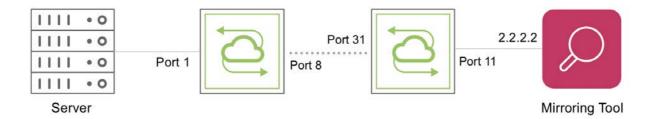


Figure 11-6 - IP-based Remote Port Mirroring Topology

To create a mirror over IP configuration, you must specify over-ip as encapsulation scheme.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > mirror-create name mirror37 inport 1 out-port 8 span-encap over-ip span-local-ip 1.1.1.1 span-remote-ip 2.2.2.2 span-src-mac 33:44:55:66:77:88 spandst-mac 99:aa:bb:cc:dd:ee other-egress-out allow

To view the configuration, use the mirror-show command:



CLI (network-admin@switch1) > mirror-show layout vertical

switch: switch1
name: mirror37
direction: ingress

out-port: 8
in-port: 1
filtering: port
enable: yes
other-egress-out: allow
span-encap: over-ip
span-local-ip: 1.1.1.1
span-remote-ip: 2.2.2.2

span-tos: 0
nvie-mirror: false

Note that the IP-based configuration has local and remote IP addresses and MAC addresses explicitly specified. VLAN tagging and ToS setting are optional parameters.

- span-local-ip and span-src-mac can be specified as the router IP and MAC addresses of the local switch on which the mirror is created.
- span-remote-ip must be the IP address of the packet analyzer tool.
- span-dst-mac must be the next-hop MAC address.
- other-egress-out allow must be configured as the L3 protocol fails to come up otherwise.
- out-port must be the egress port to reach the next-hop IP address.

**Note:** The local router should have a route to reach the packet analyzer's IP address.



# **Configuring vFlow Filters with Port Mirrors for Logging Packets**

A vFlow filter, in conjunction with a port mirror, gives granular control over the traffic that is mirrored through SPAN, RSPAN, or ERSPAN configurations. By configuring a vFlow with a mirror, you can select the traffic you need for analysis with precision.

To create a vFlow-mirror, you should first configure a port mirror and you must identify the SPAN port before configuring the port mirror. For example,

To create a port mirror *mirror11*, use:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name mirror11 outport 130 in-port 1-128 filtering vflow-and-port
```

To view the details:

**Note**: The SPAN Port is different for each platform. For NRU02 platform, the SPAN port is *port* 130.

To create the corresponding vFlow - to\_mirror, use the vflow-create command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name to_mirror scope local mirror mirror11 src-ip 100.1.1.200 dst-ip 10.0.40.2 precedence default action none
```

The vflow-create command allows numerous filtering policies. Refer to the Configuring and Using vFlows chapter for more information.

To view the details, use the command:

A logical combination of a port mirror and a vFlow-based one can be configured using the filtering parameter in the vflow-create command.

• Use the port option to consider only the parameters configured in the mirror-create command for filtering the traffic.



- Use the vflow-or-port option to mirror traffic that meets either the vFlow or the mirror constraints. With this option, packets that match either the vFlow policy or the in-port parameter of the mirror get mirrored.
- Use the vflow-and-port option to mirror traffic that meets both the vFlow and the mirror constraints. With this option, only packets that match both the vFlow policy and the in-port parameter of the mirror get mirrored.

**Note:** IP-based remote port mirroring supports only sources (in-port) in the ingress direction with vflow-and-port filtering. This limitation applies to all platforms.

#### For Remote SPAN (RSPAN):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name mirror5 out-
port 80 in-port 40 filtering vflow-and-port span-encap over-
vlan span-tagging-vlan 300
```

Note: Port 80 is associated with VLAN 300.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 scope local dst-ip 10.10.10.10 action none mirror mirror5
```

With the above configuration, only the packets that ingress on port 40 of switch with a destination IP address of 10.10.10.10 are mirrored.

For packet logging to local SPAN port on platforms that have rear-facing NICs:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > mirror-create name mirror5 outport 80 in-port 40 filtering vflow-and-port
```

where out-port parameter is the rear-facing NIC SPAN port.

**Note**: Use topdump command on Linux shell with rear-facing NIC SPAN port interface to create a PCAP file or to view the traffic live.

#### **Guidelines to remember while configuring SPAN port:**

• To view the SPAN port, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > port-cos-rate-setting-show port span-ports format port,ports, port ports ----- span-ports 130
```

here, 130 is the SPAN port for the switch.



• To determine the physical SPAN port interface used for *tcpdump* in Linux shell, use the command:

where, "data1" determines the span port physical interface (which is "em2" in this case). This "em2" interface must be used along with tcpdump to capture the packets.

 You can set the aggregate egress rate limit for traffic to the local SPAN port depending on the CPU utilization and traffic profile. For example, to set the limit to 100 MB, use the command:

For a more granular rate setting, use the port-cos-rate-setting-modify command.



## **Understanding and Configuring SNMP**

This chapter provides information for understanding and configuring SNMP services on Netvisor ONE switches using the Pluribus Networks Netvisor ONE Command Line Interface (CLI).

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## **Overview - Understanding and Configuring SNMP**

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is an application-layer protocol used to manage and monitor network devices and functions. SNMP provides a common language for network devices to relay management information between network elements and monitor the health of network devices such as routers, switches, access points, and even devices such as UPS, printers etc. SNMP is part of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) protocol suite and comes bundled with an SNMP agent. The SNMP agents are configured and enabled to communicate with the network management system (NMS).



## **Configuring SNMP**

Netvisor ONE supports SNMP v1, v2, and v3 and the implementation is based on Net-SNMP, where the SNMP daemon runs as a service. When an external browser or SNMP collector contacts the SNMP daemon on Netvisor, the SNMP daemon queries the nvOSd for details.

Netvisor ONE uses SNMP only for monitoring the network: that is, you can use the SNMP service for read-only MIB support and does not provide support for managing the network. The following sections explain how to configure access controls and enable SNMP on a switch.

**Note:** To configure SNMP v1 and v2, you must create community strings and for SNMP v3, you should create users.

#### **Activating the SNMP Service**

By default, the SNMP service is disabled on Netvisor ONE. You can enable the SNMP service by using the admin-service-modify command. Netvisor ONE retains the status of the SNMP service (enabled or disabled) when you upgrade from one release version to another version.

To enable SNMP service, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) admin-service-modify if *if-string* snmp|no-snmp

if if-string	Specify the administrative service interface. The options are mgmt or data.
snmp no-snmp	Specify to enable or disable SNMP.

To enable SNMP service through management interface, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch)admin-service-modify if mgmt snmp

To enable SNMP service on data interface, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch)admin-service-modify if data snmp

The above commands launch the daemon, sub-agents, and opens the firewall so that remote queries can reach the daemon. Use the no-snmp parameter for disabling SNMP service on the administrative interface:

CLI (network-admin@switch)admin-service-modify if mgmt no-snmp

For using SNMP services, you must configure access controls either by creating SNMP communities and/or by creating SNMP users.



## **Creating SNMP Communities on SNMP V1 and V2**

SNMPv1 and v2 protocol uses communities as a method of controlling access to information. A community consists of the community string and community type. You can create a community using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-community-create community-string community-string community-type read-only|read-write

community-string community- string-string	Specify a community name
community-type read-only read- write	Specify the community type having readonly or read-write privileges.

For example, to create a SNMP community string named, **community1**, with read-only privileges, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-community-create community-
string community1 community-type read-only
```

In Netvisor ONE, the snmp-show command enables an SNMP walk internally on specific MIB tables or MIB elements. You can run an SNMP walk from any host where SNMP software is enabled.

To display the details of a Pluribus custom MIB using SNMP walk, pnFabricTable, use the command:

To modify the SNMP community, **community1**, to read-write, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-community-modify community-
string community1 community-type read-write
```

To display information about the SNMP community, **community1**, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-community-show communitystring community1



```
switch community-string community-type
-----
switch community1 read-write
```

To delete the SNMP community, **community1**, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-community-delete community-
string community1
```

#### **Enabling SNMP Walk**

To run an SNMP walk on the supported switches, you must ensure:

 The SNMP service is enabled on the switch by using the admin-service-show command:

• The community-string is configured correctly on the switch using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-community-show switch community-string community-type ----- switch community1 read-write
```

For more details, see the Creating SNMP Communities section.

• To get traps for particular SNMP trap receiver or NMS software, configure the SNMP trap sink host using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-sink-create community
<community-string-name> type TRAP_TYPE_V2C_TRAP dest-host
<destination-host>
```

For more details, see the Enabling SNMP Traps section.



### **Creating SNMP Users on SNMPv3**

The SNMPv3 protocol supports the creation of users and optionally allows the usage of authentication and encryption. Netvisor ONE supports SHA or MD5 as authentication protocols and DES as the encryption algorithm. The default authentication protocol is SHA, however, Netvisor allows you to change the authentication protocol to MD5 by using the CLI.

• You can also create a user without providing the authentication and privilege password options. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-create user-name name-
string auth priv
```

• To create a user by providing the authentication and privilege passwords for encryption, use the following command. You must provide a password for authentication (auth-password) and encryption (priv-password):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-create user-name user-name-string auth-password auth-password-string [auth|no-auth] [auth-hash md5|sha] priv-password priv-password-string [priv|no-priv]
```

• To create the user, pluribus, with an authentication password and authentication hash as SHA1, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-create user-name
pluribus auth auth-hash sha
auth password: *******
confirm password: *******
```

The password should have at least eight (8) characters and can be a combination of letters, numbers, and special characters.

 To modify the SNMP user and add privilege with a password, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-modify user-name pluribus auth-password auth priv-password priv priv-password priv auth password: *******

confirm password: *******

priv password: ******

confirm password: *******
```

To display information about the SNMP user created earlier, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-show user-name pluribus user-name auth-hash priv
```



pluribus yes sha yes

• Create another user with user name, pluribus 2 and authentication hash as MD5:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-create user-name pluribus2 auth auth-password priv priv-password auth-hash md5

```
auth password:*****
confirm auth password:*****
priv password:*****
confirm priv password:******
```

To display the details, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-show

```
switch user-name auth auth-hash priv
----- switch pluribus1 yes sha yes
switch pluribus2 yes md5 yes
```

- To delete the SNMP user, use the snmp-user-delete command: CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-user-delete user-name
- After you create the SNMP user, you must grant permission to view the SNMP objects by using the View Access Control Model (VACM). To grant permission, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-vacm-create user-name snmp-user user-type [rouser|rwuser] oid-restrict oid-restrict-string [auth|no-auth] [priv|no-priv]
```

The parameter, oid-restrict, is an optional argument and specifies a MIB sub-tree with a restricted view. In other words, if you specify an OID, you can only see that OID and the descendants in the tree.

• Using the snmp-vacm-create command can restrict a particular user, snmp-user from accessing a specified OID. For example, to restrict access to sysContact OID, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-vacm-create user-name snmp-
user user-type rouser oid-restrict sysContact no-auth no-priv
```

• To modify the VACM configuration of the user and to change from no authentication to authentication, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-vacm-modify user-name snmp-user user-type rouser auth
```

To display information about the VACM configuration, use the snmp-vacm-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-vacm-show
```



```
user-type user-name oid-restrict view auth priv
-----
rouser snmp-user sysContact no no
```

• To delete the VACM of the user from the SNMP configuration, use the snmp-vacm-delete command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-vacm-delete user-name snmpuser



## **Modifying the SNMP Engine ID**

Netvisor ONE allows you to modify the SNMP Engine ID and retrieve previous SNMP agent information for a switch that is no longer in use. The SNMP Engine ID is used only by SNMPv3 entities for uniquely identifying the V3 entries.

If you remove a switch due to an RMA or other reasons from the network, you can modify the SNMP Engine ID to use the old SNMP Engine ID. This enables Netvisor ONE to query and maintain the same history records for the new switch. The SNMP engine ID is a unique string of characters specific to a switch and identifies the device for administrative purposes.

After modifying the SNMP engine ID, you must recreate the SNMP user. To modify the SNMP engine ID, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-engineid-modify engineid
<string>

engineid string Specify the 28 character unique ID for the SNMP engine.	
---	--

For example, to modify the SNMP engine ID, use the steps below:

• View the current SNMP engine ID by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > running-config-show | grep snmp snmp-engineid-modify engineid 0x80001f8880077f7820da49395a0000000
```

You can also view the SNMP engine ID using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch*) > snmp-engineid-show engineid: 0x80001f8880077f7820da49395a00000000
```

The asterisk (\*) next to the switch name in the above command indicates a specific local switch.

• To modify the above SNMP engine ID to 0x80001f8880077f7820da49395a0000001, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-engineid-modify engineid 0x80001f8880077f7820da49395a00000001 Warning: All SNMP users will be erased.
```

```
Please confirm y/n (Default: n):y Modified snmp engineID, Deleted all SNMP users.Please recreate SNMP users.
```

• View the modified SNMP engine ID using the command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > running-config-show | grep snmp snmp-engineid-modify engineid 0x80001f8880077f7820da49395a0000001

To display the SNMP engine IDs configured on the switches in a fabric, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@aries-vxlan-01) > snmp-engineid-show

switch: aries-vxlan-01

engineid: 0x80001f8880f3ac9a7e4b3fb15c00000000

switch: ursa-vxlan-01

engineid: 0x80001f888030aae147f240b15c00000000

switch: ursa-vxlan-02

engineid: 0x80001f8880cae2b0662f40b15c00000000



## **Supported SNMP MIBs**

Netvisor ONE supports several MIBs which are run in a sub-agent to the SNMP daemon (master). Netvisor ONE uses the AgentX protocol for communicating between the SNMP daemon and the sub-agent.

When you issue an snmp-show command, the SNMP daemon receives the SNMP walk request and transfers the call to a sub-agent based on the SNMP OID of the request. The sub-agent populates the SNMP container to Netvisor ONE and displays the data. Netvisor ONE supports the following MIBs:

- IfTable (IF-MIB)
- IfXTable (IF-MIB)
- EntPhySensorTable (ENTITY-SENSOR-MIB)
- BGP MIB. The following BGPv4 tables are supported:
  - o bgpPeerTable
  - o bgp4PathAttrTable
- OSPF MIB. The following OSPF tables are supported:
  - o ospfGeneralGroupTable
  - o ospfAreaTable
  - o ospfLsdbTable
  - o ospflfTable
  - o ospfExtLsdbTable
  - o ospfNbrTable
  - o ospflfMetricTable
- OSPFv3 MIB Tables. The following OSPFv3 tables are supported:
  - o ospfrv3GenealGroupTable
  - o ospfv3AreaTable
  - o ospfv3NbrTable
  - o ospfv3lfTable
  - o ospfv3AreaLsdbTable
  - o ospfv3AsLsdbTable
  - o ospfv3LinkLsdbTable
- IEEE8021-Q-BRIDGE-MIB (ieee8021QBridgePortVlanStatisticsTable)
- IEEE8021-Q-BRIDGE-MIB (ieee8021QBridgeVlanStaticTable)
- IEEE8021-SPANNING-TREE-MIB (ieee8021SpanningTreePortTable)
- IEEE8021-SPANNING-TREE-MIB (ieee8021SpanningTreeTable)
- IP-MIB (ipv4InterfaceTable, ipv6InterfaceTable)
- DISMAN-EVENT-MIB
- UCD-SNMP-MIB
- Pluribus Enterprise PN-VRRP-MIB (supports IPv6 VRRP state change)
- Pluribus Enterprise PN-HR-MIB (pnHrCPUTable, pnHRMemTable)
- Pluribus Enterprise PN-FABRIC-MIB (pnFabricTable)
- Pluribus Enterprise PN-COS-MIB (pnCosStatsTable, pnCosBezelStatsTable)
- Pluribus Enterprise PN-LOG-MIB (pnLogMatchName, pnLogFileName, pnLogMatchData, pnLogMatchCount)

**Note:** Pluribus Enterprise PN-LOG-MIB is used for the generation of message-based traps only.



Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0 adds a new OID (pnVrrpPreemptMode.0) to the Pluribus proprietary PN-VRRP-MIB, which is mapped to the standard VRRP-MIB v3. The value of this OID is 'true(1)' when VRRP preempt mode is enabled (default status) and 'false(2)' when VRRP preempt mode is disabled.

The above MIBs consolidate into a single sub-agent, called **nvOS\_snmpd** agent, which communicates with the master SNMP daemon and serves requests to the MIBs. All the MIBs except the routing MIBs are part of the **nvOS\_snmpd** agent.



### **Routing MIBs**

For the OSPF and BGP routing MIBs, Netvisor ONE hosts the routing protocols inside a vRouter. Use the commands vrouter-create and vrouter-modify to enable the routing MIBs. You can also enable the SNMP notifications for OSPF and BGP protocols while enabling the routing MIBs. Enabling Routing MIBs is supported only on individual vRouters in a fabric. You can enable routing MIBs only on one node at a time.

To enable or disable the BGP and OSPF routing MIBs on a vRouter, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name name-string

Specify one or more options:	
bgp-snmp no-bgp-snm	Enable or disable BGP SNMP MIB.
bgp-snmp-notification no-bgp-snmp- notification	Enable or disable BGP SNMP notifications.
ospf-snmp no-ospf-snmp	Enable or disable OSPF SNMP MIB.
ospf-snmp-notification no-ospf- snmp-notification	Enable or disable OSPF SNMP notifications.
ospf6-snmp no-ospf6-snmp	Enable or disable OSPFv3 SNMP MIB.
ospf6-snmp-notification no-ospf6-snmp-notification	Enable or disable OSPFv3 SNMP notifications
ip-snmp no-ip-snmp	Enable or disable ipForward SNMP MIB.

For example, to create a vrouter, **vr1** and to enable the routing MIBs and notifications on **vr1**, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create vrl bgp-snmp bgp-snmp-notification ospf-snmp ospf-snmp-notification

Use the vrouter-modify command to modify or disable the SNMP notifications:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-modify vrl bgp-snmp no-bgp-snmp-notification ospf-snmp no-ospf-snmp-notification



### **Configuring SNMP Traps**

To enable SNMP traps, you must:

- 1. Create an SNMP trap sink (set up a destination host). Use separate commands for SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c and SNMPv3 to setup the destination host.
- 2. Enable the SNMP traps to be sent.

#### **Configuring SNMP Trap Sink**

To set up the destination host for SNMPv1 or SNMPv2c, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-sink-create community community-string [type TRAP\_TYPE\_V1\_TRAP|TRAP\_TYPE\_V2C\_TRAP|TRAP\_TYPE\_V2\_INFORM] dest-host dest-host-string [dest-port dest-port-number]

community community-string	Specify the community type.
[type TRAP_TYPE_V1_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V2C_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V2_INFORM]	Specify the trap type. The default trap is: TRAP_TYPE_V2C_TRAP.
dest-host dest-host-string	Specify the destination host. This can be an IP address or a hostname.
[dest-port dest-port-number]	Specify the destination port. The default port number is 162.

For example, to create a community *test1*, with destination host as *lyra10.pluribusnetworks.com* and trap type as *TRAP\_TYPE\_V1\_TRAP*, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-sink-create community test1 dest-host lyra10.pluribusnetworks.com type TRAP\_TYPE\_V1\_TRAP

This command sends the SNMPv1 traps to a receiver on the host *lyra10* with the community string *test1*.

To setup the destination host for SNMPv3 trap receiver, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-v3-trap-sink-create user-name user-name-string [type TRAP\_TYPE\_V3\_TRAP|
TRAP\_TYPE\_V3\_INFORM] dest-host dest-host-string [dest-port dest-port-number]

user-name user-name-string	Specify the user name for the SNMPv3 trap.
[type TRAP_TYPE_V3_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V3_INFORM]	Specify the SNMPv3 trap type.



dest-host dest-host-string	Specify the destination host.
[dest-port dest-port-number]	Specify the destination port number. The default port number is 162

For example, to configure SNMPv3 traps for user *test2*, with destination host as *lyra10.pluribusnetworks.com* and with authentication enabled, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-v3-trap-sink-create username test2 dest-host lyra10.pluribusnetworks.com auth

This command configures the traps to be sent to *lyra10* with the username *test2*, engine id *0xABCDEF* and with authentication enabled. You will be prompted for an authentication password with this command.

#### **Enabling SNMP Traps**

After configuring the destination, you must enable the type of traps to be sent using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-enable-modify

Specify one or more of the following options:	
link-up-down no-link-up-down	Enable or disable traps for the port link state changes.
interface-up-down no- interface-up-down	Enable or disable traps for vRouter interface status.
default-monitors no-default-monitors	Enable or disable traps for default monitoring.
physical-sensors no-physical-sensors	Enable or disable physical sensor traps for temperature, fan speed, etc.
low-disk-space no-low-disk- space	Enable or disable traps for low disk space.
low-disk-space-threshold low-disk-space-threshold-string	Specify the Threshold value of low-disk-space in percentage.
system-usage no-system-usage	Enable or disable traps for memory and CPU usage.
high-system-usage-threshold high-system-usage-threshold- string	Specify the Threshold value of system-usage in percentage.
login-failure no-login- failure	Enable or disable traps for incorrect passwords during login.
cluster-tr-diverge no- cluster-tr-diverge	Enable or disable traps when cluster transaction lists diverge.



lacp-status no-lacp-status	Enable or disable traps for LACP status.
<pre>vport-modified no-vport- modified</pre>	Enable or disable vPort modification traps.
stp-port-modified no-stp-port-modified	Enable or disable STP port modification traps.
mirror-to-cpu no-mirror-to- cpu	Enable or disable traps when mirror to CPU is configured.
stp-port-state-failed no-stp-port-state-failed	Enable or disable STP port state failed traps.
link-congestion-detected   no- link-congestion-detected	Enable or disable traps for link congestion detection.
fabric-node-state-changed no-fabric-node-state-changed	Enable or disable traps for fabric node state changes.
stp-new-root no-stp-new-root	Enable or disable traps when new STP root is detected.
stp-topology-changed no-stp- topology-changed	Enable or disable traps for STP topology changes.
vrrp-new-master no-vrrp-new-master	Enable or disable traps for VRRP master changes.
disable-start-stop no- disable-start-stop	Enable or disable traps for disable start/stop.
cert-expiry no-cert-expiry	Enable or disable traps for the expiry of the Netvisor ONE certificates (shipped with the switches).
sysup-alert no-sysup-alert	Enable or disable traps for system up alert.
port-oir-error-state no-port- oir-error-state	Enable or disable traps for port OIR error.
port-bw-threshold-exceed- event no-port-bw-threshold- exceed-event	Enable or disable traps for port bandwidth usage exceeding the threshold or falling below the threshold.

The above command enables the notifications to be sent out when a link changes the state to up or down.

Further, You can enable SNMP trap notifications for the following events:

- Physical interface is up/down
- Data/vRouter interface is up/down
- CPU usage is higher than the configured threshold
- Memory utilization is higher than the configured threshold
- Disk utilization is higher than the configured threshold



- STP port is modified
- vPort is modified
- LAG/vLAG status changes
- Mirror-to-CPU vFlow is configured
- Link congestion is detected
- Fabric node state changes
- New STP root is elected
- VRRP master changes
- Disable start/stop
- Netvisor ONE certificate expires
- System up alert
- Port OIR error
- Port bandwidth usage exceeds a threshold



### **Using Additional SNMP Commands**

You can use the following additional SNMP commands to check the details of the SNMP configuration and notifications on the Pluribus switches:

• snmp-trap-enable-show — Display enabled SNMP traps.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > snmp-trap-enable-show
link-up-down:
                                   no
interface-up-down:
                                   no
default-monitors:
                                   no
physical-sensors:
                                   no
low-disk-space:
                                   no
low-disk-space-threshold:
                                   no
system-usage:
                                  no
high-system-usage-threshold:
login-failure:
                                   no
cluster-tr-diverge:
                                   no
lacp-status:
                                   n \cap
vport-modified:
                                   no
stp-port-modified:
                                   no
mirror-to-cpu:
                                   no
stp-port-state-failed:
                                   no
link-congestion-detected:
                                   no
fabric-node-state-changed:
                                   no
stp-new-root:
                                   no
stp-topology-changed:
                                   no
vrrp-new-master:
                                   no
disable-start-stop:
                                   no
cert-expiry:
                                   no
sysup-alert:
                                   no
port-oir-error-state:
                                   no
port-bw-threshold-exceed-event:
                                   no
```

snmp-trap-sink-show — Display SNMP trap sinks.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-sink-show community community-string [type TRAP\_TYPE\_V1\_TRAP|TRAP\_TYPE\_V2C\_TRAP| TRAP\_TYPE\_V2\_INFORM] dest-host dest-host-string [dest-port dest-port-number]

community community-string	Specify the community type.
[type TRAP_TYPE_V1_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V2C_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V2_INFORM]	Specify the trap type. The default trap is: TRAP_TYPE_V2C_TRAP.
dest-host dest-host-string	Specify the destination host. This can be an IP address or a hostname.
[dest-port dest-port-number]	Specify the destination port. The default



#### port number is 162.

• snmp-trap-sink-delete — Delete SNMP trap sinks.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-trap-sink-delete community community-string dest-host dest-host-string

The above command deletes the SNMP trap sink for the specified community. For details about the command parameters, see the CLI table for the snmp-trap-sink-show command.

• snmp-v3-trap-sink-create — Used to specify an SNMPv3 trap receiver.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-v3-trap-sink-create user-name user-name-string [type TRAP\_TYPE\_V3\_TRAP|
TRAP\_TYPE\_V3\_INFORM] dest-host dest-host-string [dest-port dest-port-number]

user-name user-name-string	Specify the user name for the SNMPv3 trap.
[type TRAP_TYPE_V3_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V3_INFORM]	Specify the SNMPv3 trap type.
dest-host dest-host-string	Specify the destination host. This can be an IP address or a hostname.
[dest-port dest-port-number]	Specify the destination port number. The default port number is 162.

The above command enables you to create an SNMPv3 trap receiver.

snmp-v3-trap-sink-delete — Used to delete an SNMPv3 trap receiver.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-v3-trap-sink-delete user-name user-name-string dest-host dest-host-string [dest-port dest-port-number]

The above command deletes the SNMPv3 trap sink for the specified user. For details about the command parameters, see the CLI table for the snmp-v3-trap-sink-create command.

• snmp-v3-trap-sink-show — Used to display an SNMPv3 trap receiver information.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-v3-trap-sink-show user-name user-name-string dest-host dest-host-string [dest-port dest-port-number]

The above command displays the SNMPv3 trap receivers for the specified options (see table below). Specify one or more of the formatting options to display the output in the desired format.



Specify one or more options:	
user-name user-name-string	Displays the specified user name.
engine-id engine-id-string	Displays the engine ID.
[type TRAP_TYPE_V3_TRAP  TRAP_TYPE_V3_INFORM]	Displays the trap type.
dest-host dest-host-string	Displays the destination host.
dest-port dest-port-number	Displays the destination port.
auth no-auth	Displays the authentication status.
priv no-priv	Displays the privacy status.

 port-stats-snmp-show — Used to display the accumulated port statistics for SNMP.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-stats-snmp-show port port-list port-clear-count port-clear-count-number port-clear-time #d#h#m#s port\_clear\_time high resolution time: #ns all-ports

Specify any of the following options:		
port port-list	Displays one or more switch network data port numbers. The port number must be in the range of 1 to 64. Multiple ports can be specified as a commaseparated list of numbers or a range (-).	
port-clear-count port-clear-count-number	Displays the number of times port- stats-clear or trunk-stats- clear commands were issued on a port or trunk.	
<pre>port_clear_time high resolution time: #ns</pre>	Displays the high resolution time (ns) since the last port-stats-clear command.	
port-clear-time duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays the time since last port- stats-clear. It is initialized with time atnvOS_init by default.	
all-ports	A flag to specify if you want to view the stats of all ports on the switch. The default view contains only enabled ports.	
counter counter-number	Displays the counter number.	
ibytes ibytes-number	Displays the incoming number of bytes.	
ibits ibits-number	Displays the number of bits.	
iUpkts <i>iUpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming unicast	



	packets.
iBpkts <i>iBpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming broadcast packets.
iMpkts <i>iMpkts-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming multicast packets.
iPauseFs <i>iPauseFs-number</i>	Displays the number of incoming pause frames.
iCongDrops iCongDrops-number	Displays the number of incoming packets dropped due to congestion.
idiscards idiscards-number	Displays the number of incoming packets discarded.
ierrs ierrs-number	Displays the number of incoming errors.
obytes obytes-number	Displays the number of outgoing bytes.
oUpkts oUpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing unicast packets.
oBpkts oBpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing broadcast packets.
oMpkts oMpkts-number	Displays the number of outgoing multicast packets.
oPauseFs oPauseFs-number	Displays the number of outgoing pause frames.
oCongDrops oCongDrops-number	DisplaysDisplays the number of outgoing packets dropped due to congestion.
odiscards odiscards-number	Displays the number of outgoing discarded packets.
oerrs oerrs-number	Displays the number of outgoing errors.
mtu-errs mtu-errs-number	Displays the number of MTU errors.
HER-packets HER-pts-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) packets.
HER-bytes HER-bytes-number	Displays the number of Head End Replicated (HER) bytes.

 $\bullet$   ${\tt snmp-system-modify}$  — Modify the system information for the SNMP configuration.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-system-modify syscontact syscontact-string syslocation syslocation-string

Specify one or more options:	
syscontact syscontact-string	Specify or change the SNMP system



	contact.
syslocation syslocation- string	Specify or change the SNMP system location.

The above command enables you to modify the system details such as the system contact or location for the SNMP configuration.

• snmp-system-show — Displays the system details for the SNMP configurations.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > snmp-system-show

The above command displays the changed or modified system information for the SNMP configuration.



### **Supported SNMP Notifications (Traps)**

Netvisor ONE supports two types of SNMP notifications (a.k.a. traps): event-based and message-based traps.

Event-based traps are the traps generated by the SNMP agent based on specific events when an OID value changes. For example, when there is a change in <code>link-up-down</code> or <code>low-disk-space</code>. Message-based traps are triggered based on messages logged in the local logging mechanism. For instance, a <code>login-failure trap</code> is triggered when a login failure message is saved in the <code>/var/log/auth.log</code> log file. Message-based traps are of the type <code>pnLogMatchNotification</code>. For example, a <code>link-congestion</code> relieved trap message is as below:

```
DISMAN-EVENT-MIB::sysUpTimeInstance = Timeticks: (21245)
0:03:32.45
SNMPv2-MIB::snmpTrapOID.0 = OID: PN-LOG-
MIB::pnLogMatchNotification
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchName.4 = STRING: linkCongestionRelieved
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogFileName.4 = STRING: /nvOS/log/system.log
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchCount.4 = Gauge32: 15
PN-LOG-MIB::pnLogMatchData.4 = STRING: 2020-02-
24,19:28:46.985665-08:00 nru03-proto-1 nvOSd(24190) system
congestion_relieved_on_port(11402) : level=critical : port=126
: Congestion relieved on port=126
```

**Table 1** explains the supported SNMP notifications.

**Table 1: Details of Supported SNMP Notifications** 

Trap Name	Description	Trap Type	Trigger
link-up-down	Port link is up or down	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when a port is up or down.
default-monitors	Use default SNMP monitoring	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap for various error conditions.
physical-sensors	Physical sensors are enabled	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap for physical sensors such as power supplies and fans.
low-disk-space	Monitors for low-disk- space	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap if disk space is lower than threshold. The threshold can be set using the low-disk-space-threshold parameter in snmp-trap-enable-modify command. SNMP checks the output of the command, storage-pool-show.



system-usage	Monitors memory & CPU usage	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap if memory and CPU usage [Total CPU = sys + user] is greater than the threshold. The threshold can be set using the system-usage-threshold parameter in snmp-trap-enable-modify command. SNMP checks the output of the command, system-stats-show.
login-failure	Monitors login failures	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when user login with wrong password.
lacp-status	Monitors LACP enable or disable	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when the LACP state changes from enable to disabled or vice versa.
vport-modified	Monitors vPort modifications	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when vPort modifications occur on the switch.
stp-port-modified	Monitors STP port status	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when STP port state is modified using the command, switch-local stp-port-modify port 1 <block edge bpdu root-guard></block edge bpdu root-guard>
stp-port-state-failed	Monitors STP port state failures	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when STP port state is modified using the command, switch-local stp-port-modify port 128 edge bpdu-guard.
mirror-to-cpu	Monitors mirror-to-cpu configuration	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when created a vflow using the command, vflow-create name mirror scope local action copy-to-cpu and also generates a trap for perror.log.
link-congestion- detected	Monitors congestion drop at port	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap



			indicating a link is congested.
fabric-node-state- changed	Monitors fabric node states	Message-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap when the a fabric node changes state.
ospflfStateChange	Monitors OSPF interface states	Event-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when interface state changes from DR to Down or vice versa. Originator for this trap is by changing router-id.
ospfNbrStateChange	Monitors OSPF NBR states	Event-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when neighbor state changes from DR to Down or vice versa. Originator for this trap is designated router on broadcast networks.
bgpEstablished	Monitors BGP NBR state	Event-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when the BGP FSM enters the ESTABLISHED State. Originator for this trap is to bring up BGP session between two BGP Peers.
bgpBackwardTransition	Monitors BGP NBR state transition	Event-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when the BGP FSM moves from higher number to lower numbered state. Originator for this trap when BGP state changes from active to idle (higher state to lower state).
stp-new-root	Monitors new STP root	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap to monitor a new root for STP.
stp-topology-changed	Monitors STP topology change	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap to monitor topology changes for STP.
interface-up-down	Monitors vRouter interfaces	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap for an interface with the state up or down.
disable-start-stop	Monitors disable traps for start and stop	Event-based	If Enabled, This notification gets triggered to disable



			cold-start notifications. By default cold-start notifications are enabled.
fabric-node-state- changed	Monitors fabric node states	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap to monitor fabric node state changes.
vrrp-new-master	Monitors VRRP master changes	Event-based	If enabled, SNMP generates a trap to monitor VRRP master state changes.
ospfv3lfStateChange	Monitors OSPF Interface state changes	Event-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when interface state changes from DR to Down or vice versa.
ospfv3NbrStateChange	Monitors OSPF neighbor state changes	Event-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when neighbor state changes from DR to Down or vice versa. Originator for this trap is designated router on broadcast networks.
cluster-tr-diverge	Monitors Cluster Transaction list for divergence	Message-based	If enabled, this notification is triggered when Transaction Diverge message is generated in perror.log.
cert-expiry	Monitors expiry of Switch Certificate	Message-based	If enabled, this notification gets triggered when switch-certificate expires in xx number of days in /nvOS/log/event.log. You can control value of the number of days by using the cert-expiration-alert-modify <days-before-expiration> command.</days-before-expiration>
sysup-alert	Monitor whether all the admin up ports are made up. (L3, vLAG, orphan, cluster)	Message-based	If enabled, this notification gets triggered when you reboot the switch or restart nvOS.
port-bw-threshold- exceed-event	Monitors whether port bandwidth usage on a port exceeds or falls below a threshold.	Message-based	If enabled, this notification gets triggered when bandwidth usage on a port exceeds a configured threshold or when the usage falls below the threshold.



#### **Expected Behavior of Link Up/Down Traps**

The timing and generation of link-up-down traps for data ports are dependent on the sequence in which the ports are brought up and down.

The port bringup sequence when a switch boots up is:

- 1) Cluster ports, vxlan-loopback-trunk ports, and loopback ports
- 2) L3 ports
- 3) vLAG ports
- 4) Rest of the ports

The port bringdown sequence when a switch goes offline is:

- 1. Orphan ports (i.e., non-vLAG, non-L3, non-cluster, or any form of loopback ports)
- 2. vLAG ports
- 3. L3 ports
- 4. Rest of the ports (e.g. cluster ports and internal ports)

As can be seen from the bringup and bringdown sequences, cluster ports are the first ports to be brought up when a switch boots up and are among the last ports to go down when a switch goes offline. As the last ports are being brought down, link scan is disabled, implying that Netvisor ONE provides link-up notifications for cluster ports but there are no link-down notifications. Therefore, a mismatch can always be expected in the number of link-up and link-down SNMP traps, with the number of link-up traps being higher than the number of link-down traps.

Currently, defer-bringup option in port-config-modify command delays the time at which a port is brought up but does not affect the number of SNMP traps in any capacity. defer-bringup is enabled for all orphan ports by default. This prevents traffic loss by ensuring that other ports (e.g. cluster, vLAG, and L3 ports) are up and the network is ready before the orphan ports come up.

**Note:** Management ports, loopback ports, and internal ports do not have SNMP traps for link-up or link-down events.



# **Additional MIBs Supported in Netvisor ONE**

MIB	Description	
Entity-Sensor	This module defines Entity MIB extensions for physical sensors. The Entity Sensor MIB contains a single group called, entitySensorValueGroup, which allows objects to convey the current value and status of a physical sensor. Click here for the RFC details.	
	entPhySensorOperStatus — Object identifies the current operational status of the sensor (as it is known to the agent). For example, entPhySensorUnitsDisplay.1 STRING: Temp Outlet. >60 entPhySensorUnitsDisplay.2 STRING: Temp Inlet entPhySensorUnitsDisplay.22 STRING: PS1 Status.	
Host-Resources (For CPU Utilization)	Use this MIB in managing host systems. Click here for the RFC details.  To monitor the CPU utilization of the switch, use the custom MIB: PN-HR-MIB: PnHrCpuTable  To monitor the fabric node status change, use the custom MIB: PN-FABRIC-MIB: PnFabricTable	
IF-MIB, Entity-Sensor-MIB	The MIB module to describe generic objects for network interface sub-layers. This MIB is an updated version of the ifTable for MIB-II, and incorporates the extensions defined in RFC 1229.	
Pluribus Enterprise PN-VRRP-MIB	This MIB addresses the information collected with the VRRP master change trap and supports IPv6 VRRP state change.	



### Sample CLI outputs

To display the SNMP details for the OID leee8021SpanningTreeEntry, with the community-string community1, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@cetus-colo-01) > switch-local snmp-show community-string community1
name    Ieee8021SpanningTreeEntry show-type walk show-interval 1
switch name
                                                                  value
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeProtocolSpecification.1
                                                                  INTEGER: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeProtocolSpecification.144
                                                                 INTEGER: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeProtocolSpecification.4093
                                                                 INTEGER: 0
                                                                  INTEGER: 8193
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreePriority.1
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreePriority.144
                                                                  INTEGER: 8336
                                                                   INTEGER: 12285
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreePriority.4093
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeTimeSinceTopologyChange.1
                                                                  Timeticks: (0)
0:00:00.00 centi-seconds
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeTimeSinceTopologyChange.144
                                                                 Timeticks: (0)
0:00:00.00 centi-seconds
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeTimeSinceTopologyChange.4093
                                                                  Timeticks: (0)
0:00:00.00 centi-seconds
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeTopChanges.1
                                                                   Counter64: 0 topology
changes
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeTopChanges.144
                                                                   Counter64: 0 topology
                                                                   Counter64: 0 topology
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeTopChanges.4093
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeDesignatedRoot.1
                                                                   Hex-STRING: 66 0E 94 D2
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeDesignatedRoot.144
                                                                  Hex-STRING: 66 OE 94 D2
AF 08
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeDesignatedRoot.4093
                                                                  Hex-STRING: 66 OE 94 D2
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeRootCost.1
                                                                  INTEGER: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeRootCost.144
                                                                  INTEGER: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeRootCost.4093
                                                                  INTEGER: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeRootPort.1
                                                                  Gauge32: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeRootPort.144
                                                                  Gauge32: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeRootPort.4093
                                                                   Gauge32: 0
cetus-colo-01 ieee8021SpanningTreeMaxAge.1
                                                                   INTEGER: 20 centi-
seconds
```

To display the SNMP details for the OID, pnHRCpuTable, with the community-string community1, use the command:

To display the system details including the cpu-total output, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > system-stats-show format all
layout vertical



switch: Leaf1

uptime: 1d1h42m29s

used-mem: 62% used-mem-val: 9.19G used-swap: 0% used-swap-val: paging: 0 cpu-user: 8% cpu-sys: 12% cpu-total: 21% cpu-idle: 78%

To display the accumulated port statistics for SNMP, use the port-stats-snmp-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch1) > port-stats-snmp-show
```

switch: switch1

port: 12
ibits: 0
iUpkts: 0
iBpkts: 0
iMpkts: 0
iCongDrops: 0
ierrs: 0
ohits: 17

obits: 174M oUpkts: 1.32K oBpkts: 801 oMpkts: 73.6K

oCongDrops: 0
oerrs: 0
mtu-errs: 0

switch: switch1

port: 21 ibits: 374M iUpkts: 37.3K 579 iBpkts: iMpkts: 199K iCongDrops: 0 ierrs: 0 obits: 360M oUpkts: 37.3K oBpkts: oMpkts: 174K

oCongDrops: 0 oerrs: 0 mtu-errs: 0

To display the modified system information, for example, if you modified the system contact to bob@xyz.com with location as brisbane, use the snmp-system-show command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-04) > snmp-system-show
```



switch: switch-04
syscontact: bob@xyz.com
syslocation: brisbane

You can also view the details using an SNMP walk.



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version
snmp-community-create	Command with parameters first supported in version 2.0
snmp-community-delete	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-community-modify	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-community-show	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-engineid-modify	Command introduced in version 3.0.0
snmp-engineid-show	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-show	Command introduced in version 1.2.1
snmp-system-clear	Command introduced in version 3.1.0
snmp-system-modify	Command introduced in version 3.1.0
snmp-system-show	Command introduced in version 3.1.0
snmp-trap-enable-modify	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-trap-enable-show	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-trap-sink-create	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-trap-sink-delete	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-trap-sink-show	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-user-create	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-user-delete	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-user-modify	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-user-show	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-v3-trap-sink-create	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-v3-trap-sink-delete	Command introduced in version 2.0
snmp-v3-trap-sink-show	Command introduced in version 2.0

Refer to the Command Reference document for more details on the commands.



# **Related Documentation**

For more information on concepts mentioned in the SNMP chapter, refer to the documents below:

- Net-SNMP
- RFC2790
- RFC1229
- RFC3433



### **Configuring and Using vFlows**

This chapter provides information for understanding, configuring, and using the vFlow feature in Netvisor ONE using the Netvisor ONE CLI.

- Understanding vFlows and vFlow
   Objects
- Configuring the Administrative Scope and State
- Implementing the vFlow Policies
- Filtering of Traffic Flows
- Configuring vFlows with User Defined Fields (UDFs)
- Forwarding Action in vFlow Filtering
- Commands and Parameters Applicable to vFlow Traffic
- Refreshing vFlow Level Statistics for Long-lived Connections
- Configuring Ingress QoS Policing Based on Internal Priority
- Configuring Bridge Domain Aware vFlow
- Guidelines and Limitations
- Use Cases in vFlow
- Using Application Flows and Statistics
- Use Cases for Network Monitoring and Security
- Use cases for QoS
- vFlow Capability Changes in the Z9432F-ON Platforms



## **Understanding vFlows and vFlow Objects**

The vFlow functionality in Netvisor ONE is a unique Pluribus feature, which defines fabric-wide policies (using match conditions) to facilitate the manipulation and redirection of traffic flows using physical or logical filtering methods (using action parameters) at line rate. Netvisor ONE implements vFlow objects in hardware that have no impact on the forwarding performance of the switch.

The vFlows can be applied to traffic flows regardless of the forwarding method or provisioning construct employed. As such, vFlow objects can be implemented for bridging, routing and extended bridging operations and also for transparent forwarding services such as Virtual Wire and Virtual Link extension (vLE).

The vFlows can also be viewed as Access Control Lists (ACL) with advanced capabilities.

The vFlow functionality offers a versatile, programmable, and distributed method for implementing security access control policies, security service insertion, flow monitoring and telemetry, quality of service, and optimized flow-based forwarding.

In Netvisor ONE the vFlow filters operate at wirespeed without any performance degradation because the vflow actions and filtering are applied in the ASIC pipeline at line rate, which ensures no latency or performance degradation.

The vFlow object enables you to:

- Configure traffic filtering based on L2, L3, and L4 layer parameters
- Configure traffic filtering based on action parameters such as blocking and forwarding traffic
- Configure vFlows to copy packets to CPU, packet mirroring, packet classification, traffic metering and bandwidth guarantee
- Gathering statistics for evaluation and analytics

At a high level, vFlow feature supports the following actions, which can be configured using the CLI commands:

Creating a vFlow Object

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-create name <vflow-name> scope [local|fabric] {specify one or more parameters} {specify any action}

Modifying an existing vFlow Object

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-modify name <vflow-name> {specify one or more parameters}

• Deleting an existing vFlow Object

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-delete name <vflow-name>



• Displaying the applicable actions and use cases for a selected vFlow Object

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-show {specify one or more
parameters}

These actions are explained in detail in the subsequent sections for configuring vFlow objects with specific parameters.

#### Elements of a vFlow

Netvisor ONE identifies a vFlow object by a unique name and is composed of the following elements:

- Administrative scope and state
- Implementation stage
- Traffic flow filter
- Forwarding action



### **Configuring the Administrative Scope and State**

The administrative *state* of a vFlow object determines if you enable or disable the corresponding flow policy in the switch hardware, as defined by mutually exclusive keywords enable and no-enable. By default, Netvisor ONE enables newly created vFlow objects.

The administrative scope defines the set of switches in the fabric where you create the vFlow object, which is controlled by the keyword scope, and can be either fabric or local scope. The administrative parameters for a vflow-create command are:

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-create name <vflow-name> scope [fabric|local] [enable|no-enable]

name	The vFlow object's unique identifier
scope [fabric local]	Defines the scope of the vFlow object. Once a Vflow object is created using either the local or the fabric scope, you cannot modify the scope of the vFlow object later. To modify, you must delete the vFlow object and create a new one.
enable no-enable	Enables or disables the flow policy in hardware. By default, Netvisor enables the vFlow objects. You can disable the vflow policy using the no-enable parameter.
{parameters}	<ul> <li>Specify one or more of the parameters</li> <li>Table name</li> <li>Filtering parameters</li> <li>Action parameters</li> <li>Flow class</li> </ul> For details, see the Filtering of Traffic  Flows Forwarding Action in y Flow Filters  Flows Forwarding Action in y Flow Filters  Flows Forwarding Action in y Flow Filters  Flows Forwarding Action in y Flow Filters
	Flows, Forwarding Action in vFlow Filters, and Commands and Parameters Applicable to vFlow Traffic sections. Also, see the Command Reference Guides

**Note**: You can specify the hardware table name while creating a vFlow object, however, if not specified, Netvisor ONE uses the default table, **System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0**.

# **Fabric Scope**

A fabric-scoped vFlow is a single managed object distributed across all switches that are part of the Unified Cloud Fabric in Netvisor ONE. To create a fabric scoped vFlow object, for example, use the command:



CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-create name
example\_fabric\_scope scope fabric enable {parameters}

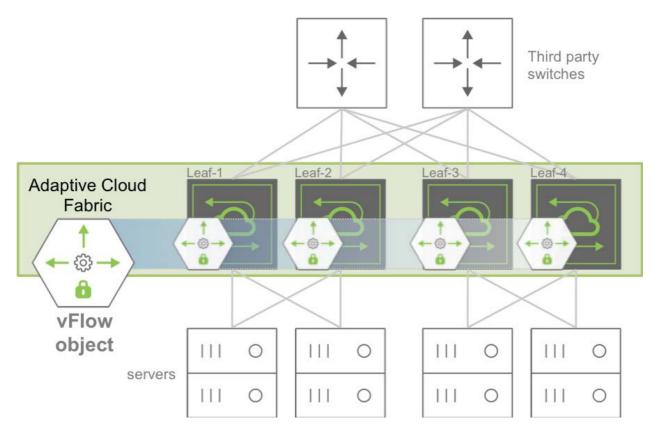


Figure 12-1: Fabric Scoped vFlow Object Example

**Figure 12-1** illustrates a fabric scoped vFlow object topology, where a single vFlow object is created on all four switches: Leaf-1, Leaf-2, Leaf-3, and Leaf-4 that are part of the Unified Cloud Fabric. The switches in the Unified Cloud Fabric are also connected to multiple servers and other third party switches. In this scenario, the fabric-scoped vFlow can be modified concurrently on all switches of the fabric with a single CLI or API command, by referencing the unique name. For example, the below command disables the previously created vFlow object, **example\_fabric\_scope** for the entire fabric, where Netvisor ONE does not delete the object, but uninstalls the object from the hardware tables.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-modify name example\_fabric\_scope scope fabric no-enable

### **Local Scope**

A local-scoped vFlow is an object defined and instantiated on one single switch. To create a locally scoped vFlow, for example, use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-create name



example\_local\_scope scope local enable {parameters}

Netvisor ONE allows you to apply or modify the same vFlow policy on multiple switches concurrently using a single CLI or API command by including the switch keyword followed by the list of individual switches or switch groups. Below is an example on creating a vFlow object on four switches, leaf-1, leaf-2, leaf-3, and leaf-4:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > switch leaf-1,leaf-2 \ vflow-create name example\_local\_scope scope local

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > switch leaf-3,leaf-4 \ vflow-create name example\_local\_scope scope local

The above commands create the same vFlow object,  $example\_local\_scope$  on the four switches, leaf-1, leaf-2, leaf-3, and leaf-4 (see **Figure 12-2**).

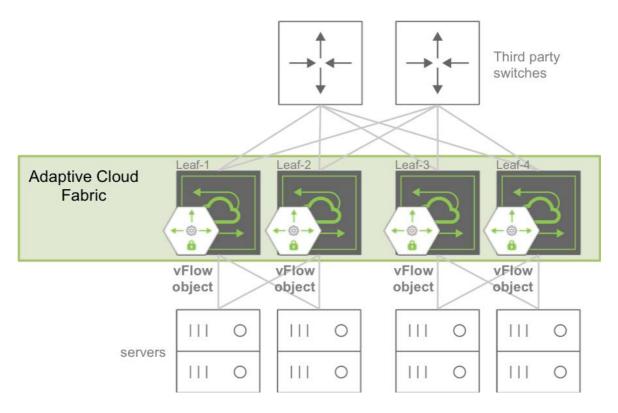


Figure 12-2: Local Scoped vFlow Object Example

You can now modify or delete the vFlow objects on individual switches as explained in the example below:

To disable the vFlow object, example\_local\_scope on the switch, leaf-1, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > switch leaf-1 vflow-modify name example\_local\_scope no-enable

To delete the vFlow object, example\_local\_scope on the switch, leaf-2, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > switch leaf-2 vflow-delete name



example\_local\_scope



### Implementing the vFlow Policies

Netvisor ONE allows you to apply multiple policies in parallel or in series to a particular traffic flow by providing the vFlow construct with two main attributes to control the sequential order of execution relative to other vFlows such as the hardware table and precedence.

The following command keywords enable this functionality:

- table-name hardware vFlow table name
- precedence processing priority value

#### **Hardware Table**

Netvisor ONE provides multiple filter tables along the internal flow hardware data path. However, by default, the vFlow is installed in the ingress filter table, but allows you to optionally implement the vFlow in any other available table, although flow filtering, manipulation, and redirection capabilities may become limited. *Figure 12-3* describes the available hardware tables with the corresponding vFlow table names and how the tables are concatenated, allowing both cascading and parallel execution policies.

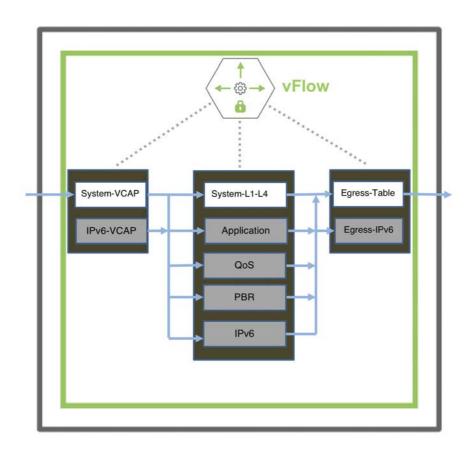


Figure 12-3: Concatenation of vFlow Hardware Tables



Additionally, *Figure 12-3* highlights the data-path forwarding stage for each filter table, where some tables are always enabled (displayed in white), while some tables require manual enabling (displayed in grey) such as the Application, QoS, PBR, and IPv6 tables. Use the table-name keyword to install or program the vFlow in the specified hardware table.

**Table 12-1: Hardware Filter Tables with Descriptions** 

Hardware Filter Tables	Description
System-VCAP	Where the system VCAP policies are defined at the pre-ingress stage
System-L1-L4	Where the system ingress traffic filtering policies are defined for L2, L3, and L4 packet parameters at the ingress or ICAP table. All system rules are defined in ICAP
Egress-Table	Where the system egress policies are defined at the egress or ECAP table. Supports drop and forward actions.
Application Table	Where the user application level policies are defined.
QoS Table	Where the ACL policies are defined
PBR Table	Where the policy based routing policies are defined. For details, see the Configuring Policy-Based Routing section.
IPv6 Table	Where IPv6 policies are defined.
IPv6 VCAP Table	Where IPv6 VCAP policies are defined.

You can view the configurable hardware tables by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vflow-table-profile-show layout vertical
profile: system
                 switch-main
hw-tbl:
                 enable
enable:
flow-capacity:
                  768
flow-slices-needed: 4
flow-slices-used: 7
                  System-L1-L4-flows
comment:
profile:
                 npu-app
hw-tbl:
                 npu-main
                 disable
enable:
flow-capacity:
flow-slices-needed: 0
flow-slices .... 0

Ll-L4-flows
profile:
                  application
hw-tbl:
                 switch-main
enable:
                 disable
flow-capacity:
                  0
flow-slices-needed: 1
flow-slices-used:
```



User-Application comment:

disable

profile: qos

hw-tbl: switch-main

enable: disable
flow-capacity: 0
flow-slices-needed: 1 flow-slices-used: comment: QoS
profile: ipv6
hw-tbl: switch-main
enable: disable

flow-capacity: 0 flow-slices-needed: 2 flow-slices-used: 0
comment: IPv6 pbr profile:

enable:

switch-main hw-tbl: enable: disable

flow-capacity: 0 flow-slices-needed: 0 flow-slices-used: 0 egress-v6 switch-main comment: profile: hw-tbl: disable enable: flow-capacity: flow-slices-needed: 1

flow-slices-used: 0 comment: Egress-IPv6
profile: ipv6-vcap switch-main hw-thl: enable: enable flow-capacity: 256 flow-slices-needed: 1 flow-slices-used: 1

VCAP-IPv6 comment:

Note: The capacity and availability of the hardware tables vary between switch

The optional tables (in grey in Figure 12-3) are disabled by default. You can enable optional tables with the vflow-table-profile-modify command.

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vflow-table-profile-modify		
vflow-table-profile-modify	Modify vFlow table profiles.	
<pre>profile application ipv6 qos  ipv6-vcap</pre>	Specify the type of vFlow profile.	
hw-tbl switch-main switch- hash npu-main npu-hash	Specify the hardware used by vFlow.	
enable no-enable	Enable or disable vFlow table profile.	

For example, enable the gos table using the command:

(network-admin@leaf-1) > vflow-table-profile-modify profile qos enable hw-tbl switch-main

Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 introduces ipv6-vcap table profile to enable IPv6 filtering



for features like Network Packet Broker. When you enable ipv6-vcap table profile, Netvisor ONE constructs an IPv6 VCAP table by allocating half the space in the VCAP table for IPv6 entries.

Enable IPv6 filtering in VCAP table by using the command:

```
(network-admin@leaf-1) > vflow-table-profile-modify
profile ipv6-vcap hw-tbl switch-main enable
```

You must reboot the switch or restart the nvOSd service for the settings to take effect. When you enable optional hardware tables, Netvisor ONE allocates a minimum number of entries in the order of 256 vFlow objects (the number of vFlow objects varies based on the platform and the type of the table). For maximum vFlow scalability, enable hardware tables only when necessary. You can monitor the resource consumption of active hardware tables with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@leaf-1) > vflow-table-show layout vertical Egress-Table-1-0 flow-max-per-group: 512 flow-used: Ω flow-tbl-slices: 3 capability: matchflow-profile: system
name: match-metadata name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0 flow-max-per-group: 4096 flow-used: 62 flow-tbl-slices: 4 capability: set-metadata flow-profile: system name: System-VCAP-table-1-0 flow-max-per-group: 256 3 flow-used: flow-tbl-slices: 3 flow-profile: system name: VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0

flow-max-per-group: 256

capability: none flow-profile: ipv6

flow-tbl-slices:

0

1

ipv6-vcap

flow-used:



#### **Precedence**

When you implement two or more vFlow objects within the same hardware table, it may be necessary to enforce a particular evaluation order. Use the keyword precedence to enforce the evaluation order as Netvisor ONE executes vFlows with higher precedence value first. See a sample configuration below:

**Figure 12-4** displays the precedence or evaluation order for different vFlow objects. When a flow matches two or more vFlows with the same precedence, the corresponding vFlow actions are merged and executed together. When you create the vFlow, Netvisor ONE validates that the new object is consistent and can be merged with objects with the same precedence.

The precedence value is within a numerical range of 2 and 15, with 2 as the default value. You cannot configure the evaluation order or precedence value beyond 15.

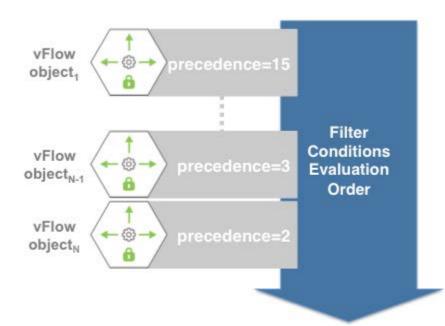


Figure 12-4: Evaluation Order for vFlow Objects with Different Precedence

When you create multiple vflow objects within the same hardware table without specifying the precedence value (default value being 2), Netvisor displays an error message about the vFlow conflicts. For example,

#### Create a vFlow:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name example\_vflow1 scope fabric bw flow-class meter bw-max 2g

#### Create a second vFlow:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name example\_vflow2 scope fabric bw flow-class meter bw-max 5g src-ip 192.168.20.1



vflow-create: Flow conflicts with Flow example\_vflow1, ID68: specify fields to make flows mutually exclusive or change the flow precedence

The error message is generated because the vFlow configurations conflict with each other. To differentiate between the two vflows, assign a different precedence to example\_vflow2:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name example\_vflow2 scope fabric bw flow-class meter bw-max 5g src-ip 192.168.20.1 precedence 5

#### Managing Traffic Classes with vFlow

The vFlow classes indicate the priority assigned to a packet within a switch for internal processing and prioritization and specifies a service type: traffic metering or traffic shaping, bandwidth guarantee. Netvisor ONE supports two types of vFlow classes:

- System Flow Classes
  - o Metered flow class, where the traffic is not allowed to exceed a set rate.
  - o Guaranteed bandwidth flow class, where the vFlow object guarantees a certain bandwidth and the switch priority is 9.
  - o Lossless flow class, where drop action is unavailable and the switch priority is 10.
- User Defined Flow Classes
  - o Flow classes created by users with priorities between 1 and 8
  - o Used for traffic metering
  - o Used for traffic shaping and bandwidth guarantee



### **Filtering of Traffic Flows**

In the context of vFlows, filtering describes the traffic characteristics on which the network administrator intends to undertake a certain action. You can define the filter through one of the arbitrary set of matching qualifiers as illustrated in *Figure 12-5* and *Figure 12-6*:

 Operating at an OSI or Internet Protocol layer, which is based on the packet header content

OR

• Based on Netvisor ONE logical constructs, such as vNET, vFlow metadata, or vRouter.

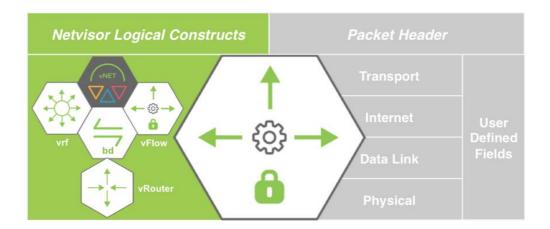


Figure 12-5: vFlow Filtering Using Packet Header Fields and Netvisor Logical Constructs



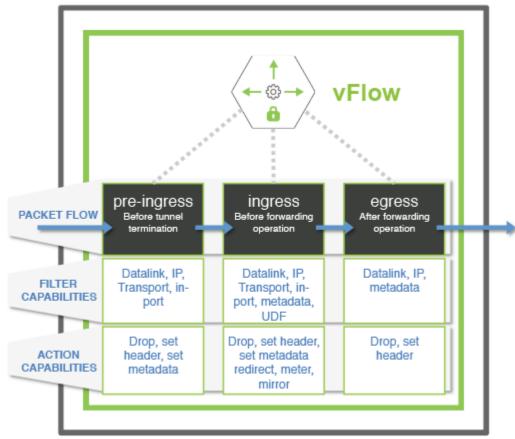


Figure 12-6: vFlow Tables - Packet Forwarding Stage and Filter or Action Capabilities

To define the vFlow filter using the components of OSI layer, use the following keywords or parameters in the vflow-create command:

#### Filtering Qualifiers at Physical Layer

- in-port port-list ingress physical interface or LAG interface identifiers. Netvisor ONE accepts values as a single value, a dash-separated value range, or comma-separated list of values and ranges.
- out-port port-list egress physical interface or LAG interface identifier. Netvisor ONE accepts values as a single value, a dash-separated value range, or comma-separated list of values and ranges. This out-port is applicable for Egress\_table.

#### Filtering Qualifiers at Data Link Layer

- packet-res packet resolution in the ASIC. The resolution types can be L2-unicast, L2-unknown-unicast, L2 multicast, L2-unknown-multicast, L2-broadcast. For more details, see the Enhancing the vFlow Capability to Match Forwarding Type and Packet Resolution in ASIC section.
- fwding-type ASIC forwarding type: VLAN, VXLAN, or vLE
- vlan VLAN (Virtual LAN) identifier (IEEE 802.1q). Range is from 0 through 4095.



- vxlan –VxLAN Network Identifier or VNI
- vxlan-ether-type Ethernet type such IPv4, ARP, WAKE, RARP, VLAN, IPv6, LACP, MPLS-uni, MPLS-multi, Jumbo, dot1X, AOE, Q-in-Q, LLDP, MACSEC, ECP, PTP, FCOE, FCOE-init, or Q-in-Q-old
- vxlan-proto Protocol type for the VXLAN. Includes TCP, UDP, ICMP, IGMP, IP, ICMPv6
- src-mac Source MAC address
- src-mac-mask Mask for source MAC address
- dst-mac Destination MAC address for the vFlow
- dst-mac-mask Mask for destination MAC address
- vlan-pri Class of Service (CoS) or VLAN priority (IEEE 802.1p), ranges from 0 through 7.

### **Filtering Qualifiers at Internet Layer**

- src-ip Source IP address for the vFlow
- src-ip-mask Mask for source IP address
- dst-ip Destination IP address
- dst-ip-mask Mask destination IP address
- ttl Packet time-to-live
- proto Layer 3 protocol for the vFlow
- dscp 6-bit Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) for Quality of Service (QoS),
   in the range of 0 to 63
- dscp-start Start value for DSCP
- dscp-end End value for DSCP
- tos Type of Service (ToS) value for Quality of Service (QoS)
- tos-start Start value for Type of Service (ToS) range
- tos-end End value for Type of Service (ToS) range

#### Filtering Qualifiers at Transport Layer

- src-port Source transport port
- src-port-mask Mask for source transport port
- src-port-end Ending port for a range of source ports. Use this qualifier along with src-port to specify a range of ports. This option is mutually exclusive with



src-port-mask

- dst-port Destination transport port
- dst-port-mask Mask for destination transport port
- dst-port-end Ending port for a range of destination ports. Use this qualifier along with dst-port to specify a range of ports. This option is mutually exclusive with dst-port-mask
- tcp-flags Comma-separated list of TCP control flag values

### Filtering Qualifiers at User Defined Fields (UDFs)

- udf-name[1-3] Reference to a User Defined Field (UDF) object, and defines advanced multi-layer filtering. Up to 3 objects are supported.
- udf-data[1-3] Data value applied to the corresponding UDF object
- udf-data[1-3]-mask Mask value applied to the corresponding UDF object

For details on configuring vFlows with UDFs, see the Configuring vFlows with user Defined Fields section.

### **Netvisor ONE Logical Filtering**

To define the vFlow filter using the Netvisor ONE logical constructs, use the following keywords or parameters in the vflow-create command:

- metadata Metadata tag value assigned to packets along the internal hardware forwarding path, which can be used to correlate different vFlow objects operating at different ingress and egress stages
- bridge-domain Logical abstraction of data-link learning and forwarding domain,
   implemented using a combination of physical interfaces, VLANs and VNI
- vrouter-name Reference to an Internet layer VRF context defined on a local vRouter
- vrf Parameter used to enable vFlows to operate at scale in a distributed VRF environment.
  - For details, see the *Configuring VRF-aware vFlow* section of the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter.
- vnet Virtual Network (vNET) value, used for identifying traffic belonging to a logical network partition for multi-tenancy and network segmentation purposes.
- src-vpg, dst-vpg, bidir-vpg-1, bidir-vpg-2 Source, destination, and bidirectional
   Virtual Port Groups(vPGs) are logical constructs that allows you to club ports
   together in order to support the Network Packet Broker solution. For details, see the



Configuring Pluribus Network Packet Broker section of the Configuring Network Management and Monitoring chapter.



### **Configuring vFlows with User Defined Fields (UDFs)**

Netvisor allows you to define policy filters through one of the arbitrary set of matching qualifiers as explained in the Filtering of Traffic Flows section. One of the qualifier is the User Defined Field (UDF).

A UDF can match up to 128 bytes of a packet starting from the first byte of the packet. The length of the match can be from 1 to 4 bytes. Hardware with a Trident chip supports the creation of 8 UDF IDs. Each id can match a 2 byte portion of a packet. Creating a UDF with a length of 3 or 4 bytes requires 2 UDF IDs whereas a UDF with length of 1 or 2 bytes required 1 UDF id. The length specified for each UDF determines the total number of UDFs supported by Netvisor One. If you specify a length of 3 or 4 bytes, a maximum of 4 UDFs can be created. If you specify a length of 1 or 2 bytes, a maximum of 8 UDFs can be created.

**Limitation**: UDF offset range supported for UDF header packet-start type ranges from 0-63. This limitation is applicable for all NRU03 platforms.

A UDF adds a qualifier to the vFlow group, and you should create all UDFs before creating any vFlows. This feature is disabled by default, and you can enable it by using the following command:

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-settings-modify enableuser-defined-flow|no-enable-user-defined-flow

vflow-settings-modify	Use this command to update a user vflow setting
Specify one of more of the following options	
<pre>enable-user-defined-flow no- enable-user-defined-flow</pre>	Specify to enable or disable the user defined flows.
	Specify to enable or disable VXLAN analytics.
vxlan-analytics no-vxlan- analytics	<b>Note</b> : You must disable VXLAN analytics before enabling the longlived tcp connection
inflight-vxlan-analytics no- inflight-vxlan-analytics	Specify to enable or disable the inflight VXLAN analytics.
	<b>Note</b> : You must disable inflight VXLAN analytics before enabling the longlived tcp connection.
longlived-tcp-conn-stats no-	Specify to enable or disable the long-lived TCP connection statistics.
longlived-tcp-conn-stats	<b>Note</b> : You must enable the user-defined-flow before enabling the longlived tcp



#### connection statistics.

To enable the user defined vflow, use the command:

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-settings-modify enableuser-defined-flow

To disable the feature, use the command:

CLI(network-admin@Spinel) > vflow-settings-modify no-enableuser-defined-flow

**Note**: Reboot Netvisor OS for the changes (enable or disable commands) to take effect on the platform.

The command, udf-create, adds the qualifier to the UDF group in the hardware. This allocates UDF IDs based on the length. The command, vflow-create, has parameter fields to provide the data and mask to be matched by the vFlow. You can create vFlows with either one or two UDFs.

You cannot modify a UDF after adding it to a vFlow. You must delete the vFlow, modify the UDF, and re-create the vFlow with the modified UDF.

#### **New Commands for UDF**

To create a new UDF, use the following command:

CLI(network-admin@Spinel) > udf-create name udfl scope local offset 10 length 2 header packet-start

udf-create	Create the UDF qualifier list
name name-string	Create the UDF name
scope local fabric	Scope for the UDF
offset number-bytes	The offset in bytes. This is a value between 1 and 128.
length number-bytes	The length in bytes. This is a value between 1 and 4 bytes.
header [packet-start 13- outer 13-inner 14-outer 14- inner]	The header from where offset is calculated.

### To delete an UDF command:

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > udf-delete name udf1

udf-delete Delete UDF qualifier list



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### The name of the UDF to delete.

### To modify an existing UDF command:

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > udf-modify name udf1 scope local
offset 20 length 4 header packet-start

udf-modify	Modify UDF qualifier list
name name-string	The name of the UDF to modify.
One or more of the following options:	
offset number-bytes	The offset in bytes. This is a value between 1 and 128.
length number-bytes	The length in bytes. This is a value between 1 and 4 bytes.
header packet-start 13-outer  13-inner 14-outer 14-inner	The header from where offset is calculated.

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > udf-show

switch	nan	ne scope	offset	length	header
spine1	u1	local	20	4	packet-start
spine1	u2	local	24	4	packet-start

switch	Displays the name of the switch
udf-show	Displays the UDF qualifier list
name name-string	Displays the UDF name
scope local fabric	Displays the scope for the UDF
offset number-bytes	Displays the offset in bytes. This is a value between 1 and 128.
length number-bytes	Displays the length in bytes. This is a value between 1 and 4 bytes.
header packet-start 13-outer  13-inner 14-outer 14-inner	Displays the header from where the offset is calculated.

### The command, vflow-create, has the following additional parameters:

udf-name1 <i>udf-name</i>	Specify the name of the UDF.
udf-datal udf-datal-number	Specify UDF data1q with the format 0xa0a0a01
udf-datal-mask <i>udf-datal-</i> <i>mask-number</i>	Specify he mask for udf-data with the format Oxffffffff.



udf-name2 <i>udf-name</i>	Specify the name of the UDF.
udf-data2 <i>udf-data2-number</i>	Specify UDF data2 with the format 0xa0a0a01
udf-data2-mask <i>udf-data2-</i> <i>mask-number</i>	Specify the mask for udf-data with the format Oxffffffff.

For example, to create a vflow with UDF parameters, use the command:

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-create name udf1 scope
local udf-name1 udf1 udf-data 0x0a0a0a01 udf-data-mask1
0xffffffff udf-name2 udf2 udf-data2 0x0a0a1400 udf-data-mask2
0xffffff00

CLI(network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-show

name scope type precedence udf-namel udf-datal udf-data-maskl udf-name2 udf-data2 udf-data-mask2 ---- ---- ---- ---- ----- udf1 local vflow default udf1 0xa0a0a01 0xfffffff udf2 0xa0a1400

### Configuring a UDF vFlow for Filtering ARP Requests

Consider a scenario where you need to allow only the ARP requests destined for Anycast gateway IP (anycast-gw-ip) to proceed with ARP processing, while blocking other transit ARP requests. You can create a UDF with a higher precedence value than system vFlows to achieve this. Follow the steps below to create such a configuration:

First enable UDF by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-settings-modify enableuser-defined-flow

udf-name1 <i>udf-name</i>	Specify the name of the UDF.
udf-datal udf-datal-number	Specify UDF data1q with the format 0xa0a0a01
udf-datal-mask udf-datal- mask-number	Specify he mask for udf-data with the format Oxffffffff.

- Restart the nvOSd.
- Create a UDF, target-ip, for the ARP request using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > udf-create name target-ip scope local offset 42 length 4 header packet-start

• Create UDF to punt ARP packets to CPU using the command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name UDF-Allow-AnyGW-243 scope fabric precedence 15 action copy-to-cpu udf-name1 target-ip udf-data1 0xa65f302 udf-data1-mask 0xffffffff table-name System-L1-L4-UDF-1-0 flow-cb arp-cb

vflow-create	Creates a virtual flow definition for L2 or L3 IP.
name name-string	Enter a name for the vFlow.
scope local fabric	Specify the scope for vFlow.
precedence default   015	Specify the traffic priority value between 2 and 15.
action copy-to-cpu	Specify the forwarding action to apply to the vFlow, in this case, copy-to-cpu.
udf-name1	Specify the UDF name created in step c.
udf-datal udf-datal-number	Enter the UDF data (hexa-decimal value equivalent to the IP address of anycast gateway.
udf-datal-mask udf-datal- mask-number	Enter the mask for UDF data.
table-name vflow-table name	Enter the vFlow table name.
flow-cb default-cb arp-cb  bcast-cb igmp-cb pim-cb dhcp- cb dhcpv6-cb dmac-miss-cb 12- miss-cb no-cb	Specify the call-back option (here arp-cb).

### To verify the configuration, use the vflow-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show name UDF-Allow-AnyGW-243



### **Forwarding Action in vFlow Filters**

The forwarding action defines the switch behavior for traffic that matches with the vFlow filter. Depending on the use case, the possible actions for the traffic flow include:

- Dropping of filtered traffic
- Regular or customized forwarding of filtered traffic
- Redirection or replication of filtered traffic to a switch processor, a physical port, or to an IP address destination.

#### **Access Control**

To provide security access control policies that operate on high-speed distributed networks, the switch, which employs low-cost high-capacity technology like ASIC Ternary Content Addressable Memory (TCAM), is the ideal point of insertion. With Pluribus Unified Cloud Fabric, high-performance security access control using a **blacklist** or **whitelist** approach can be implemented consistently across the entire network using fabric-wide vFlow policies.

Netvisor ONE provides several vFlow actions for securing the network traffic with Access Control Lists (ACL) as described in the table:

Table 12-2: vFlow Actions Supported in Netvisor ONE

Action	Description
action none	Traffic is forwarded (permit filtered traffic) This is the default action.
action drop	Traffic matching the filter is removed from traffic path (block filtered traffic)
action to-port	Traffic matching the filter is forwarded to specified ports
action to-cpu	Traffic matching the filter is sent to CPU only
action trap	Traffic matching the filter is trapped to CPU
action copy-to-cpu	Traffic matching the filter is forwarded normally and copied to CPU, this action does not affect the traffic policy, but creates a copy of the policy to the CPU
action copy-to-port	Traffic matching the filter is forwarded normally and copied to port
action check	Traffic matching the filter is verified
action setvlan	VLAN ID is set for the traffic matching the filter
action add-outer-vlan	New outer VLAN tag is added to the traffic matching the filter
action set tpid	Traffic matching the filter is tagged with the provided TPID
action to-port-set-vlan	Traffic matching the filter is sent to provided port on specified VLAN



action	tunnel-pkt	Tunnel frame is added for incoming traffic	
action	set-tunnel-id	Tunnel ID is set for the traffic matching the filter	
action to-span		Traffic matching the filter is forwarded to the span ports	
action	cpu-rx	Stress test for cpu-rx	
action	cpu-rx-tx	Stress test for cpu-rx-tx	
action	set-metadata	Metadata is set for the traffic matching the filter	
action	set-dscp	DSCP value is set for the traffic matching the filter	
action	decap	Decap is set for the traffic matching the filter	
action	set-dmac	Destination MAC is set for traffic matching the filter	
action	to-next-hop-ip	The next hop IP address for traffic redirection	
action	set-dmac-to-port	Destination MAC is set and it is forwarded to port specified	
action	to-ports-and-cpu	Traffic matching the filter is forwarded to ports and CPU	
action	set-vlan-pri	Set VLAN priority for traffic matching the filter	
action	tcp-seq-offset	TCP sequence offset is set for traffic matching the filter	
action	tcp-ack-offset	TCP acknowledgment offset is set for traffic matching the filter	
action	13-to-cpu-switch	Redirects Layer3 packets to CPU	
action	set-smac	Source MAC is set for the traffic matching the filter	
action	drop-cancel-trap	Traffic matching the flow is dropped and not trapped	
action	to-ecmp-group	ECMP group for traffic redirection	
action	redirect-to-vrouter	Redirect packets to vrouter	
set-dscp		DSCP value is set for the traffic matching the filter	
decap		Decap is set for the traffic matching the filter	
set-dma	ac	Destination MAC is set for traffic matching the filter	
to-next-hop-ip		The next hop IP address for traffic redirection	
set-dmac-to-port		Destination MAC is set and it is forwarded to port specified	
to-port	cs-and-cpu	Traffic matching the filter is forwarded to ports and CPU	
set-vlan-pri		Set VLAN priority for traffic matching the filter	
tcp-seq-offset		TCP sequence offset is set for traffic matching the filter	
tcp-ack-offset		TCP ack offset is set for traffic matching the filter	
13-to-cpu-switch		Redirects I3 packets to CPU	
set-smac		Source MAC is set for the traffic matching the filter	
drop-cancel-trap		Traffic matching the flow is dropped and not	



	trapped
to-ecmp-group	ECMP group for traffic redirection
redirect-to-vrouter	Redirect packets to vrouter

Typically the action resolution process gathers the actions from each slice match and decides on a collective action. However, when there is an action conflict, the collective action is not possible and the drop action takes higher priority. With the implementation of virtual slide mapping feature, action resolution is handled by the precedence or priority value.

### **Understanding Blacklist Policy**

You can implement access control policies using a blacklist approach, that is, approving all traffic by default and explicitly restricting certain traffic categories.

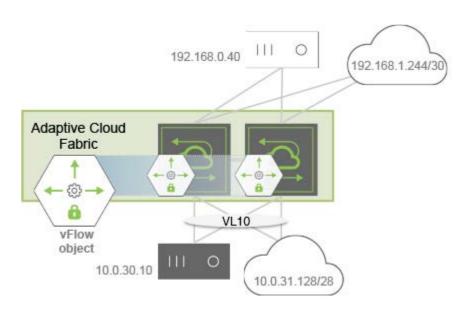


Figure 12-7 - Blacklist Topology Example

For example, as shown in *Figure 12-7*, you want to block HTTP traffic ingressing the switches in VLAN 10 going from the black host to the white host, while permitting all other traffic. Use the following parameters to configure a vFlow for this purpose:

vFlow name: ACL01

Filter: VLAN 10

TCP port: 80

Source IP address: 10.0.30.10

Destination IP address: 192.168.0.40

Forwarding Action: drop

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name ACL01 scope fabric vlan 10 src-ip 10.0.30.10 dst-ip 192.168.0.40 proto tcp



dst-port 80 action drop

For maximum ACL scalability, the blacklist policy can be also implemented using the System-VCAP table (see **Figure 12-8**) and provide additional capacity based on the switch models. In this approach, Netvisor ONE drops the blacklisted traffic at the preingress stage without utilizing the resources in the default ingress table.

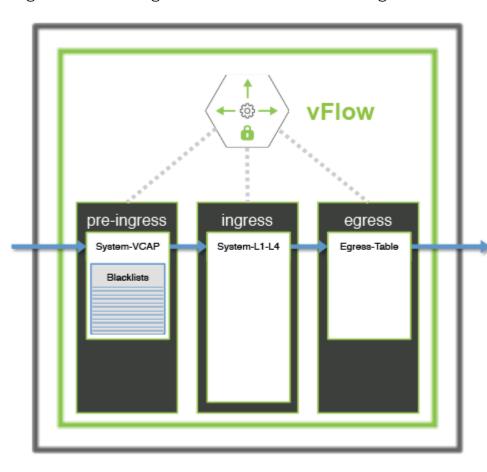


Figure 12-8: Scaling the Blacklist ACLs using a Pre-Ingress Filter

### **Understanding Whitelist Policy**

Contrary to the blacklist policy, the Whitelist model explicitly defines network traffic that is allowed and uses a default permit policy. *Figure12-9* illustrates an example where you want to deny default traffic and approve traffic ingressing the switches on VLAN 10 for the following conditions:

- Traffic between the black hosts
- Traffic between the two subnets (clouds)
- Secure Shell (SSH) traffic between the white hosts where the host below (10.0.31.4) acts as a responder.



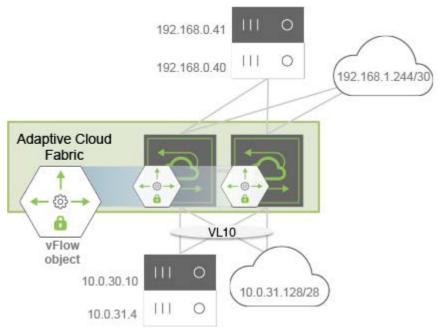


Figure 12-9: Whitelist Topology Example

To implement this policy, create four fabric-scoped vFlow objects, with the last one (vFlow ACLO4) having the least (default) precedence and by using the following parameters:

#### 1. vFlow ACL01

■ Filter: VLAN 10

Source IP address: 10.0.30.10

Destination IP address: 192.168.0.41

Forwarding Action: none

Precedence: 4

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name ACL01 scope fabric vlan 10 precedence 4 src-ip 10.0.30.10 dst-ip 192.168.0.41

### 2. vFlow ACL02

Filter: VLAN 10

• Source IP address: 10.0.31.128/28

Destination IP address: 192.168.1.144/30

Forwarding Action: none

Precedence: 4

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name ACL02 scope



fabric vlan 10 precedence 4 src-ip 10.0.31.128 src-ip-mask 255.255.255.250 dst-ip 192.168.1.144 dst-ip-mask 255.255.255.252

#### 3. vFlow ACLO3

Filter: VLAN 10

TCP port: 22

TCP flags: ACK

Source IP address: 10.0.31.4

Destination IP address: 192.168.0.40

Forwarding Action: none

Precedence: 4

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name ACL03 scope fabric vlan 10 precedence 4 src-ip 10.0.31.4 dst-ip 192.168.0.40 proto tcp dst-port 22 tcp-flags ack

### 4. vFlow ACL04

Filter: VLAN 10

Forwarding Action: drop

Precedence: 2 (default)

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name ACL04 scope fabric vlan 10 action drop

For maximum ACL scalability, you can implement the whitelist policy using the System-VCAP table and provide additional capacity for vFlow objects based on the switch models.

In this approach, Netvisor ONE examines Whitelisted traffic and labels the traffic with an arbitrary metadata value at the pre-ingress stage, without consuming resources in the default ingress table. During next ingress stage, Netvisor ONE uses a single vFlow object with highest precedence to permit traffic already allowed at pre-ingress stage. You can also build the same Whitelist policy using both System-VCAP and the default System-L1-L4 tables as shown in *Figure 12-10*.



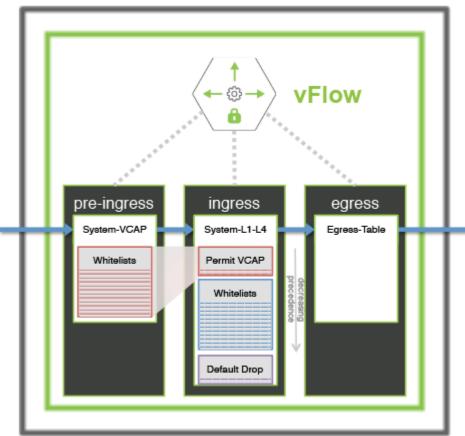


Figure 12-10: Scaling Whitelist ACLs Using a Pre-ingress Filter



### **Commands and Parameters Applicable to vFlow Traffic**

The vFlow feature includes several commands and keyword parameters to configure and monitor various vFlow actions. Some of the important commands and parameters are explained in this section.

• To create a new vFlow object, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-create name <vflow-name> scope [local|fabric] {parameters}
```

• To modify an existing vFlow object,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-modify name <vflow-name>
{parameters}
```

• To delete an existing vFlow object,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-delete name <vflow-name>
```

To display existing vFlow objects,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-show {parameters}
```

The key parameters required to create a vFlow object are categorized as:

- Scope (2)
  - o local OR
  - o fabric
- Tables (4)
  - o table-name Egress-Table-1-0
  - o table-name System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0
  - o table-name System-VCAP-table-1-0
  - o table-name VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0
- Match Conditions: Specify one or more match conditions:
  - o vlan
  - o inner-vlan
  - o vnet
  - o bd < bridge-domain name>
  - o in-port <port>
  - o out-port <port>
  - o ether-type <type>
  - o src-mac <mac> src-mac-mask <mask>
  - o dst-mac <mac> dst-mac-mask<mask>
  - o src-ip <ip> src-ip-mask <mask>
  - o dst-ip <ip> dst-ip-mask <mask>
  - o src-port <port> proto <tcp|udp>
  - o dst-port <port> proto <tcp|udp>
  - o src-port <port> src-port-mask <mask>



- o dst-port <port> dst-port-mask <mask>
- o src-port <port> src-port-end <port>
- o dst-port <port> dst-port-end <port>
- o dscp-start <start value > dscp-end <end value >
- o tos-start <start value> tos-end <end value>
- o tos <tos>
- o src-vpg <name> dst-vpg <name>
- o bidir-vpg-1 <name> bidir-vpg-2 <name>
- o vlan-prio <802.1p priority>
- o inner-vlan-pri <pri>priority>
- o vrf <name>
- o ttl <ttl>
- o proto <IP proto>
- o tcp-flags <tcp control flags>
- o ingress-tunnel <tunnel>
- o egress-tunnel <tunnel>
- o vrouter-name <vrouter>
- o mirror <mirror-name>
- o packet-log-max <1..50G>
- o metadata < number >
- o vxlan <vxlan-id>
- o vxlan-ether-type <ether-type for VXLAN>
- o stp-state <state>
- o packet-res <packet resolution in ASIC>
- o fwding-type <vlan|vxlan>
- o udf-name1 <name> udf-data1 <data> udf-data1-mask <mask>
- o udf-name2 <name> udf-data2 <data> udf-data2-mask <mask>
- o udf-name3 <name> udf-data3 <data> udf-data3-mask <mask>
- o if <mgmt|data>
- o description <description-string>

#### Note:

- From Netvisor ONE 6.1.0 onward, the parameters src-mac and dst-mac are supported in the System-VCAP table in addition to the System-L1-L4 table. This enhancement allows you to use these parameters while configuring the Network Packet Broker (NPB) solution.
- Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 introduces the inner-vlan parameter to support filtering of traffic based on the inner VLAN of a QinQ frame. This parameter is supported by the System-L1-L4 hardware table and can be configured as part of NPB deployments. You can set a metadata value for the NPB vFlow in System-VCAP table, and this value can be supplied along with inner-vlan parameter in another vFlow for filtration of NPB traffic based on inner VLAN ID.
- Special Actions
  - o burst-size <size>
  - o precedence <IP precedence>
  - o process-mirror no-process-mirror
  - o log-stats|no-log-stats
  - o from-tunnel-decap|no-from-tunnel-decap



- o log-stats stats-interval <sec> dur <sec>
- o set-src <ip> set-src-port <port>
- o set-dst <ip> set-dst-port <port>
- o dropped no-dropped
- o log-stats no-log-stats
- o transient|no-transient
- o enable no-enable
- o transparency <enable disable>
- o flow-cb default-cb|arp-cb|bcast-cb|igmp-cb|pim-cb|dhcp-cb|dhcpv6-cb|dmac-miss-cb|12-miss-cb|no-cb

#### Specific Actions with Action Keyword

- o action none
- o action drop
- o action to-port action-to-ports-value <port>
- o action to-cpu
- o action trap
- o action copy-to-cpu
- o action copy-to-port
- o action check
- o action setvlan action-value <vlan>
- o action add-outer-vlan
- o action set-tpid
- o action to-port-set-vlan
- o action tunnel-pkt
- o action set-tunnel-id
- o action to-span
- o action cpu-rx
- o action cpu-rx-tx
- o action set-metadata
- o action set-dscp
- o action decap
- o action set-dmac
- o action to-next-hop-ip action-to-next-hop-ip-value <next-hop-ip>
- o action set-dmac-to-port
- o action to-ports-and-cpu
- o action set-vlan-pri
- o action tcp-seq-offset
- o action tcp-ack-offset
- o action I3-to-cpu-switch
- o action set-smac
- o action drop-cancel-trap
- o action to-ecmp-group action-to-ecmp-group-value <ecmp-group>
- o action to-vp
- o action set-svp action-set-svp-value <svp>
- o action redirect-to-vrouter
- o action-value
- o action strip-outer-vlan
- o action cancel-switch-to-cpu

#### Flow Class

- o flow-class meter
- o flow-class guaranteed\_bw



- o flow-class lossless
- o flow-class class0
- o flow-class class1
- o flow-class class2
- o flow-class class3
- o flow-class class4
- o flow-class class5
- o flow-class class6
- o flow-class class7
- o flow-class class8
- o flow-class controlo flow-class control2
- o flow-class control3

NRU03, and NRU03-SFF platforms.

**Note:** The flow classes control2 and control3 are available only on NRU01, NRU02,

- Bandwidth parameters
  - o bw-min <min>
  - o bw-max <max>



# **Refreshing vFlow Level Statistics for Long-lived Connections**

Prior to Netvisor ONE 5.1.1 release, the connection analytics displayed the connection statistics (incoming bytes, outgoing bytes, total bytes, and the age of the connection) only after the connection is completed, which worked well for short-timed connections. However, for long-lived TCP connections, the connection statistics was unreliable. This was due to the fact that the parameters involved were calculated with reference to the TCP sequence numbers, which, for a long-lived connection, always wrapped around.

To eliminate inaccuracies in long-lived TCP connection statistics, the TCP data packets with sequence numbers that are about to wrap around are sent to the CPU. This is implemented by defining a new vflow rule (policy). Netvisor ONE provides an option to enable this functionality through the vflow-settings-modify command. When the feature is active, the connection-stats-show and connection-show commands show accurate outputs for long-lived TCP connections.

#### Note:

- o To enable long-lived TCP connection statistics, you must first enable the user-defined-flow knob.
- o Disable vxlan-analytics before enabling the long-lived TCP connection statistics knob.
- o You cannot enable *long-lived TCP connection statistics* knob if the *inflight-vxlan-analytics* is enabled or vice-versa.

**Note**: You must restart nvOSd when you enable or disable the long-lived TCP connection statistics knob.

Use the vflow-settings-modify command to enable long-lived TCP connection statistics:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-settings-modify

vflow-settings-modify	Use this command to update a user vflow setting.			
Specify one or more of the following options:				
enable-user-defined-flow no-	Specify to enable or disable the user defined flows.			
enable-user-defined-flow	<b>Note</b> : You must enable the user-defined- flow before enabling the longlived tcp connection statistics.			
vxlan-analytics no-vxlan-	Specify to enable or disable VXLAN analytics.			
analytics	<b>Note</b> : You must disable VXLAN analytics			



	before enabling the longlived tcp connection
	Specify to enable or disable the inflight VXLAN analytics.
<pre>inflight-vxlan-analytics no- inflight-vxlan-analytics</pre>	<b>Note</b> : You must disable inflight VXLAN analytics before enabling the longlived tcp connection.
longlived-tcp-conn-stats no- longlived-tcp-conn-stats	Specify to enable or disable the long-lived TCP connection statistics.

For example, to enable the long-lived TCP connection statistics, use the commands below:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-settings-modify enable-user-
defined-flow
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-settings-modify no-vxlan-analytics no-inflight-vxlan-analytics
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-settings-modify longlived-
tcp-conn-stats
```

To view the user vflow settings, use the command vflow-settings-show. For example, after enabling long-lived TCP connection statistics, the typical output would be:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-settings-show
```

enable-user-defined-flow: on
vxlan-analytics: off
inflight-vxlan-analytics: off
longlived-tcp-conn-stats: on

To view the connection statistics, use the show commands:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > connection-stats-show

vlan	ip	port	iconns	oconns	ibytes	obytes	total-bytes
100	132.10.3.152	32	402617119		813G	809G	1.58T
100	132.10.3.113	32	402439803		822G	818G	1.60T
100	132.10.3.191	32	402379008		828G	822G	1.61T
100	132.10.3.160	32	402531295		828G	824G	1.61T
100	132.10.3.147	32	402620992		833G	829G	1.62T
100	132.10.3.131	32	402466573		840G	836G	1.64T

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > connection-show

vlan src-ip dst-ip dst-port cur-state latency obytes ibytes totalbytes age



100	132.10.3.2	132.10.3.127	http	fin	67.9us	198	188	386
	1s							
100	132.10.3.2	132.10.3.186	http	fin	62.3us	198	188	386
	1s							
100	132.10.3.2	132.10.3.153	http	fin	511us	198	188	386
	1s							
100	132.10.3.2	132.10.3.205	http	fin	66.4us	198	188	386
	1s							
100	132.10.3.1	132.10.3.160	http	fin	305us	198	188	386
	1s							



### **Configuring Ingress QoS Policing based on Internal Priority**

Internal priority is an intermediary priority value that maps DSCP values to CoS values. Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 allows you to configure vFlows with internal priority as a filtering parameter. In effect, you can now perform traffic policing for any received traffic based on DSCP values. In earlier versions of Netvisor ONE, you needed to configure at least one vFlow per port per DSCP value or DSCP value range. However, with Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, you need to configure only one vFlow per internal priority value.

The allowed range of internal priority values is between 0 and 7. For example, you can assign a maximum bandwidth limit of 100Mbps for packets with an internal priority of 1 by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 scope local internal-pri 1 bw-max 100M
```

Display the configuration by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show
```

name: flow1
scope: local
type: vflow

in-port:

internal-pri: 1
bw-max: 100M
burst-size: auto
precedence: default

action:
packet-res:
fwding-type:

enable: enable

table-name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

To clear the internal priority field for a vFlow, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 internal-
pri none
```

#### Note:

- To achieve filtering of traffic based on the desired DSCP values, you must configure
  the internal priority value on the basis of the configured DSCP to CoS mapping. For
  more information, see the Configuring DSCP to CoS Mapping section of the
  Configuring and Using vFlows chapter.
- This feature does not support CoS values of 8 and 9 as these queues are used for internal control plane traffic.
- You can configure the internal-pri parameter in different hardware filter tables except System-VCAP-table-1-0 and VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0.



### **Configuring Bridge Domain Aware vFlow**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, you can create vFlows that accept bridge domains as a filtering parameter. This release also allows you to configure vFlows that use the direction of VXLAN traffic as a qualifier.

You can use the bd parameter in the vflow-create command to filter network traffic based on the bridge domain. For example, to configure a vFlow that drops packets that hits the ingress port 10 of bridge domain bd1, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name bd-vflow scope local bd bd1 in-port 10 action drop

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show name bd-vflow

```
switch name scope type bd in-port burst-size precedence action enable ----- switch bd-vflow local vflow bd1 10 auto default drop enable
```

Use the in-port and from-tunnel-decap parameters in the vflow-create command to filter traffic based on whether VXLAN traffic is entering a port or is decapsulated from a tunnel. For example, to configure a vFlow that copies VXLAN ingress traffic to the CPU, use the parameters vxlan and in-port in conjunction.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vxlan-ingressvflow scope fabric vxlan 10100 in-port 25 action copy-to-cpu

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show name vxlan-decap-vflow layout vertical

switch: switch

name: vxlan-ingress-vflow

scope: fabric
type: vflow
in-port: 25
burst-size: auto
precedence: 8

action: copy-to-cpu

vxlan: 10100

from-tunnel-decap:

enable: enable

table-name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

Similarly, to configure a vFlow that filters decapsulated VXLAN tunnel traffic, use the vxlan and from-tunnel-decap parameters together:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vxlan-decapvflow scope fabric vxlan 10101 from-tunnel-decap action drop

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show name vxlan-decap-vflow layout vertical

switch: switch

name: vxlan-decap-vflow

scope: fabric



type: vflow
burst-size: auto
precedence: 8
action: drop
vxlan: 10101
from-tunnel-decap: yes
enable: enable

table-name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

### Note:

- You can configure the from-tunnel-decap parameter only if the vxlan parameter is configured.
- The from-tunnel-decap and in-port parameters are mutually exclusive when used along with the vxlan parameter as these parameters pertain to opposite directions of traffic flow.



### **Guidelines and Limitations**

When you configure the vFlow policies, it is recommended to follow the guidelines and limitation mentioned in this section.

**Guideline**: While specifying the burst-size in the vflow-create and vflow-modify commands, ensure that:

- The burst-size is large enough to handle the maximum transmission unit (MTU) size of the packets.
- The burst-size limit should not be set lower than 10 times the MTU size of the traffic on the interface to be policed.
   If the configured burst-size value is less than ten times the MTU size, then Netvisor ONE takes the default burst-size value for configuration. If you configure the burst-value higher than ten times the MTU size, then the configured value is accepted.



## **Examples and Use Cases in vFlow**

- Supporting TCP Parameters using vFlows
- Configuring Burst Size in vFlow for Maximum Bandwidth
- Configuring Bandwidth Sharing for a Single VLAN
- Enhancing the vFlow Capability to Match Forwarding Type and Packet Resolution in ASIC



### **Supporting TCP Parameters using vFlows**

Packet Broker requires the ability to create flows based on TCP control bits in a packet. The commands, vflow-create and vflow-modify have a new option tcp-flags. The supported TCP control bits include FIN, SYN, RST, PUSH, ACK, and URG.

Setting the ACK bit is supported only if it is combined with other TCP bits such as SYN and FIN and not as a single parameter.

Only to-port and mirror actions are supported by vFlow with tcp-flags filter. The actions added for vFlows with tcp-flags configured are mirror-to-port.

If analytics is enabled, then copy-to-cpu are also applied on the same vFlow. Also, these flows are created with a precedence of 3 or above.

System vFlows are created with precedence 2 so that analytics can also work even with these vFlows.

To create a vFlow for the default system table, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-create name Redirect-TCP-
Reset tcp-flags RST action to-port
```

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-create name Redirect-TCP-ECN-Capable tcp-flags ECN,RST action to-port

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-create name Mirror-TCP-Finished tcp-flags FIN action mirror

You can use the vflow-table-show command to display vFlow tables:

```
CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > vflow-table-show format all
layout vertical
```

switch: Spine1

name: Egress-Table-1-0

id: a0000d7:1
flow-max: 1024
flow-used: 0
flow-tbl-slices: 1

ilow-tbi-slices: I

capability: match-metadata

flow-tbl-bank: Egress
flow-profile: system

switch: Spinel

name: Decap-Table-1-0

id: a0000d7:2
flow-max: 1024
flow-used: 0

flow-tbl-slices: 2 capability: none

flow-tbl-bank: Match-Metadata

flow-profile: vxlan



switch: tac-f64-sw5

name: OpenFlow-L2-L3-1-0

id: a0000d7:3
flow-max: 1024
flow-used: 0

flow-tbl-slices: 7
capability: none

flow-tbl-bank: Match-Metadata

flow-profile: openflow



### **Configuring Burst Size in vFlow for Maximum Bandwidth**

The vflow-create and vflow-modify commands support a configurable burstsize parameter. This feature enables you to specify different burst-sizes for different types of metered traffic. For example, you can configure higher burst levels for a metered application that may produce bursty traffic patterns when you click on it, such as a media-rich Web page link.

This feature defaults to burst-size auto, which auto-calculates the burst size based on the maximum bandwidth settings for the vFlow. You can configure a burst-size number between 0 through 134MB.

### The command syntax is:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name name-string scope local|fabric in-port port-list bw-max bw-max-number burst-size number

For example, to create a vFlow with a burst size of 12 MB, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 scope local in-port 12 bw-max 5G burst-size 12M



### **Configuring Bandwidth Sharing for a Single VLAN**

In some instances, you may want to configure bandwidth sharing for a single VLAN with different IP addresses or subnets.

To do this, you must create a VRG with the required bandwidth:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vrg-create name admin-vrg vlans 100 data-bw-min 1g data-bw-max 2g scope fabric
```

You have now created a VRG with the guaranteed bandwidth of 1 Gbps and limited to a maximum of 2 Gbps. Now, create a vFLow for each IP address:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vfl-1 scope fabric vlan 100 src-ip 1.1.1.1
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vfl-2 scope fabric vlan 100 src-ip 2.2.2.2
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vfl-3 scope fabric vlan 100 src-ip 3.3.3.3
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vfl-4 scope fabric vlan 100 src-ip 4.4.4.4
```

In this example, the specified IP addresses each have a guaranteed bandwidth between 1 Gbps and 2 Gbps.

If you want to specify a subnet, 100.100.100.0/28, and VLAN 53 with maximum bandwidth of 50 Mbps, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vrg-create name vrg-custom scope fabric data-bw-min 50M data-bw-max 50M vlan 53
```

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vfl-cust scope fabric src-ip 100.100.100.0 src-ip-mask 255.255.255.240 vlan 53
```

However, later on, you found that sixteen IP addresses were not enough and you needed an additional 8 with the subnet, 101.101.101.8/29 that require the same bandwidth as the previous subnet. Use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vfl-cust-2 scope fabric src-ip 101.101.101.8 src-ip-mask 255.255.255.248 vlan 53
```

You now have two vFlows on VLAN 53.

Then, you discover that 50 Mbps is not sufficient to support the network traffic affected by the vFlow, and you want to upgrade to 80 Mbps:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vrg-modify name vrg-custom data-
```



bw-min 80M data-bw-max 80M



# **Enhancing the vFlow Capability to Match Forwarding Type and Packet Resolution in ASIC**

On certain platforms, where the VXLAN routing is supported using recirculation of packets by leveraging the vxlan-loopback-trunk parameter, the Layer 2 entries for route RMAC address, VRRP MAC address on VXLAN VLAN, or the Virtual Forwarder Interface (VFI) are programmed to point to vxlan-loopback-trunk ports in the hardware. As a result, any Layer 2 unicast packets destined for route RMAC address or the programmed VFIs do not reach the vRouter. Netvisor ONE allows you to mitigate this problem by enabling you to create vFlow objects and specify the desired policy.

To create the vFlow object and to enable the match forwarding and packet resolution capability, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name <name-string>
scope [local|fabric] in-port <port-list> fwding-type [vlan|
vxlan|vle] packet-res [l2-unicast|l2-unknown-unicast|l2multicast|l2-unknown-multicast|l2-broadcast] action [none|
drop|to-port|to-cpu|trap|copy-to-cpu|copy-to-port|setvlan|addouter-vlan|set-tpid|to-port-set-vlan|to-span|set-metadata|setdscp|set-dmac|to-next-hop-ip|set-dmac-to-port|to-ports-andcpu|set-vlan-pri|set-smac|drop-cancel-trap|to-ecmp-group|
redirect-to-vrouter]

name <name-string></name-string>	Specify the name of the vFlow object.			
scope [local fabric]	Specify if the scope of the vFlow object is local or fabric			
in-port <port-list></port-list>	Specify the incoming port for the vFlow object			
<pre>fwding-type [vlan vxlan vle]</pre>	Specify the ASIC forwarding type			
packet-res [12-unicast 12- unknown-unicast 12-multicast  12-unknown-multicast 12- broadcast]	Specify the packet resolution in the ASIC			
action [none drop to-port to-cpu trap copy-to-cpu copy-to-port setvlan add-outer-vlan set-tpid to-port-set-vlan to-span set-metadata set-dscp set-dmac to-next-hop-ip set-dmac-to-port to-ports-and-cpu set-vlan-pri set-smac drop-cancel-trap to-ecmp-group redirect-to-vrouter]	Specify the forwarding action to apply to the vFlow object			

For example, to create a vFlow object: vflow1, scope: local, in-port number (port number



of vxlan-loopback-trunk): 397, with forwarding type: vxlan, packet resolution in ASIC as I2-unicast and forwarding action to be applied to the vFlow object as redirect-to-vrouter, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name vflow1 scope local in-port 397 fwding-type vxlan packet-res 12-unicast action redirect-to-vrouter

In the above example, port **397** is the port number of the vxlan-loopback-trunk and the action **redirect-to-vrouter** redirects the packets unmodified to data port.

To view the details, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show

name	scope	type	in-port	burst-size	precedence	action	packet-res	${\tt fwding-type}$	enable table-name	
vflow1	10021	vflow	397	auto	13	redirect-to-wrouter	12-unicast	uvlan	enable System-I.1-I.4-Tun-1-0	



# **Using Application Flows and Statistics**

- Displaying Statistics for vFlows for all Switches in the Fabric
- Understanding vFlow Statistics



### Displaying Statistics for vFlows for all Switches in the Fabric

To create vFlows across the entire fabric, configure the vFlow with the scope fabric and stats enable option. By using these parameters, you can enable statistics for the flow on all switches that are members of the fabric and you can display the statistics for any switch in the fabric.

For example, to create a vFlow for VLAN1 with the scope fabric, use the following command:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name
example_fabric_flow1 scope fabric log-stats enable vlan 1
```

To display the statistics for the new vFlow for a switch in the fabric, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > switch switch-name vflow-stats-
show name example_fabric_flow1
```

name bytes	packets	bytes	cpu-packets	cpu-
example_fabric_flow1	51.4K	13.8M	50.1K	13

If you omit the switch name, all vFlow statistics for the fabric are displayed.

name	packets	bytes	cpu-packets	cpu-bytes
example_fabric_flow1	1.32K	305K	1.29K	291K
example fabric flow1	910	256K	884	243K



## **Understanding vFlow Statistics**

The virtual network-based flows- vflows, display statistics for packet traffic flows on a switch and across the fabric. The vFlows are very powerful and provide many features such as quality of service (QoS), traffic shaping, packet redirect, drop actions, mirror, and capture.

A vFlow can be configured to store log statistics to a file accessible to clients using NFS and SFTP. If statistics logging is enabled, Netvisor ONE periodically polls the switch for the most recent statistics for each flow and saves the statistics to an exported file. Netvisor ONE also saves individual statistics received from other switches in the fabric and combines the statistics from all switches to record aggregate statistics for the entire fabric.

The switch consists of two components, the switch and the server. vFlows with operations such as drop executes within the switch component. Some vFlows operations for QoS take place in the switch component, while others operate within the co-processor by directing pertinent traffic to the co-processor.

There, the traffic is managed and then sent back to the switch component. Other actions such as copy-to-cpu sends the match traffic to the server component where the traffic is managed and then forwards packets for delivery. In general, the details are managed by Netvisor ONE including fabric scope commands that cause all switches within a fabric to participate in an operation and then sends the compiled results to the CLI or to log files.

Before you can access the files, you must enable NFS or SFTP access to the log files by using the admin-service-modify command.

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vflow-share-show

vnet	enable	share-path
fab1-global	no	switch-1://fab1-global

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-share-modify fab1-global
enable

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-share-show

vnet enable share-path



fab1-global	yes	switch-1://fab1-global
fab1-global	yes	switch-1://fab1-global
fab1-global	no	switch-1://fab1-global
fab1-global	no	switch-1://fab1-global
fab1-global	no	switch-1://fab1-global

You can then access the statistics log files using NFS in the following locations:

For the switch scope, the files are located in: /net/switch-name//-name/flow/flow-name/switch/switch-name/stats

For the fabric scope, the files are located in: /net/switch-name//-name/flow/flow-name/fabric/stats

To create a vFlow for example, Host-Agent-Discover, and measure statistics, enter the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name Host-Agent-Discover scope local system

To view all vFlows currently tracked by the switch or fabric, use the vflow-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show

switch: pleiades24

name: Host-Agent-Discover

scope: local
type: system
dst-ip: 224.4.9.6
precedence: 2

action: copy-to-cpu
switch: pleiades24
name: DHCP-client

scope: local
type: system
in-port: 1-68
src-port: 68
proto: udp
precedence: 2

action: copy-to-cpu
switch: pleiades24

name: Host-Agent-Discover

scope: local
type: system
dst-ip: 224.4.9.6
precedence: 2

action: copy-to-cpu
switch: pleiades24
name: DHCP-client

scope: local



type: system
in-port: 1-68
src-port: 68
proto: udp
precedence: 2

action: copy-to-cpu

From the information displayed in the output, you can review the switch, the name of the vFlow, scope, type of vFlow, destination IP address, precedence, and action for the vFlow.

To display statistics for all vFlows, use the vflow-stats-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-stats-show

name		pa	ckets	bytes	cpu-packets	cpu-by	tes
IGMP-Flow	368K		23.0M	392K			23.0M
LLDP-Flow	82.9K	26.3M	82.9K	26.0M			
Host-Agent	17.8K	1.11M	0	0			
ECP		0			0	0	

To monitor statistics of a vFlow and update every 10 seconds, use the following syntax:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-stats-show name flow1 show-diff-interval 10
```

To log persistent records of flow statistics, use the logging parameter and collect statistics every 10 seconds:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name monitor-flow scope local ether-type arp stats log stats-interval 5
```

You can display the statistics logs for the new flow using the vflow-stats-show command.

**Note:** Conflicting vFlows - Multiple vFlows can be active at once, but cannot apply them at the same time. You can use the precedence parameter to set the order of the vFlows. If you set the precedence to a higher value (0 - 10 with 0 as the lowest precedence), the vFlow has a higher precedence than those with lower values. If you are seeing error messages about vFlow conflicts, try adding a precedence value to new or existing vFlows.



## **Examples and Use Cases for Network Monitoring and Security**

- Using vFlows to Disable Communication for Security Monitoring
- Configuring vFlows to Filter Packets on Management Interfaces
- Configuring vFlow for Analytics



## Using vFlows to Disable Communication for Security Monitoring

You can use vFlows to control the traffic by specifying the communications that are not allowed in a switch or a fabric. Use the following steps to create a vFlow as a firewall:

Define a VLAN and destination IP-based flow and specify that the flow is dropped by the switch, with statistics monitoring enabled:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name vflow10 scope local vlan 99 dst-ip 172.168.24.1 action drop stats enable

Display the statistics for the new flow above as the traffic is dropped:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-stats-show name vflow10 show-diff-interval 5

switch	name	packets	bytes	cpu-packets	cpu-bytes
Leaf1	vflow10	864	116K	0	0
Leaf1	vflow10	5	936K	0	0

There are many options available for creating vFlows, and vFlows can be used to shape traffic, capture statistics, capture flow metadata, capture packets, or manage communications. The options include:

- vlan
- in-port
- out-port
- ether-type
- src-mac
- src-mac-mask
- dst-mac
- dst-mac-mask
- src-ip
- src-ip-mask
- dst-ip
- dst-ip-mask
- src-port
- dst-port
- dscp
- tos
- proto
- flow-class
- uplink-ports
- bw-min
- bw-max
- precedence
- action



- action-value
- no-mirror
- mirror
- no-process-mirror
- process-mirror
- packet-log-max
- stats
- stats-interval
- duration
- no-transient
- transient
- vxlan
- vxlan-ether-type



## **Configuring vFlows to Filter Packets on Management Interfaces**

The Pluribus Networks switches support administrative services and protocols such as SSH, HTTP, SSL, ICMP, etc. (for all supported protocols, see the show command output below). Management vflow feature enables the use of IPTables to support filtering based on filter parameters on management interfaces traffic.

The management traffic on Pluribus switches are handled in two ways:

- Out-of band management interface traffic: Uses IPTables to perform kernel based filtering
- In-band management interface traffic: Uses vflow based programming approach

In dual stack networks, both IPv4 and IPv6 filters can be used on the management port (in-band/out-of-band). By default, the management traffic allows all SSH, NFS, SNMP traffic and denies all web traffic as displayed in the command output below:

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > admin-service-show

if 	ssh	nfs 	web	web- ssl	web- ssl- port	web- port 	snmp	net- api 	icmp
mgmt	on	on	off	off	443	80	on	on	on
data	on	on	off	off	443	80	on	on	on

This feature uses the existing vflow commands to add filters on the out-of-band and inband management interfaces that are specific for these administrative services. The vflow rules uses precedence numbering to maintain the order of filters and helps in enforcing rules at specific locations in the IPTables. However, when you configure vflow rules, make sure that the vflow rules do not have a conflict with the system rules because the system rules may take precedence over the user configured vflow rules.

While configuring the vflow rules, be aware of the following configuration considerations:

- The parameter if is used to configure management vflows.
- The vflow rules support only permit and drop actions.
- The order of the configuration aligns with the order in which the rules are programmed. However, the user can re-arrange the rules using precedence.
- The vflow rules take precedence in both IPTables and TCAM are:
- By default, the vflow rules have a precedence value of four (4).



- Implicit drop priority is always lower than the user configured management vflows
- IPTables filter is added such that it precedes the existing system rule.
- The following are the applicable scaling numbers:
- For in-band traffic: the egress TCAM table limitation of 256 entries or as per hardware limits.
- For out-of-band traffic: The IPTables scale limitation is applied.

For example, create a vflow with the following parameters, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > vflow-create name <mgmt\_flow> if <mgmt|data> scope <local|fabric> src-ip <IP> src-mask <MASK> dstip <IP> dst-mask <MASK> proto <num\_or\_name> src-port <src-port-number> dst-port <dst-port-number> action <permit|drop> precedence <num>

name	Name of the vFlow that you are creating
if	Specify the vflow administrative service as management or data
scope	Specify the scope as local or fabric
src-ip	Specify the source IP Address
src-mask	Specify the source IP address mask
dstip	Specify the destination IP address
dst-mask	Specify the destination IP mask
proto	Specify the name or number of the protocol
src-port	Specify the Layer 3 protocol source port for the vFlow
dst-port	Specify the Layer 3 protocol destination port for the vFlow
action	Specify the action, whether to drop the packet or allow/permit the flow of packet
precedence	Specify the traffic priority value. The default values range between 2 and 15.

#### To delete a vflow, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-delete name <mgmt_flow>
```

#### To modify the vflow rule, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-modify name <mgmt_flow>if <mgmt|data> src-ip <IP> src-mask <MASK> dstip <IP> dst-mask <MASK> proto <num_or_name> src-port <num> dst-port <num> action <permit|drop> precedence <num>
```

To display the configured vflow rules from the IPTables, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-mgmt-show name <string>
```



The following example displays an In-band filter configured in Egress Content Aware Processing (ECAP) TCAM on two IPV4 addresses, where the vflow filters are applied to block the ssh connection from the source IP address, 10.10.10.19 whereas the ssh connection is allowed from the IP address, 10.10.10.20:

CLI (network-admin@spinel) > switch-local vflow-show

name	scope	type	in-port	src-ip	dst-port	precedence	action	enable
fdata	local	vflow	73	10.10.10.20	22	4	none	enable
fdatal	local	vflow	73	10.10.10.19	22	4	drop	enable
tcp_22	local	vflow	73		22	default	drop	enable

To display the examples for out-of-band management filters.

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-mgmt-show

name	scope	type	src-ip	dst-port	preceden ce	action	enable
data1	local	iptable	153.1.1. 120/255. 255.255.	22	15		enable
implicit v4_drop_ tcp_22_v mgmt0	local	iptable		22	15	drop	enable
mgmt_ipv 4	local	iptable	2.1.1.1		default	none	enable
<pre>implicit v4_drop_ icmp_vmg mt0</pre>	local	iptable		0	15	drop	enable
mgmt1_ip v6	local	iptable	2000::2/ ffff:fff f:ffff:f fff::		default	none	enable
mgmt_ipv 6	local	iptable	2000::1/ ffff:fff f:ffff:f fff::		default	none	enable
<pre>implicit v6_drop_ ipv6- icmp_vmg mt0</pre>	local	iptable		0	15	drop	enable

To display the packets and byte count from the IPTables, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-mgmt-stats-show name
<string>

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-mgmt-stats-show



switch	name	pkts	bytes
spinel	datal	0	0
spine1	<pre>implicitv4_drop_t cp_22_vmgmt0</pre>	16	976
spinel	mgmt_ipv4	0	0
spine1	<pre>implicitv4_drop_i cmp_vmgmt0</pre>	29	2.38K
spinel	mgmt1_ipv6	0	0
spine13	mgmt_ipv6	0	0
spine1	<pre>implicitv6_drop_i pv6-icmp_vmgmt0</pre>	0	0

To clear all the IPTable rules, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > vflow-mgmt-stats-clear name
<string>

The following example displays an In-band filter configured in Egress Content Aware Processing (ECAP) TCAM on two IPV4 addresses, where the vflow filters are applied to block the ssh connection from the source IP address, 10.10.10.19 whereas the ssh connection is allowed from the IP address, 10.10.10.20:

CLI (network-admin@spine1) > switch-local vflow-show

name	scope	type	in- port	src-ip	dst- port	preced ence	action	enable	if
fdata	local	vflow	73	10.10. 10.20	22	4	none	enable	data
fdatal	local	vflow	73	10.10. 10.19	22	4	drop	enable	data
tcp_22	local	vflow	73		22	defaul t	drop	enable	data



## **Configuring vFlow for Analytics**

A vFlow can be used to capture packets for analysis, and you can determine if the vFlow captures packets across the fabric or on a single switch. Packets are captured by forwarding them from the data plane of the switch to the control plane.

Snooping only works if you use the parameters, copy-to-cpu or to-cpu.

The copy-to-cpu parameter ensures that the data plane forwards the packets and sends a copy to the CPU. Use this parameter if you want traffic to flow through the switch.

The to-cpu parameter doesn't forward packets and interrupts traffic on the switch. To snoop all application flow packets of protocol type TCP, enter the following CLI commands at the prompt:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name snoop\_all scope local proto tcp action copy-to-cpu

Then use the following command to display the output:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-snoop
switch: pleiades24, flow: snoop_all, port: 65, size: 66, time:
20:07:15.03867188
smac: 64:0e:94:28:00:fa, dmac: 64:0e:94:2c:00:7a, etype: ip
sip: 192.168.2.51, dip: 192.168.2.31, proto: tcp
sport: 42120, dport: 33399
switch: pleiades24, flow: snoop_all, port: 65, size: 184,
time: 20:07:15.03882961
smac: 64:0e:94:28:00:fa, dmac: 64:0e:94:2c:00:7a, etype: ip
sip: 192.168.2.51, dip: 192.168.2.31, proto: tcp
sport: 42120, dport: 33399
switch: pleiades24, flow: snoop_all, port: 43, size: 66, time:
20:07:15.03893740
smac: 64:0e:94:2c:00:7a, dmac: 64:0e:94:28:00:fa, etype: ip
sip: 192.168.2.31, dip: 192.168.2.51, proto: tcp
sport: 33399, dport: 42120
```

**Note**: Use the vflow-snoop command only on platforms that do not have rearfacing NICs.

To restrict the flows captured to TCP port 22, SSH traffic, create the following vFlow:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name snoop\_ssh scope local action copy-to-cpu src-port 22 proto tcp vflow-add-filter name snoop\_ssh



Then use the vflow-snoop command to display the results:

```
switch: pleiades24, flow: snoop_ssh, port: 41, size: 230,
time: 10:56:57.05785917 src-mac: 00:15:17:ea:f8:70, dst-mac:
f4:6d:04:0e:77:60, etype: ip src-ip: 10.9.11.18, dst-ip:
10.9.10.65, proto: tcp src-port: 22, dst-port: 62356
switch: pleiades24, flow: snoop_ssh, port: 41, size: 118,
time: 10:56:57.05922560 src-mac: 00:15:17:ea:f8:70, dst-mac:
f4:6d:04:0e:77:60, etype: ip src-ip: 10.9.11.18, dst-ip:
10.9.10.65, proto: tcp src-port: 22, dst-port: 62356
```

The optional parameter vflow-add-filter restricts the output of the vflow-snoop command to the packets matching the snoop\_ssh flow definition.

To capture traffic packets for a flow across the entire fabric, you create a flow with the scope of fabric:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-create name fab\_snoop\_all scope fabric action copy-to-cpu port 22

#### **Support for IPv6 Addresses and vFlow Configurations**

You must modify the vFlow table profile using the new command, vflow-table-profile-modify:

```
CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-table-profile-modify profile
ipv6 hw-tbl switch-main
```

You must reboot the switch in order for the settings to take effect. To ensure that the profile is available after rebooting, use the vflow-table-show command:

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vflow-table-show

name 	flow-max-per- group	flow-used	flow-tbl-slices	capability	flow-profile
Egress-Table-1-0	256	0	2	match-metadata	system
Egress-Table-v6- 1-0	256	0	1	none	egress-v6
IPv6-Table-1-0	1536	0	1	none	ipv6
System-L1-L4-Tun- 1-0	1536	57	2	set-metadata	system
System-VCAP- table-1-0	512	1	1	none	system



## vFlow Capability Changes in the Z9432F-ON Platforms

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.1 the Z9432F-ON platforms are supported. They introduce a new generation of programmable ASICs, which has some differences in vFlow support.

The new ASIC architecture changes the forwarding pipelines introducing various processing stages that are mostly backward compatible with previous generations. Some enhancements and changes are introduced.

Regarding QoS, a new vFlow table is introduced called Ingress-Policer-Table-1-0. The vflow-table-show and vflow-table-profile-show commands also display the new table.

The max-bw action (for traffic policing) is supported in the new Ingress-Policer-Table-1-0, as well as in the Egress-Table-1-0. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name band scope local in-port 129 bw-max 1M table-name Ingress-Policer-Table-1-0 precedence 12

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show

name scope type in-port bw-max precedence transparency tracking tracking-status enable table-name

band local vflow 129 1M 12 disable disable disabled enable Ingress-Policer-Table-1-0
```

Furthermore, the set-dscp action is not supported in the Egress-Table-1-0 and Egress-Table-v6-1-0 (to perform this action you can use the ingress tables). The action set-vlan-pri is not supported in System-VCAP-Table-1-0. Only the Ingress-Policer-Table-1-0 and System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0 tables support it.

Switch ports support 4 dedicated queues for multicast, broadcast and unknown unicast (BUM, in short) traffic. The default weight of each queue is:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-weight-show cos8-weight: 32 cos9-weight: 64 cos10-weight: 64 cos11-weight: 127
```

For BUM traffic CoS priorities from 0 to 4 are mapped to queue 8, CoS 5 is mapped to queue 9, CoS 6 is mapped to queue 10, and CoS 7 is mapped to queue 11.

Queues 8-11 can be configured like other queues: weights and bandwidth can be set and verified with the port-cos-weight-modify/show and port-cos-bw-modify/show commands, while the queue stats can be displayed with the port-cos-stats-show command.

The functionality of the port and vFlow commands has remained unchanged. The only difference is the addition of support for queues 8-11. For example, queue 8's bandwidth



#### limit can be configured on port 1 like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > port-cos-bw-modify port 1 cos 8 max-bw-limit 90

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > port-cos-bw-show cos 8,9,10,11

cos	port	min-bw-guarantee	$\verb max-bw-limit $	weight
8	3,5,7,9,13,15,17,19,21,25,29,33-37	0%	100%	32
8	1	0%	90%	32
9	1,3,5,7,9,13,15,17,19,21,25	0%	100%	64
10	1,3,5,7,9,13,15,17,19,21,25	0%	100%	64
11	1,3,5,7,9,13,15,17,19,21,25	0%	100%	127

#### Queue 8-11's stats can be displayed like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-show format port,cos8-obits,cos8-dropbits,cos9-obits,cos9-dropbits,cos10-obits,cos10-dropbits,cos11-obits,cos11-dropbits,

]	port	$\cos 8 - obits$	cos8-dropbits	$\cos 9 - \text{obits}$	cos9-dropbits	$\cos 10 - \text{obits}$	cos10-dropbits	${\tt cosl1-obits}$	${\tt cosl1-dropbits}$
	1	11.3K	0	1.61K	0	0	0	1.22K	0
	13	0	0	53.0K	0	0	0	0	0
	97	2.20K	0	132K	0	0	0	11.0K	0
	101	2.30K	0	140K	0	0	0	11.0K	0
	113	11.7K	0	79.1K	0	0	0	0	0
	125	0	0	3.80K	0	0	0	0	0
	129	2.30K	0	137K	0	0	0	5.52K	0

#### Other vFlow functionality differences are

For details on the vFlow differences on Z9432F-ON Platforms, see the GSG for Dell Z9432F Platforms.



## **Configuring Quality of Service (QoS)**

This chapter provides information about the configuration of the Quality of Service (QoS) features on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI).

- Understanding QoS
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- Configuring the Strict PriorityQueue
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- Supported Releases
- Related Documentation



## **Understanding Quality of Service (QoS)**

In computer networking, the term Quality of Service (QoS) refers to the use of techniques and technologies to ensure that different applications and/or devices can benefit from appropriate network guarantees to operate optimally, even in the presence of constrained bandwidth and network congestion.

QoS technologies can be used to optimize network performance, prevent service disruption, and provide protection to devices in the network. For example, they can be used to ensure that the traffic of mission-critical applications is prioritized and not disrupted during times of high network congestion.

QoS enables organizations to optimize their overall network utilization by applying different prioritization levels to the traffic of different applications, that is, to different traffic classes.

On the other hand, when QoS is not enabled, a network operates by delivering traffic on a best-effort basis, in other words all traffic is forwarded with the same priority and therefore has an equal chance of being delivered or of being dropped in case of congestion.

When QoS is enabled, traffic can be classified based on a number of criteria (such as certain packet fields or granular hardware-based policies). Once service classes are associated to the packets, they can be prioritized according to policies implemented by the network administrator that take into account the requirements of each traffic class. Some applications, for example, may be latency sensitive, other applications may not be very tolerant to packet drops, etc. Therefore, the network administrator can apply different prioritization policies to different types of traffic to optimize each application or protocol's behavior. For instance, certain protocols may be very sensitive to the effects of congestion, therefore the network administrator may elect to use QoS techniques for traffic congestion avoidance.

In a nutshell, implementing QoS in a network improves the predictability of the network performance (in terms of speed and traffic latency) and optimizes bandwidth utilization.

In general, the broad term 'QoS' refers to a set of techniques and mechanisms that include:

- **Port buffering**: consists of techniques for the allocation of temporary storage to packets during network congestion (i.e., when packets cannot be immediately forwarded) to avoid drops in the network choke points.
- **Port queuing**: refers to segregating traffic into different transmission queues based on one or more classification criteria.
- Traffic classification and marking: is the process of selecting traffic and associating it with a class value. Packets can carry a class or marking directly in their headers: 802.1Q-tagged packets carry an 802.1p Class of Service (CoS) priority field (see figure below), while IP packet headers include a differentiated services code point (DSCP) field. Traffic classification can be derived directly from the packet fields or, when those fields are missing or cannot be trusted, the traffic is (re)marked by the hardware based on some preconfigured policies. A per-port ingress trust attribute determines which classification behavior to apply to incoming packets.



- Traffic scheduling: packet buffers can be divided into multiple queues to which
  packets get scheduled based on their classification (for example, based on their CoS
  value).
- **Congestion avoidance**: consists of various techniques that aim to prevent or minimize downstream traffic congestion.
- Traffic policing (or rate limiting): is a technique to limit the speed of a flow by dropping the packets that exceed a configured threshold (in addition, re-marking can also be used to conditionally drop traffic in case of downstream congestion).
- **Traffic shaping**: is a technique to limit the speed of a flow by queuing up the packets that exceed a configured threshold. This technology is more drop-averse and hence TCP friendly (compared to policing) but, when queuing up traffic, the latency of the buffered packets may be significantly increased (which is not always desirable).

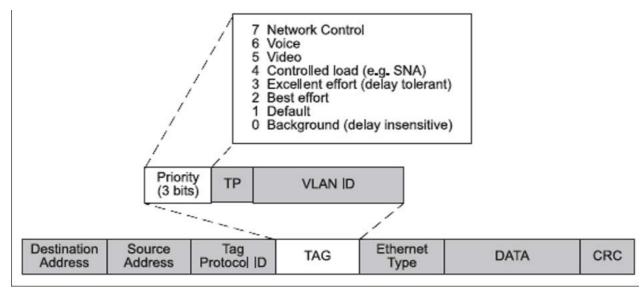


Figure 13-1: IEEE 802.1Q Header with Class of Service/Priority Field

QoS can logically be applied in ingress or in egress to a switch. The switch forwarding engine can also apply hardware policies to the traffic, for example to remark or police the traffic.

Layer 2 QoS revolves around 802.3 and 802.1Q technologies such as 802.1p class of service (CoS) and packet flow control. Hence, it can be applied to both IP and non-IP traffic.

Layer 3 QoS applies to IP traffic and can therefore leverage the differentiated services code point (DSCP) field (defined in RFC 2474), which for IPv4 replaced the outdated Type of Service (TOS) field (defined in RFC 791).

QoS can be applied to the data plane as well as to the control plane traffic. In the former case, it is used to optimize the traffic flow, the resource allocation, and the application behavior. It can also be used to protect certain classes of traffic, devices, or users.

When the device to be protected (for example, from denial-of-service attacks or network malfunctions) is the control plane CPU of a switch, then QoS can be very useful to ensure network stability and security (because QoS-based optimizations can be applied to benefit the CPU's computing and memory resources and to save CPU cycles).

Regarding QoS applied to control plane protection, Pluribus Network has implemented the Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP) feature. For more information about it, refer



to the Configuring Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP) section of the Configuring Network Security chapter.



## **Understanding Pluribus Quality of Service (QoS) Technology**

Pluribus switches follow Ethernet standards and hence can parse and extract the 802.1p Class of Service/Priority bits in the received frames. The CoS field represents the least common denominator form of packet marking available to Ethernet devices as it can be used for any type of traffic (whether IP or non-IP). Historically, Pluribus Networks has used the CoS field across different and heterogeneous generations of hardware. The packet CoS can be trusted or untrusted. When it's trusted, for simplicity's sake, CoS values have been mapped 1:1 to the queue numbers in the ASIC, as shown in the table below:

CoS Value	Output Queue Number
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7

For this reason, in the Netvisor ONE CLI a queue number is sometimes referred to as 'CoS'.

For IP packets, Netvisor ONE supports also classification based on the 6-bit DSCP field as defined in the IETF standards:

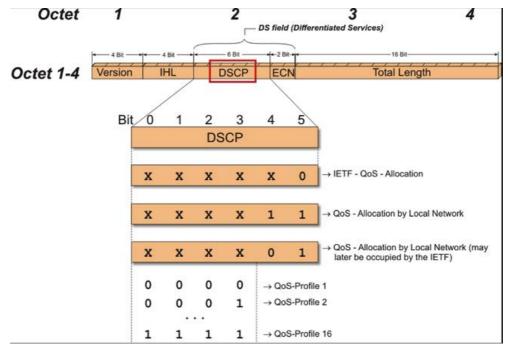


Figure 13-2: DSCP Field with QoS Profiles



## **Understanding QoS-based Packet Processing**

A switch's packet processing logic is divided into three main stages:

- The ingress logic (corresponding to the port-related ingress functions)
- The centralized logic (corresponding to switch-wide processing and forwarding functions)
- The egress logic (corresponding to the port-related egress functions)

QoS is implemented in all of the above processing stages:

- In the logic associated to the ingress port, the input traffic's classification can be trusted, or it can be remarked per the network administrator's configuration.
- In the centralized logic, traffic can be filtered and QoS policies can be applied to it: traffic can be remarked and/or policed.
- In the logic associated to the egress port, traffic is scheduled for transmission in an egress queue, in which it can be shaped per the network administrator's configuration.

Figure 20-3 below shows the logical sequence of the QoS operations applied by the forwarding hardware to a packet:



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## **Understanding QoS Features**

Let's look at the various QoS features available to the network administrator to optimize the traffic flows.

#### **Port Trust Attribute and DSCP Map**

A port's configuration includes an implicit trust attribute. Its default setting is to trust the priority marking (CoS) in the 802.1Q header to use internally to the switch for subsequent QoS functions (see the sequence above in Figure 20-3).

In addition to trusting the CoS field, it is possible to trust the DSCP field, when present in a packet. This functionality can be enabled by applying a DSCP map to a port.

A DSCP map specifies the associations between CoS values (called priorities) and DSCP values. These associations are used for queuing and for 802.1Q marking of the IP packets egressing the switch.

Netvisor ONE supports interoperable DSCP-based markings:

- A DSCP value range from 0 to 63.
- Standard differentiated services definition: these values are used by different vendors to facilitate common QoS levels.
- Class selector code points (CS1 through CS7) are backwards compatible with IP Precedence values in the TOS field.
- Assured Forwarding (AF) code points have 4 priority classes, each class has three code points indicating the drop precedence:
  - o Class1: AF11/12/13 (DSCP 10, 12, 14)
  - o Class2: AF21/22/23 (DSCP 18, 20, 22)
  - o Class3: AF31/32/33 (DSCP 26, 28, 30)
  - o Class4: AF41/42/43 (DSCP 34, 36, 38)
- DSCP (and IP Precedence) 0 corresponds to the best effort behavior
- DSCP 46 is the Expedited Forwarding (EF) code point, indicating critical traffic.

## **Policing (Rate Limiting)**

Policing is the function of limiting the speed of the forwarded traffic.

Netvisor ONE leverages vFlow policies to select the subset of the traffic to apply a maximum forwarding rate to. It supports the token bucket algorithm to implement the rate metering and limiting function. The maximum rate is called bw-max and is expressed in bps. It can be in a range between 0 and 40 Gbps.

Policing can be configured with a vFlow policy on a per-port basis or on a per-VLAN basis. Per-port policers can be applied to traffic ingressing (in-port) or egressing (out-port) a switch port. VLAN-based policers instead apply to the aggregate of the traffic from all the ports in a certain VLAN.

Other filtering parameters that can be used in a vFlow policy to apply even more granular policing include: DSCP or TOS field, source and/or destination MAC address, source



and/or destination IP address, source and/or destination L4 port, etc.

For more information on vFlow policies, refer to the Configuring and Using vFlows chapter.

With a plain rate limiter, traffic that exceeds a specified threshold is dropped. However, this action is not very TCP-friendly, and in general it could be undesirable in certain circumstances. For example, it may be desirable for certain protocols to allow traffic bursting for optimal performance, even if a burst may temporarily exceed the configured rate.

Therefore, Netvisor ONE supports policing by using the popular token bucket algorithm, which includes both a maximum rate and a token bucket size (burst size). This allows for TCP traffic bursts up to the maximum configured size, and therefore it can make a host TCP stack's behavior less "jittery" in case of traffic speeds being capped by the switch hardware.

Limiting traffic speeds in hardware (i.e., without any software overhead) can be used as a security measure too, typically to protect devices from Denial of Service (DoS) attacks (for specific destinations) or from potentially misbehaving sources. This security strategy can be critical to guarantee a deterministic behavior for devices that are particularly vulnerable to overloads or for mission critical ones that need to optimize their CPU utilization.

Of all the mission-critical entities in a network, the switch control planes play a very important role as they guarantee the stability and assist with the redundancy of the entire network. QoS is of great importance for the protection of the control plane and therefore historically network device vendors have created special QoS-based features to ensure network robustness and stability. As a case in point, Netvisor ONE supports the Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP) feature.

For more information on the CPTP feature, refer to the Configuring Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP) section of the Configuring Network Security chapter.

## **Traffic Remarking**

Traffic remarking is a useful hardware forwarding capability to change the prioritization of the traffic downstream. By default, forwarded traffic is not remarked (in other words, the QoS fields of the packets are not modified) but a policy can be configured to implement that.

In vFlow policies, along with forwarding actions (such as copy-to-port or setvlan), Netvisor ONE also supports the set-dscp action that can be used to remark the traffic while not modifying its egress queuing. This is useful to signal to a downstream device that traffic should be treated differently based on the remarked DSCP value (for example, with a lower priority compared to the original one, according to the network administrator's requirements). As a matter of fact, it is not uncommon that host devices and network devices may not agree on the QoS markings to use. Or even different sections of the network, managed by different entities, may not have a complete agreement on the QoS markings to use. So remarking the traffic is used to apply the appropriate re-classification, when needed.

In addition, for example for non-IP traffic, it is possible to remark the frames by changing the priority/CoS field with the set-vlan-pri action.



In addition to set-dscp, Netvisor ONE supports the dscp-map action to modify the egress port queuing based on the chosen remarked DSCP value. This type of action enables the administrator to select a different egress priority for the remarked traffic (for example, a lower priority compared to the original one).

To apply the CoS/DSCP association on an egress port basis, Netvisor ONE supports the dscp-map parameter in the port-config-modify command. The DSCP map associates each CoS value to one or more DSCP values: hence, for each remarked DSCP value in a forwarded IP packet the egress queue can be selected by the hardware based on the associated CoS value.

#### **Queue Scheduling and Shaping**

Netvisor ONE supports the Weighted Round Robin (WRR) algorithm for traffic scheduling. On egress ports eight queues are available to schedule traffic to, based on the packets' CoS values. Network administrators can specify a minimum guaranteed bandwidth parameter, called min-bw-guarantee, as a percentage for each queue. They can also specify a per-queue scheduling weight (a value between 1 and 127) that is used by the hardware after the bandwidth guarantee is met. The queue number is referred to as "cos".

In addition to specifying a minimum bandwidth guarantee, it is also possible to configure a maximum bandwidth limit parameter, called max-bw-limit, on a per queue basis. This function is called shaping: it buffers the traffic that exceeds the configured limit up to the capacity of the queue.

#### **Strict Priority Queue**

As discussed above, Netvisor ONE supports the WRR algorithm to schedule traffic out of port queues. However, traffic that is highly latency-sensitive and jitter-sensitive may not always work well with this type of scheduling, even when high weights are allocated to it. Therefore, for this kind of traffic, a special case (equivalent to an infinite weight) is supported and is called strict priority: Netvisor ONE supports the weight priority queue configuration to enable special traffic to be scheduled for forwarding as soon as it's queued. This configuration minimizes forwarding latency and jitter, but it's generally reserved to low bandwidth protocols (for example, VoIP) that cannot monopolize the entire bandwidth of the port.



#### **QoS References**

For more details on QoS, you can also refer to the following IEEE and IETF standards:

- IEEE 802.1Q-2018 IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks— Bridges and Bridged Networks
- IEEE 802.1D-2004 IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks: Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges
- RFC 791 "INTERNET PROTOCOL"
- RFC 795 "SERVICE MAPPINGS"
- RFC 1349 "Type of Service in the Internet Protocol Suite"
- RFC 2474 "Definition of the Differentiated Services Field (DS Field) in the IPv4 and IPv6 Headers"
- RFC 2475 "An Architecture for Differentiated Services"
- RFC 2597 "Assured Forwarding PHB Group"



#### **Guidelines and Limitations**

These are some limitations to consider when configuring QoS:

- User-defined classification mappings for 802.1p CoS values are not supported. Currently Netvisor ONE supports fixed 1-to-1 CoS-to-queue mappings.
- You can configure the internal-pri parameter in different hardware filter tables except for System-VCAP-table-1-0 and VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0.
- Once a DSCP map is used in a vFlow policy, it cannot be deleted until it remains in use.



## **Configuring QoS**

The switch hardware's architecture and the corresponding QoS packet flow (described in Figure 20-3 above) determines the logical sequence and the types of configurations that can be utilized to achieve the desired results.

The network administrator should determine what kind of functionality is required and how that functionality should affect the traffic (TCP, UDP, non-IP, etc.). Therefore, advance knowledge of the user applications and their traffic patterns aids in the process of configuring QoS. For example, ingress traffic can already be marked appropriately by the upstream devices, so QoS policies can directly rely on such marking. On the other hand, some traffic may lack marking or may be marked differently from what is desired. In such case the network administrator needs to implement appropriate policies. Granular and accurate traffic classification is of paramount importance to optimizing traffic flows: for that purpose, vFlow policies can represent a powerful tool for selecting and (re)marking traffic according to the network design's requirements.

Below are the QoS functionalities described in the sequence from ingress to egress:

- Ingress Port Trust
- DSCP Map
- Policing (Rate Limiting)
- Traffic Remarking
- Port Buffering
- Queue Scheduling and Shaping
- Strict Priority Queuing



## **About Ingress Port Trust**

By default, there is no configuration required for trusting the traffic's marking in ingress: the hardware uses the 802.1Q packets' CoS field for classification.

However, when the network administrator needs to trust the IP marking in the DSCP field, then trust can be changed to DSCP-based for IP traffic by configuring a DSCP to CoS mapping, as described in the next section. In such case, the CoS values associated to the trusted DCSP values also reflect in egress in the packets' CoS field.



## **Configuring DSCP to CoS Mapping**

Netvisor ONE supports creating hardware maps that associate Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) values in ingress in the received IP headers to Class of Service (CoS) priorities. This functionality also helps in prioritizing traffic based on DSCP markings by using the appropriate egress CoS-based queues to forward traffic out.

A DSCP map can be created, deleted and modified with the following commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	dscp-map-create
dscp-map-create		Create a DSCP priority mapping table with default DSCP to priority mappings.
name name-string		Create a name for the DSCP map.
scope local fabric		Specifies the scope for DSCP map.
CLI (network-admin@Spinel)	>	dscp-map-delete
dscp-map-delete		Delete a DSCP priority mapping table.
name name-string		Name for the DSCP map.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	dscp-map-pri-map-modify
dscp-map-pri-map-modify		Update priority mappings in tables.
dscp-map selector:		
name name-string		Specify the name for the DSCP map to modify.
the following pri-map arguments:		
pri number		Specify a CoS priority from 0 to 7.
dsmap number-list		Specify a DSCP value(s) as a single value, comma separated list, or a number range.

To show the list of DSCP maps, you can use the command:

name name-string

CLI	(network-admin@switch)	>	dscp-map-show
dso	cp-map-show		Display a DSCP priority mapping table.

Display the name of the DSCP map.



scope lo	cal fabric	The scope for DSCP map.
-	I .	·

#### For example:

The output of the command is empty if no maps have been created.

To show the associations in a DSCP map, you can use the command:

<pre>&gt; dscp-map-pri-map-show</pre>
Display priority mappings in tables.
Display the name of the DSCP map
Display a CoS priority from 0 to 7.
Display a DSCP value(s) as a single value, comma separated list, or a number range.

The default values are listed in the following dscp-map-pri-map-show output:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-create name dscp-map1
scope fabric
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-show name dscp-map1

```
      switch
      name
      pri
      dsmap

      -----
      -----
      ------

      switch
      ds2
      0
      none

      switch
      ds2
      1
      8,10,12,14

      switch
      ds2
      2
      16,18,20,22

      switch
      ds2
      3
      24,26,28,30

      switch
      ds2
      4
      32,34,36,38

      switch
      ds2
      5
      40

      switch
      ds2
      6
      48

      switch
      ds2
      7
      56
```

Furthermore, the port-config-modify command has a parameter, dscp-map map-name | none, to apply a DSCP map to a port. (Using the option none removes the



#### DSCP map previously configured on the port.)

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 17,21 dscp-map dscp-map1
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-show port 17,21 format switch,intf,dscp-map,

```
switch intf dscp-map
-----
switch 17 dscp-map1
switch 21 dscp-map1
```

To modify a DSCP map that is in use, you can change its associations like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-modify name dscp-map1 pri 5 dsmap 32
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-show name pri dsmap

```
dscp-map1 0 40
dscp-map1 1 8,10,12,14
dscp-map1 2 16,18,20,22
dscp-map1 3 24,26,28,30
dscp-map1 4 34,36,38
dscp-map1 5 32
dscp-map1 6 48
dscp-map1 7 56
```

You can delete a DSCP map from a port like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 17,21 dscp-map none
```



#### **Configuring Policing**

Policing can be applied per port or globally (for example, on a per VLAN basis). Starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, it can also be applied based on a 3-bit internal priority value used to categorize the traffic based on 8 possible classes.

Port-based Policing

You can configure a vFlow policy that applies to a port and specifies a maximum bandwidth (and optionally a token bucket size), for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name policer1 scope fabric in-port 21 bw-max 0.4g

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-stats-show port 21 show-diff-interval 1 format

port,ibytes,iUpkts,iBpkts,iMpkts,obytes,obits,oUpkts,oBp kts,oMpkts

port ibytes ibits iUpkts iBpkts iMpkts obytes obits oUpkts oBpkts oMpkts

21	47.4M	397M	5.38K	0	0	82.2K	673K	1.11K	0
21	85.2K 0	698K	1.15K	0	0	49.2M	412M	5.59K	0

•••

#### **VLAN-based Policing**

You can configure a vFlow policy that applies to all the traffic in a VLAN and specifies a maximum bandwidth (and optionally a token bucket size), for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name policer1 scope fabric in-port 21 bw-max 400m

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name policer2 scope fabric vlan 10 bw-max 2g

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-stats-show port 21 show-diff-interval 1 format

port, ibytes, ibits, iUpkts, iBpkts, iMpkts, obytes, obits, oUpkts

port	ibytes	ibits	iUpkts	iBpkts	iMpkts	obytes	obits	oUpkts
21	0	62.4M	970	0	0	0	51.0M	1.20K

#### **Internal Priority-based Policing**

Internal priority is an intermediary priority value that maps DSCP values to CoS values. Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 (or later release) allows you to configure vFlow policies using the internal priority as a filtering parameter. This means that you can now perform traffic policing for any received traffic based on DSCP values. In earlier versions of Netvisor ONE you needed to configure at least one vFlow policy per port per DSCP value or DSCP



value range. However, starting from Netvisor ONE release 6.1.0, you need to configure only one vFlow per internal priority value.

The allowed range of internal priority values is 0-7. For example, you can assign a maximum bandwidth limit of 100 Mbps for packets with an internal priority value of 1 by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 scope local internal-pri 1 bw-max 100M
```

You can display the configuration by using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show
```

name: flow1
scope: local
type: vflow

in-port:

internal-pri: 1
bw-max: 100M
burst-size: auto
precedence: default

action:
packet-res:
fwding-type:

enable: enable

table-name: System-L1-L4-Tun-1-0

To clear the internal priority field for a vFlow entry, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 internal-
pri none
```

**Note:** To achieve filtering of traffic based on the desired DSCP values, you must configure the internal priority value on the basis of the configured DSCP to CoS mapping. For more information, see the Configuring DSCP to CoS Mapping section of the Configuring and Using vFlows chapter.

**Note**: This feature does not support queue numbers/classes 8 and 9 as these queues are available exclusively for internal control plane traffic.

**Note:** You can configure the internal-pri parameter in different hardware filter tables except for System-VCAP-table-1-0 and VCAP-IPv6-table-1-0.



#### **Configuring Burst Size in vFlow**

The vflow-create and vflow-modify commands support a configurable burst-size parameter (i.e., the token bucket size). This feature enables you to specify different burst sizes for different types of metered traffic.

For example, you can configure higher burst levels for a metered application that may produce bursty traffic patterns when you click on it, such as a media-rich Web page link.

This feature defaults to burst-size auto, which auto-calculates the burst size based on the maximum bandwidth settings for the vFlow. You can configure a burst-size value between 256 bytes and 134 MB (128 MiB).

For example, to create a vFlow with a maximum bandwidth of 5 Gbps and a burst size of 12 MB, you can use the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name flow1 scope local in-port 12 bw-max 5G burst-size 12M



# Applying CoS Queue Mapping based on Re-Marked DSCP in vFlow

Netvisor ONE allows a vFlow policy to mark or re-mark matched outgoing packets with a DSCP value. For this purpose, it supports the set-dscp action-value parameter. For example, a vFlow policy called myflow can be modified to remark to DSCP 46 any matching traffic like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-modify name myflow action set-dscp action-value 46
```

In this case, Netvisor ONE does not modify the egress port queue selection for outgoing traffic.

As discussed above, Netvisor ONE also allows you to create named DSCP maps as independent objects, and to apply the maps to ingress ports for classification of packets based on the DSCP markings.

In addition to that, you can apply the same DSCP maps in vFlow policies by using the dscp-map map-name parameter.

**Note:** Before you can apply a DSCP map, you should verify that it's already created with the appropriate name. Once the map is used in a vFlow policy, it cannot be deleted until it remains in use.

By using the DSCP maps in vFlow policies, Netvisor ONE can modify the egress port queue selection for outgoing traffic based on the DSCP-to-CoS associations configured by the network administrator.

You can specify the name of a DSCP map in the vflow-create command:

dscp-map dscp-map	name	Specify the DSCP map to apply on the
none		flow.

Please reapply if map priorities are updated.

For example, you can modify the aforementioned vFlow policy called myflow to affect egress queue selection by applying a (default) DSCP map like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-create name dscp-map1 scope fabric
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-show name dscp-map1

```
name pri dsmap
------
dscp-mapl 0 none
dscp-mapl 1 8,10,12,14
dscp-mapl 2 16,18,20,22
dscp-mapl 3 24,26,28,30
dscp-mapl 4 32,34,36,38
```



dscp-map1 5 40 dscp-map1 6 48 dscp-map1 7 56

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-modify name myflow dscp-map
dscp-map1

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show name myflow format name,dscp-map,precedence,action,action-value,enable,table-name

name dscp-map precedence action action-value enable table-name

-----

myflow dscp-map1 default set-dscp 32 enable

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## **Configuring Port Buffering**

Port buffering allocates storage for packets that cannot be immediately forwarded or processed on a port.

To display port buffer information (in percentages and bytes), use the port-buffer-show command. This command displays ingress and egress buffer utilization for each port:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer-show

port-buffer-show	Display port buffer information.
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Time to start statistics collection.
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Start time of statistics collection
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	End time of statistics collection
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	Duration of statistics collection
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Interval between statistics collection.
since-start	Specify to display port buffering since start.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify an older-than time to display port buffering.
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify a within-last time to display port buffering.
port port-list	The list of ports.

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > port-buffer-show

port egres	ingress-used-bufss-used-buf	ingress-used-buf-val	egress-used-buf	
5	2%	150K	0%	0
9	0%	0	0%	0
13	0%	0	0%	0
17	0%	22.5K	0%	0
21	0%	0	0%	0
25	0%	0	0%	0



29	0%	0	0%	0
33	0%	0	0%	0
34	0%	0	0%	0
35 1.12	0% M	0	18%	
37	0%	0	0%	0
41	0%	0	0%	0
45	6%	405K	0%	0
49	0%	0	0%	0
61	0%	0	0%	0
69	0%	0	0%	0
121	8%	567K	0%	0
129	0%	0	0%	0
130	0%	0	0%	0

Use the port-buffer-settings-modify command to enable the collection of port buffer information and to modify the logging interval and the internal storage space (called disk-space) allocated for the data collected for the command output above:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer-settings-modify

port-buffer-settings-modify	Modify port buffer settings.
enable disable	Specify if you want to enable or disable the collection of port buffer information.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Specify the interval for the logging of port buffer information.
disk-space disk-space-number	Specify the amount of memory to be allotted for the collection of port buffering information. The default value is 50MB.

For example, to set an interval of 2 minutes for logging port buffer information, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer-settings-modify
interval 2m

To display the port buffering settings, use the port-buffer-settings-show command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-buffer-settings-show

switch: switch
enable: yes
interval: 2m
disk-space: 50M



# **Configuring Minimum and Maximum Port Bandwidths**

Netvisor ONE supports the configuration of a minimum bandwidth guarantee and of a maximum bandwidth limit at the egress queue level to manage prioritized traffic. You can use this feature to set up Service Level Agreements (SLAs).

You can configure bandwidth guarantees as a percentage of the port speed, and Netvisor ONE determines the scheduling ratio internally upon command execution. Additionally, when you update a port speed, the port configuration internally re-adjusts the minimum or maximum bandwidths on the applicable ports. However, when you logically divide a breakout cable into multiple ports of lower bandwidth, you need to adjust the port queue bandwidths manually.

Use the port-cos-bw-modify command to configure minimum and maximum bandwidth on a particular port and on a queue number (referred to as 'cos'):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify

port-cos-bw-modify	Modify port CoS bandwidth settings.
port port-list	Specify the physical port(s).
min-bw-guarantee min-bw- guarantee-string	Specify the minimum bandwidth as a percentage.
max-bw-limit max-bw-limit- string	Specify the maximum bandwidth as a percentage.
weight priority no-priority	Specify to enable or disable weight scheduling after the bandwidth guarantee is met.
	guarantee is met.

For example, to configure a minimum bandwidth guarantee of 10 percent on ports 2-5 for queue 5, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify port 2-5 cos 5 min-bw-guarantee 10
```

Use the port-cos-bw-show command to check the configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-show
```

cos integer	Specify the CoS priority between 0 and 11.	
port port-list	Specify the physical port(s).	

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-show switch cos port min-bw-guarantee max-bw-limit weight ----- switch 0 1-72 0% 100% 16
```



1	1-72	0%	100%	32
2	1-72	0%	100%	32
3	1-72	0%	100%	32
4	1-72	0%	100%	32
5	1,6-72	0%	100%	32
5	2-5	10%	100%	32
6	1-128	0%	100%	64
7	1-128	0%	100%	127
	2 3 4 5 5	2 1-72 3 1-72 4 1-72 5 1,6-72 5 2-5 6 1-128	2 1-72 0% 3 1-72 0% 4 1-72 0% 5 1,6-72 0% 5 2-5 10% 6 1-128 0%	2       1-72       0%       100%         3       1-72       0%       100%         4       1-72       0%       100%         5       1,6-72       0%       100%         5       2-5       10%       100%         6       1-128       0%       100%

In the weight column the above command displays the default weights for the queues (expressed by values in the range 1-127).

**Note:** The port-cos-bw-show command displays only modified port configurations. Ports not displayed in the show command output default to the settings of 100% link capacity and no minimum bandwidth guarantee for each port queue.

Configuring a maximum bandwidth limit helps in shaping the traffic on the egress queue(s). For example, to configure a minimum bandwidth of 20% and a maximum bandwidth of 80% on ports 11-13 for queue 4, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify port 11-13 cos 4 min-bw-guarantee 20 max-bw-limit 80

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-show					
switch	cos	port	min-bw-guarantee	max-bw-limit	weight
switch	0	1-72	0%	100%	16
switch	1	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	2	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	3	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	4	1-72	0%	100%	32
switch	4	11-13	20%	80%	32
switch	5	1,6-72	0%	100%	32
switch	5	2-5	10%	100%	32
switch	6	1-72	0%	100%	64
switch	7	1-72	0%	100%	127

Changing the port settings to new values overrides the previous settings.



# **Configuring Queue Weights**

After a minimum bandwidth guarantee is met by the traffic on a queue, Netvisor ONE supports per-queue scheduling weights for the remaining bandwidth. No user intervention is needed by default, as Netvisor ONE automatically associates scheduling weights to port queues in accordance with the minimum bandwidth guarantees.

When you configure a minimum bandwidth guarantee without specifying a weight value, the weight for the port queue is set on a scale between 1 and 100 when autoconfiguration is enabled. (In other words, instead of a binary value, a decimal one is used in the queue weights, which represents a non-zero percentage.)

If auto-configuration of weights is disabled, you can manually assign the desired weight values to the queues. When you configure queue weights manually, the bandwidth that remains after meeting the minimum bandwidth guarantee is proportionally divided among the queues in accordance with the assigned weights.

To enable or disable automatic weight assignment for port queues, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify cosq-weight-auto | no-cosq-weight-auto
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show format cosq-
weight-auto,
cosq-weight-auto: off
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify cosq-weight-auto
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-show						
			min-bw-guarantee		weight	
switch	0	1-128	0%	100%	1	
switch	1	1-128	0%	100%	1	
switch	2	1-128	20%	100%	20	
switch	3	1-128	0%	100%	1	
switch	4	1-128	40%	100%	40	
switch	5	1-128	0%	100%	1	
switch	6	1-128	0%	100%	1	
switch	7	1-128	0%	100%	1	

**Note:** If you enable auto-configuration of queue weights, you cannot change the weights using the port-cos-bw-modify command thereafter. You can still use the command to enable the strict priority queue (see below).

**Note:** When you enable auto-configuration, the weights for all the queues that do not have the minimum bandwidth configured are set to the default value of 1 (which is the minimum possible value, since zero is not allowed).

You can disable the auto-configuration function and then use the port-cos-bw-



# modify command to change the port queue weights:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify

port-cos-bw-modify	Modify port CoS bandwidth settings.
cos integer	Specify the CoS priority between 0 and 9. Note: queue 8 and 9 are platform specific.
port port-list	Specify the physical port(s).
min-bw-guarantee min-bw-guarantee-string	Specify the minimum bandwidth as a percentage.
max-bw-limit max-bw-limit- string	Specify the maximum bandwidth as a percentage.
weight priority no-priority	Specify to enable or disable weight scheduling after the bandwidth guarantee is met.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-bw-modify cos 5 port 10 weight 64



# **Configuring the Strict Priority Queue**

switch 5 2 0%

It may be critical for certain types of traffic (e.g., voice traffic that is latency sensitive) to be scheduled for transmission as soon as they are enqueued. For this purpose, a queue can be designated as strict priority.

You can configure strict priority scheduling for any of the queues (for example, for queue 5 mapped to CoS 5-marked voice traffic). If strict priority is configured on a queue, Netvisor ONE gives this queue the highest possible priority over the other queues, therefore the strict priority queue is typically reserved for relatively low bandwidth traffic (such as VoIP).

Strict priority scheduling is not enabled by default, it has to be configured explicitly by the user.

For example, to configure strict priority for queue 5 on port 2, use the following command:

You can also configure a second queue as strict priority, for example, queue 6. In that case, those two queues are scheduled using equal-weight round robin. Using multiple strict priority queues is generally not recommended (as they take precedence over all the other queues), but may be useful in certain cases.

100%

priority



# **Displaying and Configuring Port Queue Statistics**

You can view the port queue statistics by using the port-cos-stats-show command.

This command displays the number of bits of transmitted and dropped packets on a per queue basis.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > p	port-cos-stats-show
port-cos-stats-show	Display per port CoS queue statistics.
time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Time to start statistics collection.
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddThh:mm:ss	Start time for statistics collection.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss	End time for statistics collection.
duration: #d#h#m#s	Duration of statistics collection.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Interval between statistics collection.
since-start	Displays statistics from the start of collection.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays statistics older than a specified duration.
within-last duration:	Displays statistics within the last

specified duration.

#### For example:

#d#h#m#s

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-show layout

vertical

switch: switch time: 21:36:59

port: 21 0 cos0-obits: cos0-dropbits: 0 cos1-obits: 0 cos1-dropbits: 0 cos2-obits: 0 cos2-dropbits: 0 cos3-obits: 0 cos3-dropbits: 0 cos4-obits: 0 cos4-dropbits: 0 cos5-obits: 0 cos5-dropbits: 0 cos6-obits: 0 cos6-dropbits:



cos7-obits: 0
cos7-dropbits: 0

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-show format all

layout vertical

switch: switch time: 04:24:19

73 port: cos0-obits: 0 cos0-dropbits: 0 cos0-opkts: 0 cos0-droppkts: 0 cos1-obits: 0 cos1-dropbits: 0 cos1-opkts: 0 cos1-droppkts: 0 cos2-obits: 0 cos2-dropbits: 0 cos2-opkts: 0 cos2-droppkts: 0 cos3-obits: 0 cos3-dropbits: 0 cos3-opkts: 0 cos3-droppkts: 0 cos4-obits: 0 cos4-dropbits: 0 cos4-opkts: 0 cos4-droppkts: 0 40.4K cos5-obits: cos5-dropbits: Ω cos5-opkts: 80 cos5-droppkts: 0 cos6-obits: 0 cos6-dropbits: 0 0

cos5-opkts: 80
cos5-droppkts: 0
cos6-obits: 0
cos6-dropbits: 0
cos6-opkts: 0
cos6-droppkts: 0
cos7-obits: 624K
cos7-dropbits: 0
cos7-opkts: 0

To modify the port queue statistics' collection settings, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-settings-modify

port-cos-stats-settings-<br/>modifyModify port CoS statistics collection<br/>settings.enable|disableSpecify if you want to enable or disable<br/>statistics collection.interval duration: #d#h#m#sSpecify the interval to collect statistics.disk-space disk-space-numberSpecify the amount of memory allocated



# for statistics (including rotated log files). The default value is 50MB.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-settings-modify
enable

To view the port queue statistics' collection settings, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-settings-show

switch: switch
enable: yes
interval: 30m

interval: 30m
disk-space: 50M

You can clear the port queue statistics by using the port-cos-stats-clear command.



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version
dscp-start dscp-end tos-start tos-end vlan-pri	vFlow parameters added in version 2.2.3
set-dscp	vFlow parameter added in version 2.2.5
port-cos-rate-setting-modify port-cos-rate-setting-show	Commands added in version 2.3.2
port-cos-weight-modify port-cos-weight-show port-cos-stats-clear	Commands added in version 2.4.0
port-cos-stats-settings- modify	Command added in version 2.4.1
dscp-map-create dscp-map-delete dscp-map-show dscp-map-pri-map-modify dscp-map-pri-map-show	Commands added in version 2.5.3
port-cos-bw-modify port-cos-bw-show	Parameters added in version 2.6.0
dscp-map	vFlow parameter added in version 2.6.2
port-cos-stats-show(outputin bits)	Command added in version 3.0.0
inner-vlan-pri internal-pri	vFlow parameters added in version 6.1.0

Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.



# **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section, refer to these sections of the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Switch Ports
- Configuring and Using vFlows
- Configuring Network Security

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as switch ports, vFlow policies, CPTP, etc.)



# **Configuring Kubernetes Visibility**

This chapter provides information about configuring the Kubernetes visibility feature on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE Command Line Interface (CLI).

- Understanding Kubernetes Visibility
- Configuring Kubernetes Visibility
- Configuring Kubernetes Visibility through vPort Table and Connection Table
- Related Documentation



## **Understanding Kubernetes Visibility**

Kubernetes is an open-source system for automating deployment, scaling, and management of containerized applications. A Kubernetes deployment creates a Kubernetes cluster which consists of at least one control plane node and a set of worker nodes that run containers. The worker nodes host the Pods that handle application workloads. The Kubernetes control plane administers the worker nodes and the Pods in a cluster. The core of Kubernetes' control plane is the API server through which users, different parts of the Kubernetes cluster, and external components interact. The Kubernetes API lets you query the state of objects in Kubernetes. For more information, see Kubernetes Documentation.

An increasing number of applications today use Kubernetes for container orchestration. The cloud-native application environments built using Kubernetes are highly distributed, and the majority of traffic consists of East-West flows between containers or pods. From a network perspective, there is very less visibility into these flows, which can make troubleshooting application performance issues difficult.

Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0 introduces the Kubernetes visibility feature which gives you full visibility into East-West traffic flows between containers inside a Kubernetes cluster, without external network TAP infrastructure. This feature allows you to correlate containers with applications, to know on which hosts they reside and how they are connected to the fabric.

You can track and monitor containers (for information including IP, name, image, and location in the fabric) and Kubernetes cluster components (kube-controller and kube-scheduler). This granular information helps to perform root cause analysis of application availability and performance issues in a container environment. Netvisor ONE implements a Kubernetes client that subscribes to the Kubernetes API server for real time notifications of events and changes.

By configuring the Kubernetes visibility feature, you can track historical data regarding a Kubernetes cluster which helps you to identify and fix availability issues even for containers that existed in the past. The feature lets you trace all available shortest paths between two Pods or nodes. For fine-grained Pod to Pod traffic analytics, you can also enable vPort table creation and connection statistics.



# **Configuring Kubernetes Visibility**

The Kubernetes client in Netvisor ONE connects to the Kubernetes API server for real time notifications of events and changes. To create a connection between the Kubernetes client in Netvisor ONE and the Kubernetes API server, use the command:

8s-connection-create
Create a new connection to the Kubernetes API server.
Specify a name for the Kubernetes cluster.
Specify the username for vREST access.
Specify the absolute path to the kubeconfig file. The default location is /root/.kube/config.
Specify the vREST password.
Enable or disable the connection to Kubernetes API server.
Enable or disable Kubernetes cluster history tracking.
Specify the disk-space allocated for history (including rotated log files).

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-connection-create clustername k8s01 kube-config /root/.kube/config rest-user network-admin enable rest-user password: confirm rest-user password:

#### Note:

- Netvisor ONE supports Kubernetes versions 1.19, 1.21, and 1.22.
- The Kubernetes client uses REST API to interact with Netvisor ONE. Thus, you must enable web services on the data interface or the management interface of the switch by using the admin-service-modify command.
- You must enable LLDP on all the fabric nodes before configuring Kubernetes visibility. All Kubernetes servers must be visible in the lldp-show outputs of the fabric switches.
- To establish a connection with the Kubernetes API server successfully, you must first copy the Kubernetes configuration file called kubeconfig from the Kubernetes



control plane node to the switch. You can then specify the path to the file in the k8s-connection-create command.

 The Kubernetes API server must be reachable from linux global routing table and the API server's fully qualified domain name (FQDN) must be resolvable via nameserver.

Issue the k8s-connection-show command to display the Kubernetes connection information.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) k	Ss-connection-show
k8s-connection-show	Display the connection to the Kubernetes API server.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
kube-config kube-config- string	The absolute path to the kube config file.
rest-user <i>user-name</i>	The username for vRest access on switch.
enable disable	Status of the connection to Kubernetes API server.
track-history no-track- history	Enable or disable Kubernetes cluster history tracking.
disk-space disk-space-number	The disk-space allocated for history (including rotated log files).
create-vport no-create-vport	Enable or disable vPort creation for Pod traffic.
overlay-vxlan-analytics no- overlay-vxlan-analytics	Enable or disable Pod traffic analytics.
location location-number	Location where the connection is running.
connection-error connection- error-string	Kubernetes connection error.
k8s-vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	The VLAN ID used by Kubernetes for Pod vPort creation

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > k8s-connection-show format all

layout vertical

cluster-name: k8s01

kube-config: /root/.kube/config

rest-user: network-admin

enable: yes track-history: yes



disk-space: 50M
create-vport: yes
overlay-vxlan-analytics: no

location: 1262261009

Use the k8s-connection-delete and the k8s-connection-modify commands to delete or modify the configuration.

#### **Displaying Kubernetes Cluster Information**

A Kubernetes cluster consists of a control plane node and a set of worker nodes that run containerized applications. Every cluster runs at least one worker node. You can view the Kubernetes cluster information by using the k8s-cluster-show command.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) k8s-cluster-show		
k8s-cluster-show	Display Kubernetes cluster information.	
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.	
<pre>control-plane-node control- plane-node-string</pre>	The name of the Kubernetes control plane node.	
control-plane-node-ip control-plane-node-ip-string	The IP address of the control plane node.	
controller-status controller-status-string	The status of the Kubernetes controller.	
scheduler-status scheduler- status-string	The status of the Kubernetes scheduler.	
action none add remove  update	The last action.	

#### For example:

CLI (network	-admin@switch1) >	k8s-cluster-show		
cluster-name	control-plane-node	control-plane-node-ip	controller-stauts	scheduler-status
last-changed				
k8s01	server-test-93	192.168.10.10	healthy	healthy
07-12,23:25:	21			

#### **Displaying Kubernetes Node Information**

The control plane machine and the worker machines that are part of a Kubernetes cluster are called nodes. Nodes host the Pods that are the components of the application workload. You can display information on Kubernetes nodes by using the command:

	CLI	(network-admin@switch1)	k8s-node-show
k8s-node-show Display information on Kubernetes master and worker nodes.	k8s	s-node-show	



cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
node node-string	The name of the Kubernetes node.
role role-string	The role assigned to the node.
status status-string	The status of the node.
ip ip-string	The IP address of the node.
pod-CIDR pod-CIDR-string	The Pod CIDR for the node.
labels labels-string	The Pod labels.
action none add remove  update	The last action performed.

CLI (network- cluster-name changed	•	8s-node-show role	status	ip	pod-CIDR	last-
k8s01 11,05:59:13	server-test-103	worker	KubeletReady	192.168.99.22	10.244.2.0/24	11-
k8s01 11,06:02:21	server-test-93	control-plane	KubeletReady	192.168.99.20	10.244.0.0/24	11-
k8s01 11,05:58:36	server-test-94	worker	KubeletReady	192.168.99.21	10.244.1.0/24	11-

### **Displaying Information on Kubernetes Pods**

Pods are the smallest units that you can deploy using Kubernetes. Pods consist of one or more containers that are always scheduled together. Each Kubernetes pod has a unique IP address. To display information on Pods, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) k8s-pod-show

k8s-pod-show	Display Kubernetes Pod information.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
name name-string	The name of the Daemonset.
namespace namespace-string	The namespace.
ip ip-string	The IP address of the Pod.
state state-string	The state of the Pod.
container-state container- state-string	The state of the Pod's container.
node node-string	The name of the Pod.
containers containers-string	The container images running on the Pod.



labels labels-string	The Pod labels.
action none add remove  update	The last action performed.
connections connections- string	The connections to fabric switches.

#### For example:

CLI (network-adm	min@switch1) > k8s-po	d-show format		
name, namespace,	ip,state,node,contain	ers,labels		
name		namespace	ip	state
node	containers	labels		
kube-apiserver-s		kube-system		) Running
server-test-93	k8s.gcr.io/kube	component:kube-apiserver,	tier	
kube-proxy-d28w	9	kube-system	192.168.99.22	Running
server-test-103	k8s.gcr.io/kube	controller-revision-hash:	84f9	
kube-flannel-ds-	ltctg	kube-system	192.168.99.2	2 Running
server-test-103	quay.io/coreos/f	app:flannel,controller-re	visi	
dashboard-metric	s-scraper-79c5968bdc-h	wpcg kubernetes-dashboard	10.244.1.35	Running
server-test-94	kubernetesui/met	k8s-app:dashboard-metrics	-scr	
kube-scheduler-s	erver-test-93	kube-system	192.168.99.20	Running
server-test-93	k8s.gcr.io/kube	component:kube-scheduler,	tier	
kube-controller-	manager-server-test-93	kube-system	192.168.99.20	Running
server-test-93	k8s.gcr.io/kube	component:kube-controller	-man	
gloo-7dc68dd65b	-clz98	gloo-system	10.244.2.36	Running
server-test-103	quay.io/solo-io/	pod-template-hash:7dc68dd	65b,	

#### **Displaying Kubernetes Deployment Information**

Deployments represent a set of multiple, identical Pods with no unique identities. A deployment runs multiple replicas of your application and automatically replaces any instances that fail or become unresponsive. In this way, deployments help ensure that one or more instances of your application are available to serve user requests. To display Kubernetes deployment information, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch1)	k8s-deployment-show
k8s-deployment-show	Display Kubernetes deployment information.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes node.
name name-string	The name of the deployment.
namespace namespace-string	The name of the namespace.
replicas replicas-number	The total replicas of Pod.
ready-replicas ready- replicas-number	The ready replicas of Pod.
selector selector-string	The Pod label in deployment.
action none add remove  update	The last action performed.



#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > k8s-deployment-show		
cluster-name name namespace	replicas ready-replicas	
selector last-changed		
pluribus my-app default	1 1	
app:my-app 01:07:38		
pluribus pingtest default	2 2	
app:pingtest 01:07:38		
pluribus kubernetes-dashboard kubernetes-dashbo	oard 1	k8s-
app:kubernetes-dashboard 01:07:38		
pluribus dashboard-metrics-scraper kubernetes-dashbo	oard 1	k8s-
app:dashboard-metrics-scraper 01:07:39		
pluribus hello-world default	5 5	
run:load-balancer-example 01:07:39		
pluribus petstore default	1 1	
app:petstore 01:07:39		
pluribus discovery gloo-system	1 1	
gloo:discovery 01:07:39		
pluribus gloo gloo-system	1 1	
gloo:gloo 01:07:39		
pluribus ingress gloo-system	1 1	
gloo:ingress 01:07:39		
pluribus ingress-proxy gloo-system	1 1	
gloo:ingress-proxy 01:07:39		
pluribus coredns kube-system	2 2	k8s-
app:kube-dns 01:07:39		

#### **Displaying Information on Daemonsets**

A DaemonSet manages groups of replicated Pods and ensures that all (or some) nodes run a copy of a Pod. DaemonSets adds Pods to nodes that are added to a cluster and removes the Pods from nodes which are removed from the cluster. Deleting a DaemonSet also deletes the Pods that it created. To display information on DaemonSets, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@sw:	ıtchl) k8s-0	daemonset-show
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k8s-daemonset-show	Display Kubernetes Daemonset information.	
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.	
name name-string	The name of the Daemonset.	
namespace namespace-string	The name of the namespace.	
desired-cnt desired-cnt- number	The desired number of Pods.	
ready-cnt ready-cnt-number	The number of Pods ready.	
selector selector-string	The Pod label selector for Daemonset.	
last-changed date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	The time when Daemonset was last changed.	



none add remove	Tho			
	me	The last action performed.		
admin@switch) > k8s-da	aemonset-show			
name	namespace	desired-cnt	ready-cnt	last-changed
-	-		-	23:24:49
csi-cephfsplugin	rook-ceph	6	6	23:24:50
csi-rbdplugin	rook-ceph	6	6	23:24:50
calico-node	kube-system	6	6	23:24:50
fluentd-elasticsearch	kube-system	6	6	23:24:50
kube-proxy	kube-system	6	6	23:24:50
nodelocaldns	kube-system	6	6	23:24:50
fluentd-elasticsearch	kube-system	6	6	23:25:22
kube-flannel-ds	kube-system	6	6	23:25:22
kube-proxy	kube-system	6	6	23:25:22
	name speaker csi-cephfsplugin csi-rbdplugin calico-node fluentd-elasticsearch kube-proxy nodelocaldns fluentd-elasticsearch	admin@switch) > k8s-daemonset-show name namespace speaker metallb-system csi-cephfsplugin rook-ceph csi-rbdplugin rook-ceph calico-node kube-system fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system kube-proxy kube-system hodelocaldns kube-system fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system kube-flannel-ds kube-system	admin@switch) > k8s-daemonset-show name namespace desired-cnt speaker metallb-system 6 csi-cephfsplugin rook-ceph 6 csi-rbdplugin rook-ceph 6 calico-node kube-system 6 fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system 6 kube-proxy kube-system 6 nodelocaldns kube-system 6 fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system 6 fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system 6 fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system 6 kube-flannel-ds kube-system 6	admin@switch) > k8s-daemonset-show name namespace desired-cnt ready-cnt speaker metallb-system 6 6 csi-cephfsplugin rook-ceph 6 csi-rbdplugin rook-ceph 6 calico-node kube-system 6 6 fluentd-elasticsearch kube-system 6 kube-proxy kube-system 6 nodelocaldns kube-system 6 fluentd-elasticsearch 6

#### **Displaying Kubernetes Services**

Kubernetes services provide a stable virtual IP addresses for a group of Pods. Unlike Pods, which are non-permanent resources that can be created and destroyed dynamically, services remain consistent. Services act as loadbalancers and are based on Linux IPTable or IPVS table. Use the k8s-service-show command to view the Kubernetes services information.

CLI (network-admin@switch1) k8	Bs-service-show
k8s-service-show	Display Kubernetes service information.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
name name-string	The name of the Daemonset.
namespace namespace-string	The name of the namespace.
type type-string	The service type.
service-ip service-ip-string	The IP address of the service.
external-ip external-ip- string	The external IP for services of type load balancer.
selector selector-string	The label selector for the service.
ports ports-string	The ports for the service.
target-ports target-ports- string	The ports targeted on Pods.
action none add remove  update	The last action performed.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-service-show layout vertical

cluster-name: k8s02
name: kubernetes



namespace: default ClusterIP type: service-ip: 10.96.0.1 ports: 443/TCP

last-changed: 01-30,23:25:21

cluster-name: k8s02 name: my-service namespace: default type: ClusterIP service-ip: 10.98.20.142
ports: 71/TCP

last-changed: 01-30,23:25:21

cluster-name: k8s02 name: kube-dns namespace: kube-system
type: ClusterIP 

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#### **Displaying Kubernetes Endpoints**

To view information about Pods targeted by a service (Pod IP addresses) in a Kubernetes cluster, use the command:

(network-admin@switch) k8s-endpoint-show

k8s-endpoint-show	Display Kubernetes endpoint information.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
name name-string	The name of the endpoint.
namespace namespace-string	Specify the namespace.
selector selector-string	Specify the label selector.
target-ports target-ports- string	Ports targeted on ports.
endpoints endpoints-string	The list of Pod IP addresses.

The last changed action.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-endpoint-show layout vertical

cluster-name: k8s02 name: kubernetes namespace: default target-ports: 6443

update

last-changed: 01-30,23:25:21

action none add remove

cluster-name: k8s02 name: my-service
namespace: default target-ports: 9378 endpoints: pending



last-changed: 01-30,23:25:21

cluster-name: k8s02
name: kube-dns
namespace: kube-system
target-ports: 53,53,9153

endpoints: 172.22.0.39,172.22.1.8

last-changed: 01-30,23:25:23

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#### **Displaying Kubernetes Ingress Information**

Kubernetes Ingress manages the external access to services within a cluster. Ingress exposes HTTP and HTTPS routes from outside the cluster to services within the cluster. Traffic routing is controlled by rules defined on the Ingress resource. An Ingress can give Services externally-reachable URLs, load balance traffic, terminate SSL/TLS, and offer name-based virtual hosting. To display Ingress information, use the command:

s-ingress-show
Display Kubernetes Ingress information.
The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
The name of the endpoint.
The namespace.
Specify the hostname of the ingress.
Path for the ingress rule.
The backend service name.
The backend service port.
The backend resource API group
The backend resource kind.
The backend resource name.
The last performed action.

#### For example:

CLI (networ	k-admin@switch) >		k8s-ingress-show				
cluster-nam	e name		namespace	e host	path	service-name	
service-port	last-changed						
		-					
pluribus	petstore-ingress	3	default	gloo.example.com	/.*	petstore	8080
07-	-12 23:25:22						



pluribus	name-virtual-host-ingress	default	foo.bar.com	/	service1	80
	07-12,23:25:22					
pluribus	name-virtual-host-ingress	default	bar.foo.com	/	service2	80
	07-12.23:25:22					

#### **Displaying Kubernetes Connectivity information.**

the Kubernetes visibility feature enables you to locate where Kubernetes Pods for specific applications are connected to the fabric to resolve any connectivity or performance issues. Use the k8s-connectivity-show command to view the connectivity information for a deployment, Daemonset, services or a Pod. Without any filter arguments, k8s-connectivity-show gives connectivity information for each Kubernetes node to the fabric.

CLI (net	work-adm	in@switcl	n) >	k8s-connectivity-show
k8s-conn	ectivit	y-show		Display Kubernetes endpoint information.
namespace namespace-string				The namespace.
deployme	nt <i>depl</i>	oyment-s	tring	The Kubernetes deployment.
daemonse	t daemo	nset-str	ing	The Daemonset name.
service	service	-string		Kubernetes service name.
pod pod-	string			The name of the Pod.
node <i>nod</i>	le-strin	g	The cluster node name.	
cluster-name	namespace d	leployment po	od 	ity-show deployment petstore connections
pluribus		petstore		re-9d499b76f-hhmg4 server-test-94:enp1s0f0
43:switch-1 pluribus 16:switch-1	default	petstore	petsto	re-9d499b76f-psv8w server-test-103:enpls0f0
				server-test-94:enp1s0f1
44:switch-1 pluribus 43:switch-1	default	petstore	petsto	re-9d499b76f-qj58s server-test-94:enp1s0f0
43.8WICCH I				server-test-94:enp1s0f1
44:switch-1 pluribus 16:switch-1	default	petstore	petsto	re-9d499b76f-649g6 server-test-103:enpls0f0

The output displays the connectivity of a deployment named petstore which has 4 replicas. The output shows how each replica (Pod) is connected to Pluribus fabric. For example, the first replica (petstore-9d499b76f-hhmg4) running on server-test-94 is connected through enp1s0f0 to port 43 of Pluribus switch switch-1.

#### **Tracing Paths between Kubernetes Pods or Nodes**

You can inspect all the paths that Kubernetes Pods or Kubernetes nodes use to communicate with each other across the fabric. Use the command k8s-trace-path and specify the source and destination to view all available shortest paths between them.



k8s-trace-paths	Display the available paths between two Kubernetes Pods or nodes.
src-pod	The name of the Kubernetes source Pod.
dst-pod	The name of the Kubernetes destination Pod.
src-node	The name of the Kubernetes source node.
dst-node	The name of the Kubernetes destination node.

The example below shows all the shortest paths from the Pod petstore running on node server-test-94 to Pod ingress-proxy running on node server-test-103. You can locate where Kubernetes Pods for specific applications are connected to the fabric to resolve any connectivity issues.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-trace-paths src-pod petstore dst-pod ingress-proxy server-test-94:enpls0f0 -- swp1:Leaf1:swp2 -- swp3:spine1:swp4 -- swp5:Leaf3:swp6 -- enpls0f0:server-test-103 server-test-94:enpls0f0 -- swp1:Leaf1:swp2 -- swp3:spine2:swp4 -- swp5:Leaf3:swp6 -- enpls0f0:server-test-103 server-test-94:enpls0f0 -- swp1:Leaf1:swp2 -- swp3:spine1:swp4 -- swp5:Leaf4:swp6 -- enpls0f0:server-test-103 server-test-94:enpls0f0 -- swp1:Leaf1:swp2 -- swp3:spine1:swp4 -- swp5:Leaf3:swp7 -- swp7:Leaf4:swp6 -- enpls0f0:server-test-103
```

#### **Analyzing the Impact on Applications during Host or Leaf Replacement**

The Kubernetes visibility feature allows you to proactively determine the impact on containerized applications during switch outages or server replacements. You can view the impact on a Kubernetes deployment, Daemonset, service, or Pods in the occasion of a switch or host replacement by using the k8s-impact-show command. The impact can be none if there is no impact, partial if alternate paths are present, or full if the Kubernetes Pods lose all connectivity.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > }	8s-impact-show
k8s-impact-show	Display the available paths between two Kubernetes Pods or nodes.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
host host-string	The host or node for which the impact needs to be checked.
switch fabric-node-name	The switch for which the impact needs to be checked.
namespace namespace-string	The name of the namespace.
deployment deployment-string	The Kubernetes deployment name.
daemonset daemonset-string	The Kubernetes Daemonset name.



service	service-string	The Kubernetes service name.
pod pod	l-string	The Kubernetes Pod.
impact full	unknown none partial	The impact on the Pod when node or switch is replaced.

For example, you can view the impact on a Kubernetes deployment named petstore upon replacing a server named server-test-94 by using the command below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-impact-show host server-test-94 deployment petstore
cluster-name namespace deployment pod
                                           impact connections
pluribus default petstore petstore-9d499b76f-psv8w none
                                                        server-test-
103:enp1s0f0 -- 16:switch-1
pluribus default petstore petstore-9d499b76f-hhmg4 full server-test-
94:enp1s0f0 -- 43:switch-1
                                                     server-test-94:enp1s0f1 --
44:switch-1
pluribus default petstore petstore-9d499b76f-qj58s full server-test-
94:enp1s0f0 -- 43:switch-1
                                                     server-test-94:enp1s0f0 --
43:switch-1
pluribus default petstore petstore-9d499b76f-649g6 none server-test-
103:enp1s0f0 -- 16:switch-1
```

#### **Displaying Kubernetes Network Information**

Use the k8s-network-show command to show the relation between Kubernetes networking components like ingress, services, and Pods.

k8s-network-show	Display Kubernetes Pod information.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
Specify any of the following options:	
namespace namespace-string	The name of the namespace.
ingress-name ingress-name- string	The IP address of the Pod.
host host-string	The state of the Pod.
type type-string	The name of the Pod.
external-ip external-ip- string	The external IP address for services of type load balancer.
node-port node-port-string	The service type.
service-name service-name- string	The name of the service.
selector selector-string	The service selector to identify Pods.
endpoints endpoints-string	The list of Pod IP addresses.



#### For example, this command displays the ingress to Pods to services mapping:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-network-show layout vertical format all

cluster-name: k8s01
namespace: default
ingress-name: demo

host: www.demo.io type: LoadBalancer external-ip: 10.13.22.154

node-port: 31437
service-name: demo
selector: app:demo

endpoints: 172.19.126.9,172.19.127.74

cluster-name: k8s01
namespace: default

ingress-name: example-ingress
host: example.com
type: ExternalName

external-ip: my.database.example.com

service-name: my-service

. . .

#### **Viewing Historical Information on Kubernetes Cluster**

Netvisor ONE implements a time machine feature that eliminates the need to reproduce past events that impacts Kubernetes applications in order to troubleshoot availability issues. This feature enables you to track historical data in a Kubernetes cluster. You can view various historical attributes of a cluster since the creation of a Kubernetes connection and inspect the changes to the cluster in a specific time interval.

Use the k8s-connection-modify command to enable history tracking and to specify the disk space for logging of historical data. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-connection-modify cluster-
name pluribus track-history disk-space 60M
```

The Kubernetes commands that allow history tracking have a set of statistics collection parameters that allows you to specify the start time, end time, duration of the data collection and so on. Listed below are the commands that you can view historical data for:

k8s-cluster-show k8s-node-show k8s-deployment-show k8s-service-show k8s-ingress-show k8s-pod-show k8s-connectivity-show k8s-impact-show k8s-cni-show

The data collection parameters of the commands above which enable you to view the history in different formats are:



start-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	The start time of statistics collection.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	The end time of statistics collection.
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	The duration of statistic collection.
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	The interval between statistic collection.
since-start	Statistics collected since start time.
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Display statistics older than the specified duration.
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Display statistics within the last specified duration.

For example, to display the changes to the deployment named petstore in the last 30 minutes, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-deployment-show name petstore within-last 30m								
cluster-name	name	namespace	replicas	ready-replicas	selector	last-changed	action	
pluribus	petstore	default	4	4	app:petstore	09:11:51	add	
pluribus	petstore	default	6	4	app:petstore	09:24:35	update	
pluribus	petstore	default	6	5	app:petstore	09:24:45	update	
pluribus	petstore	default	6	6	app:petstore	09:24:45	update	



# **Configuring Kubernetes Visibility through vPort Table and Connection Table**

The Container Network Interface (CNI) is a proposed standard for configuring network interfaces for Linux application containers. A CNI plugin is responsible for inserting a network interface into the container network namespace. Kubernetes uses CNI as an interface between network providers and Kubernetes Pod networking. CNI plugins can implement their network either using encapsulated network model (overlay) such as VXLAN or an unencapsulated network model (underlay) such as BGP. Also, each plugin can operate in different modes to implement either overlay or underlay network types. For more information on Kubernetes networking and CNI plugins, see Kubernetes cluster networking documentation.

Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0 uses the information from the Kubernetes client to detect the CNI configuration on the Kubernetes cluster to build vPort table and connection table for Pod to Pod traffic analytics. This feature currently supports only Flannel and Calico as CNI plugins. For more information on vPorts, see *Understanding Fabric Status Updates*, vPorts and Keepalives.

Use the k8s-connection-modify command to configure vPort table creation and overlay VXLAN analytics.

If you want to enable vPort table creation for an existing Kubernetes connection, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-connection-modify cluster-
name k8s01 create-vport
```

To enable overlay VXLAN analytics, issue the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-connection-modify cluster-
name k8s01 overlay-vxlan-analytics
```

#### Note:

- When you enable overlay-vxlan-analytics, you may need to reboot all the switches in the fabric or restart Netvisor ONE on several nodes in the fabric.
- You cannot enable overlay-vxlan-analytics on more than one Kubernetes connection in a fabric.
- When you enable overlay-vxlan-analytics, Netvisor ONE internally enables inflight-vxlan-analytics. For more information on inflight-vxlananalytics, see Configuring vFlows with User Defined Fields (UDFs).

As an example, consider a Kubernetes environment illustrated in the figure below having Flannel as the CNI plugin and host-gw as the backend. The worker nodes server1 and server 2 host Pod A and Pod B respectively.



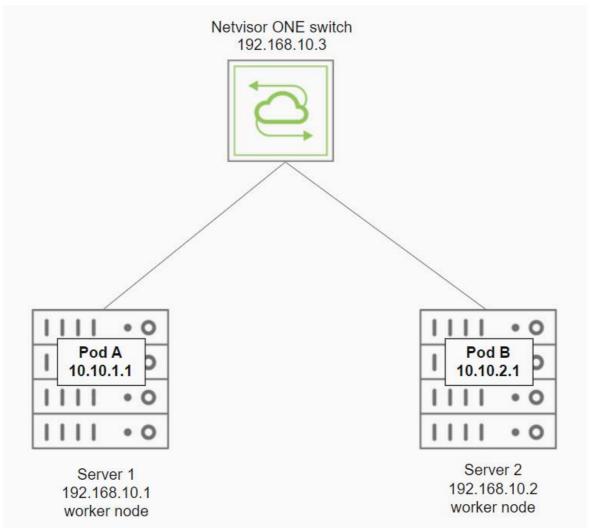


Figure 14-1: Pod to Pod Kubernetes Traffic Analytics

Configure the connection to the Kubernetes API server and enable vPort table creation by using the commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-connection-create cluster-
name pluribus kube-config /root/.kube/config enable

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-connection-modify create-
```

The CNI information can be displayed by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > k8s-cni-show

vport

k8s-cni-show	Display CNI information.
cluster-name cluster-name- string	The name of the Kubernetes cluster.
start-time date/time: yyyy- mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	The start time of statistics collection.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	The end time of statistics collection.



duration duration: #d#h#m#s	The duration of statistics collection.		
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	The interval between statistic collection.		
since-start	Statistics collected since start time.		
older-than duration: #d#h#m#s	Display statistics older than the specified duration.		
within-last duration: #d#h#m#s	Display statistics within the last specified duration.		
cni-plugin cni-plugin-string	The CNI plugin name.		
backend backend-string	The backend used by the CNI plugin.		
udp-port udp-port-number	The VXLAN destination port.		
vxlan 016777215	The VXLAN ID for the vFlow.		
network-type network-type- string	The network type implemented by the CNI plugin.		

For the two Pods running on different worker nodes, the vport-show output is:

The vPort table is created statically and does not depend on the traffic that goes through the switch. Therefore the mac and vlan fields are populated by dummy values. The portgroup field displays the Pod label and svc-name field displays the cluster name. The hostname field represents the node where the Pod is running, entity represents the Pod name, and power is the Pod container's state.

**Note:** The vPort table is created locally on the switch where the Kubernetes connection is configured and will not be shared across other nodes in the fabric.

The connection-show command displays the connection information:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > connection-show switch vlan src-ip dst-ip dst-port cur-state latency age switch 1 10.10.1.1 10.10.2.1 8080 syn-ack 4.01s 9s
```



In the case of a Kubernetes environment having Flannel as the CNI plugin with VXLAN backend, you can enable overlay-vxlan-analytics to view the connection statistics for inter-Pod traffic.

#### **Guidelines and Limitations**

- Netvisor ONE supports only Flannel and Calico as CNI plugins for Kubernetes visibility through vPort and connection tables.
- Overlay VXLAN anaytics with non-default VNI may not work for Calico CNI plugin.
- For the connection table to be populated, you must enable connection statistics on the switch:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > connection-stats-settings-modify
enable

- If you change the CNI configuration, you must reboot the Kubernetes nodes. You must also restart the Kubernetes connection.
- The k8s-connection-create and k8s-connection-modify commands have fabric scope. You can configure up to four Kubernetes connections in a fabric.



# **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section, refer to these sections in the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring and Using vFlows
- Configuring VXLAN
- Configuring and Admistering the Pluribus Fabric



# **Configuring Network Security**

This chapter provides information about understanding and configuring network security features on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI).

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- Changing NTP Secondary Server in Switch Setup
- Configuring Port Isolation
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- Configuring DHCP Snooping
- Configuring Router Advertisement
   Guard
- Configuring Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP)
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  - o Configuring Advanced Control
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# **Understanding Network Security**

In modern fast-changing data center environments *cyber-security* represents a crucial aspect that unfortunately is not always top-of-mind for IT professionals. Instead, it's oftentimes an afterthought.

As a consequence, cyber-security may be overlooked in the list of key investments to be budgeted to improve infrastructure and service resiliency.

The network infrastructure is often a prime target for malicious attacks because of the possibility of inflicting the most damage to as many devices as possible. Other reasons to target the network may be to attempt to redirect and snoop traffic to learn about clear-text information and find out possible other weaknesses that can lead to further malicious actions.

Both Internet- and Intranet-facing networks are vulnerable to malicious attacks, from internal and external sources. The news media provide ample documentary evidence about the nefarious effects of cyber-attacks on networks, servers and end-stations, oftentimes facilitated by well-known vulnerabilities left unpatched and exploitable. The total costs of such neglected vulnerabilities are in the millions of dollars on average, reaching in the billions in the case of the most widespread attacks.

As a general best practice, security should be considered an *indispensable day-one* foundational component for any IT architecture, meant to secure data and user access end-to-end and thus protect systems from tampering and unauthorized access.

Therefore, the *network plays a critical role* with regard to the hardening of the overall IT infrastructure, which is a complex system based on a multitude of interconnected subsystems. Such complex system is only as robust as its *weakest element or link*, wherever that may be located. Therefore, contrary to popular belief, it's usually not sufficient to just secure any one individual component or even a limited portion of the network topology (for example, its perimeter) to achieve optimal security.

For instance, in case of enterprise networks, *firewalls* are very powerful security devices that are commonly deployed to harden the network's perimeter. However, many serious security breaches oftentimes come from within the network, after getting past the firewalls. Even the addition of sophisticated intrusion detection systems (IDS) may not completely avert those exploits that leverage the weakest components of the system.

In the following, we will describe a number of powerful networking technologies that can be employed to implement advanced end-to-end security measures so as to protect all nodes and interconnections from internal and external attacks.



# **About Network Security Threats**

Before describing specific network security strategies, it can be convenient to go through a high-level classification of security threats, as listed below. Subsequently, by delving into the nature of a number of the most common attacks, it will be easier to understand how the respective countermeasures work and should be deployed.

The most common types of attacks tend to fall into a few main categories:

• Layer 2 Attacks: These attacks leverage vulnerabilities of the *data link layer*, also known as *Layer 2*, of the OSI networking model. Some Layer 2 protocols are not particularly robust (such as ARP) and hence are very frequently used as *attack vectors* (that is, means to perform higher-level attacks).

For example, *ARP* poisoning attacks can be used to hijack a connection in one direction, or in both, to glean information from the traffic (hence they also fall into the category of man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks). This kind of low-level attack vector can then be used to discover and exploit potential higher-level vulnerabilities.

Other Layer 2 attacks are *DHCP* spoofing attacks (which use the DHCP protocol to impersonate a single host or even poison multiple hosts' address assignments), or *MAC* flooding attacks (which can be leveraged to cause potential traffic leaks and/or denial of service (DoS)).

Layer 2 attacks typically occur only within the same broadcast domain/local subnet and hence can be contained by using appropriate fine-grained network segmentation techniques (e.g., granular VLANs). Outright prevention instead requires more specific technologies, as described in the following.

• Layer 3 and Higher Attacks: These attacks target vulnerabilities of the *OSI network layer* (also known as *Layer 3*) and higher layers (*Layer 4-7*). They typically leverage weaknesses in the IP protocol, ICMP protocol, or similar and at Layer 4 and higher they target the TCP or UDP ports and protocol behavior.

The most well-known and simple attack is called *port scanning*, in which a worm or other malicious piece of software rapidly scans all open Layer 4 ports reachable in the network to find a vulnerable one that would allow it to spread to another device. In this category other serious attacks are: *TCP SYN floods*, *ICMP ping of death*, *IP address spoofing*, *DNS attacks*, etc.

These attacks too can be somewhat contained by using appropriate segregation and filtering technologies, as well as by adopting protocol hardening schemes. A major help also comes from network analytics technologies, which allow the network admin to actively oversee the traffic, discover anomalies and promptly react to attacks.

Denial of Service (DoS) and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Attacks: These types
of attacks seek to leverage any vulnerability of any network layer to produce a very
severe impact on one or more services, to the point of degrading them so much that
they would fail. DDoS attacks are typically performed by a large number of entities
(for instance, a botnet of compromised hosts) to multiply the aggregate impact by a
potentially huge (and often devastating) factor. They can sometimes be pure Layer 3



attacks (as in the case of *smurf attacks*, which leverage broadcast ICMP messages to trigger a bombardment of ICMP responses toward an attacked device) or they can be performed in conjunction with a Layer 3 attack such as *IP address spoofing*.

• **Unauthorized Access**: This type of sneaky vulnerability allows malicious (as well as non-malicious) users to gain access to restricted resources through a valid but unchecked entry point or through a so-called backdoor.

Other types of attacks exist, and can be addressed with dedicated security services (like firewalling and intrusion prevention). This guide is not meant to be a comprehensive treatise on all of them.

Due to the *holistic* nature of network security, even the most advanced services have to be based on a *solid security foundation*, which is going to be described in the subsequent sections.



# **About Network Infrastructure Hardening**

A network device typically comprises a general-purpose management CPU (or custom processor) and one or more forwarding engines. The former is in charge of the so-called *control plane*, which includes any network management function. The latter manage the high-speed switching and routing of packets, that is, the so-called *data plane* (also known as *forwarding plane*).

The management processor is in charge of communication exchanges with other networking devices as well as of interactions with a portion of the traffic coming from the rest of the network (that is, from the data plane). In general, all the traffic that is natively directed or purposefully redirected to such management processor is commonly referred to as *control plane*.

When the amount of any class or classes of traffic belonging to the control plane becomes abnormal (e.g., due to a DoS attempt), or the traffic itself is maliciously altered, then the network device needs to take some protective action, lest a portion (or even the entirety) of the network be severely affected.

In addition, a network device can apply security and quality of service (QoS) policies to the data plane traffic too in order to protect and/or optimize the traffic for any device in the network.

In other words, security and QoS data plane features can be considered as an additional tool for infrastructure hardening, with the goal of optimizing any traffic flows and blocking or limiting the malicious ones.

As a consequence, a full-blown network hardening strategy has to apply to both networking planes: control plane as well as data plane.

It should also be apparent how it is critically important to first start to harden the control plane of a networking device, and subsequently to leverage such hardened plane to securely apply traffic policies to the data plane too. Following this logical order, this chapter will start by describing the control plane hardening features first, to then move to cover any data plane ones.

In order to be able to take advantage of the latest security features and bug fixes, it is imperative to keep Netvisor ONE up to date. Customers are encouraged to use the latest software release with the most recent security fixes. Pluribus Networks runs a vulnerability assessment on each Netvisor ONE release and publishes security patches for any security issue. Software upgrades are signed and encrypted to prevent installation of rogue software. For more details on the upgrade procedure, refer to the Upgrading the Netvisor ONE Software section.



# **About Basic Control Plane Security**

Basic system security starts from system configuration and standard protocol best practices.

The main categories of best practices to start from are:

- 1. Limiting switch management access
- 2. Disabling unused services
- 3. Setting up a fabric password
- 4. Using secure versions of management and control protocols
- 5. Enabling system logging
- 6. Implementing user Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA)

## **Limiting Switch Management Access**

Netvisor ONE is managed through a command line interface or a corresponding REST API. The CLI and API are equivalent in terms of functionality and both interfaces require a username and a password for user authentication.

Limiting switch access means setting up proper user credentials and privileges to implement strict access control policies based on essential/minimum access requirements.

Usernames and passwords may be managed locally on each network node, or globally on all nodes of the fabric. They can also be managed remotely using AAA servers. A user may have read-write or read-only access. See the *Configuring Users Accounts* and Setting Credentials for more details.

You can use the user-create command to create a user and assign him/her a password and an access policy. By default, the access policy is read-write. For users that do not need to configure the system, you can create a read-only role with the role-create command and then use it as part of the user creation command.

Furthermore, a user may have access to the entire system or may be constrained to managing only the configuration of a specific vNET.

#### **vNET**

A vNET allows the Netvisor ONE administrator to delegate the management of a set of network resources to a tenant (*vNET administrator*). In the vnet-create command it is possible to specify the administrator for the vNET and his/her username.

Tenants have restricted access to Netvisor ONE and can only see and manage resources assigned to their respective vNET thanks to the use of container technology (see the *Configuring Virtual Networks* section for more details).



## **SSH & SSHD**

The Netvisor ONE CLI may be accessed through the serial console or by using SSH. Non-secure protocols such as Telnet, rlogin, and FTP are not enabled.

In Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1, a shell script is included in the /usr/bin directory and ensures that the SSH and SSHD configurations in Netvisor ONE are better compliant with Common Criteria requirements.

To setup a system for SSH conformance, the script available in /usr/bin/setup-cc-ssh-config.ksh should be executed on the target switch. To run the script, as a root user, type:

root@switch: /usr/bin/setup-cc-ssh-config.ksh

When you run this new script, the previously existing script, /etc/ssh/sshd\_config is saved to the /etc/ssh/sshd\_config.save directory.

**Warning**: Running this script removes any previously customized configuration for SSH and SSHD configurations.

Later, if desired, you can restore the earlier *sshd\_config* by using the command as a root user:

/usr/bin/cp /etc/ssh/sshd\_config.save /etc/ssh/sshd\_config

**Note**: You must restart the SSH daemon service after restoring the earlier configuration.

When you upgrade to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1, the following changes are made to the configuration for a more secured SSH daemon. The changes are:

- Supported ciphers include:
  - o AES256-CTR
  - o AES256-CBC
- Supported set of Message Authentication Codes (MACs) include:
  - o HMAC-SHA2-512
  - o HMAC-SHA2-256
- The set of key exchange methods that are used to generate per-connection keys (KexAlgorithms) include:
  - o ECDH-SHA2-NISTP521
  - o ECDH-SHA2-NISTP384
  - o ECDH-SHA2-NISTP256
- Supported set of HostKeyAlgorithms include:
  - o ECDSA-SHA2-NISTP521
  - o ECDSA-SHA2-NISTP384
  - o ECDSA-SHA2-NISTP256
  - o SSH-RSA
- SSH's RekeyLimit (the maximum amount of data that may be transmitted before the



- session key is renegotiated) is: 1 GbE for 3600 seconds
- LogLevel is set to VERBOSE
- The SSH variables KeyRegenerationInterval and ServerKeyBits are removed.

#### **SFTP**

Admins should only use the SFTP protocol to upload to or download from a Netvisor ONE device. SFTP is disabled by default, so it needs to be explicitly enabled and a password needs to be configured as shown in the *Enabling Administrative Services* section in the *Installing Netvisor ONE and Initial Configuration* chapter.

#### **REST API**

REST APIs are accessed through a system's HTTP services, either globally for the entire switch or on a per-vNET basis. In particular, users should only use REST API access over HTTPS (TLS), which can be enabled with the web-ssl option as explained in the Enabling Administrative Services section.

TLS also requires you to configure a server certificate with the following steps:

- 1. Use the web-cert-self-signed-create command to create a private key and a self-signed certificate
- 2. Use the web-cert-request-create command to create a certificate signing request (CSR) using the public key from the self-signed certificate
- 3. Download the certificate signing request from the switch using SFTP
- 4. Get the certificate signing request signed by a certificate authority (CA)
- 5. Upload the signed certificate to the switch using SFTP
- 6. Use the web-cert-import command to import the signed certificate.

For more details refer to the Managing Netvisor ONE Certificates and Configuring REST API Access sections in the Installing Netvisor ONE and Initial Configuration chapter, and to the Using OpenSSL TLS Certificates for OVSDB section in the Configuring Open Virtual Switch chapter.

In addition, it's a best practice to include a warning message in a text banner to be displayed at login. Typically, this message includes some specific warning about monitoring and logging of user activities in compliance with local regulations. A banner can also be used to inform about access limits and other restrictions imposed on the users.

For example, the command switch-setup-modify banner banner-string can be used to configure a simple banner to warn unauthorized users, like so:

\* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a monitored system.

\*

\* ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY \*



In some legal jurisdictions it may not be possible to prosecute and may be illegal to monitor malicious users unless they have been notified that they are not permitted to use the system. One common method to provide such notification is to place that information into a properly crafted banner message (as shown above).

Legal notification requirements are complex, vary by jurisdiction and situation, and therefore should be discussed with a legal counsel. For example, a banner text can be put together to provide some or all of the following information:

- A notice that the system can be logged in to and used only by authorized personnel
- Carefully chosen information about who can authorize use of the system
- A warning that any unauthorized use of the system is unlawful and can be subject to civil and criminal penalties
- A notice that any use of the system can be logged and monitored without further notice and that the resulting logs can be used as evidence in court.

Plus, additional notices may be required by local laws.

However, a login banner should only contain legal text. It should not contain information that can be exploited by a malicious user. From a security point of view, a login banner should not contain specific information about the device such as name, model, software version, ownership, or any other information that may be abused by malicious users.

## **Disabling Unused Services**

It is a common hardening best practice for any system to disable any service that is unused or that will remain unused for an extended period of time (it can always be enabled on demand when necessary).

To achieve this with basic Netvisor ONE administrative services, on a local or fabric scope, you can use the admin-service-modify command to disable any unused services on the management interface and/or on the front panel ports.

In most cases the default settings are okay, but they are not always optimal. For example, if not needed, SNMP can be disabled on both management and front panel ports. Also, unencrypted HTTP services can be disabled (also on the management interface) after the web-ssl services have been set up and tested by the admin.

# Setting up a Fabric Password

Within a fabric Netvisor ONE switches communicate with each other using the TCP protocol to exchange status messages, perform fabric transactions, make remote procedure calls and proxy CLI commands between fabric nodes.

Fabric communication over TCP is secured using TLS with mutual certificate authentication, with an additional bi-directional challenge/response where each side proves it knows the fabric password by computing an HMAC SHA256 digest of a nonce from the other side along with the fabric password and the TLS session key. The certificates used are provisioned during manufacturing and do not need to be configured by the customer.



A fabric password can be set up by using the fabric-create password command, as explained in the *Creating an Initial Fabric* section. You can only create a password when you create a fabric for the first time. After you create a password, a password is required to add a new node to a fabric.

## **Using Secure Versions of Management and Control Protocols**

As explained above, REST API access can be configured to use TLS encryption and authentication.

If SNMP is also required by the admin (for example, for interoperability with SNMP-based tools), version 3 (SNMPv3) can be enabled to secure the communication as described in RFC 3410, RFC 3411, RFC 3412, RFC 3413, RFC 3414 and RFC 3415. SNMPv3 provides secure access to devices by authenticating and optionally encrypting SNMP messages over the network.

SNMPv3's user creation process through the snmp-user-create command provides three configuration options, of which only one provides full privacy:

- no-auth This mode does not implement any authentication or encryption of SNMP packets
- auth This mode enforces authentication of SNMP packets without encryption
- priv This mode enforces both authentication and encryption (privacy) of SNMP packets.

By default, the community names, public and private, are not allowed. An authoritative engine ID must exist in order to use the SNMPv3 security mechanisms, authentication or authentication and encryption, to handle SNMP packets. By default, the engine ID is generated locally. The engine ID can be displayed with the snmp-engineid-show command. For more configuration details, refer to the *Understanding and Configuring SNMP* section.

# **Security of Routing Protocols**

The Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is the routing foundation of the Internet. As such, any organization with more than modest connectivity requirements often uses BGP, which can be targeted by attackers because of its ubiquity and the set-and-forget nature of BGP configurations in smaller organizations. However, there are various BGP-specific security features that can be leveraged to increase the security of a device configuration. They can be configured as options of the <code>vrouter-bgp-add</code> command.

The first recommended step is to enable mutual BGP peer authentication using an MD5 digest for each packet sent as part of a BGP session. Specifically, portions of the IP and TCP headers, of the TCP payload, and a secret key are used in order to generate the MD5 digest.

The second recommendation is to configure a maximum limit to the number of BGP prefixes.

Prefixes are stored by a router in memory. The more prefixes a router must hold, the



more memory BGP must consume. In some configurations, a subset of all Internet prefixes should be stored, such as in configurations that leverage only a default route or routes for a provider's customer networks.

In order to prevent memory exhaustion, it is recommended to configure the maximum number of prefixes that is accepted on a per-peer basis. The <code>max-prefix</code> parameter can be used for that purpose.

Furthermore, it is recommended to filter BGP prefixes with prefix lists to implement stricter control over routes.

Prefix lists allow a network administrator to permit or deny specific prefixes that are sent or received via BGP. Prefix lists should be used wherever possible in order to ensure that network traffic is sent over the intended paths. They should be applied to each eBGP peer in both inbound and outbound directions.

Configured prefix lists limit the prefixes that are sent or received to those specifically permitted by the routing policy of a network. If this is not feasible due to the large number of prefixes received, a prefix list should be configured to specifically block known bad prefixes. These known bad prefixes include, for instance, unallocated IP address space and networks that are reserved for internal or testing purposes by RFC 3330. Outbound prefix lists should be configured to specifically permit only the prefixes that an organization intends to advertise. For more details, refer to the *Configuring BGP on a vRouter* section.

Similarly for OSPF, in the vrouter-ospf-area-add command, it is possible to specify inbound and outbound prefix lists to filter incoming and outgoing packets. For more details, refer to the *Configuring Open Shortest Path* First (OSPF) section.

# **Enabling System Logging**

Netvisor ONE maintains audit, system and event logs. All CLI commands and REST API calls that modify the system are logged in the audit log. Changes in system state and important alerts are logged in the system log. Details regarding the operation of various Netvisor ONE features may optionally be logged to the event log for troubleshooting/monitoring purposes.

Log messages are accessible by using any of the following services: the CLI, the REST APIs, SFTP, or when syslog is enabled.

In general, users are advised to send logging information to a centralized syslog server. This makes it possible to correlate and audit network and security events across network devices more effectively.

To use the syslog service, the administrator has to specify which syslog servers the log messages should be forwarded to. The administrator can also select which messages should be transmitted, and how Netvisor ONE's log parameters are translated to syslog parameters.

Messages can be sent to syslog servers using either TCP/TLS or UDP. TCP/TLS is recommended over UDP because with the former syslog messages are reliably delivered over a secure transport. TCP/TLS can be selected in the admin-syslog-



create command by using the tcp-tls parameter. In addition, it is necessary to provision a client certificate with the syslog-tls-cert-\* commands. For more information, refer to the *Understanding Logging* section.

In addition to the audit, system and event logs, Netvisor ONE stores real-time data and history about TCP connections, endpoints accessing the network, routes, fabric communication, as well as flow, port, VLAN, VXLAN, tunnel, hardware, system, class of service and control statistics. This real-time data and history is extremely useful for operational and security purposes. In particular, the user can leverage the connection-show command to monitor TCP connections going through the device.

Starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1, the system log component of Netvisor uses OpenSSL version 1.1.1. Due to the upgrade to OpenSSL version 1.1.1, the following changes are available in Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1's syslog client:

- SSL options are changed to support hardened approaches.
- Validation is now performed on Local Certificate chains during import.
- Validation is now performed on Local Certificate chains prior to connection.
- Validation is now performed on over-the-wire certificates from the peer.
- SSLv2, v3, and TLS version 1 and version 1.1 are deprecated and are no longer allowed.
- Select Ciphers are supported. For details, see the SSH & SSHD section.
- Audit messages are now produced for all failure cases.
- Certificate revocation list (CRLs) are now supported as in:
  - o If no CRL can be loaded or an error is encountered loading the CRLs, then execution continues as normal and certificates are not verified against the CRL.
  - o If a CRL can be loaded, the revocation status will be read from it and applied during verification if applicable.
  - o CRLs should be periodically updated manually.

Prior to Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1, importing syslog certificates by using the syslog-tls-cert-import command delivered a success message whether the certificates provided were valid for use or not.

However, with Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1 onward, the certificates are validated at import and displays the following message upon failure: "syslog-tls-cert-import: Failed to verify syslog certificate".

The complete validation messages are available in *perror.log* file.

**Note**: While configuring the syslog targets under TCP-TLS, the hostname of the target syslog server must match the hostname in the CN of the certificate. For example,

If your server is address is *server.example.com*, and the generated certificate CN states the hostname as server.example.com, then the hostname supplied to the syslog target creation must also be 'server.example.com'. Any mismatch here prevents the connection from being made.

For details on the log messages, see the *Log Messages* document.



# Implementing user Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA)

AAA is a set of features that are critical in order to secure interactive access to network devices. AAA provides a highly configurable environment that can be tailored based on the needs of the network admin. Pluribus Netvisor ONE supports the TACACS+ standard for AAA.

TACACS+ is an authentication protocol that Netvisor ONE switches can use for authentication of management users against a remote AAA server. These management users can access the switch using SSH or HTTPS. TACACS+ authentication, or more generally AAA authentication, provides the ability to use individual credentials for each network administrator. When you do not depend on a single shared password, the security of the network is improved and your accountability is strengthened.

TACACS+ can be used for any combination of Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA), which means that it can be used to authorize session access as well as individual commands.

Command authorization with TACACS+ permits or denies each command that is entered by an administrative user. When the user enters a CLI command or an API client invokes an API call, Netvisor ONE sends the command to the configured AAA server. The AAA server then looks up any configured policies in order to permit or deny the command for that particular user.

TACACS+ can be configured with the aaa-create command. In addition, for service continuity, it is recommended to use redundant AAA server. And for stronger security it is important to use a shared secret to secure TACACS+ traffic to/from the servers.

For more information, refer to the *Configuring TACACS+* section.



# **About Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP)**

## **About the Importance of Hardening of Network Infrastructure**

The network infrastructure is often a prime target for malicious attacks because of the possibility of inflicting the most amount of damage to as many devices as possible tin the worst-case scenario, to bring down the entire the twork and, with it, all the attached devices).

Other reasons to target the network may be to attempt to redirect for example, through unintended flooding) and snoop traffic to learn about clear-text information and find out possible other weaknesses that can lead to further malicious actions.

Last but not least, network instability sometimes caused by mis-configurations or failures may result in an excessive amount of traffic that can put a strain on the network infrastructure and further exacerbate its stability problems.

Therefore, first and foremost, it is of foundational importance to apply robust control to the traffic that reaches the network devices and to implement appropriate protections against any potentially disruptive traffic.

In particular, this section focuses specifically on the hardware-based protection of the network control plane. Other complementary mechanisms, such as hardware-based security and QoS policies described in detail in other topics can be applied to the data plane too for comprehensive network hardening.

#### **About Control Plane Traffic Protection**

In any network device there exists a management entity (typically a CPU) that is in charge of communication exchanges with other the tworking devices as well as of interactions with apportion of the traffic coming from the rest of the network (the so-called that plane). In general, all the traffic that is natively directed or purposefully redirected to such management processor is commonly referred to as control plane traffic.

When the amount of any class or classes of traffic belonging to the control plane becomes becomes becomes becomes becomes below to a Denial of Service (DoS) attack attempt-then the network device needs to take some containment action.

Hardware-based queuing and rate limiting are two common techniques employed to implement CPU protections, with *different* levels of granularity and control depending on the switch model's hardware capabilities.

#### **About Port-based Control Plane Protection**

Certain switch models use an internal Ethernet port to transport a portion of the control plane traffic to the management CPU. This special type of interface is referred to as a



rear-facing interface. The list of models with a rear facing interface includes the following platforms:

Edgecore: AS7712-32X, AS7312-54XS

Pluribus switches: F9532C-XL-R

Ericsson: NSU, NRU01, NRU02, NRU03

For this case 8 queues are available for control plane traffic segregation and ratelimiting, which Netvisor ONE leverages to protect the CPU from anomalous traffic.

By default, mission-critical control plane traffic is split across 7 weighted queues based on common network management requirements.

In addition, queue 0 is the default 'catch-all' queue that corresponds to all the control plane traffic not specifically segregated into one of the other seven queues.

Any of the eight CPU queues is configured with a default maximum transmission rate suitable to protect the control plane from overloading. If needed, the default rate values may be modified by the network administrator to match specific design requirements.

#### **About Advanced Control Plane Protection**

Pluribus Networks has implemented support for Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP) with Auto-Quarantine. This feature is supported on the CPU inband interface of the Freedom and Edgecore data center platforms, as well as of Dell's Open Networking Switches.

This very granular capability allows the control plane's processing path to be protected against both misbehaving and malicious devices (compromised end-points, rogue network nodes, etc.) that may start pumping an abnormal amount of control plane traffic. In Pluribus parlance, this is also referred to as CPU hog protection.

Advanced CPTP operates over 43 independent queues (from 0 to 42) in order to be able to provide separation and granular control over different types of control plane traffic classes. It can be enabled with the system-settings-modify cpu-class-enable command.

The Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection with Auto-Quarantine is *not supported* on the following platforms:

- NSU
- NRU01
- NRU02
- NRU03

**Note**: In Netvisor ONE releases prior to version 6.0.0, the default setting is <code>Ino-cpu-class-enable</code>. To change the setting to <code>Ino-cpu-class-enable</code> requires a subsequent <code>Ino-cpu-class-enable</code> reduires to take effect. The default or the modified setting is preserved when upgrading to release 6.0.0 (or later). However, for new



installations starting with release 6.0.0, the default setting becomes cpu-class-enable.

**Note**: CPTP on the inband interface performs CPU traffic classification and queuing in hardware, therefore there is no performance penalty in enabling this feature. CPTP queuing supports round-robin scheduling and rate limiting of individual CPU traffic classes, in addition to guaranteeing minimum buffer space allocation to each class.

CPU resources are protected by segregating into separate queues the following types of traffic by default: various standard network control packets, cluster communication messages, fabric updates as well as regular flooded traffic, packets required for MAC learning and copy-to-cpu packets, analytics, etc.

In addition, custom traffic classes can be added by configuring user-defined CPU policies (for example, for troubleshooting purposes).

**Note**: Traffic flows that end up sharing a user-defined CPU queue will compete with each other for bandwidth. It is therefore recommended to configure queue-sharing only for traffic that does not constantly compete for CPU time under identical circumstances. Whenever possible, competing classes should be assigned to different queues.

## **About Auto-Quarantine**

Advanced CPTP can be very granular with its innovative *auto-quarantine* (a.k.a. CPU hog protection) mechanism. As a user, you can enable the CPU hog protection capability (through the cpu-class-modify command) for the following protocols (in Pluribus' parlance also called *CPU classes*): OSPF, BGP, BFD, LACP, STP, ARP, VRRP, and LLDP.

When Tauto-quarantine is tenabled, the Netvisor ONE software monitors control plane packets arriving at the TCPU on a per-source-device basis. Traffic from a source device that this deemed to be consuming too much thandwidth (as per user-configurable tratelimit value) is redirected to a dedicated per-protocol quarantine queue thy thin talling a hardware policy tentry.

At the same time a syslog alert is displayed and the offending source \( \text{device's} \) subsequent activity is monitored. Quarantine state is left automatically only when the \( \text{traffic activity}\) returns below acceptable limits for a pre-configured \( \text{timeout}\) ime; then a corresponding syslog is displayed. You can view messages \( \text{Using the } \text{Log-event-show}\) \( \text{\text{devent-type}}\) system command.

Only certain system-defined protocol queues support hog protection. For these CPU classes the user can choose to enable the CPU hog protection capability, or to select the <code>mable-and-drop</code> option. In the latter case, all traffic from the quarantined source with the assigned protocol is dropped during ingress.

Since hardware resources are limited, it is also possible to specify a threshold for the maximum number of acceptable CPU hog violators per port. When reached, such



Threshold causes that class's auto-quarantine Thardware policy to become per switch-port (i.e., less granular) instead of being per-port per-offender.



# **About Data Plane Security Features**

Data plane security features leverage the hardware and software forwarding capabilities of a switch to perform policing actions such as: forwarding or dropping certain packets, limiting certain resources below a set limit, constraining the forwarding of traffic, etc. In addition, controlling the bandwidth used by certain classes of traffic or certain devices can be used to guarantee optimal network performance. It can also be used to prevent certain attacks such as DoS (as explained in the previous section regarding the control plane).

The following are commonly used data plane security features that admins can employ to protect network resources and nodes:

- Port Isolation
- Limiting the number of MAC addresses on a per port basis (also known as Port Security)
- vPort-based Activity Tracking and Security
- Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) Snooping
- Router Advertisement (RA) Guard
- MAC Access Control Lists (ACLs)
- IP ACLs

Let's see how each one works and how it can be used as a countermeasure/protection against network attacks.



## **About Port Isolation**

The Port Isolation functionality prevents local switching among ports on a Netvisor ONE switch or on a pair of Netvisor ONE switches configured as a cluster.

With Port Isolation Netvisor ONE disables direct communication between hosts that are part of the same Layer 2 domain and are connected to isolated ports. That has the associated security benefit that hosts cannot see each other's MAC address and ARP requests (or replies), thus MAC or ARP spoofing attacks on other hosts are not possible (or become more difficult).

Communication between isolated hosts can still occur through a Layer 3 device, if needed, but Access Control Lists can be used to prevent that too when necessary.



# **Example of Usage**

A network admin can use this feature to isolate bridged East-West traffic between hosts while allowing it through a firewall or router that can properly police it.

In the case of a router as shown in Figure 12-1 below, ports 1, 2, and 3 are configured as isolated ports so that the hosts attached to these ports cannot communicate at Layer 2 with each other directly, but only through the upstream router that is connected to the uplink vLAG 64.

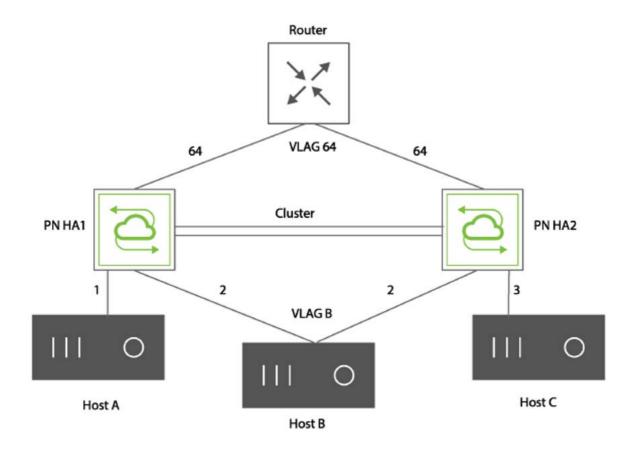


Figure 15-1 - Port Isolation Scenario

When using this feature on downlink ports within a cluster, especially when using downlink vLAGs (as with Host B above), you must configure port state association rules between the uplink ports and the downlink isolated ports.

This is needed because isolated port traffic cannot cross the cluster link.

In other words, a port state association (with the port-association-create-name command) is required in order to mirror the uplink state to the downlink state so that vLAG member link state remains symmetrical in case of uplink failure. That allows path redundancy to work with isolated vLAGs when an uplink vLAG member fails, given that the cluster link cannot be relied upon as fallback path.

For configuration information refer to the Configuring Port Isolation section below.



### **About MAC Address Limit**

In order to prevent MAC flooding attacks, starting from Netvisor ONE release 2.6.0, a new capability has been added to restrict the maximum number of MAC addresses that can be learned on a switch port. It's called *MAC address limit* (or sometimes *Port Security*). It uses the mac-limit-modify command to set a limit value and a corresponding action to perform when the limit is exceeded.

The configured policy action determines the remediation strategy that the control plane will undertake: just notify the user or disable the affected port.

For more details refer to the *Limiting the Number of MAC Addresses per Port* section below.



# **About DHCP Snooping**

DHCP is a protocol that can be exploited by malicious agents to mess with the address assignment of the network. Therefore, starting from release 2.6.0, Netvisor ONE has introduced support for *DHCP protection* (sometimes also referred to as *DHCP Snooping*). This requires that all DHCP packets be 'snooped' and sent to the CPU using a protocol-specific rate limiter to be inspected.

To prevent rogue agents from posing as DHCP servers, only switch ports that connect to known legitimate DHCP servers are defined as trusted. Therefore, typical DHCP message exchanges from server to client (such as DHCPOFFER and DHCPACK) are considered legitimate only on such trusted ports.

In a DHCP packet exchange there are various packet types:

- DHCPDISCOVER/DHCPREQUEST Packets from the DHCP client to server (using UDP dest-port = 67)
- DHCPOFFER/DHCPACK Packets from the DHCP Server to client (using UDP dest-port = 68)

Netvisor ONE must snoop the DHCP packets in order to leverage this feature, and achieves this by installing a copy-to-cpu vFlow with the parameter, bw-max, to set packet rate limits.

- DHCP-client-vflow Packets with UDP dest-port=67, copy-to-cpu
- DHCP-server-vflow Packets with UDP dest-port=68, copy-to-cpu

A trusted port is a port receiving the DHCP server messages from a trusted DHCP server. Any DHCP server message, such as OFFER/ACKNOWLEDGE, received from trusted ports are valid. Ports not specifically configured as trusted are untrusted ports.

Netvisor ONE drops any DHCP server message received from an untrusted port, and ensures that a rogue DHCP server cannot assign IP addresses to devices on your network.

In order for the users to control the trusted DHCP server port list, the CLI/APIs provide create/modify/show commands on the *dhcp-lease* object database with a choice of notify, drop or disable policy actions.



# **About Router Advertisement (RA) Guard**

The IPv6 RA Guard feature allows a network administrator to block or reject unwanted or rogue RA guard messages by filtering them on switches before they reach their target(s).

Router advertisements are used by IPv6 devices to announce themselves on a link. The IPv6 RA Guard feature analyzes these RAs and filters them out when sent by unauthorized devices.

When a port is configured in host mode, all router advertisements and redirect messages are not allowed. The RA Guard feature compares configuration information on the switch with the information found in the received RA frame. Once the switch has validated the content of a router advertisement or of router redirect frame against the configuration, it forwards it to its unicast or multicast destination. If an RA frame content is not validated, the RA is dropped.

**Note**: Internal ports and cluster ports are not blacklisted.

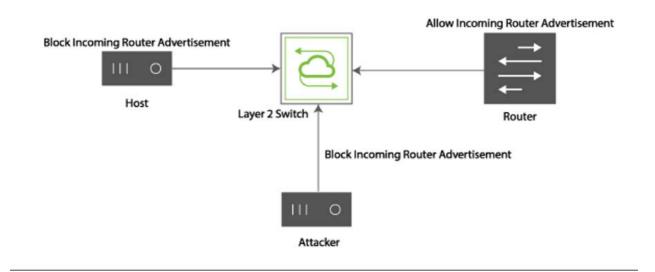


Figure 15-2 - Router Advertisement (RA) Configuration

In *Figure 12-6* above, the switch receives an RA from the router and floods the RA on the ports. The attacker, attempting to gain control over the network, sends a misleading RA with different prefixes, link-local or global IP addresses. Any receiving host would then assume the attacker to be the router, based on priority or arrival order.

By configuring RA Guard policies, the user can disallow any RAs sent from ports connected to untrusted devices. Instead, the RAs sent by a known good router, the source IP address and prefixes should be whitelisted by the RA Guard policies defined by the user. For more details and an example of configuration, refer to the *Configuring Router Advertisement Guard* section.



# **About Access Control Lists (ACLs)**

Access Control Lists allow a network administrator to apply granular filtering to the traffic based on various packet parameters. Each packet is examined by the switch hardware at wire speed to determine if it is to be forwarded or dropped based on the criteria configured in the ACLs. Netvisor ONE supports Layer 2 ACLs, based on MAC addresses, as well as IP-based ACLs, which can be based on source and destination addresses, and on protocol type. Netvisor ONE supports UDP, TCP, IGMP, and ICMP protocol types.

For example, ACLs can allow one host to access part of your network and prevent another host from accessing the same area. You can also use ACLs to decide what types of traffic are forwarded or blocked.

For configuration examples on ACLs, see the following sections.

Moreover, for more granular security policies, which also support statistics collection, see the Configuring and Using vFlows chapter and in particular the Using vFlows to Disable Communication for Security Monitoring section.

## **IP Spoofing Protection**

Using someone else's identity ("spoofing") is a very desirable characteristic in various types of attacks, for example for untraceability purposes and/or to amplify the effect of an attack. As a matter of fact, DDoS attacks would usually spoof random systems' source addresses.

In some cases, spoofed addresses are selected on purpose in a specific target network, so that when attacking one or more target devices those would respond with ICMP messages or other traffic, thereby unwittingly overloading the spoofed devices selected by the attackers.

As described in more detail in RFC 2827, sites can protect themselves by implementing proper filtering techniques to check the source addresses of the traffic. Firewalls, for example, can filter traffic coming from outside the DC and filter out spoofed IP sources (for example, sources that are known to be inside the DC, not outside, or that use invalid/reserved addresses such as the so-called "Martian addresses" which include any address within the 0.0.0.0/8, 10.0.0.0/8, 127.0.0.0/8, 172.16.0.0/12, 192.168.0.0/16, 224.0.0.0/4, or 240.0.0.0/4 ranges).

However, when a spoofing attack is locally originated, DC network devices connected to the servers (typically the leaf switches) need to implement the source address filtering mechanism.

In high-performance environments a correspondingly high-performance solution needs to be deployed to be able to cope with IP spoofing issues with zero (or minimal) performance loss. On routers, this solution is usually known as Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (uRPF, in short) technology, which in some cases may have performance implications.



Netvisor ONE leverages its high-performance vFlow hardware technology to implement comprehensive uRPF validation that works with all types of traffic: bridged, routed, and VXLAN- encapsulated (whether pass-through or terminated).

vFlow can be used to completely prevent servers from sourcing IP traffic using an illegitimate address and to monitor attempted violations through dedicated statistics. A simple two-level source filter is described below in this example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create vlan 11 src-ip 10.1.11.0/27 name amber-urpf-permit action none table System-VCAP-table-1-0

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create vlan 11 src-ip 0.0.0.0/0 name amber-urpf-deny action drop table System-VCAP-table-1-0



# **Configuring Users Accounts and Setting Credentials**

Netvisor ONE provides a pre-created user account called *network-admin* with all access privileges set. However, other user accounts can be created by specifying only the required privileges. For these users, usernames and passwords can be managed locally on each network node, or globally on all nodes of the fabric.

For local authentication, the user attributes are defined and stored locally on each switch. In the case of fabric-wide authentication, the attributes are stored on every switch of the fabric. For example, the *network-admin* user (which is the default user) created by Netvisor ONE is a fabric-scoped user and the attributes are stored on all switches in the fabric.

You can create new roles and new users with specified roles on a local switch or on all nodes of a fabric.

To create a new user and apply a new role on a local switch, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-create name name-string
scope local

name name-string	Enter a name for the new user that you are configuring.		
scope local fabric	Specify if the scope is local or fabric.		
Specify any of the following options:			
initial-role role name	Specify the initial role for the new user.		
login-fail-count login-fail- count-number	This option enables you to customize a user with a pre-allowed limit for authorization failures. When the user exceeds the maximum allowed or configured number of authentication failures, then Netvisor automatically locks the user account.  The default value for this option is zero (0), which means the account does not get locked out.  This parameter is added in Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1.		
lock-account no-lock-account	The lock-account option is used to manually lock any user account (that is purportedly misbehaving with the system privileges). This can be done only by the network-admin account. Being the super-user for Netvisor, the network-admin account cannot be locked out.		



Likewise, any user account that is in locked state can be un-locked only by network-admin using the no-lock-account option in the command.

This parameter is added in Netvisor ONE version 6.1.1.

minimum-pw-length 6..65

Specify a minimum password length for user accounts. The password length should be in the range of 6-65 characters. The default value is 6 characters.

An error is displayed if the configured minimum-pw-length is not honored.

This parameter is added in Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 as per Common Criteria compliance.

Note: The effectiveness of a selected <code>login-fail-count</code> value is dependent on the client and server configuration. For example, if you have N as NumberOfPasswordPrompts for ssh client and N+1 as MaxAuthTries for ssh server, then setting <code>login-fail-count</code> of N will lock the user account when N failed attempts are made with non-empty passwords.

**Note**: If the default value of zero (0) is configured for login-fail-count, then the user account does not get locked even after multiple failed authentications as the failed authentication limit error check is invalid (scenario prior to Netvisor ONE 6.1.0).

Additionally, you can also configure the minimum-pw-length parameter for SFTP service by using the admin-sftp-modify command. For example,

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > admin-sftp-modify enable minimum-
pw-length 10
sftp password:
confirm sftp password:
password length matched..!
CLI (network-admin@switch) >
```

To delete an existing user, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-delete name name-string

To modify an existing user, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-modify name name-string

name name-string

Enter the username.



Specify any of the following options:	
password password-string	Enter the plain text password. You must enter the password characters based on the limit set for the minimum-pw-length parameter.
login-fail-count login-fail- count-number	Specify the allowed limit for authorization failures before locking the user account. For more details, see the user-create table above.
lock-account no-lock-account	Specify to lock a user account upon reaching maximum login errors. For more details, see the user-create table above.
minimum-pw-length 665	Specify a minimum password length for user accounts. The password length should be in the range of 6-65 characters. The default value is 6 characters.  For more details, see the user-create table above.

**Note**: The details of all changes are added to the *session logs* file and you can view the details using the log-session-show command. A sample configuration output is provided below as a reference:

#### CLI (network-admin@ara01) > log-session-show

category	time	name	code	level	user	client-addr	message
session	2021-05-10,02:30:19.718069-07:00	login	11099	info	network-admin	10.140.0.104	login
session session	2021-05-10,04:12:01.918420-07:00 2021-05-10,04:12:01.921920-07:00		11542 11100		network-admin network-admin	10.140.0.104	session timed out for user network-admin logout
session	2021-05-10,11:04:42.828059-07:00	login	11099	info	network-admin	10.140.1.14	login
session:	2021-05-10,12:21:28.590472-07:00	session_timeout	11542	note	network-admin		session timed out for user network-admin
: session	2021-06-22,01:47:41.583393-07:00	login_failed	11103	error	network-admin		login failed: wrong password
session	2021-06-22,01:47:59.376142-07:00	logout	11100	info	network-admin	10.140.0.104	logout
session	2021-06-22,06:26:52.686519-07:00	login	11099	info	network-admin	10.140.0.104	login
session session :	2021-06-22,07:27:15.307374-07:00 2021-06-22,07:27:15.310101-07:00		11542 11100		network-admin network-admin	10.140.0.104	session timed out for user network-admin logout
: session	2021-06-22,07:55:14.931522-07:00	login	11099	info	network-admin	10.140.0.116	login
session	2021-06-22,07:59:44.813695-07:00	logout	11100	info	network-admin	10.140.0.116	logout
session	2021-06-22,12:27:53.769534-07:00	login	11099	info	network-admin	10.140.1.14	login

To view the configuration details, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-show name name-string



Enter the username for which you want to view the details.
Specify to view user account details on either a local switch or on all switches in the fabric.
Enter the user ID of the account.
Enter the user type to view any specific type of account.
Enter the TACACS server name to view only those details.
Enter the allowed limit for authorization failures before locking the user account. For more details, see the user-create table above.
Specify to view the locked/unlocked account details. For more details, see the user-create table above.
Specify to view the minimum password length for user accounts. For more details, see the user-create table above.

**Note**: As in all the show commands, use the *formatting options* to display the details as desired.

Further, here is an example configuration to explain the security aspects of different user accounts:

• Create a user account on a local switch using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-create name example1 scope
local

Modify the account specifying:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-modify name example1 no-lock-account

• Verify the configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-show



name	scope	uid	type	login-fail-count	lock-account	minimum-pw-length
network-admin	fabric	39999	netvisor	0	false	6
example1	local	40000	netvisor	0	false	6

**Note**: The minimum-pw-length field is displayed only for network-admin accounts.

• Now, modify the configuration to lock the user account after 3 failed attempts and also set other parameters:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-modify name example1 login-fail-count 3 lock-account minimum-pw-length 9
```

This command prompts the user to enter a new password that meets minimum-pw-length specified.

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-show
```

```
name scope uid type login-fail-count lock-account minimum-pw-length
-----
network-admin fabric 39999 netvisor 0 false 6
example1 local 40000 netvisor 3 true 9
```

• Additionally, you can also configure minimum-pw-length after enabling SFTP:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > admin-sftp-modify minimum-pw-
length 9 enable
sftp password:
confirm sftp password:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > admin-sftp-show

switch: switch
sftp-user: sftp
enable: yes
```

#### **General Guidelines**

Following are the guidelines to keep in mind while configuring new user accounts:

- To setup a system to be ready for Common Criteria conformance test with regard to SSH, the scripts /usr/bin/setup-cc-ssh-config.ksh should be executed on target switch. And the script /usr/bin/setup-cc-ssh-keygen.ksh should be run from the client system.
- If a user account gets locked out by Netvisor ONE due to authentication failure, then SSH sessions are disabled until a *network-admin* user (with full privileges) unlocks the account.
- If all accounts get locked out without access to SSH sessions, then only the *network-admin* account user can log in using local or management console (telnet) because the *network-admin* user is a pre-created account by Netvisor ONE and cannot be locked out.



- You can use either the CLI or the RESTful API to configure the user authentication parameters.
- Other applications such as UNUM that uses Netvisor ONE's authentication mechanism currently reflects the configuration changes.



# **Changing NTP Secondary Server During Switch Setup**

From Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0 and later release, you can undo or unset a configured NTP secondary server by using the switch-setup-modify command along with an empty string ("") as parameter. You can use either single-quotes (") or double-quotes ("") to indicate the empty string.

In Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0, an additional third NTP server is introduced as part of the Common Criteria compliance process.

First, view the switch setup details using the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-show
switch-name:
                            switch
mqmt-ip:
                            10.13.0.55/23
mgmt-ip-assignment:
                            static
mgmt-ip6:
                             fe80::e6f0:4ff:fec9:dcbb/64
mgmt-ip6-assignment:
                             autoconf
mqmt-link-state:
mgmt-link-speed:
                             1q
in-band-ip:
                             192.168.66.3/24
in-band-ip6:
                             fe80::640e:94ff:fe69:5fd8/64
in-band-ip6-assign:
                             autoconf
                            10.13.0.1
gateway-ip:
dns-ip:
                            10.135.2.13
dns-secondary-ip:
                             10.20.4.1
domain-name:
                             pluribusnetworks.com
ntp-server:
                             0.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
                             1.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org
ntp-secondary-server:
timezone:
                             America/Los_Angeles
date:
                            2021-01-11,21:57:43
hostid:
                            184558697
location-id:
                            2
enable-host-ports:
                            yes
```

To remove or unset the secondary NTP server, use the command with an empty string in single quotes or double quotes as below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify ntp-
secondary-server
Server ip or host-name / empty string to unset

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify ntp-
secondary-server ""
or
CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify ntp-
secondary-server ''
```

Additionally, from Netvisor ONE version 6.1.0 onward, you can add a tertiary NTP server using the switch-setup-modify command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-modify ntp-tertiaryserver 3.ubuntu.pool.ntp.org

CLI (network-admin@switch) > switch-setup-show

switch-name: switch

mgmt-ip: 10.13.0.55/23

mgmt-ip-assignment: static

mgmt-ip6: fe80::e6f0:4ff:fec9:dcbb/64

mgmt-ip6-assignment: autoconf

in-band-ip: 192.168.66.3/24

in-band-ip6: fe80::640e:94ff:fe69:5fd8/64

in-band-ip6-assign: autoconf
gateway-ip: 10.13.0.1
dns-ip: 10.135.2.13
dns-secondary-ip: 10.20.4.1

ntp-secondary-server:

date: 2021-01-11,21:57:43

hostid: 184558697

location-id: 2
enable-host-ports: yes

**Note**: Netvisor ONE logs the changes such as the current time, new time, and the origin of the change into the audit log file. For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > log-audit show

audit 2021-01-11,21:57:31.077766-08:00 user\_command 11001 info network-admin 10.140.0.129 Command "switch-setup-modify ntp-tertiary-server 3.ubunt u.pool.ntp.org" result success audit 2021-01-11,22:00:35.036675-08:00 user\_command 11001 info network-admin 10.140.0.129 Command "switch-setup-modify ntp-tertiary-server 7.ubunt u.pool.ntp.org" result failure: "Could not resolve NTP server's name/addr"



# **Configuring Control Plane Traffic Protection (CPTP)**

A network device's management processor entity needs to be protected from getting overloaded with potentially malicious (or even non malicious) excess traffic received from the network. In Netvisor ONE, that can be achieved with the hardware-based Control Plane Traffic Protection feature.

As discussed in the *About Control Plane Traffic Protection* section above, CPTP is supported in two flavors depending on the switch model, the default configuration and the Netvisor ONE release:

- Port-based Control Plane Traffic Protection
- Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection with Auto-Quarantine

The following sections describe the configuration of both modes.



# **Configuring Port-based Control Plane Traffic Protection**

Certain switch models make use of an internal rear-facing interface for CPU communication in addition to a special control-port. Other models use the control-port only.

For all these cases, by default 8 queues are available for control plane traffic segregation and rate-limiting on a per internal port basis. The corresponding eight default packet rates (pps) can be displayed with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-rate-setting-show layout-vertical

```
switch
switch:
                    control-port
port:
ports:
                    5000
cos0-rate(pps):
cos1-rate(pps):
                    5000
                    5000
cos2-rate(pps):
                    5000
cos3-rate(pps):
cos4-rate(pps):
                    5000
cos5-rate(pps):
                    5000
cos6-rate(pps):
                    5000
                    5000
cos7-rate(pps):
```

Internal (rear facing) data and span ports can be present in a system to carry control plane traffic to the CPU, each using 8 separate queues and rates, as shown below in condensed form:

It is possible to modify the default rate settings in packets per second using the port-cos-rate-setting-modify command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-rate-setting-modify ?

port-cos-rate-settings-modify	Update the port cos rate limit	
<pre>port control-port data-port  span-ports</pre>	port	

Specify at least one of the following



options	
cos0-rate unlimited   010000000	cos0 rate limit (pps)
cos1-rate unlimited   010000000	cos1 rate limit (pps)
cos2-rate unlimited   010000000	cos2 rate limit (pps)
cos3-rate unlimited   010000000	cos3 rate limit (pps)
cos4-rate unlimited   010000000	cos4 rate limit (pps)
cos5-rate unlimited   010000000	cos5 rate limit (pps)
cos6-rate unlimited   010000000	cos6 rate limit (pps)
cos7-rate unlimited   010000000	cos7 rate limit (pps)

For example, the Class 0 rate for control traffic can be configured using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-rate-setting-modify port control-port cos0-rate <rate>

In addition, to show the per-queue *traffic* statistics you can issue the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-cos-stats-show port 0 layout vertical

switch: switch

time: 11:59:15

port: 0 cos0-out: 58.8M cos0-drops: 180M 58.8M cos1-out: cos1-drops: 185M cos2-out: 0 cos2-drops: cos3-out: 0 cos3-drops: 0 cos4-out: 0 cos4-drops: 0 cos5-out: 0 cos5-drops:

cos6-out: 65.5M cos6-drops: 1.06G



cos7-out: 483K cos7-drops: 493M

To clear the queue statistics on the internal ports, use the  ${\tt port-cos-stats-clear}$  command.



# **Configuring Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection**

To configure this feature, you must first enable it using the system-settings-modify command. The command syntax is:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify cpu-class-enable|no-cpu-class-enable

After you enable Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection (with the cpu-class-enable option), Netvisor ONE prompts you to restart the switch with the following message:

Note: nvOSd must be restarted for this setting to take effect.

The same message is also printed when the feature is disabled (with the no-cpu-class-enable option).

**Note**: The alternative 8-queue mode described in the previous section is applied to the main control plane communication channel when <code>system-settings-modify</code> is set to <code>no-cpu-class-enable</code>. Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection support is hardware dependent and may not be available on all switch models.

To show the pre-configured Advanced Control Plane Traffic Protection classes, you can use the cpu-class-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-show format all countoutput

name queue	scope rate-li	mit hog-prote	ect hog-protect-suppor	t buffer-pool-ratio	-
 class0	local 3000	disable	none	3	0
dmac-miss	local 1000	disable	none	3	1
smac-miss	local 1000	disable	none	3	2
13-miss	local 1000	disable	none	3	3
12mc-miss	local 3000	disable	none	3	4
ttl1	local 1000	disable	none	3	5
stp	local 1000	disable	supported	3	6
lacp	local 1000	disable	supported	3	7
system-d	local 1000	disable	none	3	8
igmp	local 1000	disable	supported	3	9
bcast	local 1000	disable	none	3	10
icmpv6	local 1000	disable	supported	3	11
tcp-analytics	local 1000	disable	none	3	12



kpalv	local	1000	disable	none	3	13
ecp	local	1000	disable	none	3	14
arp	local	3000	disable	supported	3	15
lldp	local	1000	disable	supported	3	16
dhcp	local	1000	disable	none	3	17
pim	local	1000	disable	supported	3	18
local-subnet	local	1000	disable	supported	3	19
bgp	local	1000	disable	supported	3	20
ospf	local	1000	disable	supported	3	21
bfd	local	1000	disable	supported	3	22
vrrp	local	1000	disable	supported	3	23
control	local	3000	disable	none	3	24
dhcp-log-drop	local	1000	disable	none	3	25
http-rest	local	3000	disable	none	3	26
vport-messages	local	1000	disable	supported	3	27
hog-arp	local	100	disable	none	1	28
hog-ospf	local	100	disable	none	1	29
hog-bgp	local	100	disable	none	1	30
hog-bfd	local	100	disable	none	1	31
hog-lacp	local	100	disable	none	1	32
hog-stp	local	100	disable	none	1	33
hog-vrrp	local	100	disable	none	1	34
hog-lldp	local	100	disable	none	1	35
hog-local-subnet	local	100	disable	none	1	36
hog-igmp	local	100	disable	none	1	37
hog-pim	local	100	disable	none	1	38
hog-icmpv6	local	100	disable	none	1	39
hog-vport-messages Count: 41	local	100	disable	none	1	40

This command shows the different categories of control plane traffic that get protected by this feature (for example, smac-miss and dmac-miss for MAC address learning as part of the vPort database entry creation; or stp, lacp, and lldp for the Layer 2 protocol classes, etc.). It also shows the respective default rate-limit values (in packets per second), the queue numbers (0-42, where some queue numbers are unused by default) and also whether or not each class supports auto-quarantine (hog-protect-support).

Auto-quarantine queues are labeled with a special name hog-<class name>, such



as:hog-arp, hog-ospf, hog-bgp, hog-bfd, hog-lacp, hog-stp, hog-vrrp, hog-lldp, hog-local-subnet, hog-igmp, hog-pim, hog-icmpv6.

**Note**: Starting with Netvisor ONE version 6.0.0, on certain platforms only (due to hardware dependencies) the 12mc-miss class is available to control the rate of incoming unknown multicast packets when Multicast Fabric VRFs are used. Supported platforms are the Dell S4100 and S5200 Series.

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 5.1.0 two new queues, one for CPU-bound REST API traffic (TCP port 80 and 443) and another for vPort database-related messages (UDP port 23398), are added with the names: http-rest and vport-messages. The default rate-limit values are set to 3000 pps and 1000 pps respectively. An auto-quarantine queue is added for the latter: hog-vport-messages.

Furthermore, starting from Netvisor ONE release 5.1.0 the default rate-limit values for arp and control have been conservatively lowered to 3000. When upgrading to this release, existing user configuration changes will be honored; however, in the absence of user modified values, the old default values will be replaced with the new more conservative ones.

**Note**: The total number of CPU classes available for CPTP is limited by the hardware. In case of conflict, system-created CPU classes are prioritized over user-defined ones at bootup. Given that, if all available classes are used up, some user-defined classes will not persist across an upgrade if more system classes are added in the new release. In such cases, users should account for any (potential) CPTP system class differences between releases while planning an upgrade.

Settings of pre-configured system classes (except the catch-all class 0) can be modified with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-modify

Modify a CPU class.
Specify the name of the CPU class.
Specify the cap for the rate limit.
Specify if you want to enable, enable and drop packets, or disable hog protection.

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 5.1.0 the default cos0-rate value is set to 3000 pps automatically when Advanced CPTP is enabled.



Starting with Netvisor ONE release 5.1.1, the class 0 rate can be configured by using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-modify name class0
rate-limit <rate>



# **Configuring User-Defined Traffic Classes**

These commands are available to configure custom CPU classes that are added to the default list (shown in previous section) in order to address special user requirements:

To add a CPU class, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-create

name	Specify a name for the CPU class.
scope local fabric	Specify the scope as local or fabric.
rate-limit rate-limit-number	Specify the cap for the rate limit.
hog-protect disable enable  enable-and-drop	Specify if you want to enable, enable and drop packets, or disable hog protection.

The cpu-class-create command can be used to allocate new CPU traffic queues for special cases that are identified by user-configurable policies.

For instance, when the culprit of a high CPU utilization issue is being investigated in connection with an errant traffic flow (e.g., FTP), the Pluribus TAC team may recommend configuring a user-defined traffic class with an associated policy to protect the CPU.

In this example a new class TAC-class is created and associated to a rate of 100 pps and automatically allocated to free queue 40:

TAC also requests to create/modify a vFlow policy to direct FTP packets to the new CPU class (TAC-class) queue. vFlow match criteria can be freely chosen to match the specific rate limiting need of the user provided they include a to-cpu or copy-to-cpu action for packets:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name myflow scope local in-port 10 proto ftp action to-cpu cpu-class TAC-class

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-show

name scope type in-port burst-size precedence action enable cpu-class
----- myflow local vflow 10 auto default to-cpu enable TAC-class
```



**Note**: CPTP's vFlow match criteria can be freely chosen to match the specific rate limiting need of the user provided they include a to-cpu or copy-to-cpu action for packets.

After issue resolution, the user can delete a previously created custom CPU class if no longer needed:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-delete

name	Specify the name of the CPU class to delete.

Or you can modify the CPU class after creating it:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-modify

name	Specify the name of the CPU class.
rate-limit rate-limit-number	Specify the cap for the rate limit.
hog-protect disable enable  enable-and-drop	Specify if you want to enable, enable and drop packets, or disable hog protection.

**Note**: You cannot modify the scope of the CPU class. If you want to change the scope, you must delete the existing CPU class and create a new CPU class with the correct scope.



# **Configuring Other Advanced CPTP Settings**

Various additional settings are available to tweak the behavior of Control Plane Traffic Protection to one's needs (e.g., the threshold for the maximum number of acceptable CPU hog violators per port).

It is possible to show the values of the settings with the following command:

In this example, the timeout for a violator (which is no longer misbehaving) to be removed from quarantine is 20 seconds. The maximum number of violators per port is set to 50.

These settings can be modified with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-settings-modify

hog-checker-interval hog- checker-interval-number (ms)	Specify the hog checking interval in milliseconds.
hog-max-violators-per-port hog-max-violators-per-port- number	Specify the maximum number of hog violators per port.
hog-warning-threshold hog- warning-threshold-number	Specify the number of warnings at which host becomes hog violator.
hog-violator-timeout hog- violator-timeout-number (s)	Specify the timeout before restoring the hog violator to normal queue after an idle state.



## **Showing and Clearing CPTP Statistics**

You can view the CPTP statistics, including class 0s by using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-stats-show

name	Specify the name of the CPU class to clear statistics.
cos cos-number	Specify the CoS value for the CPU class.

#### Or to clear them:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-stats-clear

name	Specify the name of the CPU class to clear statistics.
cos cos-number	Clear the CoS value for the CPU class.
hw-out-pkts hw-out-pkts- number	Clear the hardware transmitted packet count.
hw-drop-pkts hw-drop-pkts- number	Clear the number of hardware dropped packets.
sw-pkts sw-pkts-number	Clear the number of packets processed in software.
sw-drops-pkts sw-drops-pkts- number	Clear the number of packets dropped in software because the queue is full.
hog-violations hog- violations-number	Clear the number of hog protection host violations and moved to separate queue.
hog-warnings hog-warnings- number	Clear the number of hog protection delegated bandwidth warnings.
hog-hosts-in hog-hosts-in- number	Clear the number of added hosts for hog protection.
hog-hosts-out hog-hosts-out- number	Clear the number of hosts removed from hog protection.
hog-max-hosts-drops hog-max- hosts-drops-number	Clear the number of dropped hosts with hog protection because the maximum number of hosts is reached.

A handy command to periodically check the CPU traffic statistics is the following:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-stats-show show-diffinterval 1



which refreshes the statistics every second on screen, and thus can be used to observe traffic spikes.

In case of an auto-quarantined traffic source, the violator's information and related statistics can be displayed with the following commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > hog-violator-show

mac mac-address	Displays the hog violator MAC address.
vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Displays the hog violator VLAN ID.
vxlan <i>vxlan-id</i>	Displays the hog violator VXLAN ID.
port port-number	Displays the hog violator ingress port.
cpu-class cpu-class-string	Displays the hog violator original class.
hog-cpu-class hog-cpu-class- string	Displays the hog violator hog queue CPU class.
created date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	Displays the time and date when hog violator is created.
vflow vflow-string	Displays the redirect vFlow.
vflow2 vflow-string	Displays the redirect vFlow 2.
vflow3 vflow-string	Displays the redirect vFlow 3.
time date/time: yyyy-mm- ddTHH:mm:ss	Displays the time and date to start statistics collection.
	• •
mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	collection.
end-time date/time: yyyy-mm-ddTHH:mm:ss	
	Displays the end time of the statistics collection.
duration duration: #d#h#m#s	
duration duration: #d#h#m#s interval duration: #d#h#m#s	Displays the duration of statistics
	Displays the duration of statistics collection.  Displays the interval between statistics
interval duration: #d#h#m#s	collection.  Displays the duration of statistics collection.  Displays the interval between statistics collection.  Displays the statistics collection since
interval duration: #d#h#m#s since-start	Displays the duration of statistics collection.  Displays the interval between statistics collection.  Displays the statistics collection since the start time.  Displays the statistics collection older



name vflow-name	Displays the name of the vFlow.
vnet vnet-name	Displays the VNET name of the vFlow.
id	Displays the ID assigned to the vFlow.



## **About CPTP Changes in the Z9432F-ON Platforms**

Starting from Netvisor ONE release 7.0.1 the Z9432F-ON platforms are supported. They introduce a new generation of programmable ASICs, which has some differences in the CPTP support:

- The cpu-class-enable in system-setting-show is always on and cannot be disabled.
- CPTP with CPU hog protection does not work for BFD protocol packets.
- For CPTP classes a total of 48 queues are supported. Since one additional custom CPU class is reserved for internal use, only one user-defined CPTP class is supported with the cpu-class-create command.

#### For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-create name cpu-class1 scope local rate-limit 10 cpu class created

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cpu-class-create name cpu-class2 scope local rate-limit 10 cpu-class-create: all classes used up
```

Using this command, you can set the egress rate limiting for the CPU:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > sys-flow-setting-modify cpu-rx-rate-pps 4999
CLI (network-admin@switch) > sys-flow-setting-show
cpu-rx-rate-pps: 4999
```

#### The default value for the Z9432F-ON Platforms is 5000 pps:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > sys-flow-setting-show format cpu-rx-rate-pps cpu-rx-rate-pps: 5000
```



## **Configuring Port Isolation**

As explained in the *About Port Isolation* section above, a network admin can use this feature to isolate bridged East-West traffic between hosts while allowing it through an upstream firewall or router.

To configure isolated ports, use the no-local-switching parameter in the port-config-modify command like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-modify port 1,2 no-local-switching
```

So, referring to the example shown in *Figure 12-1* above, on the cluster pair the isolated port configuration can be entered as follows:

#### PN-HA1

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > port-config-modify port 1 no-local-switching
CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > port-config-modify port 2 no-local switching
```

#### PN-HA2

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-ha2) > port-config-modify port 2 no-local-switching
CLI (network-admin@pn-ha2) > port-config-modify port 3 no-local-switching
```

Typically, if inter-host Layer 3 connectivity is needed, you would configure the upstream router or firewall to perform *local proxy* ARP and/or *NDP proxy* so as to respond to all ARP requests and/or neighbor solicitations coming from isolated hosts.

To avoid interfering with local proxy ARP and NDP proxy, you may want to disable ARP and ND optimization as follows:

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > system-settings-modify no-optimize-arps
CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > system-settings-modify no-optimize-nd

CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > system-settings-modify no-optimize-arps
CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > system-settings-modify no-optimize-nd
```

Additionally, configure the port link state association between downlinks and uplinks for proper vLAG redundancy. A port association is required to match the link state of downlink isolated ports with the one of uplink ports.

When all uplink ports are down, downlink isolated ports are administratively disabled until one of the uplinks becomes operational again.

In this example, the port association names are PA1 and PA2. On PN-HA1, the uplink port number is 64, and isolated downlink ports' numbers are 1 and 2. On PN-HA2, the uplink port number is also 64 (uplink vLAG member), and isolated downlink ports' numbers are 2 and 3:

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-hal) > port-association-create name PA1 master-ports 64
```



slave-ports 1,2 policy any-master
CLI (network-admin@pn-ha2) > port-association-create name PA2 master-ports 64
slave-ports 2,3 policy any-master

To view ports that are configured with the no-local-switching command parameter, use the port-egress-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-egress-show

switch	port 	egress	rx-only	active- active- vlags 	loopback	mir- prevent- out 	no- local- switchin g-out 
1	0-72	none	none	none	none	none	none
2	0-72	none	none	none	none	none	none
3	0-72	none	none	none	none	none	none
4	0-72	none	none	none	none	none	none
5	0-4,11- 72	none	none	none	none	none	5-10
6	0-4,11- 72	none	none	none	none	none	5-10
7	0-4,11- 72	none	none	none	none	none	5-10
8	0-4,11- 72	none	none	none	none	none	5-10

The no-local-switching configuration option is available also for the trunk-create, trunk-modify and trunk-show commands, as follows:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create

trunk-create	Create a trunk configuration for link aggregation
One or more of the following options:	
local-switching no-local- switching	Specify local-switching or no-local- switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local- switching port

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > trunk-modify

trunk-modify	Modify a trunk configuration for link aggregation
One or more of the following options:	
<pre>local-switching no-local- switching</pre>	Specify local-switching or no-local- switching. A no-local-switching port



#### cannot bridge traffic to another no-localswitching port.

#### CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > trunk-show

trunk-show	Display trunk configuration
One or more of the following options:	
local-switching no-local-switching	Specify local-switching or no-local- switching. A no-local-switching port cannot bridge traffic to another no-local- switching port.



# **Limiting the Number of MAC Addresses per Port**

In Netvisor ONE you can limit the number of MAC addresses learned on a per port basis. You can configure this capability (sometimes referred to as *port security*) on ports or trunks, for example like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mac-limit-modify port 45,49 mac-limit 5 mac-limit-action log

The configuration options for the command are:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mac-limit-modify

port port-list	Specify the port list.
mac-limit mac-limit-number	Specify the number of MAC addresses to limit on the port.
mac-limit-action log disable	Specify the action to take when the MAC address limit is exceeded. If you select log, an event is logged to the event log. If you specify disable, the event is logged and the port is disabled.

#### To display the MAC limits, you can use:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mac-limit-show

port port-list	Displays the port list.
mac-limit mac-limit-number	Displays the number of MAC addresses to limit on the port.
mac-limit-action log/disable	Displays the action taken when the MAC address limit is exceeded.
num-macs num-macs-number	Displays the number of MAC addresses learned on the port.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > mac-limit-show

port	mac-limit	mac-limit-action	num-macs
5	0	log	0
5	0	log	0



## **Monitoring vPort-based Activity**

In Netvisor ONE *virtual ports*, in short *vPorts*, are software-based Layer 2 entries associated to any ports a switch performs MAC address learning on.

While a plain-vanilla hardware Layer 2 table is limited in its capacity by a switch's dedicated ASIC memory size, the Netvisor ONE software runs in the control plane processor's much larger DRAM memory space and hence is capable of tracking a large list of Layer 2 entries. Such list can grow much larger than what can fit into the limited space of a hardware table. This logical software extension of the Layer 2 table is the *vPort database*.

vPort database entries are persistent and are synchronized across the fabric so that every fabric member is aware of every other Layer 2 table entry. This capability is particularly useful for instance to track (physical or virtual) mobile end-points as well as users so as to make sure that movements are legitimate. (See also the *Understanding Fabric Status Updates*, vPorts and Keepalives section.)

In a nutshell, the vPort database can be considered the authoritative distributed endpoint directory and switching activity history book of the entire Pluribus fabric. Its innate flexibility lends itself very well to security applications, for example in the case of ARP spoofing attacks.

Let's first see what a portion of the vPort datable may look like. The output of a vport-show command is displayed below with the two key columns in bold typeface (in this example, the inspected forwarding context is a VLAN, but can also be a VXLAN domain):

CLI network-admin@switch > vport-show format ip, mac, hostname, vlan, last-active

In case of ARP poisoning attacks, the *dynamically populated* IP-to-MAC-address-binding entries (shown above) may be corrupted by a malicious end-point pretending to be someone else and sending a (series of) forged ARP packet(s) to overwrite legitimate gleaned information.

A simple protection for this exploit is to proactively create (with the vport-create command) or reactively make (as shown below) a forge-proof static binding in the vPort database. An ARP spoofing detection syslog message is printed when someone attempts the now-blocked forgery, as exemplified below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vport-modify mac 00:50:56:b2:73:e1 vlan 7 ip 192.168.1.3 intf 11 [...]

ARP spoofing detection syslog message: mac/ip access denied: mac=00:50:56:b6:f9:10 ip=192.168.1.3
```



caller=ARP



## **Configuring DHCP Snooping**

Netvisor ONE supports DHCP snooping as a security feature enabling the network admin to prevent denial-of-service (DoS) or Man-in-the-Middle (MiM) attacks from rogue DHCP agents.

You can define trusted ports to connect to the known good DHCP servers. DHCP snooping also maintains a mapping table for current assignments.

Enable DHCP snooping and specify the list of trusted server ports using the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dhcp-filter-create name namestring trusted-ports port-list

name name-string	Specify a name for the filter.
trusted-ports port-list	Specify a list of trusted ports.

The port list can then be modified or deleted with the following commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dhcp-filter-modify name namestring trusted-ports port-list

name name-string	Specify the name for the filter to modify.
trusted-ports port-list	Specify a list of trusted ports.

#### To delete:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dhcp-filter-delete name namestring

#### A DHCP filter can be shown with the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dhcp-filter-show name name-string trusted-ports port-list vlan vlan-list

name name-string	Displays the name of the filter.
trusted-ports port-list	Specify a list of trusted ports.
vlan vlan-list	Displays a list of VLANs.

In order to drop packets from rogue DHCP agents connected through untrusted ports, Netvisor ONE supports a specific system vFlow entry in hardware: DHCP-LOG-DROP.

The vFlow entry sends the packets to the CPU in order to track and log the untrusted DHCP messages, and then drops them. This entry is set to a higher precedence than the one used for trusted DHCP ports.



Ports that are not in the trusted list connect to hosts whose DHCP trust level is unknown or zero, therefore Netvisor ONE ensures that the DHCP messages to be logged by the CPU are rate limited using a dedicated dhcp class so that its processing capacity is not exceeded. (See the Configuring CPTP section for more details.)

The output for the dhcp-lease-show command has two new parameters to display trusted and untrusted DHCP agents:

CLI (network-admin@Spinel) > dhcp-lease-show trusted-server | no-trusted-server

CLI (network-admin@Spine1) > dhcp-lease-show format ip, mac, port, vlan, db-state, server, server-ip, server-port, trusted-server, last-msg

Log messages indicate the presence of an unknown or rogue DHCP agent:

DHCP server message received from untrusted port=<x> server-ip=<ip-addr>



## **Configuring Router Advertisement Guard**

The IPv6 RA Guard feature requires the creation of a filter for addresses and prefixes in order to apply a security profile to RA messages.

To configure the RA Guard feature, follow these steps:

- 1. Create an access list using the command: access-list-create.
- 2. Create a prefix list using the command: prefix-list-create.
- 3. Create an IPv6 security profile using the command: ipv6security-raguard-create.

This configuration installs two vFlow entries specific for RA Guard:

- One vFlow entry drops RAs sent by devices with the role of host as assigned using the ipv6security-raguard-create command.
- The second vFlow entry sends RAs to the CPU on ports configured with the role of router.

The router advertisements are received and examined, then the necessary action is taken based on the access and prefix lists, or on port and VLAN policies. A permitted router advertisement is flooded to its destination ports.

These are the commands to configure RA Guard:

```
      CLI (network-admin@switch) > access-list-create

      name name-string
      Specify a name for the access list.

      scope scope
      Specify if the scope is local or fabric.

      CLI (network-admin@switch) > access-list-delete name name-string

      name name-string
      Specify the name for the access list to delete.

      CLI (network-admin@switch) > access-list-show

      switch name scope
      switch local

      CLI (network-admin@switch) > access-list-ip-add
```



Specify a name for the access list. name name-string ip ip-address Specify the IP address for the access list. CLI (network-admin@switch) > access-list-ip-delete name namestring ip ip-address CLI (network-admin@switch) > access-list-ip-show switch name ip \_\_\_\_\_ spinel test 1.1.1.4 CLI (network-admin@switch) > prefix-list-create name name-string Specify a name for the prefix list. Specify if the scope is local or fabric. scope scope CLI (network-admin@switch) > prefix-list-delete name namestring CLI (network-admin@switch) > prefix-list-show name name-string Displays the name for the prefix list. Displays if the scope is local or fabric. scope scope CLI(network-admin@switch) > prefix-list-network-add Specify the name for the prefix network name name-string list. network ip-address Specify the IP address for the network. Specify the netmask. netmask netmask CLI (network-admin@switch) > prefix-list-network-delete name name-string CLI (network-admin@switch) > prefix-list-network-show



name name-string	Displays the name for the prefix network list.
network <i>ip-address</i>	Displays the IP address for the network.
netmask <i>netmask</i>	Displays the netmask.
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	ipv6security-raguard-create
name name-string	Specify the RA policy name.
device host router	Specify the type of device as host or router.
router-priority low medium  high	Specify the router priority as low, medium, or high.
access-list name-string	Specify the access list name.
prefix-list name-string	Specify the prefix list name.
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	ipv6security-raguard-delete
name name-string	Specify the RA policy name.
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	ipv6security-raguard-modify
name name-string	Specify the RA policy name.
device host router	Specify the type of device as host or router.
router-priority low medium  high	Specify the router priority as low, medium, or high.
access-list name-string	Specify the access list name.
prefix-list name-string	Specify the prefix list name.
CLI (network-admin@switch) >	ipv6security-raguard-show
name name-string	Displays the RA policy name.
device host router	Displays the type of device as host or router.
router-priority low medium  high	Displays the router priority as low, medium, or high.
access-list name-string	Displays the access list name.



prefix-list name-string		Displays the prefix list name.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	ipv6security-raguard-port-add
name name-string		Specify the name of the RA Guard policy to add ports.
ports port-list		Specify the list of ports to add to the policy.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	ipv6security-raguard-port-remove
name name-string		Specify the name of the RA Guard policy to remove ports.
ports port-list		Specify the list of ports to remove from the policy.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	ipv6security-raguard-port-show
name name-string		Displays the name of the RA Guard policy.
ports port-list		Displays the list of ports.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	ipv6security-raguard-vlan-add
name name-string		Specify the name of the RA Guard policy to add VLANs.
vlans <i>vlan-id</i>		Specify the VLANs to add to the policy.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	ipv6security-raguard-vlan-remove
name name-string		Specify the name of the RA Guard policy to remove VLANs.
vlans <i>vlan-id</i>		Specify the VLANs to remove from the policy.
CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	ipv6security-raguard-vlan-show
name name-string		Displays the name of the RA Guard policy to add VLANs.
vlans vlan-id		Displays the VLANs to add to the policy.



## **Configuring MAC-based ACLs**

You can configure MAC-based ACL entries to permit or deny network traffic based on a number of parameters:

- Source MAC address
- Source MAC address mask
- Destination MAC address
- Destination MAC address mask
- EtherType value
- Name of the vNET
- Bridge domain name
- VLAN number
- Switch port number

These capabilities enable various common use cases as exemplified in the following sections.

#### **Configuring a MAC-based ACL to Deny Network Traffic**

**Figure 12-2** below shows the example of a server MAC address and Ethertype (IPv4) that you want to block when the traffic is ingressing a switch:

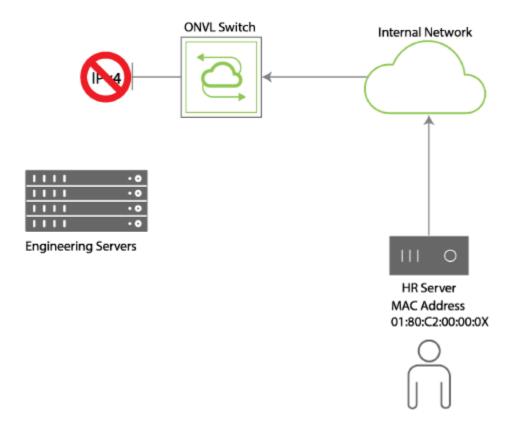


Figure 15-3 - MAC ACL Blocking Access



To deny IPv4 network traffic from MAC address, 01:80:c2:00:00:0X, for the scope fabric, create the MAC ACL, deny-MAC, using the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-mac-create name deny-mac action deny src-mac 01:80:c2:00:00:0X ether-type ipv4 scope fabric

To review the configuration, use the acl-mac-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) >acl-mac-show name deny-mac layout vertical

name: deny-mac id: b000015:12

action: deny

 src-mac:
 01:80:c2:00:00:0X

 dst-mac:
 00:00:00:00:00:00

 dst-mac-mask:
 aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa

ether-type: ipv4 vlan: 0 scope: fabric

port: 0

#### **Configuring a MAC-based ACL to Permit Network Traffic**

In addition to the deny action, it is also possible to permit network traffic by using Layer 2 parameters, as shown in the example below:



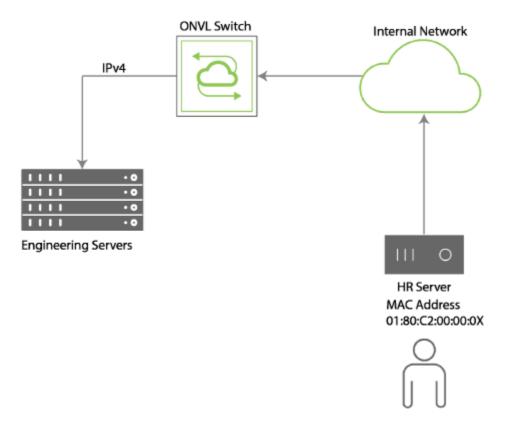


Figure 15-4 - MAC ACL Allowing Access

To permit IPv4 network traffic from MAC address 01:80:c2:00:00:0x, create a MAC-based ACL using the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-mac-create name allow-mac action permit src-mac 01:80:c2:00:0X ether-type ipv4 scope fabric

To review the configuration, use the acl-mac-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-mac-show name deny-mac layout vertical

name: deny-mac id: b000015:12

action: deny

 src-mac:
 01:80:c2:00:00:0X

 dst-mac:
 00:00:00:00:00

 dst-mac-mask:
 aa:aa:aa:aa:aa:aa

ether-type: ipv4 vlan: 0 fabr:

scope: fabric
port: 0

To delete the ACL configuration, use the acl-mac-delete command.

To modify the ACL configuration, use the acl-mac-modify command.



## **Configuring IP-based ACLs**

In IP-based ACLs the following parameters are available:

- Source IP address
- Source netmask
- Destination IP address
- Destination netmask
- IP Protocol(tcp|udp|icmp|igmp|ip|icmpv6)
- Source Layer 4 Port
- Destination Layer 4 Port
- vNET
- Bridge Domain
- VLAN Number
- Port Number

#### **Using an IP-based ACL to Block IP Traffic**

The network example shown in *Figure 15-5 - IP-based ACL for Internal Servers* below includes a Finance server in one part of the network and an Engineering server in another part.

For example, the network admin may want to block the Engineering server from communicating with the IP protocol with the Finance server in order to protect sensitive company information. For that purpose, you can use an IP-based ACL which can block a specific IP traffic source.



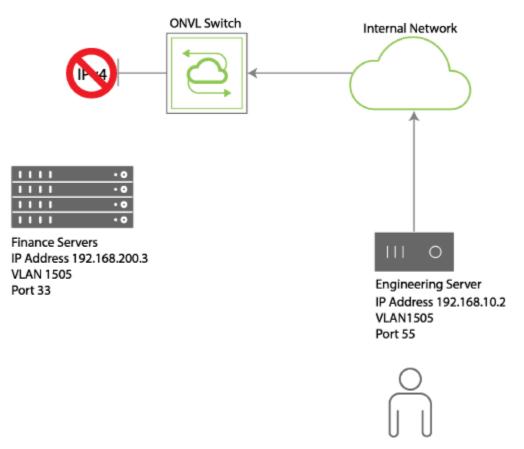


Figure 15-5 - Network Example - IP ACL for Internal Servers

You can use an IP-based ACL also to protect internal devices from external access as depicted in *Figure 12-5 – IP-based ACL Blocking External Access* below.



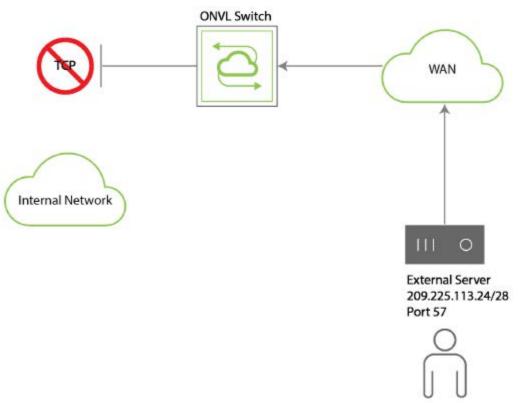


Figure 15-6 - IP ACL Blocking External Access

## **Configuring an IP-based ACL for Internal Servers**

To configure an ACL for denying TCP traffic from the Engineering server to the Finance server you can use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-ip-create name deny-finance action deny scope local src-ip 192.168.10.2 src-ip-mask 24 dst-ip 192.168.200.3 dst-ip-netmask 24 proto tcp src-port 55 dst-port 33 vlan 1505

To review the configuration, use the acl-ip-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-ip-show name deny-finance

layout vertical

name: deny-finance id: b00011:20

action: deny proto: tcp

src-ip: 192.168.10.2/24

src-port:
55

dst-ip: 192.168.200.3/24

dst-port: 33
vlan: 1505
scope: local
port: 0



#### **Configuring an IP-based ACL Blocking External Access**

Referring to *Figure 15-5 – IP-based ACL Blocking External Access* above, a certain source IP address needs to be blocked.

To configure an ACL to deny traffic from the external server, use the acl-ip-create command to create an ACL named deny-external like so:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-ip-create name deny-external scope fabric src-ip 209.255.113.24/28

To review the configuration, use the acl-ip-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-ip-show name deny-external layout vertical

name: deny-external id: b000022:20

action: deny
proto: ip

src-ip: 209.225.113.24/28

scope: fabric

port: 0

## **Configuring an IP-based ACL to Permit Network Traffic**

ACLs can be used to permit traffic too: for example, to allow HTTP traffic to the external subnet 209.225.113.24 with a netmask of 255.255.255.240 and a scope of fabric, you can create an IP-based ACL called allow-http using the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-ip-create name allow-http permit scope fabric src-ip 0.0.0.0 src-ip-mask 255.255.255.255 dst-ip 209.225.113.24 dst-ip-mask 255.255.255.240 protocol tcp dst-port 57

To review the configuration, use the acl-ip-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > acl-ip-show name allow-http layout vertical

name: allow-http id: b000025:20

action: allow
proto: tcp

src-ip: 0.0.0.0/255.255.255.255



src-port:

dst-ip: 209.225.113.24/28

dst-port: 57
vlan: 0

scope: fabric

port: 0

To delete the ACL, use the  ${\tt acl-ip-delete}$  command.

To modify the ACL configuration, use the acl-ip-modify command.



## **Configuring DSCP to CoS Mapping**

Netvisor ONE supports creating Quality of Service (QoS) maps that configure hardware based mapping of Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) value in a received IP header to a Cost of Service (CoS) priority. This helps in prioritizing traffic based on DSCP markings by using the appropriate egress CoS queues to send packets out.

Netvisor ONE sets the DSCP value to the 6 upper bits in the 8-bit ToS field of an IP header. Details about the specific values and the proposed traffic disposition can be found in these RFCs:

- RFC 2474 (DS Fields Definitions)
- RFC 2475 (DiffServ architecture)
- RFC 2597 (AF PHB Group)
- RFC 2780 (IANA Allocation Guidelines)

A quick summary of DSCP in Netvisor ONE:

- DSCP values range from 0 to 63, while packet priorities map to 8 CoS values or priority queues.
- Standards (IANA) include specific values in their guidelines. These values are used by different vendors to facilitate inter-connectivity.
- Class selector code points (CS0 through CS7, multiples of 8) are backwards compatible with IP ToS values. These values also serve as base selectors for other values.
- Assured Forwarding (AF) code points have 4 priority classes, each class has three code points indicating the drop precedence.
  - o Class1: AF11/12/13 (DSCP 10, 12, 14)
  - o Class2: AF21/22/23 (DSCP 18, 20, 22)
  - o Class3: AF31/32/33 (DSCP 26, 28, 30)
  - o Class4: AF41/42/43 (DSCP 34, 36, 38
- 0 is best effort (CoS 0, default)
- 46 is an Expedited Forwarding (EF) code point, indicating critical traffic.

There are new commands to support this feature:

CLI (network-admin@switch)	>	dscp-map-create
dscp-map-create		Create a DSCP priority mapping table with default DSCP to priority mappings.
name name-string		Create a name for the DSCP map

To delete, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-delete

To view the configuration details, use the command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-show

This command displays output only if there are maps configured.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-modify

dscp-map-pri-map-modify	Update priority mappings in tables.
dscp-map selector: name name-string	Specify the name for the DSCP map to modify.
Specify the following pri-map arguments:	
pri number	Specify a CoS priority from 0 to 7.
dsmap number-list	Specify a DSCP value(s)as a single value, comma separated list, or a number range.

To view the details, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-show
```

The dscp-map-pri-map-show displays output only if there are maps configured.

The default values are listed in the following dscp-map-pri-map-show output:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > dscp-map-pri-map-show name dscpmap1

```
      switch
      name
      pri
      dsmap

      -----
      ------
      -------

      switch
      ds2
      0
      none

      switch
      ds2
      1
      8,10,12,14

      switch
      ds2
      2
      16,18,20,22

      switch
      ds2
      3
      24,26,28,30

      switch
      ds2
      4
      32,34,36,38

      switch
      ds2
      5
      40

      switch
      ds2
      6
      48

      switch
      ds2
      7
      56
```

The command, port-config-modify, has a new parameter, dscp-map map-name | none to support this feature.

Using the option none deletes or cancels a DSCP map previously configured on the port.



# Applying CoS Queue Mapping based on Re-Marked DSCP in vFlow

Currently, Netvisor ONE allows a vFlow to mark or re-mark matched packets with a DSCP value on egress. Netvisor ONE does not prioritize this traffic in terms of the egress port CoS queue selected for transmit. Another feature, *Enabling DSCP to Priority and CoS Mappings* introduces the ability to create DSCP QoS maps and apply to ports, but the maps apply to ingress packets. This feature introduces the ability prioritize traffic based on the remarked DSCP value in a vFlow

Netvisor ONE enables you to create named DSCP maps as independent objects and applies the maps to ingress ports for prioritization of packets based on the DSCP markings. In this feature, you can apply the same maps in a vFlow. QoS maps can be applied to ports, but not to Flow Processor entries corresponding to vFlows. This implementation does the prioritization explicitly, since flows can be configured with CoS values.

The implementation has the following features:

- Verify the DSCP map named in the vFlow exists.
- Determine the priority and CoS for the DSCP value assigned to the vFlow.
- Apply this CoS value to the Flow Processor entry in hardware.
- Reconfigure CoS in the flow when the vFlow DSCP setting changes.
- Prevent deleting a DSCP map in use by a vFlow.
- Update the CoS setting of vFlows using the DSCP map when the DSCP map priority settings are updated.

You can specify the name of a DSCP map in the vflow-create command:

dscp-map dscp-map name   none	Specify the DSCP map to apply on the flow. Please reapply if map priorities are updated
----------------------------------	---



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version
mac-limit-modify, mac-limit- show	Commands introduced in version 2.6.0
drop option removed from mac- limit-action	Option deprecated in version 5.1.0
acl-ip-create, acl-ip-delete, acl-ip-modify, acl-ip-show	Commands introduced in version 1.2.1
igmp	Parameter added to IP-based ACLs in version 2.4
vnet	Parameter added to IP-based ACLs in version 2.4.1
acl-mac-create, acl-mac- delete, acl-mac-modify, acl- mac-show	Commands introduced in version 1.2.1
ipv6security-raguard-create, ipv6security-raguard-delete, ipv6security-raguard-modify, ipv6security-raguard-remove, ipv6security-raguard-show, ipv6security-raguard-vlan-add, ipv6security-raguard-vlan-remove, ipv6security-raguard-raguard-vlan-show	Commands introduced in version 3.0.0
dhcp-filter-create, dhcp- filter-modify, dhcp-filter- delete, dhcp-filter-show	Commands introduced in version 2.6.0
login-fail-count, lock-account no-lock-account, minimum-pw-length	Parameters added to user-create command in version 6.1.0

Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.



#### **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, etc.), refer to these sections of the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Switch Ports
- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric
- Configuring and Using vFlows



## **Configuring and Using Network Telemetry**

This chapter provides information about configuring and using network telemetry (i.e., analytics) features on a Netvisor ONE switch.

- About sFlow
- About sFlow in Netvisor ONE
- Guidelines to Remember When Configuring sFlow
- Configuring the sFlow Collector Destination
- Configuring sFlow Agents on the Network
- Adding or Removing Additional Ports to sFlow
- Using vFlow to Analyze Packets in Real Time
- Analyzing Live Traffic Using Wireshark
- Configuring Flow Tracker for non-TCP Analytics
- Supported Releases
- Related Documentation



#### **About sFlow**

sFlow (short for "sampled flow") is a popular networking technology supported by various networking vendors to monitor data traffic exchanged by switches and routers. It was first defined in Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)'s Informational RFC 3176 and was later updated to sFlow version 5 based on a common specification maintained by the sFlow.org group.

An sFlow monitoring system consists of an sFlow Agent (embedded in a switch or router) and of a central sFlow Collector. An sFlow Agent uses *traffic sampling techniques* to capture traffic statistics from the device it is monitoring and to achieve scalability in high-speed networks (Gbps speeds and higher). sFlow datagrams are used to convey the sampled traffic statistics to an sFlow Collector for analysis.

A central Collector can aggregate the information exported from thousands of agents, which makes it suitable to provide continuous data center-wide (and even multi-site) traffic visibility into high-speed switched and routed networks.

An sFlow monitoring system enables administrators to obtain the statistics required to effectively control and manage network usage. It supports visibility into application-level traffic flows on all physical interfaces. You can use this information to troubleshoot a network, to perform diagnostics, and to analyze traffic patterns and network efficiency. Hence, you can use the sFlow functionality to ensure that network services match or exceed the requirements set forth by businesses.



### **About sFlow in Netvisor ONE**

As defined by the sFlow Version 5 reference document, Netvisor ONE supports sFlow's two main embedded components: a native Agent with packet sampling and the export function to the Collector(s).

As displayed in Figure 16-1, the sFlow Agent runs on Netvisor ONE switches, extracts data plane traffic using hardware-assisted sampling, and sends the sampled packets using a special format to the sFlow Collector for further processing.

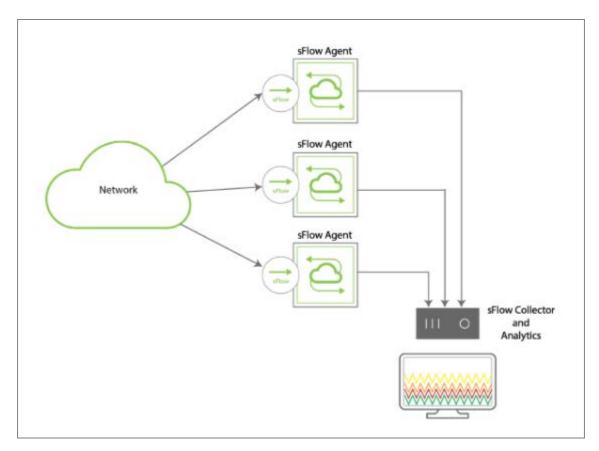


Figure 16-1 - Network Topology with Switch-based sFlow Agents and Collector Device

**Packet Sampling**: Packet sampling refers to the random selection of a fraction of the packets observed by the switch where the Agent is running. Since sampled packets correspond to various traffic flows, this function randomly samples traffic flows: hence, it is also referred to as *packet flow sampling*.

If the Agent is enabled, Netvisor ONE provides two configuration options for the sampling function:

• **Sampling Rate**: the sampling rate specifies the ratio of the packets observed by the hardware to the samples generated. For example, a sampling rate of 100 specifies that, on average, 1 sample will be generated for every 100 packets observed. The packets are sampled by the hardware and passed to the software which adds the sFlow encapsulation header and sends them to the Collector. You can configure the sampling rate using the sample-rate command option.



• Counter Polling Interval: the counter polling interval is the maximum number of seconds between successive samples of the counters associated with the data source. You can configure it using the counter-polling-interval command option. On expiry of the timer, Netvisor ONE collects the traffic statistics from the hardware and constructs an sFlow datagram to send to the Collector. The Counter Polling process results in the generation of Counter Records. When available, the sFlow Agent collects both Counter Records and Packet Flow Records and exports them within sFlow datagrams.

sFlow can sample different types of frames such as:

- Frames sent to the control plane (CPU)
- Frames forwarded through switch interfaces
- Packets using IP options
- Frames resulting in MTU violations
- Flooded packets
- Multicast packets

On the other hand, the following types of frames cannot be sampled by sFlow:

- Control plane frames such as LLDP/LACP/STP PDUs
- PAUSE frames
- PIM hello packets
- CRC-errored frames
- Packets dropped by ACLs
- Packets dropped due to VLAN violations (i.e., received with unconfigured VLANs on a port)

Netvisor ONE switches support sFlow at the port level with two types of samplers:

- 1. Ingress sFlow sampler
- 2. Egress sFlow sampler

You can configure either sampler type, or both at the same time, to implement unidirectional or bidirectional packet sampling.

sFlow datagrams are sent to an sFlow Collector using the UDP protocol. The official UDP port number for sFlow is 6343. Each datagram provides information about the sFlow version, the originating device's IP address, a sequence number, the number of samples it contains and one or more flow and/or counter samples.

If the configured sFlow Collector is unreachable due to any connectivity issue, the sFlow Agent tries to resend the sFlow datagrams every 60 seconds. During this time, the datagrams are recorded as sFlow drop packets.

sFlow datagrams could get dropped when:

- The sFlow port is invalid
- The sFlow Agent fails to match the sample port
- There is a network connectivity issue
- The sFlow datagrams are malformed or oversized
- The sFlow datagrams use IPv6
- There is traffic congestion with queue drops



You can use the sflow-show command to display the datagram drop counts.

To enable sFlow on a switch, you should configure the following functions (as described later in this document) in this order:

- 1. Configuring the Export Function to the sFlow Collector
- 2. Configuring the sFlow Agents in the Network



## **Guidelines to Remember When Configuring sFlow**

There are some guidelines to consider when configuring the sFlow monitoring feature:

- sFlow is a scope local feature.
- You can configure the sFlow sampling rate (sample-rate) in the range 256-16000. By default the sampling rate is set to 4096. To disable sFlow traffic sampling, configure the sampling rate to zero (0).
- The sFlow Agent ID is typically the switch's management IP address and indicates the originator of the sample frames.
- The sFlow monitoring system supports only IPv4 sampling.
- The sFlow sample type can be either raw or cooked mode, and the default is raw.
- By default, the counter-polling-interval is 2 seconds and the available range is 1-120 seconds. To disable counter sampling, you can set the interval to zero (0).
- The sample-pkt-cnt command output and option is the total number of sampled packets from the sFlow Agent.
- The sFlow Collector configuration requires the Collector's IP address and port number.
- The sFlow Collector configuration can be scope local or scope fabric.
- You can configure multiple sFlow Collectors: the first or the latest available Collector is selected to send the sampled packets to.
- Egress sFlow samplers do not capture modifications to the packets in the egress pipeline (for example, VLAN translation or VXLAN header encapsulation).



### **Configuring the sFlow Collector Destination**

On Netvisor ONE switches, you must configure an sFlow Collector destination before configuring the sFlow Agent function. The sFlow Collector is the device that receives ("collects") sFlow datagrams from the sFlow Agents.

To configure an sFlow Collector's IP address and port, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-collector-create collectorip ip-address collector-port collector-port-number name namestring scope local|fabric

collector-ip ip-address	Specify the IP address of the sFlow Collector.				
collector-port collector- port-number	Specify the port number assigned to the sFlow Collector.				
name name-string	Specify a name for the sFlow.				
scope local fabric	Note: If the scope is fabric, then the new switches that join the fabric receive the sFlow Collector configuration. If the scope is local, then the sFlow Collector is configured only on the local switch.				

Below is an example of configuration of an sFlow Collector with IP address 10.10.10.12 using port 6343. The sFlow Collector's instance name is sf\_test, and the scope is fabric.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-collector-create collectorip 10.10.10.12 collector-port 6343 name sf\_test scope fabric

**Note**: You can add as many sFlow Collector instances as needed when deploying the sFlow feature in a data center.

To delete an already configured sFlow Collector instance, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-collector-delete name namestring

**Note**: When deleting the sFlow Collector instances, note that the last available Collector cannot be deleted if an sFlow Agent is still configured and available. That is, if you want to delete all sFlow Collector instances, you must first delete all the sFlow



Agent instances before deleting the last available Collector.

To modify an already created sFlow Collector instance, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-collector-modify name namestring

name name-string	Specify the name of the sFlow you want to modify.
Specify one or more of the following options:	
collector-ip ip-address	Specify the change in IP address for the sFlow Collector.
collector-port collector- port-number	Specify the change in port number for the sFlow Collector.

**Note**: You cannot modify the *scope* parameter once the sFlow Collector is configured.

To view the details of the configured sFlow Collector instances, use the sflow-collector-show command specifying one or more of the following options:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-collector-show

Specify one of more of the following options:			
collector-ip ip-address	Specify to display the details of the sFlow Collector.		
collector-port collector- port-number	Specify to display the details.		
name name-string	Specify to display the details of the specified sFlow.		
scope local fabric	Specify to display the details of either the local scoped or fabric scoped sFlow Collectors.		

To view the details of the previously configured sFlow collector instances, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-collector-show

collector-ip	collector-port	name	scope
10.10.10.12	6343	sf_test	fabric
10.13.26.75	6343	sflow_collect	local



## **Configuring sFlow Agents in the Network**

You must first configure at least one sFlow Collector instance before configuring an sFlow Agent. Then, you can configure and enable an sFlow Agent on each switch that you want to be part of the sFlow monitoring system to monitor the network traffic.

To configure and enable an sFlow Agent on a switch, use the use the sflow-create command to create at least one sFlow Instance with the following available parameters:

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	sflow-create name name-string				
name name-string	Specify a name for the sFlow.				
Specify one of more of the following option	ons:				
type ingress egress	Specify whether the sFlow sampler type is for ingress or egress traffic.				
sample-type raw cooked	Specify the sFlow sample type, the default sample type is raw.				
ports port-list	Specify the sFlow ports.				
sample-rate 256-16000	Specify the sFlow sampling rate. The value ranges from 256-16000 and the default value is 4096. Enter zero (0) if you want to disable sFlow sampling.				
counter-polling-interval 0120	Specify the sFlow interface statistics for counter polling interval. This is the periodic sampling or polling counters associated with a data source.				
trunc-length trunc-length- number	Specify the truncated length of the sFlow sample (sample packet size).				
agent-id <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the local IP address.				

**Note**: When creating an sFlow instance, do not configure both the sample-rate and the counter-polling-interval to zero (0). If you do so, an error message: sflow-create: Sample-rate/counter-polling-interval both can't be 0 is displayed. However, later, you can change both values to zero (0) using the sflow-modify command, if so desired.

**Note**: If you configure both the sample-rate and the counter-polling-interval to zero (0) using the sflow-modify command, then nosFlow datagrams are sent out to the sFlow Collector for monitoring and analysis.

Below is an example of configuration to enable an sFlow Instance, named *net-monitor*, in ingress ports 57-59, with sample-type raw, sample-rate 4096, counter-polling-interval of 5 seconds (i.e., 1 sample in every 5 seconds), and trunc-



### length of 160 bytes:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-create name net-monitor type ingress sample-type raw ports 57-59 sample-rate 4096 counter-polling-interval 5 trunc-length 160

To delete an existing sFlow Instance, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-delete name name-string

To view an sFlow Instance's, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-show

**Note**: To view the binding between an sFlow instance and the nv-message-queues, use the sflow-thread-binding-show command. This command helps during the troubleshooting process and should be run with the support of the Pluribus TAC team. See the *Example: A Sample Configuration* section below for more details.

To modify the configuration parameters of an sFlow Instance, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) >	sflow-modify name name-string			
name name-string	Specify the sFlow name that you want to modify.			
Modify one or more of the following options:				
type ingress egress	Specify to change the sFlow type to ingress or egress traffic.			
sample-type raw cooked	Specify to change the sample type to raw or cooked. Default value is raw.			
ports port-list	Specify to change the sFlow ports.			
sample-rate 256-16000	Modify to change the sFlow sampling rate. The default value is 4096.			
counter-polling-interval 0120	Modify and change the sFlow interface stats-counter polling interval.			
trunc-length trunc-length- number	Modify the truncated length of the sFlow sample.			
agent-id <i>ip-address</i>	Modify the local IP address.			

For example, to modify and view the counter-polling-interval of the sFlow Instance, *net-monitor*, you can use the following commands:

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > sflow-modify name net-monitor
counter-polling-interval 120



CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > sflow-show format all layout

vertical

name: net-monitor
type: ingress

sample-type: raw

ports: 1,3,53,57-59

sample-rate: 4096
counter-polling-interval:120
sample-interval: 5
trunc-length: 160

agent id: 10.1.1.200

sample-pkt-cnt: 2845
sample-drops: 87

The following options are available with the sflow-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > sflow-show

Specify one or more of the options:	
name name-string	Displays the name for the sFlow.
type ingress egress	Displays whether the sFlow type is for ingress or egress traffic.
sample-type raw cooked	Displays the sFlow sample type.
ports port-list	Displays the sFlow ports.
sample-rate 256-16000	Displays the sFlow sample rate.
counter-polling-interval 0120	Displays the sFlow interface stats- counter polling interval.
trunc-length trunc-length- number	Displays the truncated length of the sFlow sample.
agent-id ip-address	Displays the local IP address.
sample-pkt-cnt sample-pkt- cnt-number	Displays the sFlow sample packet count.
sample-drops sample-drops- number	Displays the sFlow sample dropped packets.
malformed-packet-drops malformed-packet-drops-number	Displays the sFlow malformed packet drops.
malformed-vlan-packet-drops malformed-vlan-packet-drops- number	Displays the sFlow malformed vlan packet drops.
malformed-ip-packet-drops malformed-ip-packet-drops- number	Displays the sFlow malformed ip packet drops.



internal-q-drops internal-q- drops-number	Displays the sFlow internal Q drops.	
oversize-packet-drops oversize-packet-drops-number	Displays the sFlow over size packet drops.	
internal-nq-drops internal- nq-drops-number	Displays the sFlow internal nQ drops	

If all the command parameters are configured for an sFlow Instance, then the sflow-show command displays an extended output, as shown here:

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > sflow-show format all layout
vertical

```
switch:
                               switch
                               sf25
name:
                               ingress
type:
sample-type:
                               raw
                               25
ports:
                               4096
sample-rate:
trunc-length:
                               160
                               10.14.22.100
agent-id:
sample-pkt-cnt:
                               66798
sample-drops:
malformed-packet-drops:
                                    0
malformed-vlan-packet-drops:
                                    0
malformed-ip-packet-drops:
                               0
internal-q-drops:
                               0
oversize-packet-drops:
                               0
internal-nq-drops:
                               0
```

### **Example: A Complex Multi-Instance Configuration**

Below are the details of a more complex example of sFlow Agent configuration: it contains both ingress and egress samplers, multiple instances, and shows the sample counts and drops.

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > sflow-show

name	type	sample-type	ports	sample-rate	counter-polling-interval	trunc-length	agent-id	sample-pkt-cnt	sample-drops
s1	ingress	raw	1	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	2198	89
s2	egress	raw	5	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	2200	0
s3	ingress	raw	9	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	4035	92
s4	egress	raw	13	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	1131	0
<b>s</b> 5	ingress	raw	25	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	3916	88
s6	egress	raw	37	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	5350	0
s7	ingress	raw	41	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	2313384	86
s8	egress	raw	49	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	1051	0
s9	ingress	raw	57	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	2419	114
s10	egress	raw	65	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	678	0
s11	ingress	raw	69	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	71304	64
s12	egress	raw	73	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	364897	0
s13	ingress	raw	77	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	817011	112
s14	egress	raw	105	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	672	0
s15	ingress	raw	109	4096	2	160	10.13.27.218	2698	159



The sflow-show command displays 15 sFlows Instances (s1-s15) configured using the sflow-create command. In Netvisor ONE, when you configure the sFlows Instances, they are associated to a CPU thread (and queue) in groups. To view the groupings and associations, use the command::

CLI (network-admin@switch\*) > sflow-thread-binding-show

name	thread-id	nv-msg-queue-name	nv-cache-queue-name
s1	140323777259264	sflow-packet-q-9	sflow-cache-q-9
s2	140323777259264	sflow-packet-q-9	sflow-cache-q-9
s3	140323777259264	sflow-packet-q-9	sflow-cache-q-9
s4	140323777259264	sflow-packet-q-9	sflow-cache-q-9
<b>s</b> 5	140323777259264	sflow-packet-q-9	sflow-cache-q-9
s6	140323777259264	sflow-packet-q-9	sflow-cache-q-9
s7	140322640197376	sflow-packet-q-10	sflow-cache-q-10
s8	140322640197376	sflow-packet-q-10	sflow-cache-q-10
s9	140322640197376	sflow-packet-q-10	sflow-cache-q-10
s10	140322640197376	sflow-packet-q-10	sflow-cache-q-10
s11	140322640197376	sflow-packet-q-10	sflow-cache-q-10
s12	140322640197376	sflow-packet-q-10	sflow-cache-q-10
s13	140322665375488	sflow-packet-q-11	sflow-cache-q-11
s14	140322665375488	sflow-packet-q-11	sflow-cache-q-11
s15	140322665375488	sflow-packet-q-11	sflow-cache-q-11

From the above output, you can see that the first six sFlows Instances (s1-s6) have the same thread-id, nv-msg-queue-name, and nv-cache-queue-name parameters. Similarly, the next six sFlows Instances (s7-s12) are associated to a different set of parameters, and so on. This command helps in understanding the bindings created automatically between the sFlow Instances and the switch resources.

### In the above output:

- thread-id: is the unique identifier of the CPU resources associated to sFlow Instances (in groups of 6)
- nv-msg-queue-name: is the actual software queue used for sFlow data
- nv-cache-queue-name: is a pool of buffers. Netvisor ONE allocates one memory block from a cache\_queue whenever a sample is received from the hardware, which is then queued to the nv\_queue.

To view the nv\_queue details, use the command:

sflow-packet-q-9	2	18571	18571	13.8us	10.lus	0	0	
sflow-cache-q-9	100	18571	18571	0.00ns	0.00ns	0	0	
sflow-packet-q-10	4	2757320	2757320	141us	13.1us	0	0	
sflow-cache-q-10	100	2757320	2757320	0.00ns	0.00ns	0	0	
sflow-packet-q-11	2	821132	821132	50.7us	10.8us	0	0	
sflow-cache-g-11	100	821132	821132	0.00ns	0.00ns	0	0	



# **Adding or Removing Additional Ports to sFlow Configuration**

Based on the specific sampling requirements (see the configuration in the previous section Configuring sFlow Agents in the Network), you can add additional ports to the sFlow Agent on each switch by modifying the desired sFlow Instances with the following command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-port-add sflow-name namestring ports port-list

Specify the sflow selector:	
sflow-name name-string	Specify the sFlow name to which you want to add additional ports.
ports port-list	Specify the ports or range of ports.

For example, to add ports, 61–62 to an sFlow Instance, use the following command on the switch:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-port-add sflow-name netmonitor ports 61-62

To remove the additional ports from the sFlow configuration, use the sflow-port-remove command. For example,

CLI (network-admin@switch) > sflow-port-remove sflow-name net-monitor ports 61-62



## **Using vFlow to Analyze Packets in Real Time**

On Netvisor ONE switches, you can capture one or multiple traffic flows, either on a specific switch or across the entire fabric using the scope option. To do that, you can leverage the vFlow functionality (refer to the Configuring and Using vFlows chapter for more details).

For example, you can create two vFlow policies to capture traffic bi-directionally between two endpoints (from server 2.2.2.2 to client 2.2.2.3, and vice versa) like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name srvclient scope local src-ip 2.2.2.2 dst-ip 2.2.2.3 action copy-to-cpu log-packets
```

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-create name clientsrv scope local src-ip 2.2.2.3 dst-ip 2.2.2.2 action copy-to-cpu log-packets
```

To analyze the captured traffic, you can start a new CLI session and run the vflow-snoop command. (To stop vflow-snoop, press CTRL+C within the CLI session.)

To display the information of the packets sent from server to client, run the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-snoop name srvclient

```
CLI (network-admin@pn-ca-sw6) > vflow-snoop name srvclient
switch: pn-ca-sw6, flow: srvclient, port: 16, size: 102, time: 12:09:21.30958845
src-mac: 00:12:c0:80:3b:e5, dst-mac: 00:0c:fc:00:b5:3f, vlan: 10, etype: ip
src-ip: 2.2.2.2, dst-ip: 2.2.2.3, proto: icmp
type: echo reply, id: 33340, seq: 96

switch: pn-ca-sw6, flow: srvclient, port: 16, size: 102, time: 12:09:22.31071914
src-mac: 00:12:c0:80:3b:e5, dst-mac: 00:0c:fc:00:b5:3f, vlan: 10, etype: ip
src-ip: 2.2.2.2, dst-ip: 2.2.2.3, proto: icmp
type: echo reply, id: 33340, seq: 97

switch: pn-ca-sw6, flow: srvclient, port: 16, size: 102, time: 12:09:23.31168546
src-mac: 00:12:c0:80:3b:e5, dst-mac: 00:0c:fc:00:b5:3f, vlan: 10, etype: ip
src-ip: 2.2.2.2, dst-ip: 2.2.2.3, proto: icmp
type: echo reply, id: 33340, seq: 98
```

In the same session or in a separate one, to display the information of the packets sent from client to server, run the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-snoop name clientsrv
```



```
CLI (network-admin@pn-ca-sw6) > vflow-snoop name clientsrv switch: pn-ca-sw6, flow: clientsrv, port: 15, size: 102, time: 12:08:55.30966833 src-mac: 00:0c:fc:00:b5:3f, dst-mac: 00:12:c0:80:3b:e5, vlan: 10, etype: ip src-ip: 2.2.2.3, dst-ip: 2.2.2.2, proto: icmp type: echo request, id: 33340, seq: 70

switch: pn-ca-sw6, flow: clientsrv, port: 15, size: 102, time: 12:08:56.31069444 src-mac: 00:0c:fc:00:b5:3f, dst-mac: 00:12:c0:80:3b:e5, vlan: 10, etype: ip src-ip: 2.2.2.3, dst-ip: 2.2.2.2, proto: icmp type: echo request, id: 33340, seq: 71

switch: pn-ca-sw6, flow: clientsrv, port: 15, size: 102, time: 12:08:57.31066265 src-mac: 00:0c:fc:00:b5:3f, dst-mac: 00:12:c0:80:3b:e5, vlan: 10, etype: ip src-ip: 2.2.2.3, dst-ip: 2.2.2.2, proto: icmp type: echo request, id: 33340, seq: 72
```

In addition, you can use the vflow-snoop command with the log-packets option to send packets to an associated pcap file, for example on all the fabric nodes like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vflow-snoop scope fabric src-ip 112.168.3.105 action copy-to-cpu log-packets
```

Live capture continues until the packet capture file is rotated. By default, the maximum packet capture file size is 10MB but it is configurable with the packet-log-max option of the vflow-create and vflow-modify commands.

**Note**: The log-packets feature is supported only on the Pluribus Freedom F64-M, F64-L/XL/FL1T and E28Q-L switches.

You can then use the Wireshark software (www.wireshark.org) or other tools to interactively analyze packets that are captured with the above option: that is, you can copy the pcap file to the host running Wireshark to analyze the traffic.



## **Analyzing Live Traffic Using Wireshark**

Wireshark is a well known network protocol analyzer and one of many applications used for network protocol analysis.

Wireshark can interactively browse packet data from a live network or from a previously saved pcap file.

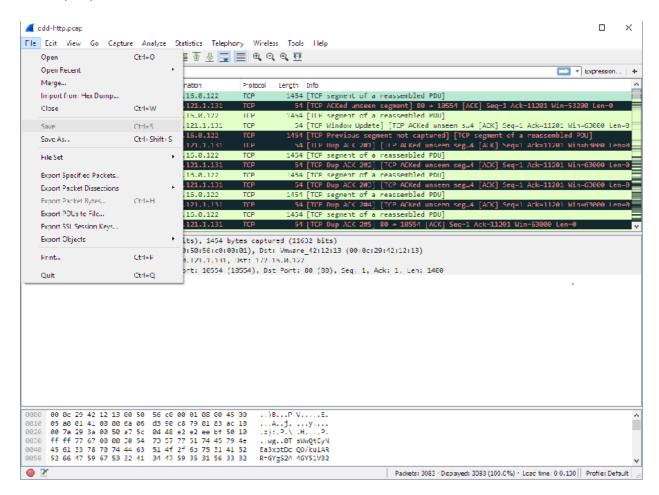


Figure 16-2 - Wireshark Interface

Note: You can download Wireshark from https://www.wireshark.org/

For more information on using Wireshark, please refer to the official documentation on the www.wireshark.org web site.

To use Wireshark to decode a previously saved packet flow capture file, export the pcap file from the switch and analyze it with Wireshark.

Note: The path to a Netvisor ONE switch pcap file
is: /net/<ServerSw\_Name>/ONVL/global/flow/<Flow\_Name>/<Switch\_
Name>/pcap



## **Configuring FlowTracker for non-TCP Analytics**

Analytics is a process where the data is collected and analyzed for storing statistics, improving performance and network security in case of any diagnostic network problems.

Starting from Netvisor ONE 7.0.1 version, support for non-TCP analytics is available with the introduction of FlowTracker feature.

The main objective of the FlowTracker feature is to extend Pluribus Analytics solution beyond TCP to ensure visibility into DNS/ DHCP, generic UDP and ICMP echo traffic. This is done by collecting information about the non-TCP flows and creating statistical data using the Exact Match sub-system.

FlowTracker creates 5-tuples (source IP address, destination IP address, source port number, destination port number and the protocol in use) flow entries in Exact-match sub-system in the hardware. Packet and bytes statistics are also maintained for the flow in hardware. The stats data is periodically fetched from software and hence data shown in the connection-show is not real-time.

The FlowTracker feature for non-TCP analytics is available on the following platforms in Netvisor ONE version 7.0.1:

- Dell: S5232F-ON, S5248F-ON
- Ericsson: NRU03, NRU-S0301
- Edgecore: AS7726-32X, AS7326-56X, AS5835-54X, AS5835-54T
- Freedom: F9432-C, F9480-V, F9460-X, F9460-T

**Note**: By default, the FlowTracker feature is disabled. You must reboot the switch after enabling or disabling the FlowTracker feature.

While showing DHCP or a DNS, the show command will display protocol as UDP whereas for ICMP, the protocol will be displayed as ICMP.

System vFlow entries are created to identify the broad family of protocols of interest (DHCP, DNS and other generic UDP flows) for which analytics is needed. The first packet of the flow is copied to the CPU using the <code>copy-to-cpu</code> vFlow action and from the vFlow callback, a signature for the flow is extracted from the packet which consists of source IP address, destination IP address, destination (dest) port, source (src) port, protocol, ICMP type-code (in case of ICMP).

The subsequent packets for the flow are not copied to the CPU by the vFlow.

If limits are reached in the table when creating a new entry, the oldest flow is purged and that slot is reclaimed. There will be no explicit timer to age out the entries. An upper limit would be set on how many packets are copied to the CPU for each category of flows per second. Statistics from the hash table entries is collected in a periodic manner.

Note: Each entry is visited once in 8 seconds. In one second, stats are collected for a



maximum of 4000 entries.

**Note:** Support for scale number is available for tracking a maximum of 32k Non-TCP flows.

To start the analysis for a protocol, perform the following:

- Enable the FlowTracker feature.
- Add the protocols.

### **Enabling and Configuring FlowTracker:**

To enable the FlowTracker feature, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify flow-tracker-enable
```

Enabling FlowTracker results in resizing of Unified Field Tables (UFT) which reduces space for L2 table.

You should reboot the system for this change to take effect.

**Note:** To enable the FlowTracker feature, the analytics needs to be enabled. By default, the FlowTracker feature is disabled.

To disable the FlowTracker feature, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-modify no-flow-tracker-enable
```

To see if the FlowTracker is enabled, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > system-settings-show
optimize-arps:
                                         off
11dp:
                                         on
                                         on
policy-based-routing:
optimize-nd:
                                         off
reactivate-mac:
                                         on
reactivate-vxlan-tunnel-mac:
                                         on
manage-unknown-unicast:
                                         off
manage-broadcast:
                                         off
                                         off
manage-wake-on-lan:
                                         off
auto-trunk:
auto-host-bundle:
                                         off
cluster-active-active-routing:
                                         on
routing-over-vlags:
                                         off
source-mac-miss:
                                         copy-to-cpu
                                         all
optimize-datapath:
cpu-class-enable:
                                         on
usb-port:
                                         on
                                         use-13
igmp-snoop:
vle-tracking-timeout:
```



```
40%
pfc-buffer-limit:
                                         off
cosq-weight-auto:
lossless-mode:
                                         off
snoop-query-stagger:
                                         no-stagger-queries
host-refresh:
                                         off
proxy-conn-retry:
                                         on
proxy-conn-max-retry:
                                         3
                                         500
proxy-conn-retry-interval:
optimize-rxlos:
                                         off
                                         disable
xcvr-link-debug:
fastpath-bfd:
linkscan-interval:
                                         150000
linkscan-mode:
                                         software
single-pass-12-known-multicast:
                                         on
single-pass-flood:
                                         on
single-pass-riot:
                                         on
hybrid-mode:
                                         off
xcvr-oir-debug-port:
                                         none
batch-move-mac-hw-group-for-vlan-only: on
memory-tracker:
bcm-ctr-thread-freq:
                                         1
symmetric-hash:
                                         off
                                         off
hash-suppress-unidir-fields:
bcm-interrupt-timeout:
                                         2000
prioritize-rx-reasons:
                                         off
hash-inner-ip-over-gre:
                                         on
multiple-tunnel-next-hops:
                                         on
13-use-host-table:
                                         off
offline-notification-new-thread:
                                         off
uplink-oversubscription-action:
                                         default
flow-tracker-enable:
                                         on
```

**Note**: By default, the FlowTracker feature is disabled. You must reboot the switch after enabling or disabling FlowTracker.

When analytics is enabled, it is enabled only for TCP by default. To enable it for non-TCP protocols, Flow-Tracker needs to be enabled as well. After the feature is enabled, to start the analysis for a particular protocol, it needs to be added separately using the CLI flow-tracker-add-protocol protocol protocol>.

You can monitor the following protocols using the FlowTracker:

- DNS
- NTP
- DHCP
- ping4
- UDP
- ping6
- DHCPv6

To enable the analysis for any of the protocols, you need to first add the protocol by using the command:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > flow-tracker-add-protocol protocol
col

To stop the analysis for a particular protocol and remove it from the analytics list, use the command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > flow-tracker-remove-protocol protocol
col> server-port <port>

**Note:** The server-port is needed only in case of protocol choice of **UDP**. For other protocols, the server-port is not valid.

**Note:** In case of any UDP-based protocols, both client side and server side flows are captured for analysis.

**Note:** For ping4 and ping6, both echo request and reply are captured.

To see which protocols are enabled for analysis, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > flow-tracker-show switch protocol server-port ----- switch ping4 switch udp 20010
```

To view the flows that are being monitored after adding an ICMP protocol, use the command:

CLI (network	x-admin@switch)	> connection-sh	low			
switch vlan	src-ip	dst-ip	proto	<pre>icmp_type</pre>	obytes	
total-bytes	total-pkts age					
switch 1	200.220.220.20	200.220.220.10	icmp	reply	204	204
2	3s		_			
switch 1	200.220.220.10	200.220.220.20	icmp	echo	204	204
2	3s					
switch 1	200.220.220.10	200.220.220.20	icmp	reply	204	204
2	11s					
switch 1	200.220.220.20	200.220.220.10	icmp	echo	204	204
2	11s		_			

To view the flows that are being monitored after adding a UDP protocol, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > connection-show switch vlan src-ip dst-ip src-port dst-port proto obytes total-bytes total-pkts age
```



switch 1	200.220.220.10	200.220.220.20	42155	20010	udp	64
64	1	5ຣ				
switch 1	200.220.220.10	200.220.220.20	41882	20010	udp	
		11s				

**Note:** Connections that are created in the non-TCP FlowTracker feature are seen using the same commands as in TCP.

While adding a DHCP, the protocol is displayed as UDP. Only for ICMP, the protocol will be displayed as ICMP whereas for DHCP or DNS, the connection-show will display protocol as UDP. The destination (dst) port helps to identify the application.

**Note:** For details regarding the protocol in use, refer the destination (dst) port.

To clear the entries from the table while the protocol is still enabled for analysis, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > connection-clear

### **Limitations and Guidelines**

The non-TCP flows are first matched using vFlows and hence have the following limitations:

- The first packet of the flow is copied to CPU, which causes CPU load and bandwidth utilization of vFlow queues.
- Exact Match does not work with VXLAN encapsulated packets and hence the solution can work only on leaf nodes.



# **Supported Releases**

Command/Parameter	Netvisor ONE Version	
sflow-thread-binding-show	Command introduced in version 6.1.0	
counter-polling-interval 0120	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	
malformed-packet-drops malformed-packet-drops-number	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	
malformed-vlan-packet-drops malformed-vlan-packet-drops- number	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	
malformed-ip-packet-drops malformed-ip-packet-drops- number	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	
internal-q-drops internal-q- drops-number	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	
oversize-packet-drops oversize-packet-drops-number	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	
internal-nq-drops internal- nq-drops-number	Parameter introduced in version 6.1.0	

Please also refer to the Pluribus Command Reference document.



## **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, etc.), refer to these sections of the Configuration Guide:

- Configuring Switch Ports
- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring and Using vFlows



# **Configuring TACACS+**

This chapter provides information about configuring the Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus (TACACS+) on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface.

- Understanding TACACS+
- Configuring TACACS+
- Creating Users and Roles



## **Understanding TACACS+**

Terminal Access Controller Access Control System (TACACS+) is an Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) protocol that is used for authenticating access to network devices, providing central authorization of operations and auditing of these operations. This protocol uses a client-server approach by which the client queries a server and the server replies with a pass or fail result for authentication. The communication between the client and server uses TCP as the transport protocol and requires a secret key.

You must configure the TACACS+ server before you can avail the TACACS+ functionalities on your network device. Netvisor ONE allows you to configure external TACACS+ servers for authentication, authorization, and accounting of sessions. You can configure any number of TACACS+ servers, and each server may be configured to handle any combination of authentication, session authorization, command authorization, session accounting, and command accounting.

Authentication, authorization, and accounting in Netvisor ONE have the attributes described below:

**Authentication:** Verifies the identity of the user through different authentication protocols with varying levels of security.

The authentication protocols supported by TACACS+ are:

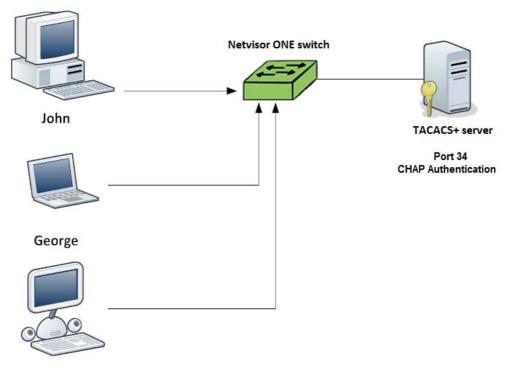
- Password Authentication Protocol (PAP): The client must authenticate by providing the username and password during the establishment of a TACACS+ session. The password is sent to the TACACS+ server in cleartext.
- Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP): A more secure authentication protocol that verifies the identity of the client periodically through a three-way handshake and uses a hashing algorithm for the password. Netvisor ONE uses CHAP authentication by default.
- Microsoft Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol (MS-CHAP): Microsoft's version of CHAP that provides authenticator-controlled password change and authentication retry mechanisms.

**Authorization:** Gives fine-grained control over a TACACS+ session by stipulating the capabilities of the user. Authorization gives users a customized access to a device where they can be permitted or restricted in terms of using specific services.

**Accounting:** Keeps record of all the operations that a user performs while in an authorized TACACS+ session. TACACS+ supports three types of accounting messages based on the lifecycle of a service. These include messages indicating that a service is about to begin, a service is being performed, and a service is terminated.

Figure 17-1 illustrates a simple TACACS+ implementation.





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Figure 17-1: TACACS+ Implementation



# **Configuring TACACS+**

You can configure TACACS+ services on a switch by using the aaa-tacacs-create command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-create

name name-string	Specify the name for TACACS+ configuration.			
scope local fabric	Specify the scope of TACACS+ configuration.			
server server-string	Specify the TACACS+ server name.			
Specify one of more of the following optio	ns:			
port port-number	Specify the TACACS+ communication port.			
secret secret-string	Specify the shared secret for TACACS+.			
timeout timeout-number	Specify the number of seconds before communication times out.			
priority priority-number	Specify the priority for TACACs+.			
authen no-authen	Specify to enable or disable authentication.			
[authen-local no-authen- local]	Specify if the authentication overrides local users. The no-authen-local parameter overrides local users and gives them access while authen-local prevents local users from logging in.			
[authen-method pap chap ms-chap]]	Specify one among the authentication methods: PAP, MS-CHAP or CHAP (default).			
[sess-acct no-sess-acct]	Specify to enable or disable session accounting.			
[cmd-acct no-cmd-acct]	Specify to enable or disable command accounting.			
[acct-local no-acct-local]	Specify to enable or disable accounting for local users.			
[sess-author no-sess-author]	Specify to enable or disable session authorization.			
[cmd-author no-cmd-author]	Specify to enable or disable command authorization.			



[author-local no-author-local]	Specify to enable or disable authorization for local users.		
[service service-string]	Specify the service name used for TACACS+ requests sent from Netvisor ONE to the TACACS+ server for commands run at the Netvisor CLI and REST APIs. The default service is shell.		
[service-shell service-shell-string]	Specify the TACACS+ service name string for shell commands.		
[service-vtysh service-vtysh-string]	Specify the TACACS+ service name string for vtysh commands.		

The parameter authen-local controls if a TACACS+ server is used to authenticate local accounts or not. To allow an account to authenticate locally without relying on the TACACS+ server, you must configure all active TACACS+ instances with no-authen-local option. The local accounts include the accounts configured by using the commands user-create and user-modify, and the accounts such as admin and pluribus. Logins for both these types of accounts are disabled if a TACACS+ server is configured with the authen-local option.

Netvisor ONE tracks errors between itself and the TACACS+ server and if a communication error occurs, local authentication is allowed until communication with the TACACS+ server is re-estalished. Local authentication is allowed after three failed attempts to reach the TACACS+ server. This enables the recovery of the system if TACACS+ is unreachable.

To create a TACACS+ account named tac having local scope with no local authentication privilege, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-create name tac scope local server appliance.pluribusnetworks.com authen-local

To create a secret key, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-modify secret name tac
shared secret:
confirm shared secret:
CLI (network-admin@switch) >
```

To modify the configuration and to allow local authentication, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-modify name tac no-authen-local
```

Use the parameters author-local and acct-local to configure for locally authenticated accounts the sending of authorization and accounting messages to the TACACS+ server. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-modify name tac author-local acct-local
```



The vtysh command is used to display FRR information from the CLI. To use the vtysh command, you must first enter the shell prompt.

To specify the service for authorization and accounting messages for shell and vtysh commands, use the commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-modify name tac
service-shell unix-shell

CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-modify name tac
service-vtysh vtysh-shell
```

If service-shell or service-vtysh is not specified, then the value specified under the service option is used.

For example, if a service or service-shell is not specified, the default service, that is, shell will be used for authorization and accounting of shell and vtysh commands.

To view the configuration, use the command:

To delete a specific TACACS+ configuration, use the aaa-tacacs-delete command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-delete name <name-
string>
```

To display the status of the TACACS+ server, use the aaa-tacacs-status command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > aaa-tacacs-status name tac
name server port priority status
--- tac appliance.pluribusnetworks.com 49 1 up
```

#### Note:

- The default network-admin account is exempt from all TACACS+ configuration as a fail-safe account for network designs without a TACACS+ server and also to allow access to Pluribus Networks facilities if TACACS+ is unavailable or unreachable.
- The pluribus account password is the same as the network-admin password and when the network-admin password is changed, the pluribus account password also changes. The login shell for the pluribus account is nvauditsh.



- The admin account requires a code from Pluribus Networks Customer Advocacy to login. Because you can access the shell through the CLI, the admin account is rarely needed. The login shell for the admin account is adminsh.
- The adminsh shell uses nvauditsh to enable auditing for commands run from the admin account.

When the TACACS+ server is configured with the authen-local option and is working correctly:

- Local users such as admin or pluribus are not allowed to login.
- Local users configured by using the user-create or user-modify commands are not allowed to login.
- Authorization and Accounting for shell commands are enabled.
- Authorization and Accounting for FRR commands are enabled.
- You can switch to the shell prompt from the CLI if the user role has the permission to do so.

You can exempt the desired CLI, shell, or vtysh commands from authorization and accounting by using the log-audit-exception-create command. For more information, see Configuring Audit Logging section of the Configuring Network Management and Monitoring chapter.



## **Creating Users and Roles**

In Netvisor ONE, the default roles include the network-admin role with full access to a switch and the read-only-network-admin role with limited access allowing you to execute show commands only. In addition, you can configure custom roles with different permissions.

You can create users on the switch and assign roles to them (the default roles of network-admin and read-only-network-admin or roles created by using the role-create command). To create a new user role, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > role-create

role-create	Create a user role.		
name name-string	Specify the name of the user role.		
scope local fabric	Specify if the scope is local or fabric.		
Specify any of the following options:			
access read-only read-write	Specify the type of access. The default is read-write.		
running-config no-running-config	Specify to allow or deny displaying of running configuration of switch.		
shell no-shell	Specify to allow or deny shell access.		
sudo no-sudo	Specify to permit or deny sudo command from the shell prompt.		

For example, to create a user role named role1 having local scope with access to the shell prompt, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > role-create name role1 scope
local shell sudo

To display the role configuration, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > role-show						
name	scope	vnet-access	access	running-config	shell	sudo
network-admin	local	all	read-write	permit	deny	deny
read-only-network-admin	local	all	read-only	deny	deny	deny
role1	local	all	read-write	deny	permit	permit

To delete a role, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > role-delete name < name-string>

To modify a role, use the role-modify command:

role-modify	Modify a user role.
name name-string	Specify the name of the user role.
Specify any of the following options:	



access read-only read-write	Specify the type of access. The default is read-write.		
running-config no-running-config	Specify to allow or deny displaying of running configuration of switch.		
shell no-shell	Specify to allow or deny shell access.		
sudo no-sudo	Specify to allow or deny sudo command from shell.		
delete-from-users	Delete the role from the users.		

For example, to modify a role in order to deny access to the shell, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > role-modify name <name-string>
no-shell

You can create a user and assign an initial role to the user by using the user-create command. Thereby, you can impart all the privileges associated with the role to the user.

user-create	Create a user and apply a role.		
Specify any of the following options:			
name name-string	Specify the name of the user.		
scope local fabric	Specify the scope of the user.		
initial-role role-name	Specify the initial role for the user		
login-fail-count login-fail-count-number	Specify the number of allowed authentication failures before locking the user.		
lock-account   no-lock-account	Specify if you want to lock the user after the stipulated number of authentication failures.		
minimum-pw-length 665	Specify the minimum password length for user account. The default value is 6. The number of allowed characters is between 6 and 65.		

For example, to create a user user1 with local scope and initial role role1, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-create name user1 scope
local initial-role role1
password:
confirm password:
CLI (network-admin@switch) >
```

The CLI command shell enables you to start an interactive UNIX shell. In order to be able to run the shell command successfully, the authenticated user's role must have the permission to enter the shell. By default, all user roles including network-admin do not have shell access. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > shell
```



### shell: shell access denied by role

The above error message indicates that the network-admin role does not have shell access configured. Hence, to enter the shell prompt, you must login from a user account with a role that has shell access. For example, you can login to the switch as user1 which has an assigned role of role1 with shell access privileges (configured previously):

```
PS C:\Users\user1>:~$ ssh user1@switch
* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a
monitored system.
                  ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the terms of the
Pluribus Networks *
* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be accessed
via
* http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command
"eula-show"
user1@switch's password:
Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 7.0
Connected to Switch switch; nvOS Identifier: 0x900104c; Ver:
7.0.0-7000019011
CLI (user1@switch) > shell
root@switch:~$
```

To delete a user, use the command below (add the parameter forcefully to delete a active users):

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-delete name < name-string > forcefully | no-forcefully

Use the user-modify command to modify a user:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-modify

user-modify	Create a user and apply a role.		
Specify any of the following options:			
password password-string	Specify a plaintext password.		
login-fail-count login-fail-count-number	Specify the numbers of allowed authentication failures before locking the user.		
lock-account   no-lock-account	Specify if you want to lock the user after the stipulated number of authentication failures.		
minimum-pw-length 665	Specify the minimum password length for user account.		

To set a user password or change the current password, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-password-set



Set a user password.		
Specify the username.		
Specify if the scope is local or fabric		
Specify the user ID.		
Specify the TACACS+ server.		
Specify the initial role for the user		
Specify the numbers of allowed authentication failures before locking the user.		
Specify if you want to lock the user after the stipulated number of authentication failures.		
Specify the minimum password length for user account.		

For example, to change the current password for user1 and to change the minimum password length, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > user-password-set name user1
scope local minimum-pw-length 7
password:
confirm password:
CLI (network-admin@switch) >
```





## **Configuring Virtual Networks**

This chapter provides information about configuring Virtual Networks on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE command line interface.

- Understanding Virtual Networks (vNETs)
- Creating a Virtual Network (vNET)
- Administering the vNET Specific Commands
- Specifying the Type of vNET Interface
- Configuring vNET High Availability (HA)
- Enabling Web-API Access for vNET
- Related Documentation



## **Understanding Virtual Networks (vNETs)**

### **Virtual Networks Overview**

Pluribus Networks supports various network virtualization capabilities as part of a highly flexible approach to software-defined networking (SDN), called *Unified Cloud Fabric* (previously known as Adaptive Cloud Fabric).

Pluribus' fabric addresses all the most common network design requirements, including scalability, redundancy, predictable growth capability, fast convergence in case of a failure event, etc. Such requirements also include *multi-tenancy* support.

Therefore, in the data center, by leveraging Netvisor ONE's virtualization features, network designers can implement a variety of multi-tenancy models such as Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) or Network as a Service (NaaS).

To support multiple tenants, the fabric's data plane segmentation technologies include standard features (such as VLANs) as well as advanced virtualization features such as VXLAN and distributed VRFs, to be able to deploy an open, interoperable, high-capacity and high-scale multi-tenant network. (Refer to the *Configuring VXLAN* chapter for more details on VXLAN and distributed VRFs).

In addition to data plane segmentation, fabric virtualization also comprises the capability of separating tenants into isolated management domains. In general network parlance, this capability is handled by a virtual POD (or vPOD), which is a logical construct in a shared infrastructure where a tenant can only see and use resources that are allocated to that particular tenant. Pluribus calls this capability *Virtual Networks* (*vNETs*).

Low-end platforms that have limited memory cannot host multiple vNETs. In such cases, you can host the vNETs on a separate server (such as ESXi servers) to provide multitenancy and vNET based management by using *virtual Netvisor*.

Virtual Netvisor or vNV is a virtual machine running Netvisor ONE to provide vNET capabilities to a unified cloud fabric, even with low end platforms which are not able to run multiple vNET Managers on it. For details, see the *Configuring vCenter Features* chapter of this guide or the *Virtual Netvisor Deployment Guide*.

By joining the Unified Cloud Fabric that is composed of ONVL switches, vNV provides more compute resources to run vNET Manager containers, in standalone mode or in HA pair, and offers multitenancy capability in an existing fabric.

Two vNV instances can share the same vNET Manager interface to provide a fully redundant management plane for each tenant created. A pair of vNV instances can support up to 32 vNETs in HA mode and 64 vNETs in standalone mode.

The vNV workflow includes creating a virtual machine (VM) from a template on a ESXi host, provisioning network adaptors (vNICs) and port-groups on the vSwitches, and provisioning fabric and data network on Netvisor ONE. Each such tenant can view and manage its network slice by logging into the vNET manager zone (described in later sections).



### **About vNETs**

A vNET is an abstract control plane resource that is implemented globally across the fabric to identify a tenant's domain. By using vNETs, you can segment a physical fabric into many logical domains, each with separate resources, network services, and Quality of Service (QoS) guarantees. vNETs therefore allow the network administrator to completely separate and manage the provisioning of multiple tenants within the network.

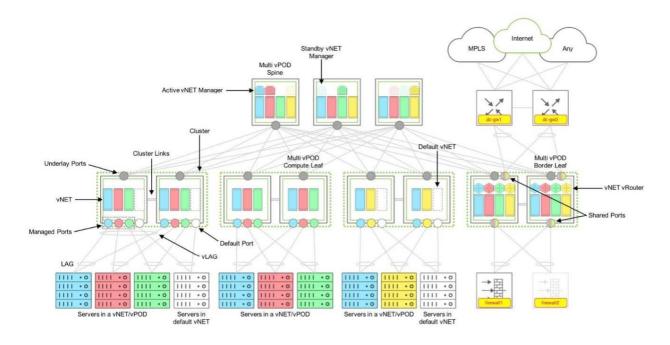
In simple terms, vNETs are separate resource management spaces and can operate in the dataplane as well as in the control plane. That is, a physical network can be divided into multiple virtual networks to manage the resources of multiple customers/organizations (multi-tenancy).

Each vNET has a single point of management. The fabric/network administrator can create vNETs and assign ownership of each vNET to the vNET administrators with responsibility for managing those resources (for example, manage the VLANs, vLEs, vPGs, vFlows associated with that vNET). For details about these resources, refer to the respective sections in the *Configuration Guide* (see *Related Documentation* below).

#### **About vNET Architecture**

By creating a vNET in the Unified Cloud Fabric, the network resources can be partitioned and dedicated to a single tenant with fully delegated management capabilities. This partition of the fabric can be configured either on one switch, a cluster of two switches, or the entire fabric by leveraging the "scope" parameter in the CLI command, depending on where you want the vNET to deliver a reserved service to a tenant.

The *figure 18-1* shows how a multi-tenant leaf-spine design can be achieved with a Pluribus' Unified Cloud Fabric, the details of the components are explained below.





#### Fig 18-1: Multi-tenant Fabric Design Components

Further, vNETs are very flexible and can be used to create complex network architectures. In another example, a Pluribus Networks switch, or a fabric of switches, are used to create multiple tenant environments (*Fig 18-2*). In this diagram, there are three vNETs (yellow, blue, and red), each one with a management interface and a data interface. Each vNET is assigned an IP address pool used for DHCP assignment of IP addresses to each node, server, or OS component.

With vNETs, you can have segmentation (logical network slices) of a physical infrastructure at data plane, control plane, and management plane with a dedicated management interface (see *Fig 18-2*).

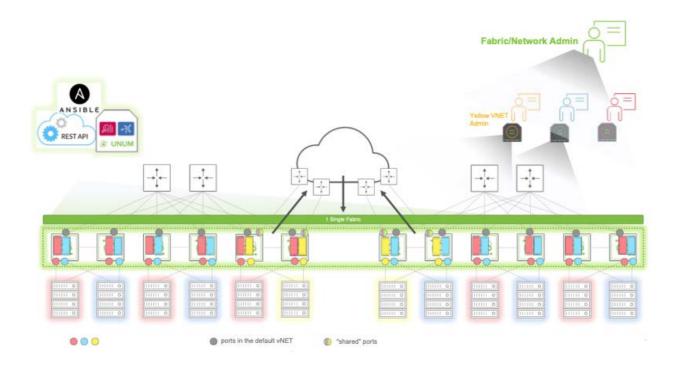


Fig 18-2: A vNET Infrastructure with Multi-site Fabrics

Underlying each vNET is the vNET manager (see below for the description of a *vNET Manager*). Each vNET manager runs in a zone. When services are created for a vNET, they occupy the same zone on the switch. This is called a shared service and it is the default when creating services. However, each zone can only support a single instance of a service. If a second service instance is needed for a vNET, then it needs to occupy a separate zone. This is called a dedicated service. In most cases, you can create services as shared resources unless you specifically want to create a dedicated service.

For details of each component, see the sections below.

# **Default vNET (Global vNET)**

The Default or Global vNET is the default partition on a switch that is used when the switch has not been configured with additional vNETs. That is, when a fabric is created, a



vNET is also automatically created and is named fabric-name-global. This default partition *owns* all the resources on a Netvisor switch such as:

- Physical ports
- Default VLAN space
- Default Routing table/domain (if enabled on the switch)
- vRouter functions
- VTEP function
- VLE function
- VPG function
- vFlows
- Any L2/L3 entries learned through static and dynamic protocols
- Any additional containers created

Later, when the user specific tenant vNETs are created, the network administrator can allocate resources from the default vNET to those tenant vNETs.

The default vNET is not configured by the fabric/network administrator, it is a partition created when the switch becomes part of a fabric. Also, there is no vNET Manager container associated to the *default* vNET (see below for the description of a *vNET Manager*).

Note: The default vNET uses the naming convention: <fabric-name>-global.

## Tenant vNET (referred as just vNET)

A Tenant vNET is a partition that carves out the following software and the hardware resources from the switch. This ensures the tenant to use and manage their reserved resources.

- VLANIDs
- MAC addresses
- VRouter or VRFs
- Remote VTEPs (Virtual Tunnel Endpoints)
- Physical ports

You can create a vNET with different scopes such as:

- Scope local: The vNET is locally created on the switch and cannot be used by any other switch in the same fabric.
- Scope cluster: The vNET is created on a cluster pair that will share the same Layer 2 domain.
- Scope fabric: The vNET partition is created on all switches in the same fabric.

After a vNET is created, the network or fabric administrator can allocate resources to it when new objects (such as VLANs, vRouters, etc.) are created in the fabric.

Although vNETs could be compared to Virtual Routing and Forwarding (VRFs), the vNETs have more capabilities compared to the VRF capabilities. The vNETs not only provide an isolated Layer 3 domain, but also offers the capability to have VLAN and MAC



overlapping between vNETs. In other words, vNET is a complete isolation of data plane and control plane along with the management plane if there is a vNET Manager associated to it (see below for the description of a vNET Manager).

Each vNET has a single point of management. As the network/fabric administrator, you can create vNETs and assign ownership of each vNET to individuals with responsibility for managing those resources and with separate usernames and passwords for each vNET manager.

Netvisor ONE support two types of vNETs: Public vNET and Private vNET.

#### **Public vNET**

A Public vNET is the normal vNET, which uses the default 4K VLAN space available on a switch. In this case, the default vNET and any other vNET created shares the range of *0-4095* VLAN IDs available on the switch with no option to have overlapping VLAN IDs across vNETs.

By default, a vNET is created as a Public vNET, although with overlay networks and multitenancy requirements, you can use Private vNETs almost exclusively.

#### **Private vNET**

A Private vNET is using an independent 4K VLAN space, where the vNET administrator can create any VLAN ID he prefers regardless of whether that ID is used in the default vNET or in another tenant vNET. That is, private vNET supports VLAN re-use. Netvisor ONE supports this functionality by providing an internal VLAN mapping in the hardware tables.

As the hardware architecture on Open Networking platforms does not offer unlimited resources, the hardware tables between the default vNET and other created vNETs have to be shared. Pluribus provides a way to limit the number of VLANs that can be created in a Private vNET to avoid a situation where a tenant creating too many VLANs prevents other tenants from creating their VLANs as there are no hardware resources available on the switches.

To create an independent 4K VLAN ID space for each tenant, a mapping between the two types of VLANs (Public VLANs and Private VLANs) is required and is called vNET VLANs.

**Note**: Private vNETs are extensively used on Ericsson's *NRU-xx platforms* as they support multiple containers.

#### **vNET VLANs**

A vNET VLAN consists of:

Public VLAN - A Public VLAN is a VLAN that uses the default VLAN ID space on a



- switch. When a network/fabric administrator creates a VLAN on any Netvisor switch, which has only the default vNET (no other vNET is created), it takes the VLAN IDs in the Public VLAN space (0-4095 range).
- Private VLAN A Private VLAN is a user-defined VLAN ID in a private space, that has
  nothing to do with the actual VLAN ID (in the public space) used on the switch to learn
  Layer 2 entries for this bridge domain. When the switch receives a frame with an
  802.1q tag using the Private VLAN ID, it will translate this VLAN ID to an internal
  VLAN ID in the 4K Public VLAN space.
  - For a Private VLAN to be transported over a VXLAN infrastructure, it requires a VNI to be associated to it so that it can be identified as unique in the shared (or public) Layer 2 domain.

For details, see the *Configuring VXLAN* and *Configuring Advanced Layer 2 Transport Services* chapters of this *Configuration Guide*.

The following diagram (*Figure 18-3*) depicts the relationship between Public and Private VLANs in a Private vNET implementation:

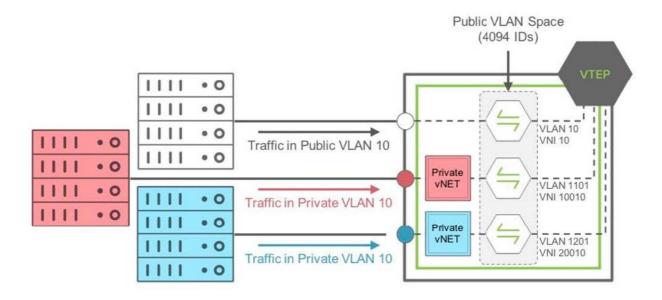


Figure 18-3 Private VLAN to Public VLAN Mapping in Private vNETs

In this example (*Figure 18-3*), the traffic coming on a managed port from the *red* private vNET, using private *VLAN ID 10* is mapped internally to the public *VLAN ID 1101*. Similarly, traffic coming on a managed port in the *blue* private vNET, using private *VLAN ID 10* as well is mapped internally to the public *VLAN ID 1201*.

The mapping is done automatically in Netvisor ONE by defining a pool of usable public *VLAN ID*s for private vNETs.

**Note**: Traffic from the *red* private VLAN 10 and *blue* private VLAN 10 are NOT bridged as they both are not in the same bridge domain internally. Also, traffic coming on a port on the default vNET using VLAN 10 (here, public VLAN 10), is mapped internally to the same public VLAN 10.



#### **VNET Ports**

Apart from the VLAN and MAC table isolation mentioned above, a complete isolation for each tenant at the physical port level is required. To achieve this isolation at the access ports level, Netvisor ONE introduces different types of ports (explained below) to address different scenarios in a shared network.

#### **Managed Port**

A managed port is an access port that is associated with only one tenant (see *Fig-18-1*). That is, this port is dedicated to a vNET and cannot be shared with other vNETs configured on the same switch. The managed port is typically used to connect and isolate resources dedicated to a particular tenant such as servers or any other resource that is not an active Layer 2 node.

**Note**: As an access port, a managed port does not support spanning tree (STP). In this case, the Layer 2 loop prevention mechanism is implemented through another feature called *Block-Loops*.

A managed port can be configured as an "access port" or a "Dot1q Trunk port" when the VLANs carried on that port are part of the same private vNET. It transports only private VLANs belonging to the same vNET. It also supports *link aggregation* (IEEE standard 802.3ad) on a single switch or with two different switches that are part of the same cluster, called virtual LAG (vLAG) with Pluribus switches.

#### **Shared Port**

As the name suggests, a shared port (**Fig-18-1**) is an access port that can serve different tenants on the same port where a shared resource is connected. That is, this port is not dedicated to a vNET and can be shared with other vNETs configured on the same switch. It is typically used to connect shared resources like *gateways*, *firewalls*, or even *hypervisors hosting several VM servers* from different tenants.

A Shared port is always configured as a "Dot1q Trunk port" transporting only public VLANs from the same vNET or different vNETs on the same port. It also supports link aggregation (IEEE standard 802.3ad) on a single switch or with two different switches that are part of the same cluster, called Virtual LAG (vLAG) with Pluribus switches.

#### **Underlay Port**

In a vNET design, the underlay network topology is shared by all vNETs configured in the fabric. To avoid dedicating one underlay port (per tenant) for connecting leaf switches to spine switches, Netvisor ONE cloud fabric has abstracted the underlay ports from the vNET so as to leave their management to the network administrator.

Underlay ports are the ports that interconnect spine and leaf switches or two switches that are part of the same cluster (see *Fig-18-1*). These ports are not configurable for the



private vNETs, but are configured automatically based on the underlay design defined by the network administrator.

## vNET Manager

A vNET Manager is a container or portal that is created on a fabric node and is associated to a vNET to provide a dedicated management portal for the specified vNET. A vNET Manager is a completely stateless object, but it is deployed in high availability (HA) mode to ensure the tenant never loses management access to the vNET.

A vNET Manager in high availability mode have two states:

- Active vNET Manager: preferred container to manage resources allocated to a vNET.
   This container is used by the vNET Administrator to configure resources using the CLI or API allocated by the network administrator to this vNET.
- **Standby vNET Manager**: container in standby mode, which shares the same IP address with the Active vNET Manager container to offer high availability when the Active container fails or becomes inaccessible.

#### **Guidelines for vNET Manager**

Consider the following guidelines while creating a vNET Manager:

- A vNET Manager is not required for creating a vNET, however, the vNET manager is created only to provide a dedicated management portal to the tenant.
- A vNET Manager container is an object local to the switch where it is created. In other
  words when the network Administrator creates a vNET with a fabric scope, the vNET
  Manager associated to this vNET is created only on the switch where the command is
  instantiated.
- A vNET Manager can be created on any switch in a fabric only if local resources such as compute, memory, and storage are available.

#### **vNET Router**

A vNET vRouter is a network service container that provides Layer 3 services with dynamic routing control plane to a vNET. A vNET can be created in one of the following ways:

- Without a vRouter container (Layer 2-only vNET)
- With one single vRouter (Layer 3 vNET).
- With more than one vRouter (Multi-VRF model in a vNET)

The first vRouter associated to a vNET builds the vNET (default) routing table. For some designs, a vNET can have more than one vRouter to support multiple routing tables. This can be achieved by creating additional vRouter containers associated to the same vNET. Unlike in a traditional multi-VRF router, multiple vRouter containers ensures complete isolation between routing instances within the same vNET, by maintaining isolation of resources between routing domains. Later, each vRouter can be extended to support



multi-VRF to help maximize the scale of VRFs without depending on resource-consuming vRouter containers.

**Note**: A vRouter in any vNET supports the same feature set that a vRouter created in the default vNET supports.

#### vNET Administrator

A vNET administrator (referred to as *vNET-admin*) account is created when a vNET Manager container is created. This account has full read/write access to its associated vNET. Typically, when a VNET is created, an associated VNET manager zone is created (if you specify the create-vnet-mgr parameter) to host all vNET related services as well as to provide administrative access to the vNET to manage these resources. Location of the container zone is typically on the same switch on which the VNET is created and consumes space on the device.

A vNET-admin account can access only its own vNET Manager and can see resources belonging to its vNET only. The vNET-admin is responsible for the creation/deletion of the following resources in its vNET:

- vNET VLANs/VNIs
- LAGs/vLAGs for Managed ports associated to the vNET
- vNET vRouters
- VXLAN Tunnels for the vNET
- L3 routing protocols for the vNET

Using the vNET administration credentials, the vNET admin can use Secure Shell (SSH) to connect to the vNET manager and access a subset of the Netvisor ONE CLI commands to manage a specific vNET. This way, multiple tenants can share a fabric with each managing a vNET with security, traffic, and resource protection from other vNETs.

Staring with Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, the vNET admin can use REST API to access, configure, and manage the vNET resources using the Pluribus UNUM Management Platform.

# **Network Administrator (Fabric Administrator)**

The Network administrator (referred to as *network-admin*) is the *root account equivalent* on a Linux distribution. It has all the privileges to create, modify, or delete any resources created on any fabric node. Besides having the same privileges that a vNET-admin has, the network-admin can also manage the following fabric attributes:

- Fabric nodes
- Clusters
- vNETs
- All Ports
- VTEPs
- vFlows (Security/QoS)



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**Note**: The network-admin can create separate  $user\ names$  and passwords for each vNET manager.



# **Creating a Virtual Network (vNET)**

To separate resources, including switch ports, IP addresses, VLANs, and VXLAN IDs into separate management spaces, create a vNET(s) and associate the desired resources to it (see below for an example of configuration).

You can create a vNET using the vnet-create command followed by a list of required parameters. Subsequently, you can configure a separate vNET administrator to manage each newly created management domain.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > 7	vnet-create
name name-string	Defines the virtual network (vNET) name. Enter a name for identification of this vNET.
scope local cluster fabric	Defines the scope of this vNET. Use fabric scope if this vNET should be seen by all switches. If this vNET should not be seen by other switches, use cluster or local scope.
Specify one or more of the following opti	ons:
vrg vrg-name	Defines the name of the virtual resource group (vRG) to be associated with this vNET.
vlan-type public private	Defines the type of VLAN used in this vNET, which in turn defines the type of vNET (private or public).
num-vlans 14094	Defines the number of global VLANs you want to assign to this vNET. Using this parameter allows you to assign a group of VLANs rather than specific VLANs.
vlans vlan-list	Defines the VLANs that can be assigned to the public VLAN vNET. You can specify a list or range of VLANs that this vNET can assign to vNET interfaces.
public-vlans vlan-list	Defines the VLAN IDs that can be used to map a Public VLAN to a Private VLAN.  This is useful when resources in a vNET have to communicate with a shared resource (such as a shared server, DC GW, firewall, etc.) hosted on the global vNET (default vNET) connected to Shared Ports. You can use the same VLAN ID for both Private vNET



	and global vNET.
num-private-vlans 14094	Defines the number of private VLANs that can be configured in this vNET. You can create up to 4094 VLANs.
num-bridge-domains 04094	Defines the number of bridge domains allowed to be created in this vNET.
vxlans 016777215	Defines the range of VNIs that can be used by this vNET administrator. The VXLAN ID is a combination of the tenant ID and VLAN ID.
vxlan-end 016777215	The last VNI or VXLAN ID assigned to this vNET.
managed-ports port-list	The exclusive port(s) associated with this vNET.
shared-ports port-list	List of ports that are shared with other vNETs.
shared-port-vlans vlan-list	The shared port VLANs associated with this vNET.
config-admin no-config-admin	The config-admin option creates an administrator for the vNET. This is an optional parameter, and the default value is no-config-admin.
admin user-name	Add a user name for the admin role.
create-vnet-mgr no-create-vnet- mgr	Choose one of the options to create or not create a dedicated vNET manager. If no-create-vnet-mgr option is selected, then the network/fabric admin manages this vNET.
vnet-mgr-name vnet-mgr-name- string	Specify the name of the vNET manager, if you had selected create-vnet-mgr above. If you don't specify a name, one is automatically configured.
vnet-mgr-storage-pool <i>storage-</i> pool-name	Add the storage pool for this vNET.

**Note**: You cannot create a vNET inside a vNET.

To delete an existing vNET, use the vnet-delete command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-delete name <vnet-name>

To modify the configuration of an existing vNET, use the <code>vnet-modify</code> command.



CLI (network-admin@switch) > v	net-modify
name name-string	Enter the name of the virtual network (vNET) you want to modify.
Specify one or more of the following option	ons that needs to be modified:
vlans vlan-list	The list of VLANs assigned to this vNET. You can specify a list or range of VLANs that the VNET assigns to VNET interfaces.
managed-ports port-list	Modify the list of managed (exclusive) ports associated for this vNET.
num-private-vlans 14094	Modify the number of private VLANs that the vNET administrator can create for this VNET. You can configure up to 4094 VLANs.
public-vlans vlan-list	Modify the public VLANs assigned to this private VLAN vNET.
shared-ports port-list	Modify the shared ports for this vNET.
vxlans 016777215	Modify the VXLAN IDs assigned to this vNET.
vxlan-end 016777215	Modify the last VXLAN ID assigned to the vNET.
shared-port-vlans vlan-list	Modify the vNET shared port VLANs.
num-bridge-domains 04094	Modify the number of bridge domains allowed to be created in this private vNET.



# **Administering vNET Specific Commands**

The purpose of vNET objects is to provide independent network domains whose administrators can manage a set of dedicated resources without having to involve the network/fabric administrator, but within the constraints that the network/fabric had administrators defined their roles.

Access control is performed based on the scope of a vNET, which includes several dedicated ports on which it is possible to apply certain commands or use certain dedicated resources.

The applicable dedicated resources include three categories of commands with vNET admin scope, as below:

- Layer 1 commands (i.e., port-related commands):
  - o port-show (shows vNET ports but not internal/cluster ports)
  - o port-phy-show (shows managed and shared ports)
  - o port-config-modify/show (shows managed ports)
  - o bezel-portmap-show (shows managed ports)
  - o port-vnet-show (shows managed ports)
- Layer 2 commands (i.e., VLAN/LACP/STP/vLAG commands allowed on managed ports only):
  - o port-lacp-modify/show
  - o vlag-create/modify/delete
  - o trunk-create/modify/delete
  - o stp-port-modify/show/stp-portevent-show
  - o A vNET admin is not allowed to change the native VLAN (untagged VLAN) on a shared port with the port-vlan-add command.
- Layer 3 commands (i.e., vRouter commands, where the scope is local for the vNET):
  - o static-ecmp-group-show/static-ecmp-group-nh-show
  - o vrouter-ping/traceroute
  - o bridge-domain-\*

**Note**: If any of the above commands are run on a port not in the scope of a vNET, a No permission for port 'port = %d' message is displayed, for example like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlag-create name vl1 port 99 peer-port 99 vlag-create: No permission for port 'port = 99'
```

Let us consider an example of vNET creation and see how the above commands behave within it:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-create name vn1 scope fabric vlan-type private public-vlans 2000-2099 num-private-vlans 10 num-bridge-domains 3 vxlans 10000100-10000109 managed-ports



9,17 shared-ports 18 shared-port-vlans 105-109

Creating vn1-mgr zone, please wait...

With this command the network administrator creates a vNET as a dedicated domain comprising managed and shared ports as well as private and public VLANs and VXLAN IDs. In other words, the fabric admin is partitioning the resources to provide a dedicated and restricted view on the network for the vNET admin.

The following examples show how a vNET's view gets constrained for each command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-show

switch	port	bezel-port	status	config
switch	9	9	up,vlan-up	fd,10g
switch	17	17	disabled	fd,10g
switch	18	18	disabled	fd,10g

In this example the vNET admin can only view the managed and shared ports chosen as part of the vNET creation process, out of all the front panel ports.

**Note**: When you run the port-show command for a private vNET, only vNET managed ports are displayed. But for a public vNET, all ports except internal ports and cluster ports are displayed.

Starting with Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, a new CLI command, port-vnet-show is available to view the ports that are assigned to vNETs and the respective VLANs of a vNET. This command displays the details that you had configured after you had added port(s) using the vnet-port-add command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vnet-show

name name-string	The name of the virtual network (vNET).
managed-ports port-list	The list of vNET exclusive ports.
num-vlans 14094	The number of global VLANs assigned to this vNET. This is a number between 1 and 4094.
vlans vlan-list	The VLANs assigned to public VLAN vNET.

For example, if you had configured ports 9, 17, 18 and VLANs 3 and 5 on vNET vn1-global, then the output looks like:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vnet-show name managed-ports num-vlans vlans ------ vn1-global 9,17 10 2000-2099
```



#### To view the PHY details, use the command:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-phy-show
```

port	bezel-port	state	speed	eth-mode	${\tt max-frame}$	def-vlan
9	9	up	10000	10Gbase-cr	1540	0
17	17	down	10000	10Gbase-cr	1540	1
18	18	down	10000	10Gbase-cr	1540	0

Also, the front panel and PHY information is constrained to the ports selected as part of the vNET creation process. Port configuration gets constrained too, for example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-config-show format
port,enable,
```

```
port enable
----
9 on
17 off
```

Regarding the Layer 2 configuration, these commands also get a constrained view:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-vlan-add port 9 untagged-
vlan 45
port-vlan-add: No permission to modify untagged-vlan field
```

As displayed, untagged VLANs are prevented from being changed.

The vLAGs can be created only using accessible ports (as port 9 in the example below):

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vlag-create name vl1 port 9 peer-
port 9
CLI (network-admin@switch) > port-lacp-show layout vertical
```

```
switch: switch
port: 9
name: v11
```

port-type: vlag
mode: passive
timeout: slow

system-id: 66:0e:94:b6:ab:01

lacp-key: 36285

system-priority: 32768

port-priority: 32768 aggregatable: yes

sync: yes
coll: yes
dist: no

defaulted: yes

expired: no

port-state: 0x5c



whereas inaccessible ports are blocked in the configuration:

```
CLI (network-admin@aquarius00) > vlag-create name vl1 port 99 peer-port 99 vlag-create: No permission for port 'port = 99'
```

Similarly, a VLAN trunk can be created (and then deleted) using accessible ports 9 and 10 like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-create name t ports 9-10 trunk 273 defer-bringup set to 1 based on first port 9 Created trunk t, id 273
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-show format name,trunkid,ports

name	trunk-id	ports
t	274	9-10
vxlan-loopback-trunk	397	

CLI (network-admin@switch) > trunk-delete name t

Furthermore, spanning tree (STP) commands are limited to accessible ports only:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > stp-port-show port 10

port block filter edge bpdu-guard root-guard priority cost
---- ---- ---- ---- ----
10 on off no no no 128 2000
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > stp-port-modify port 53 cost 10000 stp-port-modify: No permission over ports 53

CLI (network-admin@switch) > stp-port-event-show

switch	time	por	t vlan		instance c	ount initial-	state other-state	final-state
				-				
switch	01:13:52	17	1,4094	0	3	Disabled	Disabled	Forwarding
switch	01:15:42	9	1	0	1	Disabled	Disabled	Discarding
switch	01:16:02	9	1	0	1	Discarding	g Disabled	Learning
switch	01:16:12	9	1	0	1	Learning	Disabled	Forwarding
switch	01:17:53	17	1	0	1	Forwarding	g Disabled	Disabled
switch	01:17:53	9	1	0	1	Forwarding	g Disabled	Disabled
switch	01:29:00	17	4094	0	1	Disabled	Disabled	Forwarding

Further, for Layer 3 configuration, these commands display a constrained view:

The vRouter commands get constrained too (to accessible VLANs and interfaces) like so:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vrl vnet vnl router-type hardware
Creating vrl zone, please wait...
vrouter created
```

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-



name vrl ip 192.168.99.13/24 vlan 100 Added interface eth0.100 with ifIndex 159

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-show format vrouter-name,nic,ip,vnet,vlan,vlan-type,nic-state,mtu

```
      vrouter-name
      nic
      ip
      vnet
      vlan
      vlan-type
      nic-state
      mtu

      vr1
      eth0.100
      192.168.99.13/24
      vnl
      100
      private
      up
      1500
```

The static-ecmp-group-\* commands are allowed only within the vNET scope ¬(local) and duplicate entries from other switches are blocked when logged in as vnet-admin. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-create name VNET2 scope fabric
Creating VNET2-mgr zone, please wait...
Vnet created. Vlans assigned: 5
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vr_fabric vnet VNET2 router-
type hardware
Creating vr_fabric zone, please wait...
vrouter created
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create group-name G1 scope
fabric vrouter-name vr_fabric hash-type non-resilient
CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-nh-add group-name G1 ip 1.1.1.1
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-create name vnet2-data scope fabric
Creating vnet2-data-mgr zone, please wait...
Vnet created. Vlans assigned: 6
root@switch:~# lxc-attach -n vnet2-data-mgr
root@vnet2-data-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-show
root@vnet2-data-mgr:~# exit
root@switch:~# lxc-attach -n VNET2-mgr
root@VNET2-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-show
group-name scope vrouter-name hw-ecmp-id hash-type
fabric vr_fabric 200000 non-resilient
root@VNET2-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-nh-show
              vlan egress-id
group-name ip
-----
        1.1.1.1 0 -1
root@VNET2-mgr:~# exit
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-create name VNET1 scope cluster
Creating VNET1-mgr zone, please wait...
Vnet created. Vlans assigned: 7
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vr_cluster vnet VNET1
Creating vr_cluster zone, please wait...
```

vrouter created



CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-create group-name G2 scope cluster vrouter-name vr\_cluster hash-type non-resilient

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-nh-add group-name G2 ip 2.1.1.1

#### On the Global vNET, you can view all details, for example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > static-ecmp-group-show

```
switch group-name scope
                   vrouter-name vrid hw-ecmp-id hash-type
-1 -1
switch1 G1
            fabric
                                       non-resilient
                            200000
switch2 G1
             fabric vr_fabric
switch1 G2
                            -1 -1
            cluster
                                       non-resilient
switch2 G2
             cluster vr_cluster 1 200001
                                        non-resilient
root@switch:~# lxc-attach -n vnet2-data-mgr
root@vnet2-data-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-nh-show
root@vnet2-data-mgr:~# exit
root@switch:~# lxc-attach -n VNET2-mgr
root@VNET2-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-nh-show
switch group-name ip vlan egress-id
switch G1
            1.1.1.1 0 -1
root@VNET2-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-show
switch group-name scope vrouter-name hw-ecmp-id hash-type
fabric vr_fabric 200000
switch G1
                                   non-resilient
root@VNET2-mgr:~# exit
root@switch:~# lxc-attach -n VNET1-mgr
root@VNET1-mgr:~# nvOS_cli --quiet static-ecmp-group-show
                   vrouter-name vrid hw-ecmp-id hash-type
switch group-name scope
switch G2
            cluster vr_cluster 1 200001 non-resilient
root@VNET1-mgr:~# exit
```

Displays a constrained view of the vrouter-ping/traceroute commands as well:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-ping vrouter-name vrl host-ip 192.168.99.13
```

```
PING 192.168.99.13 (192.168.99.13) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.99.13: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.066 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.99.13: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.071 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.99.13: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.063 ms
^C
--- 192.168.99.13 ping statistics ---
```



# **Specifying the Type of vNET Interface**

The mgmt, data, and span keywords used in different commands specify the path used to connect to the network service. For example, to specify an out-of-band connection to a management interface of a vNET, the interface is specified using the mgmt keyword. If in-band access to that management interface of the vNET is required, then the data or span keywords are used in the specific command.

The keywords, data and span, are essentially equivalent but apply to two separate paths. To maximize throughput between the server and the switch components, it is recommended to use both. The data keyword applies to port 65, and the span keyword applies to port 66.

Each vNET can have one or more isolating zones and network services are applied to each zone. Network services have their own zone or share the zone with the vNET manager which is the zone that the vNET manager logs into to manage the vNET. In shared zones, the network interfaces are available to all network services in the shared zones, regardless of the service that created the network interface.

**Note:** This is an important concept as you can use service commands such as vnet-manager-interface-add to add interfaces to a vNET. If you want the service to be specific to a vNET as a dedicated service, then add the interfaces using the service-interface-add commands.



# **Configuring vNET High Availability (HA)**

A vNET HA provides high availability for switch access through a vNET manager. As described in the *Understanding vNET Manager* section, the vNET manager is a zone with one IP interface that allows a vNET administrator to log into and administer a vNET using the CLI or REST API commands.

Netvisor ONE enables access to the vNET managers when you add either standard or VRRP VIP interfaces to the vNET managers.

Without vNET HA, the vNET administrators have only a single point of access where the vNET manager zone runs on a particular switch. If that switch fails, the vNET administrator cannot log into the fabric and administer the vNET resources.

You can create or delete a vNET manager zone by using the vnet-manager-create and vnet-manager-delete commands. The vnet-manager-interface-add command accepts VRRP interfaces, which allows you to create VRRP interfaces on a vNET manager zone.

**Note**: While creating the vNET, the vnet-create command provides an option to create or not create a vNET manager zone.

**Note**: Copy and paste SSH host keys used on different vNET managers. This is needed when using a VRRP VIP to access the vNET managers to avoid SSH host key violations if the VIP fails over to the standby vNET manager. Install these keys on the client machine used to connect to the vNET managers.

#### **Creating a vNET Manager Zone**

To create additional vNET manager zones, use the vnet-manager-create command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-manager-create name namestring vnet vnet-name [disable|enable][location fabric-node name][storage-pool storage-pool name]



#### **Deleting a vNET Manager Zone**

To delete a vNET manager zone, use the vnet-manager-delete command.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-manager-delete name namestring

Specify the name of service configuration.

#### **Copying and Pasting SSH Keys**

To output SSH host keys to copy and paste to ~/.ssh/known\_hosts file of the client host, use the vnet-manager-ssh-host-key-show command.

This allows you to SSH to any vNET manager zone and avoid issues with invalid key hosts.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-manager-ssh-host-key-show [vnet vnet name]

vnet-manager-ssh-host-key- show	Displays the vNET Manager host keys to copy and past to: ~/.ssh/known_hosts.	
name name-string	Displays the name of service configuration.	

#### **vNET Manager Command Options**

This feature uses a new option [no-] create-vnet-mgr which controls whether to create a vNET manager.

The default behavior is creating a vNET manager as this is the current behavior of creating a vNET manager as part of vnet-create.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > no-create-vnet-mgr

vnet-create	Creates a virtual network (vNET)
name name-string	The vNET name.
scope local cluster fabric	The vNET scope as local, cluster, or fabric.
<pre>create-vnet-mgr no-create- vnet-mgr</pre>	Create or not create a vNET manager service.

#### **VRRP Interfaces Option**

This feature now accepts options for VRRP interfaces. This allows you to create VRRP interfaces on vNET manager zones.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > vnet-manager-interface-add vnet-



manager-name name-string [vrrp-id 0,,255][vrrp-primary vrrp-primary-string][vrrp-priority 0..254][vrrp-adv-int 300..40950]

vnet-manager-interface-add	Adds an interface to a vNET manager.
vnet-manager-name name-string	The name of service configuration.
vrrp-id 0255	The ID assigned to VRRP.
vrrp-primary vrrp-primary- string	The VRRP primary interface.
vrrp-priority 0254	The VRRP priority for the interface.
vrrp-adv-int 30040950	The VRRP Advertisement Interval in milliseconds. The minimum interval is 300ms and the maximum interval is 40950ms. The default interval is 1000ms.



# **Enabling Web-API Access for vNET and vNET Manager**

Starting with Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, you can access and configure vNET features by using REST API commands. This web-API support enables the Pluribus UNUM customers to access vNET, vNET Manager, and vNET resources by using the UNUM interface.

To enable web-API access through UNUNM interface, the vNET-admin must login using the *mgmt IP address* of the switch. Prior to version 7.0.0, Netvisor allowed the vNET-admin to login by using only the interface IP address (or vNET IP address). The vNET-admin and the users created with vNET-admin role can also access the CLI shell by logging in using the mgmt IP address of the switch.

Prior to Netvisor ONE version 7.0.0, to access vNET and it's resources, you must login into the vNET container, which is present only on the switch where vNET is created (even in the case of *fabric* scoped vNET). However, starting with version 7.0.0, you can access the vNET context from any of the nodes regardless of where the vNET is created.

To access vNET and vNET Manager through UNUM interface, you must enable web API on all devices by using the admin-service-modify if mgmt web command and then use the vNET credentials in the curl request.

You can access a vNET and manage the vNET resources by using the vnet-admin user and corresponding password just as similar to network-admin user. Following is an example format to log into the switch by using vnet-admin user:

```
Example of a GET request:
     curl -s -u vn1-admin:vn1-admin -X GET http://switch-
test1/vRest/port-configs
    or
    curl -s http://vnl-admin:vnl-admin@switch-
test1/vRest/ports-phys | python -m json.tool
To access using RESTful API,
root@switch-test1:~# curl -s -u vnet-1-admin:vnet-1-admin -X
GET http://192.168.22.82/vRest/vnets | python -m json.tool
{
     "data": [
          "admin": 40000,
               "global": false,
               "id": "c0000bf:1"
               "managed-ports":
               "name": "vnet-1",
               "num-private-vlans":
               "num-vlans": 1,
               "public-vlans":
               "scope": "fabric",
               "shared-port-vlans":
```



```
"shared-ports": "",
          "vlan-type": "public",
          "vlans": "5",
          "vnet-mgr-name": "vnet-1-mgr",
          "vrg-id": "c0000bf:0",
          "vxlan-end": 0,
          "vxlans": 0
],
"result": {
     "result": [
          "api.switch-name": "local",
          "code": 0,
          "message": "",
          "scope": "local",
          "status": "Success"
     }
     ],
     "status": "Success"
```

You can also access vNET and vNET Manager on Netvisor ONE by enabling SSH logging into the switch using one of the following methods:

• ssh vnet-admin@<switch-name>

shared-ports shared-port-vlans admin

• ssh vnet-admin@<switch mgmt IP address>

Below is an example of how to login and access using the switch name and to verify the configurations:

```
ssh vn1-admin@switch-test1
* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a
monitored system.
                  ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the terms of the
Pluribus Networks *
* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be accessed
via
* http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command
"eula-show"
vn1-admin@switch1's password:
Last login: Thu Jan 6 23:10:42 2021 from 10.140.0.48
Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 7.0
Connected to Switch switch-test1; nvOS Identifier:0xc0000bf;
Ver: 7.0.0-7000018494
CLI (vn1-admin@switch-test1) > vnet-show
name scope vlan-type vlans public-vlans vxlans
                                            managed-ports
```



-----

vnl local private none 2000-2099 10000110-10000119 9,17 18
none vnl-admin

CLI (vn1-admin@switch-test1) > port-phy-show

port	state	speed	eth-mode	max-frame	def-vlan
9	down	10000	xfi	1540	1
17	down	10000	xfi	1540	1
18	down	10000	xfi	1540	1

Below is an example of how to login and access using the *in-band IP address* and to verify the configurations:

root@switch-test2:~# cli

Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 7.0

Connected to Switch switch-test2; nvOS Identifier:0xc00021d;

Ver: 7.0.0-7000018494

CLI (network-admin@switch-test2) > fabric-node-show

49 7.0.0-7000018494 online ok

root@switch-test1:~# ssh vnet-1-admin@192.168.22.82

The authenticity of host '192.168.22.82 (192.168.22.82)' can't be established.

ECDSA key fingerprint is

SHA256:XXosFnaL8bQ/BUFbJAXP3bTXpgpwGvhrSuYvSgjmSv0.

Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes Warning: Permanently added '192.168.22.82' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

- \* Welcome to Pluribus Networks Inc. Netvisor(R). This is a monitored system. \*
- \* ACCESS RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED USERS ONLY
  \*
- \* By using the Netvisor(R) CLI, you agree to the terms of the Pluribus Networks  $\star$
- \* End User License Agreement (EULA). The EULA can be accessed via
- \* http://www.pluribusnetworks.com/eula or by using the command "eula-show" \*

vnet-1-admin@192.168.22.82's password:

Netvisor OS Command Line Interface 7.0

Connected to Switch switch-test1; nvOS Identifier:0xc0000bf;



Ver: 7.0.0-7000018494

CLI (vnet-1-admin@switch-test1) > vnet-show

To view the details of users, use the command. For example:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-test1) > user-show
switch
                    scope uid type login-fail-
         name
count lock-account minimum-pw-length
_____ ____
______
network-admin fabric 39999 netvisor 0
                                        false
   Ω
switch-test1 vn2-admin local 20001 netvisor 0
   false
            6
switch-test1 vn1-admin local 20000 netvisor 0
   false
switch-test1 user-1
                    local 20002 netvisor 0
   false 6
switch-test1 user-2 local 20003 netvisor 0
   false 6
```

To view the user roles, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch-test1) > user-role-show

switch user-name role
-----network-admin network-admin
switch-test1 vn2-admin vn2-admin
switch-test1 vn1-admin vn1-admin
switch-test1 user-1 vn1-admin
switch-test1 user-2 vn2-admin

#### **Limitations and Restrictions**

In cases, where the vNET container is not created and if you do not want access to vNET resources, then use the no-config-admin option along with no-create-vnet-mgr parameter while creating the vNET. For example,

To create a vNET with no-vnet-managers, no-config-admin:

CLI (network-admin@switch-test1) > vnet-create name vnet-test scope local no-create-vnet-mgr no-config-admin



The above command creates a vNET without an *admin* and no users are listed with vNET admin role in user-show output as below:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch-test1) > vnet-show name vnet-test
             scope vlan-type vlans public-vlans num-private-vlans vxlans
switch
        name
managed-ports shared-ports shared-port-vlans
------ ----- ----- ----- -----
                           none 0
switch-test1 vnet-test local public 5
                                                    none
    none
             none
CLI (network-admin@switch-test1) > user-show
   scope uid type login-fail-count lock-account minimum-pw-length
name
network-admin fabric 39999 netvisor 0
                                 false
```

The above configuration restricts the access of vNET with *mgmt-ip/ inband-ip* as there are no users on the vNET that is created.



## **Related Documentation**

For further information on concepts mentioned in this section (such as Layer 2, Layer 3, etc.), refer to these sections of the Configuration Guides:

- Configuring Switch Ports
- Configuring Layer 2 Features
- Configuring Layer 3 Features
- Configuring and Administering the Pluribus Fabric
- Configuring High Availability
- Configuring VXLAN
- Configuring and Using Network Management and Monitoring



## **Overview vCenter**

This chapter provides information for understanding and using the Pluribus Networks Netvisor ONE command line interface (CLI) on a Netvisor ONE switch to configure vCenter features.

- Understanding vCenter Connection Service
- Configuring a vCenter Service
- Automatic Link Aggregation on ESXi-facing Ports for vCenter



# **Understanding vCenter Connection Service**

**Note:** Though you can run vCenter Connection Service (VCCS) on any platform, running VCCS on a virtual Netvisor Switch is recommended. For details on configuring the virtual Netvisor switch, see the Deployment Guide for Virtual Networks with Virtual Netvisor.

Connectivity to vCenter enables a network administrator to get visibility into the physical and/or virtual VMware entities behind each port of the Pluribus' Unified Cloud fabric, which helps in for operational simplification. You need to configure only one vcenter-connection for a fabric and should enable VCCS only on one of the nodes of fabric (applies to cluster pair also).

Netvisor ONE categorizes the properties of the entities into three classes:

- Server, hypervisor, and one or more physical NICs.
- Virtual Machine including guest OS, virtual NIC properties such as MAC address, IP address, and VLAN.
- VM Kernel ports and the associated services like vMotion and vSAN.

The vCenter Connection Service enables you to connect to the VMware vCenter and to perform the following tasks:

- Identify the switch port used for each Virtual Machine (VM).
- Track the movement of VMs from one host (ESXi) to another host.
- Identify the VLAN requirements of each VM on the network.
- Track network statistics at a granular level for troubleshooting purposes.
- Track VM configuration changes such as additions, deletions, or modifications of VLANs, and configure VLANs on Netvisor ONE switch ports.
- Track the additions or deletions of VMs and hosts, and configure VLANs on Netvisor ONE switches.
- Track the state of VMs and dynamically provision VLANs on the servers facing physical ports.

The vCenter Connection Service synchronizes with VMware vCenter to obtain the following information:

- The host where the VMs exist.
- The Netvisor ONE switch ports connected to the VM.



- The virtual network interface card (vNIC) that connects the VM to a virtual switch.
- The Power status of the VM as on or off.
- VLAN information of port groups.
- The port groups connected to the VM.

This information is associated with MAC addresses and VLANs on the network.

In Netvisor ONE, the vCenter Connection Service:

- Supports up to 4 vCenter connections from a switch
- Supports ESXi and vCenter Server versions 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, and 7.0

**Note:** There are some restrictions depending upon the supported version of dswitch, in order to use the 5.5, 6.0, 6.5 and 7.0 versions through distributed switches.

You can check the status of the connection by using vcenter-connection-show command.

**Note:** If the connection status shows an error message with the state as **enabled**, then you should first disable the connection and then enable it to restart the connection service.



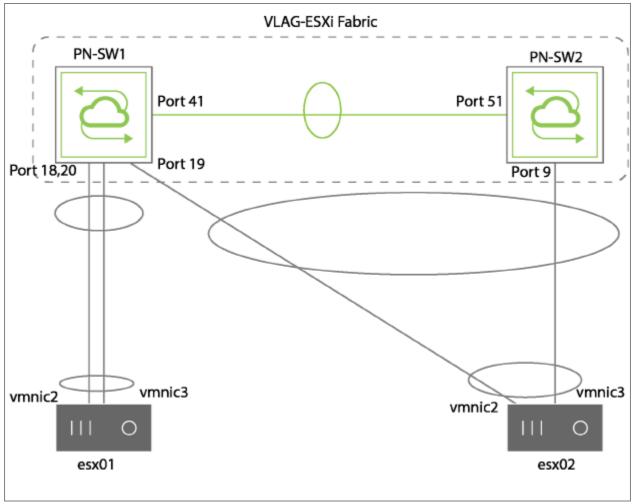


Figure 19-1 - Example LAG and VLAG Topology for vCenter



Example output with a list of VMs running on the two VMware ESXi servers along with visibility into the associated VLANs, attached port group, vswitches is given for reference:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vport-show mac 00:50:56:xx:xx:xx layout vertical

owner: ghleaf02-new

mac: 00:50:56:xx:xx:xx

vxlan: 12700000 ip: 200.200.200.2

ports: 3

svc-name: vcenter-server

hostname: server-test-69.pluribusnetworks.com

entity: st-69\_linux\_vm1

power: powered-on

os: Ubuntu Linux (64-bit) portgroup: DPortGroup-vlan-trunk

pg-vlans: 1-4094

vswitch: DvSwitch\_SC1
vs-type: distributed-vs

vnic-type: trunked
status: host,vm

Note: Some fields like 'os' need VMware tools to be installed on the VMs.

#### Example output with vPort statistics is given for reference:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vport-stats-show format time,ip,entity,type,vnic-type

time	ip	entity	status	vnic-type	ibytes	ipkts
obytes opkts						
08-26,13:52:16	10.9.8.13	MyTestVM	vm	tagged	31.7K	507
112K 1.86K						
08-28,10:20:54	192.168.30.1	vmk1	vm-kernel	vMotion, VSAN		
08-25,23:16:27	10.7.17.8	vmk2	vm-kernel	VSAN		



## **Guidelines and Limitations**

Please keep in mind the following guidelines and limitations while configuring VCCS:

- Only one vcenter-connection is needed for a fabric. That is, VCCS should be enabled only on one of the nodes of fabric (includes cluster pair also).
- High Availability (HA) support is not available on VCCS. If an associated switch goes down, vcenter connection service is disrupted until the switch is back online or reprovisioned on a different node of the fabric.
- The network data associated with VMs collected by VCCS in vPort and connection table can be viewed on the UNUM dashboard. For details, see the UNUM documentation.



# **Configuring a vCenter Service**

To create a vCenter service, use the vcenter-connection-create command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vcenter-connection-create

Specify a name for the vCenter connection.		
Specify the host name of the vCenter to connect with.		
Specify the authorized vCenter user name.		
Choose one of the options to enable or disable.		
Specify to enable to disable the vCenter connection.		
Specify the vCenter plugin VLANs for provisioning.		
if the network provisioning be none, L2 underlay or L3 ay.		

For example, to configure a vCenter service named *vcenter2*, on VLANs 190-198, use the below command and enter the password when prompted:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vcenter-connection-create name vcenter2 host vcenter-server user administrator@lab.pluribus vlans 190-198 network-provisioning 12-underlay vCenter user password: <=== password is not visible while typing

vCenter connection service vcenter2 started.

To modify a vCenter service, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vcenter-connection-modify

host host-string	The host name of the vCenter you want to modify.
user <i>user-string</i>	Modify the authorized vCenter user name.
password password-string	Specify a valid password for the user on the VMware vCenter server.
enable disable	Modify to enable or disable the vCenter connection.
vlans vlan-list	Modify the vCenter plugin VLANs for



#### provisioning.

network-provisioning none | 12underlay | 13-underlay Modify the network provisioning parameters.

**Note:** Provisioning of VLANs is supported only when network-provisioning is I2-underlay or I3-underlay. For None, no VLANs can be provisioned and hence no ports are added to the provisioned VLAN.

To delete a vCenter service, use the following syntax:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vcenter-connection-delete name name-string

To display information about a vCenter service, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vcenter-connection-show

CLI (network-admin@dorado-leaf3) > vcenter-connection-show

layout vertical

switch: switch

name: vcenter-server

host: vcenter-server.pluribusnetworks.com

user: administrator@lab.pluribus

enable: yes state: ok

connected-time: connected at 2022-04-29 01:28:22

vlans: 2100-2111 network-provisioning: 13-underlay

To display information about VLANs before network-provisioning, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vlan-show								
switch id ty	pe vxlan vxlan-type	scope	description	active	stats			
ports	untagged-ports	active-	-edge-ports					
switch-1 1 pu	blic	local	default-1	yes	yes			
0-11,14-29,32-72	0-11,14-29,32-72	0,49						
switch-2 1 pu	blic	local	default-1	yes	yes			
0-11,14-29,31-72	0-11,14-29,31-72	0,44						
switch-1 4091 pu	blic	local	vlan-4091	yes	yes			
0,13	13	0,13						
switch-2 4091 pu	blic	local	vlan-4091	yes	yes			
0,12	12	0,12						
switch-1 4092 pu	blic	local	vlan-4092	yes	yes			
0,12	12	0,12						
switch-2 4092 pu	blic	local	vlan-4092	yes	yes			
0,13	13	0,13						
switch-1 4093 pu	blic	local	vlan-4093	yes	yes			
30,253	30,253	none						
switch-2 4093 pu	blic	local	vlan-4093	yes	yes			
30,253	30,253	none						



# To identify VTEP, use the command:

CLI (ne	etwork-a	admin@switch-1)	> vtep-show	
scope	name	location	vrouter-name ip	virtual-ip
fabric	vtep-1	switch-1 vr1	102.1.1.1 ::	
fabric	vtep-2	switch-2 vr2	103.1.1.1 ::	

# To display information about VLANs after network-provisioning, use the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) >	vlan-show				
switch id type vxlan vxlan-	type scope	description	active	stats	ports
untagged-ports active-					
gritab 1 1 public	logal	default-1	*****	****	0-11,14-
switch-1 1 public 29,32-72 0-11,14-29,32-72 0,4		deraurt-r	yes	yes	0-11,14-
switch-2 1 public		default-1	yes	yes	0-11,14-
29,31-72 0-11,14-29,31-72 0,4		delaule 1	ycs	ycs	0 11,11
switch-1 140 public 1400000	local	vCenter vlan 140	ves	yes	0,49
none 49	10001	70011001 71411 110	700	700	0 / 25
switch-2 140 public 1400000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,44
none none			•	-	•
switch-1 141 public 1410000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,49
none 49					
switch-2 141 public 1410000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,44
none none					
switch-1 142 public 1420000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,49
none 49					
switch-2 142 public 1420000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,44
none none					
switch-1 150 public 1500000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,49
none 49					
switch-2 150 public 1500000	local	vCenter vlan 140	yes	yes	0,44
none none					
switch-1 4091 public	local	vlan-4091	yes	yes	0,13
13 0,13	1 1	1 4001			0 10
switch-2 4091 public 12 0.12	local	vlan-4091	yes	yes	0,12
12 0,12 switch-1 4092 public	logal	vlan-4092	wog	wog	0,12
12 0,12	IOCal	VIaII-4092	yes	yes	0,12
switch-2 4092 public	local	vlan-4092	yes	yes	0,13
13 0,13	10041	Vidii 1052	yes	усь	0,13
switch-1 4093 public	local	vlan-4093	yes	yes	30,253
30,253 none			2	2	,
switch-2 4093 public	local	vlan-4093	yes	yes	30,253
30,253 none			=	=	

CLI (network-admin@switch-1) > vtep-vxlan-show

```
name vxlan
----- 1400000
vtep-1 1410000
vtep-1 1500000
vtep-2 1400000
vtep-2 1410000
vtep-2 1420000
vtep-2 1500000
```



# **Setting Automatic Link Aggregation on ESXi-facing Ports for vCenter**

Currently, automatic Link Aggregation (LAG) is only supported between Pluribus Networks switches. With this feature, automatic Link Aggregation (LAG) includes ports between Pluribus Networks switches and ESXi hosts.

Netvisor ONE implements LLDP and LACP to bundle the ports. Since there are no custom type-length-value (TLV) probes, Netvisor ONE implements standard LLDP TLVs to uniquely identify ESXi hosts. The system description TLV is used to identify ESXi hosts and the system name is used to uniquely identify a specific ESXi host.

LACP mode is enabled and set to active on auto-lag with a fallback-option of individual to ensure that there is extra robustness in bundling and ensure that ports are bundled only if ESXi host is running LACP to avoid any data path issues.

You can enable or disable trunking towards hosts (default value is off).

**Note**: Starting from Netvisor ONE release 3.1.0, the auto-host-bundle configuration option is no longer required for trunking with ESXi host.

Example output from trunk-show, port-show and lldp-show.

CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > trunk-show format trunkid,switch,name,ports,lacp-mode,lacp-fallback,lacpindividual,status,

#### CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > port-show port 42,44 format all

```
port bezel-port status
                                            rswitch rem-ip rem-mac
         lport config trunk
   _____
42
     42
                 up,PN-other,LLDP,trunk,LACP-PDUs,vlan-up 2987 ::
                                                           00:00:00:00
42
     fd,10g auto-129
                 up,PN-other,LLDP,trunk,LACP-PDUs,vlan-up 2987 ::
                                                           00:00:00:00
44
     44
44 fd,10g auto-129
```

# CLI (network-admin@Leaf1) > lldp-show



# **Configuring Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB)**

This chapter provides information about configuring the Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB) on a Netvisor ONE switch using the Netvisor ONE Command Line Interface (CLI).

- Understanding Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB)
- Configuring OVSDB with Netvisor ONE
- Using OpenSSL TLS Certificates for OVSDB and other Services
- Configuring OVSDB High Availability



# **Understanding Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB)**

**Note**: The OVSDB features are supported only on Ericsson platforms: NSU, NRU01, NRU02, NRU03, and NRU-S0301.

Open vSwitch (OVS) is a multilayer virtual switch that is designed to function in Virtual Machine (VM) environments. The typical use of an OVS is to forward traffic between VMs on the same physical host and between VMs and the physical network. OVS opens forwarding functions to programmatic extension and control through OpenFlow and Open vSwitch Database (OVSDB) management protocol. OVS also supports standard management protocols and interfaces like NetFlow, CLI and LACP. OVS is designed to support distribution across multiple physical servers.

The OVS implementation comprises a vSwitch daemon (ovs-vswitchd) and a database server (ovsdb-server). Pluribus makes use of the OVSDB database server to enable communication between an SDN controller and Netvisor ONE to facilitate overlay network deployment. The OVSDB server provides a common database which both the SDN controller and the Netvisor ONE OS accesses and modifies to stay synchronized. The information in OVSDB is stored as standardized database schema which enables heterogeneous entities such as baremetal servers and virtualized nodes to interoperate and interact with the SDN controller. The hardware VTEP schema in OVSDB facilitates the provisioning of VXLAN network between hardware and software VTEPs, thereby allowing them to become a part of the network managed by SDN controller.

The OVSDB schema enables physical devices and the SDN controllers to exchange MAC address information. Pluribus devices capture MAC routes to entities in the physical network and updates table in the schema so that SDN controllers connecting to the devices can access the MAC tables. Conversely, SDN controllers capture MAC routes to entities in the virtualized environment and updates the schema. Having MAC addresses of both the physical and virtualized workloads in the database enables Netvisor ONE to configure VLANs with VXLANs, assign ports to VLANs, and configure VXLAN tunnels between hardware and software VTEPs.



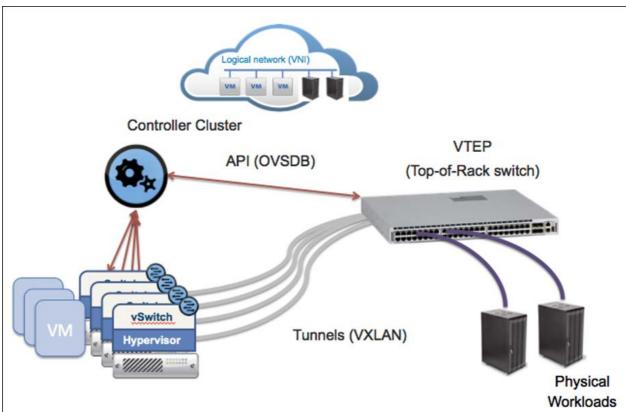


Figure 20-1 - Connecting physical and virtualized workloads using OVSDB



# **Configuring OVSDB with Netvisor ONE**

The Netvisor ONE implementation of OVSDB provides a means of communication between SDN controllers and Pluribus switches. By leveraging OVSDB, Pluribus devices exchange control and network information with SDN controllers, thereby enabling VM traffic from the entities in a virtualized network to be forwarded to entities in a physical network and vice versa.

The OVSDB service runs in a container in Netvisor ONE. This service maintains a database schema that stores information regarding Pluribus devices and SDN controllers in various tables. The OVSDB schema also includes the MAC address information of the physical servers and virtual hosts. SDN Controllers such as Ericsson ODL (Open-Day Light) controller communicates with OVSDB for provisioning and configuration of the overlay network. The overlay network configuration involves creating tunnels between local and remote hardware and software VTEPs.

Any configuration change in Netvisor ONE updates the OVSDB schema which makes the SDN controller aware of the current configuration. A VTEP agent in Netvisor ONE closely tracks the configuration updates pushed into OVSDB by the SDN controller as well as the changes in Netvisor ONE. The VTEP agent then derives the required actions and executes the CLI commands needed to create VLANs and tunnels between local and remote VTEPs.

Follow the steps below to configure OVSDB using Netvisor ONE.

• Configure the vNET with private VLANs, VXLANs, and managed ports:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-create name vpod1 scope fabric vlan-type private num-private-vlans 100 managed-ports 12 vxlans 10000-10099

• Specify the VLANs reserved for the vNET by using the vnet-public-vlans-modify command. If you add managed ports to the vNET configuration, VLAN IDs from this range is assigned as public VLANs for the private VLANs.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-public-vlans-modify vlans 200-210

You can also define shared ports in a vNET configuration. Ideally, you can configure the border leaf ports that connect to the DC gateway as shared ports. If you add shared ports to the vNET configuration, specify a public VLAN range for the ports by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-modify name vpod1 publicvlans 300-310

For shared ports, private VLAN IDs should have the same range as that of public VLAN IDs configured in the vNET.

Configure the underlay network:



CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-create name vpod1-vr1
vnet vpod1 router-type hardware

CLI (network-admin@switch) > vrouter-interface-add vrouter-name vpod1-vr1 ip 192.168.50.2/24 vlan 50

• Create the SSL/TLS certificate for OVSDB if you want to create an SSL connection with the controller.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-create country US state California city PA organization "Pluribus Networks Inc" organizational-unit Engineering common-name CN1 name cert1 Successfully generated self-signed certificate.

For detailed steps on how to configure and deploy TLS certificates for OVSDB, see *Using OpenSSL TLS certificates for OVSDB and other Services*.

Create Open vSwitch configuration:

Use the openvswitch-create command to configure Open vSwitch. This command creates the OVS container and services.

openvswitch-create	Create an OVS instance.
name name-string	Specify a name for the OVS instance.
vnet vnet-name	Specify the name of the vNET for OVS.
tunnel-ip ip-address	Specify the IP address for the tunnel.
Specify any of the following options:	
dedicated-vnet-service shared- vnet-service	Specify if Open vSwitch is a dedicated or shared vNET service.
shared-vnet-mgr vnet-manager name	Specify the vNET manager to share with if this is a shared service.
location fabric-node-name	Specify the location of the service.
storage-pool storage-pool-name	Specify a storage pool to apply to the vNET.
gateway ip-address	Specify gateway IP address for service.
cert-name cert-name-string	Specify the certificate name for SSL connections
ca-cert-name ca-cert-name- string	Specify the CA Certificate name for SSL connections
cert-location none global  container	Specify the Certificate location - global or within container.



global-vtep local-vtep	Specify the hardware VTEP associated with Open vSwitch.
bfd no-bfd	Specify if you want to enable BFD for OVSDB created tunnels.

# For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > openvswitch-create name ovs-1 vnet vpod1 tunnel-ip 192.168.0.10 cert-name cert1 ca-cert-name ca-cert1

• Create an OVSDB interface using the openvswitch-interface-add command.

openvswitch-interface-add	Add an interface to OVS.
ovs-name name-string	This parameter is not configurable. It assumes the name of the OVS service.
Specify one or more of the following op	tions:
ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address for the interface.
netmask netmask	Specify the netmask.
assignment none static dhcp  dhcpv6 autov6	Specify the method of IP address assignment.
linklocal ip-address	Specify the IPv6 Link Local address.
vnet <i>vnet-name</i>	Specify interface VLAN vNET.
bd bridge-domain name	Specify the bridge domain name.
vlan <i>vlan-id</i>	Specify the VLAN assigned to the interface.
vlan-type public private	Specify the type of VLAN for the interface.
if mgmt data span span2  span3	Specify the interface type.
alias-on alias-on-string	Specify an alias if desired.
exclusive no-exclusive	Specify if the interface is exclusive or not.
nic-enable nic-disable	Specify to enable or disable the NIC.
vrrp-id <i>id</i>	Specify the ID assigned by VRRP.
vrrp-primary vrrp-primary- string	Specify the primary interface for VRRP.



vrrp-priority 0254	Specify the VRRP priority for the interface.
vrrp-adv-int <i>milliseconds</i>	Specify the VRRP advertisement interval in milliseconds. The range is 10 to 40950 with a default value of 1000.
vrrp-preempt-mode disable  enable	Used to allow/prevent high priority VRRP backup from becoming VRRP primary.
secondary-macs secondary- macs-string	Specify a secondary MAC address for the interface.
if-nat-realm internal  external	Specify the NAT interface realm.
priority-tag no-priority-tag	Specify to add priority tag on forwarded traffic.

# For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > openvswitch-interface-add ovsname ovs-1 ip 192.168.31.148 netmask 24 vlan 3001 vlan-type public

Configuring the interface as data or mgmt depends on if the SDN controller is located on the data network or the management network.

If the controller is on a Layer 3 network several hops away, use openvswitch-modify command to configure a gateway IP address.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > openvswitch-modify name ovs-1 gateway 192.168.31.1

### Add the hardware VTEP manager:

Use the openvswitch-hwvtep-manager-add command to configure the connection between OVSDB and the SDN controller.

openvswitch-hwvtep-manager- add	Create a VTEP manager for OVSDB.
name name-string	This parameter is not configurable. The parameter assumes the name of the OVS service.
Specify the following options:	
	Specify the type of SDN controller.
manager-type odl nsx	<b>Note:</b> Netvisor ONE only supports ODL controller currently.



<pre>connection-method unix- socket tcp  unix- socketlisten tcp-listen ssl  default</pre>	Specify the connection method.
ip <i>ip-address</i>	Specify the IP address of the SDN controller.
username username-string	Specify the username.
password password-string	Specify the password.
port port-number	Specify the port number of the database.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > opensvswitch-hwvtep-manager-add name ovs-1 manager-type odl connection-method ssl ip 10.10.1

When you execute the command above, the connection to the ODL controller is established. You can now define the tunnel networks for software and hardware VTEPs by using the following commands:

```
CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-tunnel-network-add name vpod1 network 192.168.1.0/24 description SWVTEPS CLI (network-admin@switch) > vnet-tunnel-network-add name vpod1 network 192.168.0.0/24 description HWVTEPS
```

You can establish a connection between the ODL controller and OVSDB by using SSL, TCP, or unix-socket options.

Netvisor ONE features an error reporting mechanism to make the SDN controller aware of any error that occurs while orchestrating tunnels. If an error occurs while the ODL controller provisions tunnels between VTEPs, Netvisor ONE updates the OVSDB VTEP schema with the error, thereby notifying the ODL controller.



# Using OpenSSL TLS Certificates for OVSDB and other Services

Netvisor ONE supports Transport Layer Socket (TLS) certificates that you can use for services such as OVSDB or web service. An SSL connection to any Netvisor ONE service mandates TLS certificates. In the case of OVSDB, TLS is required to create a secure SSL connection to an SDN controller such as ODL.

You can create a common certificate for all Netvisor ONE services or create multiple named certificates for distinct services. Each service can use a different certificate identified by name or container name or zone. The certificate facility in Netvisor ONE keeps track of certificates used by using various applications. This facility notifies the applications when a certificate is updated and it also prevents a certificate from being deleted if an application is using it.

To enable SSL for OVSDB communication with the SDN controller, you must generate either of the two certificate types below:

- Self-signed certificate
- Certificate signed by a Certificate Authority (CA)

To create a self-signed server certificate, use the cert-create command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-create

cert-create	Creates a server certificate and self-sign.
country country-string	Specify a country name (two letter code).
state state-string	Specify a state or province name.
city city-string	Specify a city name.
organization <i>organization-</i> string	Specify an organization name.
organizational-unit organizational-unit-string	Specify an organizational unit name.
common-name common-name- string	Specify a common name.
name name-string	Specify a certificate name.
any of the following options:	
container zone-name	Specify a certificate zone name.
status status-string	The expiration status of the certificate.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-create country US state California city PA organization "Pluribus Networks Inc" organizational-unit Engineering common-name CN1 name cert1



Successfully generated self-signed certificate.

Use the cert-show command to view the certificate:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-show

switch: switch
name: cert1

container:

country: US

state: California

city: PA

organization: Pluribus Networks Inc

organizational-unit: Engineering

common-name: CN1
cert-type: server

subject: /C=US/ST=California/L=PA/O=Pluribus

Networks Inc/OU=Engineering/CN=CN1

issuer: /C=US/ST=California/L=PA/O=Pluribus

Networks Inc/OU=Engineering/CN=CN1

serial-number: 1

valid-from: Apr 24 09:11:57 2021 GMT valid-to: Apr 24 09:11:57 2022 GMT

If you want to get the certificate signed by a CA, follow the steps below:

• Create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) by using the command:

cert-request-create	Create a certificate signing request.
name name-string	Specify the certificate name.
container zone name	Specify the container name or zone.

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-request-create name cert1 Certificate signing request successfully generated at /sftp/export/cert1-cert.csr.

- Copy the CSR to your CA server, and get it signed by the CA.
- Copy the signed server certificate, CA root certificate, and intermediate certificate (if signed by an intermediate server) to the /sftp/import directory on the switch.
- Import the certificates onto the switch by using the command below:

# CLI (network-admin@switch1) > cert-import

cert-import	Import certificates from /sftp/import directory.
file-ca file-ca-string	Specify the name of the CA certificate file.
file-server file-server- string	Specify the name of server certificate file (signed by CA).



container zone name	Specify the container name or zone.
file-inter file-inter-string	Specify the name of intermediate CA certificate file.
status status-string	The expiration status of the certificate.

## For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-import file-ca PN-cacert.pem file-server cert1-cert.pem Successfully imported certificates.

View the server-signed certificate by using the command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-show

switch: switch
name: cert1

container:

country: US

state: California

city: PA

organization: Pluribus Networks Inc

organizational-unit: Engineering

common-name: CN1
cert-type: server

subject: /C=US/ST=California/L=PA/O=Pluribus Networks

Inc/OU=Engineering/CN=CN1

issuer: /C=US/ST=California/L=Palo Alto/O=Pluribus Networks

Inc/OU=Engineering/CN=Pluribus Networks Test CA 2k-sha-

256/emailAddress=abc@example.com

serial-number: 3

valid-from: Apr 24 09:26:06 2021 GMT valid-to: Apr 24 09:26:06 2022 GMT

You can now configure the OVS service by specifying the name of the server certificate and the CA root certificate.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > openvswitch-create name ovs-tls-1 vnet vpod1 tunnel-ip 192.168.0.10 dedicated-vnet-service storage-pool rpool gateway 192.168.14.1 cert-name cert1 cacert-name ca-cert1 global-vtep

#### **Related Commands**

• To delete a certificate, use the cert-delete command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-delete

cert-delete	Deletes a certificate.
name <i>name-string</i>	Specify the name of the certificate.



container zone name

Specify container name or zone.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-delete Successfully deleted all certificate files.

• To display a certificate signing request, use the cert-request-show command:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-request-show

cert-request-	-show	Displays the certificate signing request.
cert-request	cert-request-string	Specify the name of the CSR.

#### For example:

CLI (network-admin@switch) > cert-request-show
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST----

MIICnDCCAYQCAQEwVzELMAkGA1UEBhMCdXMxCzAJBgNVBAgMAmNhMQswCQYDVQQHDAJtcDELMAkGA1UECgwCcGwxDTALBgNVBAsMBGVuZ2cxEjAQBgNVBAMMCXBsdXJpYnVzMTCCASIwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBAMrE6Jowg0VKUw2MNlL8vp1N8dYE/UL5pvu8FKYWgwG7tC2fjHunZCI0XmssFtZysQul/r9nk+edA5tt0zIWRmqTB60wnWmzl6uGymeAsc9oSm0ZHFc9zZfUxKjRM/nldOri3Pw/rODbCjM9qwO5hsvZc/clo3ajYFrjlyMlKDIiPWltd1VTpc5TL6wCwnDM697Yb9oQ0cbLKTDlw5AjQSgJK29rLUl8ptAZXIUkeendpE4MCYrl6Hd+ziOJHXncj65MJyfANTZMrtGDIJD3m+JsKZt882vMw3AZ3C9WEuE0OZrbabGBHqVKARik2qFhu2bGjlbuj/M6TOf5Jj1WROUCAwEAAaAMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBBQUAA4IBAQCh1YhXRNwkwmw3FVH4H0Xirczy0FkyHkdSbIUIf+6n3qroRpBpcEdrx8fREyiw8hLUks9OcUlT+nSshsWIitI7R5dcFlyo5HUVjqQQVMlSq3j4fM9XE8y8KRMZ3mfLXRTmuFPxbBuE3ZGjlBSLnBgKODqHFlgVa4u719mO3TRXczLQiAPaw38/kxEwkh4erJp4jjXf8K0h9JMGvYONYWeI1PbiZpjIWDLNbg6sKqqrPAxEAjzGNMgNPIMXRepmEmnC/BaLVAO4noZran8LRLNpId41o3TnlXiAodF/Mc7H5fIlhYf0YzWDSfz3PNufn6Dusu5M2ma7jtWlEdBW8huH-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST----



# **Configuring OVSDB High Availability**

Netvisor ONE supports the OVSDB high availability feature where OVSDB instances are configured on both the switches in a cluster to ensure redundancy. The ODL controller pushes vNET-specific configuration to the OVSDB schema in both the cluster nodes while the VTEP agent in the master node provisions the overlay as stipulated by the tables in the schema. The VTEP agent in the slave node does not act upon the configuration updates from the SDN controller since the VTEP agent in the slave node is passive. In the occasion of a failover, the slave node becomes the master node and the VTEP agent in the master node provisions the network.

**Note:** When the cluster goes offline, both the nodes operate in standalone mode which may result in divergent configurations.

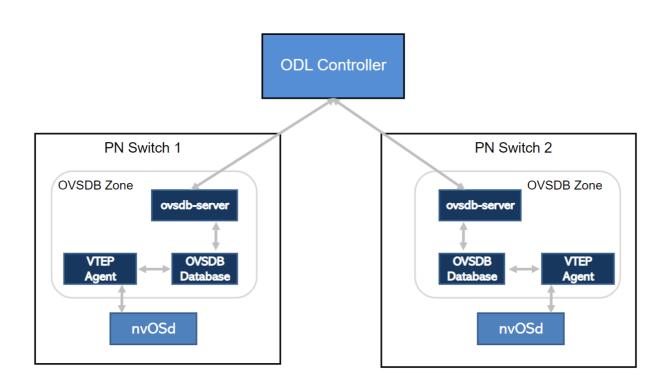


Figure 20-2 - OVSDB High availability

To configure High availability for OVSDB, follow the steps below:

Configure the vNET for the cluster with private VLANs, VXLANs, and managed ports:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vnet-create name vpod1 scope fabric vlan-type private num-private-vlans 100 managed-ports 12 vxlans 10000-10099

• Create a VLAN with cluster scope for OVSDB HA configuration:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vlan-create id 60 scope cluster description ovsdb-ha ports 272



• Configure vRouter underlay on switch1 and create VRRP interfaces:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrouter-create name vpod1-vr1 vnet vpod1 router-type hardware hw-vrrp-id 10

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vpod1-vr1 ip 10.10.10.1/29 vlan 60 vlan-type public

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vpod1-vr1 ip 10.10.10.3/29 vlan 60 vlan-type public vrrpid 10 vrrp-primary eth1.60 vrrp-priority 250

Configure vRouter underlay on switch2 and create VRRP interfaces:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-create name vpod1-vr2 vnet vpod1 router-type hardware hw-vrrp-id 10

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vpod1-vr2 ip 10.10.10.2/29 vlan 60 vlan-type public

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > vrouter-interface-add vroutername vpod1-vr2 ip 10.10.10.3/29 vlan 60 vlan-type public vrrpid 10 vrrp-primary eth3.60 vrrp-priority 200

Note: The VRRP interfaces on switch1 and switch2 share the same virtual IP address.

- Configure and deploy TLS certificates for both the cluster nodes if you want to establish an SSL connection between OVSDB instances and the ODL controller. For configuration steps, see *Using OpenSSL TLS certificates for OVSDB and other* Services.
- Configure Open vSwitch on switch1 and create OVSDB interface:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > openvswitch-create name ovs-ha-1 vnet vpod1 tunnel-ip 192.168.0.1 gateway 10.10.10.3 cert-name cert1 ca-cert-name ca-cert1

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > openvswitch-interface-add ovs-name ovs-ha-1 ip 10.10.10.100 netmask 24 vlan 3001 vlan-type public

• Configure Open vSwitch on switch2 and create OVSDB interface:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > openvswitch-create name ovs-ha-2 vnet vpod1 tunnel-ip 192.168.0.2 gateway 10.10.10.3 cert-name cert1 ca-cert-name ca-cert1



CLI (network-admin@switch2) > openvswitch-interface-add ovs-name ovs-ha-2 ip 10.10.10.103 netmask 24 vlan 60 vlan-type public

• Configure the connection to the ODL controller on switch1:

CLI (network-admin@switch1) > opensvswitch-hwvtep-manager-add name ovs-ha-1 manager-type odl connection-method ssl ip 20.20.20.1

• Configure the connection to the ODL controller on switch2:

CLI (network-admin@switch2) > opensvswitch-hwvtep-manager-add name ovs-ha-2 manager-type odl connection-method ssl ip 20.20.20.1



# **OpenStack ML2 Plugin**

The Pluribus Networks OpenStack ML2 Plugin is available from Netvisor ONE 5.2.0 release onward. This feature is available on all whitebox platforms.

To understand and configure the Pluribus Networks OpenStack ML2 plugin, see the Netvisor® ONE Openstack ML2 Plugin Deployment Guide from the Pluribus Networks Website.



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