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This book started out as a casual conversation, and by the time it was done people were talking about it in the hallways of Juniper Networks. That's because it originated as a tips contest, hosted on J-Net, and now that some have seen the early drafts, there's talk of doing it every year. Whether or not this becomes an annual affair depends on your approval of it on J-Net, so post comments at <http://forums.juniper.net/>.

As editor in chief I had some difficult choices to make about this unique Day One book. The first was how to credit the original contributors. Initially, I was going to list contributors after their tips, but this is a community-generated book, so I ended up with a group contributor page in an effort to thank everyone equally. No matter the length, or the *ah-ha* factor, everyone listed took the time to contribute, so the contributor with the one-liner got the same credit as the person who contributed four-pages. I thought it was the fairest way to go.

Another tough decision was how to select, edit, and ultimately, annotate the tips. Our editors – Jonathan, Harry, and Tom – talked this over several times, and came up with a plan: many tips were brilliant but needed a simple lead-in, while others needed clarification, editing, and a useful cross-reference or two. So just about every tip got either an introduction or a summary, and some tips inspired the editors to embellish and accentuate the topic with their own advice and expertise. And to make things clear to the reader, anywhere the hand of the editors lands in this book is shown in greyscale.

Of course we had to go in and amend a few things, test the configurations, change the occasional Juniper terminology no-no, and, yes, rewrite sections that were obfuscated or unclear.

Finally, a judgment call had to be made about how the book was arranged. What followed what? How to arrange the sequence of tips? Sections? Parts? It was decided to group some similar tips and techniques together but other than that to arrange them in no particular sequence or order. Call it: The Joy of Browsing.

I must say it has been a delight to have the Junos community involved in a book. I want to thank the program management of the original contest by Cathy Gadecki, and the J-Net team, especially Julie Wider, for sponsoring the contest and posting the results.

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Conventions Used in This Book

A tip, or the beginning of a technique, is indicated with the thumbs-up icon for easy legibility, as shown here:

 This is the start of the original tip or technique.

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The most recent tip or technique or template appears on the recto (right hand) running head in printed books and on PDF pages. (eBook production has yet to reach a stage for recto and verso pages.)

Configuration code or output can be wide or short. When it's wide, the typesetter is trying to get the line not to break. When it's short, it just happens to fit into the body text margins:

like this, or:

like this, because the line length is so long, especially for some junos device output.

When one of the editors writes commentary, their voice appears in greyscale like this. They tend to ramble a bit, so entire paragraphs may be in greyscale. When they supply code or output it is in greyscale:

like this, or:

like this, if it's one of the editors inserting output or configurations into the tip.

ALERT! In fact, any book element that is in greyscale depicts one of the three editors writing commentary.

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Tip: Pre-configure Interfaces

- 👍 Sometimes it's helpful to have the appropriate configuration already in place before you actually install hardware – so configure *dummy interfaces* when preparing for maintenance, or anytime when new interfaces or hardware need to be installed.

As this tip states, you can usually configure any valid interface on a platform whether or not the interface is actually installed in the device when you commit the changes. The configuration is ignored until the interface is installed. Once the interface is available, Junos recognizes it and begins to use the configuration.

Closely related to this is the ability to make configuration changes, but deactivate them prior to committing. This allows you to do most of the configuration work necessary for a change, while waiting to actually activate the configuration changes until an appropriate time (such as a maintenance window). In the meantime, you (or others) can continue to commit additional changes to the configuration. Assuming you deactivated the configuration you are pre-staging, Junos will not apply the new configuration until you activate it.

Tips: Managing Disk Space

- 👍 1. Use this operational-mode CLI command to have Junos attempt to automatically delete old files:

```
> request system storage cleanup
```

Sometimes it helps to run this command twice.

- 2. If you are not interested in rolling back to a previous image, you can delete the backup Junos image with this command:

```
> request system software delete-backup
```

If the installation of a new image fails, simply re-install the old image rather than use the software rollback function.

- 3. When installing a new Junos image, you can delete the image file as part of the installation by adding the unlink option to the command. For example:

```
> request system software add /var/tmp/junosimage.tgz unlink
```

4. When installing a new Junos image, you can also prevent the installation process from making a backup copy of the image with the `no-copy` option. For example:

```
> request system software add /var/tmp/junosimage.tgz no-copy
```

You can regularly use the `unlink` and `no-copy` command options, as there is usually no need to keep the installation file after the new image has been installed.

Incidentally, if you don't have enough room to download the installation image to the local file system, installing directly from an FTP server (rather than first copying the image locally) probably won't help. The image is still completely downloaded before installation begins.

Also, remember that the Junos operating system divides your storage into multiple partitions. You can use the operational-mode `show system storage` command to show the free space available in each partition. (In the output, the directory where the partition is mounted is listed on the far-right and the free space is listed in the middle.) If you can find a partition with enough free space to hold the image, you can download it to that partition.

If all of this doesn't work, you can also go looking for large files using the Unix shell. Use the operational-mode CLI command `start shell` to access a Unix shell. Then, use the `du` command to find the largest directories/files. Start with `du -sh /*`. (On some platforms, you may actually need to start with `du -sh /cf/*`.) This lists the top-level directories or files and their sizes. You can then use the `du` command to see the size of each sub-directory within a directory, recursively inspecting directories as far as you desire. (For example, `du -sh /var/*` will display the size of each sub-directory or file in `/var`. `du -sh /var/tmp/*` will display the size of each sub-directory or file within `/var/tmp`.) As you examine the results of `du`, you should either find large files that can be deleted or find that everything looks normal. If everything is 'normal' and you are running out of disk space, it's probably time to upgrade your compact flash!

Tip: Verifying BGP Routing Policy Behavior

Routing policy can have a direct impact on what routes are advertised or accepted from BGP peers, as well as how the attributes attached to those routes are altered as they either leave or enter the routing table, respectively. If you want to confirm what is sent or received from a specific BGP peer, then this tip is for you.

- 👉 Use the `show route receive-protocol bgp <neighbor IP>` command to determine which routes the local router is receiving from the designated BGP neighbor. Note that the command displays the routes received from the neighbor before those routes are populated into the routing table (therefore, before policy takes effect.) To view how policy impacts the route as it's placed into the routing table, issue the `show route <prefix>` command.

Conversely, use the `show route advertising-protocol bgp <neighbor IP>` command to determine which routes the local router is sending to the designated BGP neighbor.

Don't forget to combine CLI matching when you only care about certain prefix ranges, as shown here, because we all know that BGP route updates can be pretty long:

```
{master}
regress@mse-a> show route advertising-protocol bgp 192.168.1.1

vrf_1.inet.0: 5 destinations, 5 routes (5 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
  Prefix          Nexthop          MED      Lclpref   AS path
* 23.23.1.0/30    Self             100      100      I
* 33.33.1.2/32    Self             100      100      I

{master}
regress@mse-a> show route advertising-protocol bgp 192.168.1.1 23.23.1.0/30 detail

vrf_1.inet.0: 5 destinations, 5 routes (5 active, 0 holddown, 0 hidden)
* 23.23.1.0/30 (1 entry, 1 announced)
  BGP group internal type Internal
  Route Distinguisher: 65056:1
  VPN Label: 16
  Nexthop: Self
  Flags: Nexthop Change
  Localpref: 100
  AS path: [65056] I
  Communities: target:65056:
```

The command does not return any error if a non-existent peer is specified, so do make sure the related peer address is correct when no results are shown. Also, the same form of this command can be used on RIP, but there is no equivalent for Link State protocols like OSPF or ISIS because these protocols do not send routes directly, instead, they send link-state database updates.

Tip: Automatically Generate Output Timestamps While Running Commands

It's worthwhile to delineate actions in your capture files when troubleshooting, and one way to delineate actions is to enable timestamps. Timestamps not only identify the difference between router output and user-entered commands, they also help later when you go back and review a file. With the timestamp enabled, you can determine if you captured a file all at once or if the file is an aggregation of outputs you took over a period of time. This command helps JTAC or others involved with replicating an issue because it makes it easy to keep track of the event timeline.



Without timestamp enabled your output might look like this:

```
lab@m7i-r106> show configuration interfaces fxp0
unit 0 {
  family inet {
    address 172.25.46.106/24;
  }
}
```

So, for this tip, from operational mode, run the `set cli timestamp` command:

```
lab@m7i-r106> set cli timestamp
May 04 18:26:54
CLI timestamp set to: %b %d %T
```

And with timestamp enabled, our output looks like this:

```
lab@m7i-r106> show configuration interfaces fxp0
May 04 18:27:05
unit 0 {
  family inet {
    address 172.25.46.106/24;
  }
}
```

You can see that following this timestamp command, Junos displays the current date/time after each command that's run. To disable the feature use the `set cli timestamp disable` command:

```
lab@M7i-R106> set cli timestamp disable
CLI timestamp disabled
```

Note that you really need to ensure you have a valid system time. So use the `show system uptime` command to determine system time and date, then use the `set date` command to change the time and date, if necessary. First the `show system uptime` command:

```
lab@M7i-R106> show system uptime
Current time: 2011-05-04 18:17:52 UTC <-- current time
System booted: 2011-05-03 20:08:32 UTC (22:09:20 ago)
Protocols started: 2011-05-03 20:10:58 UTC (22:06:54 ago)
Last configured: 2011-03-22 22:10:49 UTC (6w0d 20:07 ago) by lab
6:17PM up 22:09, 1 user, load averages: 0.04, 0.05, 0.02
```

Now use the `set date` command to change the time. This command provides you with two completions to either specify the date and time, or to use an NTP server to specify the date and time, as shown here using the help prompt:

```
lab@M7i-R106> set date ?
Possible completions:
  <time>          New date and time (YYYYMMDDhhmm.ss)
  ntp             Set system date and time using Network Time
Protocol servers
```

Note that if you identify an NTP option, you must provide a valid NTP server address and if you don't, as shown here, it doesn't work. Additional NTP tips are located in *Tip: Quickly Synchronize System to the NTP Server*.

```
lab@M7i-R106> set date ntp 1.1.1.1
4 May 18:21:28 ntpdate[1776]: no server suitable for
synchronization found <-- Error message.
```

Tip: Use Operational Scripts

This is the first of three tips on Junos Automation, a powerful toolset that lets you change the behavior of Junos to match your network's needs. There's one tip from each of three main areas: Operation ("op") scripts, Commit scripts, and Event scripts.

 You can write your own operation script (op script) to get the output of the show commands in clean format based on the required columns/rows.

This tip, of course, gives only one small example of what you can do with Operation scripts. For example, you could write a script to try troubleshooting a remote network that is down. You could have the script ping the network's CPE device, examine the routing table, look for errors on the interface, and even try disabling and re-enabling the interface.

MORE? Look in the Day One book library for any of the several Junos Automation books: www.juniper.net/dayone. Also there's a Juniper script library with example scripts available at no charge: <http://www.juniper.net/us/en/community/junos/script-automation/#overview>.

Tip: Using Remote Commit Scripts

This tip describes one way to ease management of Commit Scripts. Commit scripts examine the candidate configuration and take specified actions based on that configuration. Among other things, a script can issue a warning, issue an error (which will abort the commit process), make automatic changes to the configuration to correct an error, and interpret and silently expand your custom syntax. Commit scripts are powerful tools for controlling your Junos configurations.

 If you need to load the same commit script on many devices, you can use remote commit scripts so that all the devices will update their local copy of the script from the same master location (for example, an SVN database). This greatly helps synchronize any deployed commit scripts and eases version control management.

Tip: Use Junos Automation to Send SNMP Trap When Event Occurs

This tip is about Event scripts...sort of. You can configure the router to take a particular action (or actions) when it observes a particular event (or events). You can even have the router look for basic correlations between events before triggering the actions. There are two ways to configure the policies and responses: in an actual Event script (written in XSLT or SLAX) or through configuration under the [edit event-options] hierarchy. This tip shows the latter method.

- 👉 You can create a Junos script that triggers an SNMP trap when an event within Junos occurs. In this example, Junos will initiate an SNMP trap when an RPD KRT Queue Retry event occurs:

```
[edit]
event-options {
  policy TRAP_rpd_krt_q_retries {
    events rpd_krt_q_retries;
    then {
      raise-trap;
    }
  }
}
```

Even though this tip is ostensibly about using Event scripts to generate SNMP traps, you are about to get a second tip. Obviously, one of the hard things about writing Event scripts is duplicating the events that should trigger the script in order to test whether the script works. While the method given in this tip has its limits (for example, it relies on you to provide the correct information and it is not officially supported), it can nonetheless be useful in testing Event scripts.

- 👉 To verify that the configuration is working as expected, you can manually generate the event using the following command (this only works in Junos 9.1 and above, and is not an officially-supported command):

```
% logger -e RPD_KRT_Q_RETRIES -d rpd -a "rpd_krt=kaputsky" "Testing logger event for RPD_KRT_Q_RETRIES!"
```

And when you run this command, you can see that the router generates the SNMP trap:

```
root@PRIMARY-NNI> monitor traffic interface fxp0 extensive matching "dst host 10.254.5.1 and port 162"
Address resolution is ON. Use <no-resolve> to avoid any reverse lookup delay.
Address resolution timeout is 4s.
Listening on fxp0, capture size 1514 bytes

13:52:54.682158 Out
  Juniper PCAP Flags [Ext], PCAP Extension(s) total length 16
    Device Media Type Extension TLV #3, length 1, value: Ethernet (1)
    Logical Interface Encapsulation Extension TLV #6, length 1, value: Ethernet (14)
    Device Interface Index Extension TLV #1, length 2, value: 1
    Logical Interface Index Extension TLV #4, length 4, value: 3
  -----original packet-----
Reverse lookup for 10.254.5.1 failed (check DNS reachability).
Other reverse lookup failures will not be reported.
Use <no-resolve> to avoid reverse lookups on IP addresses.
```

```

IP (      tos 0x0,
ttl 64,
id 552,
offset 0,
flags [none],
proto: UDP (17),
length: 450
)
10.254.40.23.56218 > 10.254.5.1.snmptrap:
[udp sum ok]
|30|82|01|a2|02|01SNMPv2c|04|04C=snmp|a7|82|01|95V2Trap(405)|02|04|02|01|02|01|30|82|01|85
|30|10|06|08system.sysUpTime.0=|43|04112583801
|30|19|06|0aS:1.1.4.1.0=|06|0bE:2636.4.12.0.1
|30|24|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.2.824=|04|11"RPD_KRT_Q_RETRIES"
|30|1e|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.3.824=|04|0b07_d9_06_16_14_34_36_00_2b_00_00
|30|14|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.4.824=|02|016
|30|14|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.5.824=|02|012
|30|15|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.6.824=|42|0210694
|30|16|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.7.824=|04|03"rpd"
|30|1e|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.8.824=|04|0b"PRIMARY-NNI"
|30|3e|06|0fE:2636.3.35.1.1.1.9.824=|04|2b"Testing logger event for RPD_KRT_Q_RETRIES!"
|30|1b|06|10E:2636.3.35.1.2.1.2.824.1=|04|07"rpd_krt"
|30|1c|06|10E:2636.3.35.1.2.1.3.824.1=|04|08"kaputsky"
|30|1a|06|0aS:1.1.4.3.0=|06|0cE:2636.1.1.1.2.10

```

MORE? These tips barely scratch the surface of what you can do with Junos Automation. You can get more detailed coverage in several places, such as the Day One library, the Junos software documentation, or the Junos as a Scripting Language web-based training course found here: http://www.juniper.net/us/en/training/elearning/junos_scripting.html.

Tip: Applying CoS in VPN

This tip only applies when using vrf-table-label.



When applying CoS in a VPN, always remember that your customized CoS classifiers need to be specifically applied to the VRF instance:

```

class-of-service {
  routing-instances {
    TELEPRESENCE {
      classifiers {
        exp EXP-CLASSIFIER;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

Otherwise, the default classifier will be used implicitly, instead of your customized one.

Users commonly configure `vrf-table-label` for Layer 3 VPNs when they want the router to be able to perform operations on the contents of the Layer 3 VPN packet. The `vrf-table-label` statement causes the packet to be processed twice by the FPC – once to assign it to the appropriate routing table, and a second time to process the decapsulated IP packet.

In this configuration (and only in this configuration, as far as the editors can tell), configuring according to this tip ensures that the inner label of the MPLS packet is processed through your custom EXP classifier. If you don't include this statement, Junos may use the default EXP classifier to assign a forwarding class for the packet based on the inner label and overwrite any forwarding class previously assigned for the packet.

In this case, you can use wildcards in the routing-instance name to assign the classifier to multiple routing instances. You can also assign a classifier for the special routing-instance name `all`, which will apply to any routing instance that does not have a more-specific classifier applied.

Tip: Finding a Range of Prefixes in the Routing Table

Routers often carry large routing tables that make line-by-line parsing all but impossible – at the time of this writing, a full BGP feed is over 340,000 routes. So while piping to match is always an option, the Junos operating system has built-in route matching. This example is based on the use of a *supernet mask* to return all routes with a mask length equal to or greater than that which is specified.

 In this example, the goal is to display all (active) routes that have 200.10 in the first 16 bits with a mask length of 18 or greater.

```
regress@abita> show route 200.10/18

inet.0: 343492 destinations, 686941 routes (343491 active, 0 holddown, 343450 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both

200.10.0.0/24    *[BGP/170] 02:55:18, localpref 100, from 192.168.69.71
                AS path: 10458 14203 2914 12956 7004 16629 27853 I
                > to 192.168.51.126 via fxp0.0
200.10.12.0/24  *[BGP/170] 02:55:39, localpref 100, from 192.168.69.71
                AS path: 10458 14203 2914 27978 27978 27978 6429 16990 I
                > to 192.168.51.126 via fxp0.0
```

```

200.10.14.0/24    *[BGP/170] 02:55:39, localpref 100, from 192.168.69.71
                  AS path: 10458 14203 2914 27978 27978 27978 6429 16990 I
> to 192.168.51.126 via fxp0.0
200.10.15.0/24    *[BGP/170] 02:54:41, localpref 100, from 192.168.69.71
                  AS path: 10458 14203 2914 3257 11556 I
> to 192.168.51.126 via fxp0.0
200.10.16.0/21    *[BGP/170] 02:55:28, localpref 100, from 192.168.69.71
                  AS path: 10458 14203 2914 6762 14259 14117 I
> to 192.168.51.126 via fxp0.0
. . .

```

Note that omitting the mask causes Junos to populate the rest of the prefix with 0's and to then return only the prefix with the longest match. The result is a return of only 200.10.0.0/24 when a show route 200.10 is entered. Don't forget you can add other modifiers such as pipe, or protocol qualifications such as bgp or ospf.

Tip: Viewing Additional Details About the Contents of a Configuration

This tip is about the `| display detail` option for a show command that provides additional information beyond the normal output. When coupled with show commands for the configuration, you can see a wide variety of useful information – like acceptable values and ranges for variables, defaults, and prohibited values – as well as various descriptive fields. The command can be executed from the top level or from a subordinate stanza, from either the operational or configuration mode.



To view additional information about the details of a configuration, run the `show configuration | display detail` command from operational mode.

From configuration mode it's the `show | display detail` command.

Let's try `| display detail`, and you'll see a wide variety of available information including constraints, ranges, regular expression matches, packages, permission bits required, default values, and eligible products for the command. Also note that not every command has every single field. The output here is truncated but highlights some examples of some of the additional detail:

```

lab@M7i-R106> show configuration | display detail | no-more
## Last commit: 2011-05-04 18:47:56 UTC by lab
##
## version: Software version information <-- description of command
## require: system <-- system permission bits required to execute command

```

```

##
version 10.3R1.9; <-- actual command
##
## system: System parameters
## require: admin system
##
system {
...
  ## host-name: Hostname for this router
  ## range: 0 .. 255 <-- range of legal values
  ## match (regex): ^[[[:alnum:]]_]+$ <-- regex match conditions
  ## require: system
  ##
  host-name M7i-R106;
  ## saved-core-files: Number of saved core files per executable
  ## range: 1 .. 10 <-- range of legal values
  ##
  ## default: 5 <-- default value for this parameter
  ##
  name-resolution {
    ##
    ## no-resolve-on-input: Resolve hostnames at time of use than at the of the
input
    ## timeout: Timeout for a DNS query
    ## units: seconds <-- units for the described parameter
    ## range: 1 .. 90
    ##
    no-resolve-on-input ## default: 2
    ##
  interfaces {
    fe-0/1/0 {
      ## vpls: Virtual private LAN service parameters
      ## products: m5, m10, m20, m40, t640, t320, m40e, TX Matrix, m320, m7i, m10i,
m120, mx960, jsr2300, jsr4300, jsr6300, jsr4350, jsr6350, jsr2320, jsr2350, mx480, mx240,
txp, srx210b, srx210h, srx210h-poe, srx210h-p-m, srx240b, srx240h, srx240h-poe, srx240h-
p-m, srx630, srx650, srx680, srx100b, srx100h, srx100b-wl, srx100h-wl, srx100b-vdsl,
srx100h-vdsl, srx100h-wl-vdsl, srx220h, srx220h-poe, srx220h-p-m, ln1000-v, mx80, mx80-
48t, srx240h-dc
      ##
      family vpls;
    }
  }
}

```

 You can also view details on a specific part of the configuration by running a show on that particular hierarchy.

For example, without the `| display detail` command:

```

lab@M7i-R106> show configuration interfaces fxp0
unit 0 {

```

```
family inet {  
    address 172.25.46.106/24;  
}  
}
```

And now with `| display detail` command:

```
lab@M7i-R106> show configuration interfaces fxp0 | display detail  
##  
## range: 0 .. 1073741823  
##  
unit 0 {  
    ##  
    ## family: Protocol family  
    ## constraint: Can't configure protocol family with encapsulation ppp-over-ether-  
over-atm-llc  
    ## constraint: Can't configure protocol family with encapsulation ppp-over-ether  
    ##  
    ##  
    ## inet: IPv4 parameters  
    ## alias: inet4  
    ## constraint: family inet is not supported with MC-AE  
    ## constraint: family inet is not supported on encapsulation frame-relay-ppp  
    ##  
    family inet {  
        ##  
        ## Interface address/destination prefix  
        ##  
        address 172.25.46.106/24;  
    }  
}
```

Tip: Viewing Additional Details About a Commit

(This is an editors' tip. After spending a couple of weeks of our lives on this book, we get to do that.)

When we sat around judging the merits of various tips, the previous tip about `| display detail` inspired us to recall this variation on a theme.

Just like the `| display detail` option that provides additional detail for router configurations, the option also provides additional detail for a system commit of the configuration file. You all know that a normal commit provides a simple `commit complete` as feedback, but with the `| display detail`, a veritable cornucopia of information on the commit is provided.

Below is the normal commit:

```

[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# commit
commit complete
And now the same router configuration, with a commit | display detail option:
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# commit | display detail
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: reading commit script configuration
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: testing commit script configuration
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: no commit scripts are configured
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: no commit script changes
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: no transient commit script changes
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: finished loading commit script changes
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: exporting juniper.conf
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: expanding interface-ranges
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: finished expanding interface-ranges
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: expanding groups
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: finished expanding groups
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: setup foreign files
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: update license counters
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: finish license counters
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: propagating foreign files
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: complete foreign files
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: dropping unchanged foreign files
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: executing 'ffp propagate'
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: daemons checking new configuration
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: commit wrapup...
2011-05-04 18:47:45 UTC: executing 'ffp activate'
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: activating '/var/etc/certs'
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: executing foreign_commands
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: /bin/sh /etc/rc.ui ui_setup_users (sh)
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: not executing ui_commit in rc.ui
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: copying configuration to juniper.save
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: activating '/var/run/db/juniper.data'
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: notifying daemons of new configuration
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: Rotate backup configs
2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC: commit complete
commit complete

```

Template: All About Configuration Groups

The editors received quite a few tips about groups and are elated to see so many users enjoy using the feature. Configuration groups are indeed powerful, but we found that most of the groups examples submitted could be improved in some way. So, instead of inserting our pithy comments throughout several *groups tips*, we've combined the best tips with some of our own best practices to produce a little primer on groups. It's a template that you can usefully apply to various network administration scenarios.

👉 Configuration groups are a great way to apply common configuration to multiple parts of the configuration. The `interface-range` feature allows you to perform some of the same tasks for interface configuration, but the `groups` feature may still be the most appropriate way to handle some interface configuration, and it is the only way (short of Junos Automation scripts) to apply common settings to pieces of the configuration other than interfaces.

One of the big differences between the `interface-range` command and configuration groups is that the `interface-range` command will actually result in the interface being configured, even if the interface is not separately listed in the configuration. On the other hand, a configuration group with a match condition only applies to things that are already configured. So, a configuration group that applies to `ge-0/0/*` will only affect an interface that has a name beginning with `ge-0/0/` and that is already listed in the configuration. On the other hand, an `interface-range` command that applies to `ge-0/0/0` through `ge-0/0/23` will actually configure those 24 interfaces as if you had individually configured them. You can see this using the `show configuration | display inheritance` command. Therefore, if you want to configure a large number of interfaces, you may want to use the `interface-range` configuration. On the other hand, if you want to define some default configuration that will apply to interfaces that you configure individually, a configuration group is probably more appropriate.

For those who are curious, you can mix `interface-range` commands and configuration groups. The software expands `interface-range` commands first, and then it applies the statements from configuration groups to matching interfaces.

You define configuration groups in the `[edit groups]` hierarchy. You can have multiple groups. Each group has a name. You can configure the router to apply one or more groups at various levels of the configuration. Unless you configure the router to apply a group to the configuration, that configuration group will have no effect.

```
groups {
  BFD_BGP {
    protocols {
      bgp {
        group <*> {
          neighbor <10.100.1.*> {
            bfd-liveness-detection {
              minimum-interval 300;
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```


any interface name that begins with ae, fe, ge, xe, or ce. You can also specify a range of characters or numbers (such as [A-Za-z0-9] that would match any alphanumeric character).

You can only match on user-defined strings. (For example, the `unit` keyword is not a user-defined string, but the number that follows it is a user-defined string. Likewise, the `address` keyword is not a user-defined string, but the address itself is a user-defined string.) It is important to note that the match conditions in angle brackets must exactly match the entire user-defined string. You can use the asterisk to match those parts of the string that are unimportant for your purposes.

Here is an example of using matches in a group. Note that the group matches any interface name with a dash (which excludes the `fxp0`, `me0`, `vme`, and similar interfaces).

On its surface, this seems like a good tip, because it automatically excludes the management interfaces. However, note that it also excludes Aggregated Ethernet (ae) interfaces, which may not be what you want. A better solution may be to use the `apply-groups-except` statement in the management interface configuration. This tells Junos not to apply that group to that interface, even if the group is applied at a higher level of the hierarchy.

Also, note that the group matches the unit number with `*`. This matches absolutely any string (and, certainly, any unit number):

```
groups {
  INTERFACE_DEFAULTS {
    interfaces {
      <*-*> {
        unit <*> {
          family mpls;
          family iso;
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Here is another example of groups. In this case, it looks at IP addresses. BFD parameters are applied to all BGP neighbors that have an IP address beginning with `10.100.1. :`

```
groups {
  BFD_BGP {
    protocols {
      bgp {
```

```

group <*> {
  neighbor <10.100.1.*> {
    bfd-liveness-detection {
      minimum-interval 300;
      multiplier 3;
    }
  }
}

```

Now let's extend the previous example and only apply the BFD parameters to any BGP group that starts with the name CUST_GOLD_. Junos will only apply these BFD parameters to BGP neighbors with an IP address beginning with 10.100.1. and which are in a group with a name that begins with CUST_GOLD_:

```

groups {
  BFD_BGP {
    protocols {
      bgp {
        group <CUST_GOLD_*> {
          neighbor <10.100.1.*> {
            bfd-liveness-detection {
              minimum-interval 300;
              multiplier 3;
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

This is only a small introduction to these wildcard expressions. It is worth noting that this type of match is also used elsewhere. For example, the `interface-range` command will take a similar kind of wildcard match. Also, you can use these wildcard matches to select interface names in the `show interfaces` CLI command. The only big difference is that the angle-brackets (< >) are only used to surround matches in the [edit groups] configuration hierarchy; elsewhere, you just use the text of the match (for example, `show interfaces ge-0/0/*`).

Once you have defined the groups and applied them at the appropriate hierarchy levels, you can use the `display inheritance` pipe command to show the way the configuration looks with the group commands applied.

The `display inheritance pipe` command has a few side-effects. It also expands interface ranges, it does not show configuration groups or interface ranges themselves, and it also hides any piece of the configuration marked as *inactive*. Even if you are not using groups, it can be a good way to exclude deactivated configurations from the configuration display.

Here is an example of using groups to perform a specific thing, namely adding family `mpls` to every unit on any transit interface (but not `fxp0`, `me0`, `vme`, or any other interface without a dash):

```
groups {
  mpls {
    interfaces {
      <*-*> {
        unit <*> {
          family mpls;
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
apply-groups [ mpls ];
interfaces {
  ge-0/0/3 {
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 172.18.2.2/30;
      }
    }
  }
  ge-0/0/4 {
    vlan-tagging;
    unit 102 {
      vlan-id 102;
      family inet {
        address 172.20.102.1/24;
      }
    }
    unit 202 {
      vlan-id 202;
      family inet {
        address 172.20.202.1/24;
      }
    }
  }
}
}
```

[edit]

lab@srxA-2# show interfaces | display inheritance

```

ge-0/0/3 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 172.18.2.2/30;
    }
    ##
    ## 'mpls' was inherited from group 'mpls'
    ##
    family mpls;
  }
}
ge-0/0/4 {
  vlan-tagging;
  unit 102 {
    vlan-id 102;
    family inet {
      address 172.20.102.1/24;
    }
    ##
    ## 'mpls' was inherited from group 'mpls'
    ##
    family mpls;
  }
  unit 202 {
    vlan-id 202;
    family inet {
      address 172.20.202.1/24;
    }
    ##
    ## 'mpls' was inherited from group 'mpls'
    ##
    family mpls;
  }
}

```

In this next example, Junos sets the VRRP priority to 200 on any VRRP group configured for any unit numbered 500-599. It will also set the VRRP priority to 50 on any VRRP group configured for any unit numbered 600-699. You might use such a configuration in a load-balancing situation where one router is supposed to be the primary VRRP router for one set of VLANs and the backup VRRP router for another set of VLANs:

```

groups {
  VRRP-PRIMARY-500-SECONDARY-600 {
    interfaces {
      <*> {
        unit <5??> {
          family inet {
            address <*> {
              vrrp-group <*> {

```



```

    }
}

[edit]
root@srxA-1# show protocols ospf| display inheritance
area 0.0.0.0 {
  interface ge-0/0/0.0 {
    ##
    ## 'bfd-liveness-detection' was inherited from group 'BFD_OSPF'
    ##
    bfd-liveness-detection {
      ##
      ## '50' was inherited from group 'BFD_OSPF'
      ##
      minimum-interval 50;
      ##
      ## '3' was inherited from group 'BFD_OSPF'
      ##
      multiplier 3;
    }
  }
  interface se-0/0/0.0 {
    ##
    ## 'bfd-liveness-detection' was inherited from group 'BFD_OSPF'
    ##
    bfd-liveness-detection {
      ##
      ## '300' was inherited from group 'BFD_OSPF'
      ##
      minimum-interval 300;
      ##
      ## '3' was inherited from group 'BFD_OSPF'
      ##
      multiplier 3;
    }
  }
}
}

```

While this has been a whirlwind tour through Junos configuration groups, mostly because our editor in chief was literally pacing outside our lab door demanding the final manuscript, you can see that they are powerful when used correctly. To get maximum benefit from groups, you need to understand the match conditions. Also, don't forget to use the `display inheritance` pipe command before you commit in order to verify that the groups are applied as you expect before you commit the changes. BTW: *Day One: Configuring Junos Basics* has a good introduction on groups: www.juniper.net/dayone.

Tip: Set Idle Timeout for Root User

Here's a nice security feature that's easy to implement: the command line idle timeout.

- 👉 Set the idle timeout for the root user to keep the system secure in case an administrator forgets to logout from a console session. To do so, in operational mode use the `set cli idle-timeout X` command, where X is in minutes.

After the specified time with no interactive input, the session will log itself out. Set an idle timeout value no greater than 10 minutes as a reasonable security practice. Here are some other tidbits about `idle-timeout`:

```
lab@M7i-R106> set cli idle-timeout ?
Possible completions:
  <timeout>          Maximum idle time (0..100000 minutes)
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# show | match idle | display set
set system login class AUDITOR idle-timeout 10
set system login class EMERGENCY idle-timeout 10
```

PS: See the next Tip's `show cli` output to see the value that is actually configured for idle timeout.

Tip: Increase Terminal Screen Width

- 👉 When commands become too long you may not see the beginning of your line but instead the `...` characters, or an ellipsis. To avoid truncated output, you can increase the terminal width with the `set cli screen-width 200` operational mode command.

This is because the default `screen-width` is 157. Making the `screen-width` wider allows you to see more characters without using the ellipsis. Note that this feature only lasts for the duration of the session.

Let's try to show an example, but keep in mind you're reading this on paper, or a computer screen, or an eBook, and it probably will not show real well...

```
lab@M7i-R106> show cli
CLI complete-on-space set to on
CLI idle-timeout disabled <-- current setting for idle-timout (from previous Tip)
CLI restart-on-upgrade set to on
```

```

CLI screen-length set to 68
CLI screen-width set to 157 <-- default setting for screen width
CLI terminal is 'vt100'
CLI is operating in enhanced mode
CLI timestamp disabled
CLI working directory is '/var/home/lab'

```

Here's some output with the default setting:

```

[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# ...s-is-a-long-lsp-name to 1.1.1.1 from 2.2.2.2 primary path-name-long
optimize-timer 60 priority 7 7

```

And now some output of the same command with the screen-width set to a higher value:

```

lab@M7i-R106> set cli screen-width 200
Screen width set to 200
lab@M7i-R106> edit
Entering configuration mode
lab@M7i-R106# set protocols mpls label-switched-path this-is-a-long-lsp-name to 1.1.1.1
from 2.2.2.2 primary path-name-long optimize-timer 60 priority 7 7

```

With the wider screen-width, the beginning of the command line does not get turned into an ellipsis (...).

Tip: View All Routes Except Those from a Particular Protocol

Most readers should be familiar with how to specify a routing source as a qualifier to a `show route` command so that only the routes from that source, say BGP, are displayed. This tip makes good use of the CLI pipe and `except` function to allow a handy negation of this function when desired.

 In many cases, the majority of routes come from a particular protocol, for example BGP. When you have a lesser subset that comes from a variety of sources, such as direct and your IGP, and you want to display all routes *except* those learned from BGP, use the `show route terse` command along with the pipe and `except` command to help reduce the clutter.

```
regress@abita> show route terse
```

```
inet.0: 343404 destinations, 686762 routes (343403 active, 0 holddown, 343359 hidden)
+ = Active Route, - = Last Active, * = Both
```

```

A Destination      P Prf  Metric 1  Metric 2  Next hop      AS path
* 1.0.2.0/30      0 10    310      >172.16.1.97
* 1.1.2.0/30      0 10    110      >172.16.1.97
* 1.5.0.0/16      B 170   100     >192.168.51.126 10458 14203 2914 38639 I
* 1.6.0.0/15      B 170   100     >192.168.51.126 10458 14203 2914 38639 I
* 1.8.0.0/16      B 170   100     >192.168.51.126 10458 14203 2914 38639 I
. . .
regress@abita> show route terse | except B
inet.0: 343404 destinations, 686762 routes (343403 active, 0 holddown, 343359 hidden)
A Destination      P Prf  Metric 1  Metric 2  Next hop      AS path
* 1.0.2.0/30      0 10    310      >172.16.1.97
* 1.1.2.0/30      0 10    110      >172.16.1.97
* 10.4.0.0/16     S 5     5        >192.168.51.126
* 10.5.0.0/16     S 5     5        >192.168.51.126
. . .

```

Tip: Logging Policy Drops to a Specific Log File

 It's possible to log security policy denials to their own logfile – for example, if you wish to keep a separate copy of dropped traffic. To do this, create a new logfile and adjust the match condition:

```
[edit]
juniper@SRX5800# set system syslog file traffic-deny any any
```

```
[edit]
juniper@SRX5800# set system syslog file traffic-deny match "RT_FLOW_SESSION_DENY"
```

Note that you must configure logging on the security policy itself. Do it with the `session-close` and/or the `session-init` flag:

```
[edit]
juniper@SRX5800# set policy denied_apps then deny log session-close session-init
```

Tip: Troubleshooting Connectivity on the SRX

 When troubleshooting connectivity try using a basic datapath traceoption flag. This is done by setting a file, defining your filters, and then enabling the traceoptions flag, like so:

```
[edit]
juniper@SRX5800# edit security flow traceoptions
```

```
[edit security flow traceoptions]
juniper@SRX5800# set file tshoot_web
```

```
[edit security flow traceoptions]
juniper@SRX5800# set packet-filter trust_to_web source-prefix 10.1.1.100/32 destination-
prefix 10.2.0.3/32
```

```
[edit security flow traceoptions]
juniper@SRX5800# set packet-filter web_to_trust source-prefix 10.2.0.3/32 destination-
prefix 10.1.1.100/32
```

```
[edit security flow traceoptions]
juniper@SRX5800# set flag basic-datapath
```

Once that has been committed and traffic has passed, you can quickly check for bi-directional traffic using the match command. Here you can see the traffic that matched the filters, and quickly confirm bidirectional traffic:

```
juniper@SRX5800> show log tracetest | match matched
Jan 21 23:32:21 23:32:21.807167:CID-0:RT:<10.1.1.100/58543- >172.31.100.60/80;6> matched
filter Trust_to_dmz:
Jan 21 23:32:21 23:32:21.823519:CID-0:RT:<172.31.100.60/80- >10.1.1.100/58543;6> matched
filter dmz_to_trust:
Jan 21 23:32:21 23:32:21.825358:CID-0:RT:<10.1.1.100/58543- >172.31.100.60/80;6> matched
filter Trust_to_dmz:
Jan 21 23:32:21 23:32:21.825358:CID-0:RT:<10.1.1.100/58543- >172.31.100.60/80;6> matched
filter Trust_to_dmz:
Jan 21 23:32:22 23:32:21.935552:CID-0:RT:<172.31.100.60/80- >10.1.1.100/58543;6> matched
filter dmz_to_trust:
Jan 21 23:32:22 23:32:21.937322:CID-0:RT:<10.1.1.100/58543- >172.31.100.60/80;6> matched
filter Trust_to_dmz:
```

If you have to look at the entire debug, use the trim flag and it will cut out some of the unneeded information. Here trim 42 is used:

```
juniper@SRX5800> show log tshoot_web | trim 42
<10.1.1.100/51510->10.2.0.3/80;6> matched filter trust_to_web:
packet [48] ipid = 57203, @423f6b9e
---- flow_process_pkt: (thd 1): flow_ctxt type 13, common flag 0x0,
mbuf 0x423f6a00
flow process pak fast ifl 68 in_ifp ge-0/0/0.0
ge-0/0/0.0:10.1.1.100/51510->10.2.0.3/80, tcp, flag 2 syn
```

On Junos 10.3R1.9, we found that trim 42 occasionally cut off the first character of the information for a data packet. You might need to use a lower or higher number depending on the output.

Tip: Debugging Screens on the SRX

This tip gives useful information on debugging screens. Although it is written in the context of implementing the screens, you can use this tip while troubleshooting connectivity problems, too.

- 👍 A helpful tip when designing or first implementing a new screen profile is to use the `alarm-without-drop` flag. It alarms and logs all screen hits, but doesn't drop traffic. This makes it a great way to avoid unintended misconfigurations.

```
juniper@SRX5800# set security screen ids-option untrusted-internet alarm-without-drop
```

Once you've confirmed that there are no un-expected impacts you can configure the screens to drop attacks, as a good screen should.

Tip: Understand Filter Behavior and GRE Packet Flow

Juniper routers process GRE packets in relationship to firewall filters in a non-intuitive way. Knowing that outbound GRE packets are subjected to your inbound filter can help you avoid a problem that has driven others to the brink of madness.

- 👍 Most Juniper routers process GRE traffic in hardware, providing reliable performance for traffic that must traverse a tunnel. When transit packets are sent to the tunnel device for encapsulation and the tunnel device encapsulates the packet, it needs to send the new (now GRE) packet back to the PFE for processing. When it sends this outbound packet to the PFE for processing, it sets the input interface to be the next-hop outbound interface. This means that the packet is processed through all the input filters, input service-sets, etc., that are applied to the outbound interface. (After this, the PFE normally performs a route lookup and performs any necessary output processing associated with the outbound interface.) For this reason, the outbound GRE traffic needs to be permitted through the input filters on the outbound interface.

This tip shows how to configure a GRE tunnel for which you also want to configure an *anti-spoofing* firewall filter (a firewall filter that blocks any traffic from the Internet that has a source address from your internal network). Normally, such a filter would be applied in the input direction of the service provider-facing interface with a term set

to discard all traffic with a source address matching your internal networks, to include the source of the GRE tunnel itself. But the unique behavior described above for GRE packets means that you will have to allow GRE packets from your source address in the input direction of your outbound interface. For example, assume the following partial configuration:

```
interfaces {
  gr-0/0/0 {
    unit 0 {
      tunnel {
        source 1.1.1.1;
        destination 2.2.2.2;
      }
    }
  }
  fe-1/0/0 {
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        filter {
          input inputfilter;
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Assume that a route lookup on 2.2.2.2 (the tunnel destination) shows a next-hop of fe-1/0/0.0.

The firewall filter *inputfilter* needs to allow GRE packets from 1.1.1.1 to 2.2.2.2 (in other words, it needs to allow the outbound packets). You can still gain spoof protection by filtering non-GRE traffic with your internal source address.

Note that this only affects transit traffic. Traffic (such as routing protocol traffic) originating from the R, should not be affected by the firewall filter.

Template: Using the Interface Range Command

The `interface-range` command is quite useful. It allows you to configure multiple interfaces at the same time. It also allows you to reference interfaces as a group elsewhere.

👍 It's a common task: you want to configure multiple interfaces the same way but you have to configure each interface separately, like this:

```
[edit]
root@myrouter# set interfaces ge-0/0/0 unit 0 family ethernet-switching vlan members
finance
```

```
[edit]
root@myrouter# set interfaces ge-0/0/1 unit 0 family ethernet-switching vlan members
finance
```

```
[edit]
root@myrouter# set interfaces ge-0/0/2 unit 0 family ethernet-switching vlan members
finance
```

```
[edit]
root@myrouter# set interfaces ge-0/0/3 unit 0 family ethernet-switching vlan members
finance
```

```
[edit]
root@myrouter# show interfaces
ge-0/0/0 {
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/1 {
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/2 {
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/3 {
  unit 0 {
```

```

    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

You end up with the desired result but it took four commands. Imagine if you had twenty interfaces to configure this way!

As of Junos 10.0, the `interface-range` command provides a good solution to this problem. Using the preceding example, the same result can be achieved in just two commands (assume the interfaces configured have been deleted). Here are the two commands:

```

[edit]
root@myrouter# set interfaces interface-range vlan-finance member-range ge-0/0/0 to
ge-0/0/3

```

```

[edit]
root@myrouter# set interfaces interface-range vlan-finance unit 0 family ethernet-
switching vlan members finance

```

```

[edit]
root@myrouter# show interfaces
interface-range vlan-finance {
  member-range ge-0/0/0 to ge-0/0/3;
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

You can mix and match interface-range configuration with individual interface configuration; the settings are merged together.

You can also verify that the settings are correctly applied to each interface in the range by using the `display inheritance` pipe command:

```

[edit]
root@myrouter# show interfaces | display inheritance
##
## 'ge-0/0/0' was expanded from interface-range 'vlan-finance'
##
ge-0/0/0 {
  ##

```

```

## '0' was expanded from interface-range 'vlan-finance'
##
unit 0 {
  ##
  ## 'ethernet-switching' was expanded from interface-range 'vlan-finance'
  ##
  family ethernet-switching {
    ##
    ## 'vlan' was expanded from interface-range 'vlan-finance'
    ##
    vlan {
      ##
      ## 'finance' was expanded from interface-range 'vlan-finance'
      ##
      members finance;
    }
  }
}
##
## 'ge-0/0/1' was expanded from interface-range 'vlan-finance'
##
ge-0/0/1 {
. . .

```

Now let's use the `except` pipe command to eliminate the hash marks:

```

[edit]
root@myrouter# show | display inheritance | except ##
ge-0/0/0 {
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/1 {
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {
      vlan {
        members finance;
      }
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/2 {
  unit 0 {
    family ethernet-switching {

```

```

        vlan {
            members finance;
        }
    }
}
ge-0/0/3 {
    unit 0 {
        family ethernet-switching {
            vlan {
                members finance;
            }
        }
    }
}
}

```

The output now looks exactly as it did when configuring each interface manually. And, most importantly, it functions the same way, too.

Selecting Interfaces

You can select non-contiguous interfaces and place them in the same interface-range group. This example selects interfaces ge-0/0/2 through ge-0/0/10, ge-0/0/15 through ge-0/0/17, ge-0/0/19, and ge-0/0/20:

[edit]

```
user@EX#set interfaces interface-range Range1 member-range ge-0/0/2 to ge-0/0/10;
```

[edit]

```
user@EX#set interfaces interface-range Range1 member-range ge-0/0/15 to ge-0/0/17;
```

[edit]

```
user@EX#set interfaces interface-range Range1 member-range ge-0/0/19 to ge-0/0/20;
```

You can also select interfaces using a similar (although slightly different) wildcard match notation as is used in configuration groups. Here is an annotated example:

```

user@sw> show configuration interfaces interface-range EDGE
/* Match all interfaces that start with "ge-0/0/". */
member ge-0/0/*;
/* Match interfaces ge-1/0/0 through ge-1/0/9. */
member "ge-1/0/[0-9]";
/* Match interface ge-1/0/12. */
member ge-1/0/12;
/* Match interface ge-1/0/20 through ge-1/0/39. */
member "ge-1/0/[20-39]";
/* Match any ge- interface on PICO of FPC 2 through 8. */
member "ge-[2-8]/0/*";

```

Note that the square brackets can enclose two-digit ranges of numbers. So, [20-39] will match every number from 20 through 39 (inclusive), and create an interface for each of those numbers.

Using Interface Ranges Elsewhere

You can also reference interface ranges in other places where you would reference an actual interface. For example, to set all interfaces in the interface range named *EDGE* to be edge ports for MSTP:

```
user@sw> show configuration protocols mstp
...
interface EDGE {
    edge;
}
```

Tip: Commit Previous Configuration and Software Package

The Junos commit model provides a variety of useful features. The rollback feature, enabled by the commit model, can save a lot of operator agony. But first, here is the original tip. It will then be embellished, but only because the editors feel this is a topic deserving of such attention.

 To commit a previous configuration and software package:

1. Go to edit/configure mode.
2. Issue the `rollback <number>` command.
- 3) Issue the `commit` command.

To load a previous software package:

1. Go to operational mode.
2. Issue the `system software rollback` command.
- 3 Issue the `system reboot` command.

Let's drill down a little with some background.

The commit model provides a candidate configuration that is manipulated by the operator. The candidate configuration functions as a configuration scratchpad. When you're ready and all desired configuration changes have been made, the operator executes a commit operation, by typing `commit :)`. If the candidate configuration parses

correctly (by passing syntax and semantic checks), it becomes the new operational configuration, with a name `juniper.conf.gz`. At this point both the operational configuration and the candidate configuration are identical. The immediately previous operational configuration is renamed to `juniper.conf.1.gz`.

Junos maintains the fifty most recent valid configurations. Each subsequent configuration is renumbered. So 1 becomes 2, 2 becomes 3, and so forth, down to when `juniper.conf.48` becomes 49, when the old `juniper.conf.49.gz` goes away (just like old network operators).

Note that just because a configuration is valid does not mean that it works the way you want. You can have functioning configurations that pass parsing, but that do not function. For example, you can have an incorrect loopback address listed for a BGP session. The configuration passes parsing because an address is listed. It's just the wrong address – so do not confuse a valid configuration with a working configuration. The commit hierarchy only saves valid configurations. On systems with hard drives and compact flash, configuration file `juniper.conf.gz` up to `juniper.conf.3.gz` are stored on the compact flash and the remaining configuration files are stored on the hard drive. You can see from the following output of `show system storage` that `/var/db/config` and `/config` are on separate partitions. The output is truncated for space. (You can execute the operational mode command from configuration mode by using the `run` keyword.)

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# run show system storage <-- use run to execute operational mode commands
Filesystem      Size      Used      Avail  Capacity  Mounted on
/dev/ad0s1a     885M      203M      611M   25%      /
/dev/md9        2.0G      8.0K      1.8G   0%       /tmp
/dev/md10       2.0G      996K      1.8G   0%       /mfs
/dev/ad0s1e     98M       2.4M      88M    3%       /config
/dev/ad1s1f     34G       5.8G      25G    19%      /var
lab@M7i-R106> show system storage <-- execute command from operational mode
Filesystem      Size      Used      Avail  Capacity  Mounted on
/dev/ad0s1a     885M      203M      611M   25%      /
/dev/ad0s1e     98M       2.4M      88M    3%       /config
/dev/ad1s1f     34G       5.8G      25G    19%      /var
lab@M7i-R106# run file list /var/db/config
/var/db/config:
juniper.conf.10.gz
juniper.conf.11.gz
.
.
.
juniper.conf.38.gz
juniper.conf.39.gz
```

```
juniper.conf.4.gz <-- note file 4 shows up after file 39 and before 40
juniper.conf.40.gz
juniper.conf.41.gz
.
.
.
juniper.conf.48.gz
juniper.conf.49.gz <-- last saved valid configuration
juniper.conf.5.gz
juniper.conf.6.gz
juniper.conf.7.gz
juniper.conf.8.gz
juniper.conf.9.gz
juniper.conf.pre-install
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# run file list /config
/config:
.snap/
juniper.conf.1.gz
juniper.conf.2.gz
juniper.conf.3.gz
juniper.conf.gz
juniper.conf.md5
rescue.conf.gz
```

Using the `rollback` command, an operator can make any older configuration file the new candidate configuration. After a subsequent commit, it then becomes (again) the active configuration. A `rollback 0` wipes out all scratchpad changes in the candidate configuration by making the candidate configuration identical to the active configuration.

This command is executed from the configuration mode. A nice option for the commit command is to do a `commit comment "regex"` where the "regex" is a comment. The `show system commit` command then lets you read the comment later on. This is especially useful if you are making a series of changes to identify the behavior changes that occur with different parameters. It's always nice to be able to go back to a known working configuration through a simple `rollback` command, as in this tip.

Use the following simple process to rollback a previous configuration file:

- 1) go to edit/configuration mode
- 2) `rollback <number>`
- 3) `commit`

In the example below, you change the interface name fe-0/1/1 to fe-0/1/3. You then use a `show | compare` to evaluate the effect of your changes on the configuration file and commit the configuration with a commit comment `<regex>`. You can see your comment associated with that iteration of the configuration with a `show system commit`:

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# rename interfaces fe-0/1/1 to fe-0/1/3
lab@M7i-R106# show | compare <-- see what effect your change had
[edit interfaces]
- fe-0/1/1 {
-   vlan-tagging;
-   unit 10 {
-     description "VRF red interface";
-     vlan-id 10;
-     family inet {
-       address 10.10.1.2/30;
-     }
-   }
-   unit 20 {
-     description "VRF blue interface";
-     vlan-id 20;
-     family inet {
-       address 10.20.1.2/30;
-     }
-   }
+ fe-0/1/3 {
+   vlan-tagging;
+   unit 10 {
+     description "VRF red interface";
+     vlan-id 10;
+     family inet {
+       address 10.10.1.2/30;
+     }
+   }
+   unit 20 {
+     description "VRF blue interface";
+     vlan-id 20;
+     family inet {
+       address 10.20.1.2/30;
+     }
+   }
+ }
```

Then:

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# commit comment "change interface fe-0/1/1 to fe-0/1/3"
commit complete
```

Now let's verify that your comment string is associated with the configuration file:

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# run show system commit
0 2011-05-17 11:28:00 UTC by lab via cli
  change interface fe-0/1/1 to fe-0/1/3
1 2011-05-04 18:47:56 UTC by lab via cli
2 2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC by lab via cli
```

To demonstrate the `rollback <number>` capability, another configuration change was made and committed. So your original configuration is now number 2. To change the interface back to `fe-0/1/1`, simply do a `rollback 2`, such as the following:

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# run show system commit
0 2011-05-17 12:15:26 UTC by lab via cli
1 2011-05-17 11:28:00 UTC by lab via cli <-- config with fe-0/1/3
  change interface fe-0/1/1 to fe-0/1/3
2 2011-05-04 18:47:56 UTC by lab via cli <-- config with fe-0/1/1
3 2011-05-04 18:47:46 UTC by lab via cli
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# rollback 2
load complete
```

And of course, verify that the changes match what you desire (in this case adding `fe-0/1/1` and removing `fe-0/1/3`):

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# show | compare
[edit]
- logical-systems {
-   test;
- }
[edit interfaces]
+ fe-0/1/1 {
+   vlan-tagging;
+   unit 10 {
+     description "VRF red interface";
+     vlan-id 10;
+     family inet {
+       address 10.10.1.2/30;
+     }
+   }
+   unit 20 {
+     description "VRF blue interface";
+     vlan-id 20;
+     family inet {
+       address 10.20.1.2/30;
```

```

+     }
+   }
+ }
- fe-0/1/3 {
-   vlan-tagging;
-   unit 10 {
-     description "VRF red interface";
-     vlan-id 10;
-     family inet {
-       address 10.10.1.2/30;
-     }
-   }
-   unit 20 {
-     description "VRF blue interface";
-     vlan-id 20;
-     family inet {
-       address 10.20.1.2/30;
-     }
-   }
- }
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# commit
commit complete

```

Technique: Automatically Allow Configured BGP Peers in a Loopback Firewall Filter

This technique makes excellent use of the Junos prefix-list and apply-path features to parse a configuration and then dynamically build a list of matching prefixes for use in a firewall filter. It's a real time-saver when your BGP peering environment undergoes frequent changes.

- 👍 The Junos operating system allows you to protect your device's control plane by applying a firewall filter to the lo0 interface, but you also want to permit BGP traffic only from explicitly configured peers *without* having to perform updates to the list of permitted BGP peers in the firewall filter when new peers are added or old ones are removed.

To achieve this goal use the apply-path directive to automatically add the IP addresses of configured BGP peers to a prefix-list, and then reference this prefix-list in a firewall filter to allow BGP traffic only from those peers. The apply-path statement is used to dynamically prefix-lists by referencing other portions of the configuration. The path consists of elements separated by spaces. Each element matches a

specific keyword or identifier within the configuration, and you can use wildcards to match more than one identifier as long as they are enclosed in angle brackets, for example, <*>.

Here, the `apply-path` directive is used to automatically add the IP addresses of configured BGP peers to a `prefix-list`:

```
policy-options {
  prefix-list bgp-peers {
    apply-path "protocols bgp group <*> neighbor <*>";
  }
}
```

Next, reference the resulting `bgp-peers` prefix list in a firewall filter. In this example, the `port` directive is used to match traffic with the well-known BGP port number (179) in either the source or destination port fields:

```
firewall {
  family inet {
    filter protect-re {
      ...
      term allow-bgp {
        from {
          source-prefix-list {
            bgp-peers;
          }
          protocol tcp;
          port 179;
        }
        then accept;
      }
      ...
    }
  }
}
```

Note that this filter adheres to current best practice by also specifying the TCP transport protocol to prevent false matches against non-BGP traffic!

Tip: Accessing Online Help

Junos provides you with the flexibility to summon help about a command or topic from the CLI. In fact, large portions of the documentation set are stored on secondary media via the Junos Online Documentation package provided in the standard software distribution packages.

 The Junos CLI offers three online help options:

1) Help topic: use it to obtain general guidelines for a statement:

```
user@host# help topic interfaces address
Configuring the Interface Address
```

You assign an address to an interface by specifying the address when configuring the protocol family. For the inet family, configure the interface's IP address. For the iso family, configure one or more addresses for the loopback interface. For the ccc, tcc, mpls, tnp, and vpls families, you never configure an address.

.....<snip>

2) Help reference: use it for assistance with configuration syntax:

```
user@host# help reference interfaces address
address
```

Syntax

```
address address {
  arp ip-address (mac | multicast-mac) mac-address <publish>;
  broadcast address;
  destination address;
  destination-profile name;
  eui-64;
  master-only;
  multipoint-destination address dlci dlci-identifier;
  multipoint-destination address {
```

.....<snip>

3) Help apropos: use it to clarify the context of configuration or operational mode commands based on the specified keyword and mode in which the command is executed. It's most useful when you remember a general action that is desired but cannot recall the exact syntax needed:

```
[edit]
regress@mse-a# help apropos loopback
set dynamic-profiles <profile-name> interfaces sonet-options loopback <loopback>
```

```

Loopback mode
set dynamic-profiles <profile-name> interfaces sonet-options loopback <loopback> local
  Local loopback
set dynamic-profiles <profile-name> interfaces sonet-options loopback <loopback> remote
. . . .

```

The `help` `topic` and `help` `reference` commands return the same result when run in operational or configuration mode. In contrast, `help` `apropos` provides contextual help based on the mode in which the command is entered; in operational mode it displays operational (`show`) commands for the specified variable, while in configuration mode the same command returns help with `set` commands.

```

user@host> help apropos loopback
test interface feac-loop-initiate
  Initiate FEAC loopback
test interface feac-loop-terminate
  Terminate FEAC loopback
. . .

```

Tip: SNMP OIDs for SRX Monitoring

Over time, SNMP Monitoring is useful to monitor and track device information, but finding the right Object IDs (OIDs) to monitor can sometimes be a challenge. This tip can help you find what you are looking for.

 Use the Junos CLI to browse the SNMP MIB by using the `find` function to locate items with a description:

```

lab@host> show snmp mib walk .1 | match descr
sysDescr.0   = Juniper Networks, Inc. m320 internet router, kernel JUNOS 10.0-20110318.0
#0: 2011-03-18 03:10:39 UTC   builder@ormonth.juniper.net:/volume/build/junos/10.0/
production/20110318.0/obj-i386/bsd/sys/compile/JUNIPER Build date: 2011-03-18 02:52:44 UTC
Copy
ifDescr.1    = fxp0
. . .

```

You can pipe the output through XML Format to obtain the related information, to include the OID:

```

user@host> show snmp mib get sysDescr.0 | display xml
<rpc-reply xmlns:junos="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/10.0IO/junos">
  <snmp-object-information xmlns="http://xml.juniper.net/junos/10.0IO/junos-snmp">
    <snmp-object>
      <name>sysDescr.0</name>
      <object-value-type>ASCII string</object-value-type>
      <object-value>Juniper Networks, Inc. m320 internet router, kernel JUNOS 10.0-
20110318.0 #0: 2011-03-18 03:10:39 UTC   builder@ormonth.juniper.net:/volume/build/

```

```

junos/10.0/production/20110318.0/obj-i386/bsd/sys/compile/JUNIPER Build date: 2011-03-18
02:52:44 UTC Copy</object-value>
  <oid>1.3.6.1.2.1.1.1.0</oid>
</snmp-object>
</snmp-object-information>
</cli>
  <banner>{master}</banner>
</cli>
</rpc-reply>

```

For a list of *standard* MIBs supported by Junos, see: http://www.juniper.net/techpubs/en_US/junos10.3/topics/reference/standards/snmp-std-mibs-junos-nm.html .

And for a list of *private* MIBs supported by Junos, see: http://www.juniper.net/techpubs/en_US/junos10.3/topics/concept/juniper-specific-mibs-junos-nm.html

NOTE The following MIB Table is useful for SRX monitoring:

```
run show snmp mib walk jnxJsSPUMonitoringMIB | display xml
```

Tip: Monitoring Router Alarm LEDs and Controls (craft-interface)

A popular remote troubleshooting command allows the operator to see the status of router alarm LEDs and controls without being physically present.

 The `show chassis craft-interface` command provides a console/remote session display of the current alarms and control values. This is particularly useful if the remote operators are not familiar with the equipment or the equipment is in an unoccupied space where no one can see the information. See what happens when the command is issued:

```

root@M320> show chassis craft-interface
FPM Display contents: <-- what you see on the front panel LCD

```

```

+-----+
|M320   |
|1 Alarm active |
|Y: Backup RE Active |
|       |
+-----+

```

```

Front Panel System LEDs: <-- outputs of control values on the chassis (* means value set)

```

```

Routing Engine    0    1

```

```

-----
OK                *    *
Fail              .    .

```

```
Master          .      *  <-- RE1 is Master, RE0 is NOT Master
```

Front Panel Alarm Indicators:

```
-----
Red LED      .
Yellow LED   .
Major relay   .
Minor relay   .
```

Front Panel FPC LEDs:

```
FPC  0  1  2  3  4  5  6  7
-----
Red   .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
Green *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *
```

CB LEDs:

```
CB  0  1
-----
Amber .  .
Green *  *
Blue  .  *
```

SIB LEDs:

```
SIB  0  1  2  3
-----
Red   .  .  .  .
Green *  *  *  *
```

PS LEDs:

```
PS  0  1  2  3
-----
Red   .  .  .  .
Green *  *  *  *
```

Tip: Why is My Junos Device Alarm LED Status Red?

The front panel alarm indicators can be either Red or Yellow as seen from the front panel or the output of `show chassis craft-interface` (discussed in the previous Tip).



Suppose you saw that your Alarm LED is red. Issue either the `show system alarm` command or the `show chassis alarm` command.

One reason for chassis alarm is that the management port is not connected. To clear this alarm, if you are not actually using the management port, merely execute the following command: `root@Junos#set chassis alarm management-ethernet link-down ignore`. And one

reason for the system alarm is that there is no rescue configuration created. To fix this alarm, merely save a rescue configuration: `root@Junos#run request system configuration rescue save`.

Let's illustrate this:

```
root@Junos#run request system configuration rescue save
```

```
lab@M7i-R106> show system alarms
1 alarms currently active
Alarm time          Class  Description
2011-05-03 20:11:27 UTC  Major  PEM 1 Not OK
```

The output above does not cite the rescue configuration, because that file is present, as seen in the output of `show system commit`:

```
lab@M7i-R106> show system commit
0  2011-05-17 12:23:15 UTC by lab via cli
1  2011-05-17 12:16:08 UTC by lab via cli
2  2011-05-17 12:15:26 UTC by lab via cli
.
.
.output truncated
.
49 2011-03-14 19:14:02 UTC by lab via cli
rescue 2011-05-05 18:26:22 UTC by lab via cli <-- rescue config
```

Template: Pipe Commands

The Junos OS contains a number of useful features that allow you to control the output you see when you run commands. They are called *pipe commands*, and you can even combine multiple pipe commands together.

If you've been randomly reading this book, you probably have come across several tips and techniques incorporating pipe commands. Well here, the editors have combined the many pipe command submissions into one template for you.

Regular Expressions

Both the `match` and `except` pipe commands use regular expressions, so we need to start with a quick tutorial on regular expressions.

 For the `match` and `except` pipe commands, the Junos CLI uses a kind of matching syntax called *regular expressions*. Regular expressions are composed of elements, grouping operators, and repetition operators.

To match a fixed string of text, you simply specify that string of text. Here, the pipe looks for every phrase in the configuration that contains the word `address`:

```
root@srxA-1> show configuration | match address
address 10.210.14.136/26;
```

Note that the Junos CLI interprets all regular expressions as case-insensitive. So, the regular expression `SYSTEM` will match `system`, even though the case differs.

You can also put lists of characters that should match within square brackets. For example, `[0356A]` will match `0`, `3`, `5`, `6`, or `A`. You can also include ranges of characters. For example, `[A-Z]` will match any letter. Here, the pipe command will match any interface on FPC 0:

```
root@srxA-1> show configuration | match "-0/[0-9]/"
ge-0/0/0 {
```

You can also specify that you wish to match any character. The period (`.`) is a special character that matches any character. (It is very similar to the `?` in wildcard expressions.) For example, if you use the `match` pipe command to look for lines in the configuration that match `sys.em`, you can see that the word `system` matches this regular expression, because the “`t`” in `system` matches the “`.`” in the regular expression:

```
root@srxA-1> show configuration | match sys.em
system {
```

By default, a regular expression looks for a match anywhere on a line. If you want to change this behavior, you can use special characters to match the beginning (`^`) or end (`$`) of a line. You can then specify your match relative to that location. For example, this regular expression looks for lines that begin with the word `Physical`:

```
root@srxA-1> show interfaces | match ^Physical
Physical interface: ge-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: gr-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ip-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lsq-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lt-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: mt-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: sp-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/1, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/2, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/3, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/4, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/5, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/6, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/7, Enabled, Physical link is Up
```

```

Physical interface: ge-0/0/8, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/9, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/10, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/11, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/12, Enabled, Physical link is Down
Physical interface: ge-0/0/13, Enabled, Physical link is Down
Physical interface: ge-0/0/14, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/15, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: fxp2, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: gre, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ipip, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lo0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lsi, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: mtun, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: pimd, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: pime, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: pp0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ppd0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ppe0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: st0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: tap, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: vlan, Enabled, Physical link is Up

```

You can use repetition arguments to specify that a particular item should be matched a particular number of times. An asterisk (`*`) tells the software to match zero or more instances of the immediately preceding element, the question-mark (`?`) tells the software to match zero or one instances of the immediately preceding element, and the plus sign (`+`) tells the software to match one or more instances of the immediately preceding element. For example, `sys*tem` will match `sytem` (zero `s`'s), `system` (one `s`), and `syssssssystem` (more than one `s`). For another example, `sys?tem` will match `sytem` (zero `s`'s) and `system` (one `s`), but not `syssssssystem` (more than one `s`). Finally, `sys+tem` will match `system` (one `s`) and `syssssssystem` (more than one `s`), but not `sytem` (zero `s`'s).

A very common use of the asterisk (`*`) repetition operator occurs with the period (`.`). The regular expression `.*` tells the software to match zero or more instances of any character. In other words, this will match any string, including an empty string.

You can use a logical or operator to specify that a match occurs if either condition is met. The pipe (`|`) is the logical or operator. (Because the pipe also has special significance in the Junos CLI, you must enclose a regular expression in quotation marks if it includes a pipe as part of the regular expression itself.) Here, the `|` operator is used to match either the address or neighbor statements:

```
root@srxA-1> show configuration | match "address|neighbor"
address 10.210.14.136/26;
neighbor 10.210.14.188;
```

You can get a logical and operation with `match` and `except` simply by piping the results to another `match` or `except` operation. For example, `show bgp summary | exclude Connect | exclude 1234` excludes any session in the `Connect` state, as well as any session with AS 1234.

You can use parentheses to group items in regular expressions. Once you do this, the parentheses-enclosed match is treated like a single element. You can use logical operators between these elements or you can use repetition operators on these elements. In this example, the expression looks for *all* Gigabit Ethernet interfaces, and all other interfaces that are *Up*:

```
root@srxA-1> show interfaces | match "(^Physical.* ge-)|(^Physical.*Up$)"
Physical interface: ge-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: gr-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ip-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lsq-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lt-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: mt-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: sp-0/0/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/1, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/2, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/3, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/4, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/5, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/6, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/7, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/8, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/9, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/10, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/11, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/12, Enabled, Physical link is Down
Physical interface: ge-0/0/13, Enabled, Physical link is Down
Physical interface: ge-0/0/14, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ge-0/0/15, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: fxp2, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: gre, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ipip, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lo0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: lsi, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: mtun, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: pimd, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: pime, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: pp0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ppd0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: ppe0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
```

```
Physical interface: st0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: tap, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Physical interface: vlan, Enabled, Physical link is Up
```

If you want to match on any of the characters that have special meaning in regular expressions, you can precede them with a backslash (`\`). For example, `show configuration | match \[` displays any line in the configuration that contains a left square bracket. Backslashes are especially useful with IP addresses. Because the `(.)` has special meaning in regular expressions, you should precede any literal `(.)` in an IP address with a backslash. Otherwise, you could match things you did not intend.

You'll see further examples in this template as you review the `match` and `except` operators.

Regular expressions are also used with the `replace` operator. There, the match is only on the user-defined string. For example, to match a BGP session with `10.210.38.12`, you could use the regular expression `^10\.210\.38\.12$`. However, with the `match` and `except` pipe operators, the match occurs on the entire line, so this same regular expression would not work with those commands; rather, with the `match` and `except` pipe commands, you would want to match on `neighbor 10.210.38.12(|;)`.

Excluding Lines of Output

You can use the `except` pipe command to show all lines of output except those that match a regular expression.

As a specific example of this, you can use the `except` pipe command to eliminate the comments added when you are using the `display inheritance` pipe command:

```
[edit]
lab@srxA-2# show interfaces | display inheritance
ge-0/0/3 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 172.18.2.2/30;
    }
    ##
    ## 'mpls' was inherited from group 'mpls'
    ##
    family mpls;
  }
}
```

```

ge-0/0/4 {
  vlan-tagging;
  unit 102 {
    vlan-id 102;
    family inet {
      address 172.20.102.1/24;
    }
    ##
    ## 'mpls' was inherited from group 'mpls'
    ##
    family mpls;
  }
  unit 202 {
    vlan-id 202;
    family inet {
      address 172.20.202.1/24;
    }
    ##
    ## 'mpls' was inherited from group 'mpls'
    ##
    family mpls;
  }
}

```

[edit]

```

lab@srxA-2# show interfaces | display inheritance | except ##

```

```

ge-0/0/3 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 172.18.2.2/30;
    }
    family mpls;
  }
}
ge-0/0/4 {
  vlan-tagging;
  unit 102 {
    vlan-id 102;
    family inet {
      address 172.20.102.1/24;
    }
    family mpls;
  }
  unit 202 {
    vlan-id 202;
    family inet {
      address 172.20.202.1/24;
    }
    family mpls;
  }
}

```

Matching Output

You can use the match pipe command to show just the output that is most relevant for your purposes. The match command takes a regular expression as an argument.

For one example, a user may not want to sift through three pages of output to see queue drops in all forwarding classes on an interface.

With this command you can get all the drop statistics in one page:

```
lab@M7i-R110> show interfaces queue fe-0/0/1 | match "Physical|Queue|Drop"
Physical interface: fe-0/0/1, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Egress queues: 4 supported, 4 in use
Queue: 0, Forwarding classes: best-effort
  Queued:
    Tail-dropped packets :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped packets  :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped bytes    :           0           0 bps
Queue: 1, Forwarding classes: expedited-forwarding
  Queued:
    Tail-dropped packets :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped packets  :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped bytes    :           0           0 bps
Queue: 2, Forwarding classes: assured-forwarding
  Queued:
    Tail-dropped packets :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped packets  :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped bytes    :           0           0 bps
Queue: 3, Forwarding classes: network-control
  Queued:
    Tail-dropped packets :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped packets  :           0           0 pps
    RED-dropped bytes    :           0           0 bps
```

In this example, you can quickly see the input and output rates on every interface. This is quite useful for tracking down Layer-2 loops or other conditions where an interface is transmitting or receiving large amounts of traffic:

```
> show interfaces | match "(^Physical|bps|pps)"
```

One helpful user offered one additional tip about the match pipe command, which he said was handy for UNIX junkies:

One can use grep keyword in place of the match keyword.

No Paging

There are some cases where it is better to temporarily disable the software's automatic paging feature. You can do this by adding the `no-more pipe` command to a command. (You can also combine this with other pipe commands.)

This is useful when capturing data and works nicely with terminal programs that have a logging feature to capture the output.

The temporary disablement can be especially useful in two cases. First, the automatic paging feature adds line breaks after each line displayed on the screen. If the output contains long lines, this can add extraneous line breaks. If you are trying to copy parts of the configuration from one Junos device to another, these extra line breaks can cause problems. So, you should use the `no-more pipe` command to display the configuration when you are going to copy it from one router and paste it into another.

Second, disabling the automatic paging feature can be useful when the CLI is especially slow (for example, when displaying large amounts of data on the console) and you are trying to gather troubleshooting information. You can use the `no-more` command to cause the CLI to display information as quickly as possible.

Tip: Show Version and Haiku

This one probably doesn't qualify as a tip... although most people in Juniper know about it, all us newbies don't. Besides, someday it will be fun to see if it's still there in Junos version 67.1.

 Junos is poetry.

```
root@srxA-1> show version and haiku
Hostname: srxA-1
Model: srx240h-poe
JUNOS Software Release [10.4R1.9]
```

```
Glorious morning
Well beyond what I deserve
Stretch myself and grow
```

What can we say? CLI tricks and hidden commands are always interesting... especially when they serve almost no purpose.

Tip: CLI History Search

👍 The Emacs shortcuts available for Junos are very powerful, and one not widely known is CTRL-R. This shortcut accesses the pool of previously-issued commands and lets you issue a search of sorts. For instance, let's say about a half-hour ago you issued the `run show security ipsec security-associations` command, and would rather not up-arrow fifteen times to find it again.

First, press CTRL-R, and note that it lists a history search.

Next, type the letter 'r'. The buffer automatically starts auto-completing based on commands issued that start with the letter 'r'. After you get 'ru' typed in, the command is listed and all you have to do is press Enter to execute! Here's the proof:

```
[edit]
(history search) '':
```

```
[edit]
(history search) 'r': run telnet 10.10.10.10
```

```
[edit]
(history search) 'ru': run show security ipsec security-associations
```

```
[edit]
lab@srxA-2# run show security ipsec security-associations
Total active tunnels: 1
ID  Gateway  Port  Algorithm      SPI      Life:sec/kb  Mon vsys
<131073 172.18.1.2  500   ESP:3des/md5   fd8d9f55  2442/ unlim  -  0
>131073 172.18.1.2  500   ESP:3des/md5   b3649bb5  2442/ unlim  -  0
<131073 172.18.1.2  500   ESP:3des/md5   d9bf613c  2472/ unlim  -  0
>131073 172.18.1.2  500   ESP:3des/md5   f4ebcd7a  2472/ unlim  -  0
```

Tip: Unable to Access a Standby SRX?

👍 If you're unable to access a standby SRX, it's probably due to the fact that the backup/standby SRX's do not have a routing daemon running (rdp). As a result, static routes must be used, but not just any static route will do. To configure routing when the rdp daemon isn't running you must configure a backup-router.

```
[edit]
juniper@SRX5800#set system backup-router 10.10.10.1 [edit]
juniper@SRX5800#set system backup-router destination 172.16.0.0/16
```

This will make the 172.16/16 network reachable at all times.

Tip: How to Chat Inside a Router Telnet Session with a Connected User

If you ever want to communicate with another user logged into the system, this tip is for you. Do it with a `request message` command. A common use of this command is with the `all` option, typically when you wish to inform all users that the system will be halted in five or ten minutes.



A simple example of talking inside a router session, is to say *hi* to all users:

```
[edit] regress@bronica# run request message all message "hi" <-- note use of "run" option
Broadcast Message from regress@bronica
(/dev/tty0) at 1:27 PST...
hi
[edit] regress@bronica#
```

If you want to chat with other users connected inside the router, the `request message` command also works well, just by identifying the specific user with whom you want to chat. Use a `show system users` command to identify the destined user.

```
lab@M7i-R106> show system users
12:49PM up 13 days, 16:41, 1 user, load averages: 0.00, 0.01, 0.04
USER  TTY  FROM                LOGIN@  IDLE WHAT
lab   p0   172.23.1.252        12:31PM - -cli (cli)
```

Now send your chat:

```
lab@M7i-R106> request message user lab message "Did you check the redundant power
supply?"
Message from lab@M7i-R106 on tty0 at 12:50 ... <-- source user, time, and terminal id
Did you check the redundant power suppl <-- message
EOF <-- End of file/message marker
```

Note that you can also identify the message recipient by terminal ID, in case you share a single login session amongst several users (like in a lab environment, because you would never share a common login ID in a production environment). Just use the keyword `terminal` in addition to the keyword `user` and provide the TTY id from the output of `show system users`:

```
lab@M7i-R106> request message terminal p0 user lab message "this message is to terminal
p0"
```

Tip: Loading a Junos Factory Default Configuration

👍 Frequently in lab environments or for equipment qualification testing, you need to take the equipment back to the factory default. Using Junos, you have a variety of methods:

Method One (For all Junos devices):

Step 1. Configure the load factory-default option:

```
root@host# load factory-default
```

Step 2. Configure a root-authentication plain-text-password.

Note that you must have a valid root password configured. You must type the same password twice.

```
root@host# set system root-authentication plain-text-password (Press Enter)
New password: Retype new password:
```

Step 3. Commit the configuration change.

```
root@host#commit
```

Step 4. Reboot the system. The rebooted system will boot up as *amnesiac* (meaning it is in factory default)—*however*, the root authentication password is still set!

```
Wed May 18 04:08:36 UTC 2011
Amnesiac (ttyu0)
login:
```

Method Two (For EX Series switches with LCD):

From LCD, under the Maintenance Tab, choose *factory-default*. After that you will be able to access CLI as root without a password. To be able to commit any changes you should first set a root password:

```
root@host# set system root-authentication plain-text-password (Press Enter)
New password:
Retype new password:
```

Method Three (For SRX Devices):

You can use the Reset Config button on the front panel of the SRX to reset the device to its factory default configuration. Press and hold the Reset Config button on the front panel of the SRX device (using any handy paperclip) for at least 15 seconds, until the Status LED glows amber.

This is the display you see in the console window:

```
--- JUNOS 10.4R1.9 built 2010-12-04 10:20:16 UTC
```

```
Broadcast Message from root@Student-18
      (no tty) at 4:26 UTC...
```

```
Config button pressed
Committing factory default configuration
```

Power off the system and reboot it. You will come up in factory default, with *no root* password.

Tip: Restart a Software Process

Restarting a process is equivalent to a UNIX kill command. By default, the process is signaled with a -15 and is allowed to restart gracefully. You can signal an immediate and unconditional kill with the `immediately` keyword, which equates to a kill -9. Once a process is killed, the Junos inet process will automatically restart it, unless it repeatedly dies and thrashing is declared, in which case the process is not restarted.

You should contact JTAC and open a support case if you can reproduce a situation where normal operation is only achieved after killing a process.



Junos is modular in nature and while generally quite robust and stable, there are times when a specific set of actions or configuration steps can result in unexpected operation. When all looks right but things are just not working as you expect, consider restarting the related process before moving on to the significantly more drastic action of a reboot.

The CLI displays a list of processes that can be restarted:

```
user@host> restart ?
```

```
Possible completions:
```

adaptive-services	Adaptive services process
application-identification	Application-identification process
audit-process	Audit process
auto-configuration	Interface Auto-configuration
chassis-control	Chassis control process
class-of-service	Class-of-service process
database-replication	Database Replication process
dhcp-service	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol process
diameter-service	Diameter process

disk-monitoring

Disk monitoring process

. . .

The following processes do a lot of work in their respective areas:

routing

sflow-service

igmp-snooping

snmp

dhcp

ethernet-switching

When one of their functions appears broken consider performing a process restart. For example, a stuck EBGP peer may recover from a restart `routing`, which disrupts all routing protocols and peers, by the way, but is unlikely to be helped by a restart `SNMP`, for example.

Tip: Remote Wireshark Analysis

The `write-file` argument to the `monitor traffic` command is hidden due to concerns that a user may leave a capture running for so long that one could run out of `/var` space, leading to all sorts of various issues. It's a valid concern, so watch out. In the past, filtering based on protocol expression, did not work on the CLI, but would work from a saved capture file. While this issue has since been remedied, many find that saved capture files are useful: this tip allows you to avoid having to go to a root shell to run `tcpdump` along with its arguments in order to save a capture file.

 Many people prefer a modern GUI-based packet decode with easy-to-use filtering rather than the old, stodgy `tcpdump` output provided by the CLI and shell. You can use a hidden `write-file` argument to the `monitor traffic` command to write matching output to a local `pcap` formatted file. You can then transfer the file to a PC or UNIX host to display with an analyzer, such as Wireshark.

This example filters traffic based on the OSPF protocol expression and writes the trace output to a file called `ospf.cap`, which is then verified to exist with sane `pcap` contents by reading the file back in, using the equally hidden `read-file` argument:

```
user@host# monitor traffic interface ge-0/2/3 matching "proto 89" write-file ospf.cap
size 1200 detail
Address resolution is ON. Use <no-resolve> to avoid any reverse lookup delay.
Address resolution timeout is 4s.
Listening on ge-0/2/3, capture size 1200 bytes
```

```

^C
23 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel

user@host# file list ospf.cap
/var/home/regress/ospf.cap

user@host# monitor traffic read-file ospf.cap
Reverse lookup for 172.16.1.98 failed (check DNS reachability).
Other reverse lookup failures will not be reported.
Use <no-resolve> to avoid reverse lookups on IP addresses.

15:17:48.201521 Out IP 172.16.1.98 > OSPF-ALL.MCAST.NET: OSPFv2, Hello, length 48
15:17:48.916604 In IP 172.16.1.97 > OSPF-ALL.MCAST.NET: OSPFv2, Hello, length 48

```

Tip: Remote Wireshark/TShark Analysis Via SSH

The previous tip discussed the use of the `monitor traffic` command and how you can write the output to a file (using a hidden argument) for either local analysis via `tcpdump/monitor traffic`, or to transfer to a remote machine for analysis with a commercial/GUI-based protocol analyzer. This tip shows you how to get the best of both worlds: external protocol decode, text-based or GUI, via `ssh` without having to explicitly save results to a file which then needs to be transferred to the analysis host.

 Use this tip to get better protocol decodes when you have access to a root shell on a SSH-enabled version of Junos, with access to a remote SSH-enabled UNIX machine that has the TShark or Wireshark analysis programs installed. Pretty cool, huh?

```

user@host> start shell
% su
Password:
root@host%

root@host% tcpdump -c 1 -i xe-6/0/0 -n -s 2000 -w - -l "proto ospf" | ssh user@unix-
host"/usr/sbin/tshark -nVli -)"
Address resolution is OFF.
Listening on xe-6/0/0, capture size 2000 bytes

user@unix-host's password:
Capturing on -
Frame 1 (120 bytes on wire, 120 bytes captured)
  Arrival Time: Mar 25, 2011 10:04:19.739371000
    [Time delta from previous captured frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
    [Time delta from previous displayed frame: 0.000000000 seconds]

```

```

[Time since reference or first frame: 0.000000000 seconds]
Frame Number: 1
Frame Length: 120 bytes
Capture Length: 120 bytes
[Frame is marked: False]
[Protocols in frame: juniper:eth:ip:ospf]
Juniper Ethernet
Magic-Number: 0x4d4743
Direction: Out
L2-header: Present
Extension(s) Total length: 16
  Device Media Type Extension TLV #3, length: 1
    Device Media Type: Ethernet (1)
  Logical Interface Encapsulation Extension TLV #6, length: 1
    Logical Interface Encapsulation: Ethernet (14)
  Device Interface Index Extension TLV #1, length: 2
    Device Interface Index: 273
  Logical Interface Index Extension TLV #4, length: 4
    Logical Interface Index: 78
[Payload Type: Ethernet]
Ethernet II, Src: 00:21:59:fd:3b:f4 (00:21:59:fd:3b:f4), Dst: 01:00:5e:00:00:05
(01:00:5e:00:00:05)
  Destination: 01:00:5e:00:00:05 (01:00:5e:00:00:05)
    Address: 01:00:5e:00:00:05 (01:00:5e:00:00:05)
      .... 1 = IG bit: Group address (multicast/broadcast)
      .... 0 = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
  Source: 00:21:59:fd:3b:f4 (00:21:59:fd:3b:f4)
    Address: 00:21:59:fd:3b:f4 (00:21:59:fd:3b:f4)
      .... 0 = IG bit: Individual address (unicast)
      .... 0 = LG bit: Globally unique address (factory default)
Type: IP (0x0800)
Internet Protocol, Src: 201.0.1.1 (201.0.1.1), Dst: 224.0.0.5 (224.0.0.5)
Version: 4
Header length: 20 bytes
Differentiated Services Field: 0xc0 (DSCP 0x30: Class Selector 6; ECN: 0x00)
  1100 00.. = Differentiated Services Codepoint: Class Selector 6 (0x30)
  .... ..0. = ECN-Capable Transport (ECT): 0
  .... ...0 = ECN-CE: 0
Total Length: 84
Identification: 0xcc8f (52367)
Flags: 0x00
  0.. = Reserved bit: Not Set
  .0. = Don't fragment: Not Set
  ..0 = More fragments: Not Set
Fragment offset: 0
Time to live: 1
Protocol: OSPF IGP (0x59)
Header checksum: 0x41fb [correct]
  [Good: True]
  [Bad : False]
Source: 201.0.1.1 (201.0.1.1)

```

```

Destination: 224.0.0.5 (224.0.0.5)
Open Shortest Path First
OSPF Header
  OSPF Version: 2
  Message Type: Hello Packet (1)
  Packet Length: 48
  Source OSPF Router: 192.168.1.10 (192.168.1.10)
  Area ID: 0.0.0.0 (Backbone)
  Packet Checksum: 0x0000 (none)
  Auth Type: Cryptographic
  Auth Key ID: 1
  Auth Data Length: 16
  Auth Crypto Sequence Number: 0x4d8ccb13
  Auth Data: C24D48FF389067B88AB638F6DB8770E5
OSPF Hello Packet
  Network Mask: 255.255.255.252
  Hello Interval: 10 seconds
  Options: 0x02 (E)
    0... .... = DN: DN-bit is NOT set
    .0.. .... = O: O-bit is NOT set
    ..0. .... = DC: Demand circuits are NOT supported
    ...0 .... = L: The packet does NOT contain LLS data block
    .... 0... = NP: Nssa is NOT supported
    .... .0.. = MC: NOT multicast capable
    .... ..1. = E: ExternalRoutingCapability
  Router Priority: 128
  Router Dead Interval: 40 seconds
  Designated Router: 201.0.1.2
  Backup Designated Router: 201.0.1.1
  Active Neighbor: 192.168.1.11

```

```

1 packet captured
root@host%

```

For tcpdump/wireshark/tshark options see the relevant manual pages. This example sets a capture length of 1 viz the `-c` flag, and you need the `-w` write file option, which in this case is set to STD output for the magic to work. Note that Win32 Wireshark does not support capturing from pipes or stdin: UNIX required.

For those with a GUI bent, you can use this form of the command to open a Wireshark window on the specified Xwindows display. Despite the error reported from `dumpcap`, this was found to work as expected; a Control-C was needed to terminate, however:

```

root@host% tcpdump -c 1 -i xe-6/0/0 -n -s 2000 -w - -l "proto ospf" | ssh user@unix-host
"/usr/sbin/wireshark --display=:1.0 -knSli -)"
Address resolution is OFF.
Listening on xe-6/0/0, capture size 2000 bytes

```

```

user@unix-host's password:

```

```
dumpcap: There are no interfaces on which a capture can be done
<Wireshark window opens at Unix host on the specified Xwindows display with captured
packet decode>
^CKilled by signal 2.
root@host%
```

Tip: Emacs Shortcuts

These are common shortcuts that we suspect many Junos power users use on a regular basis, but hey, chances are they've been pushed aside by other Junos memorabilia.

-  Using key combinations at the command-line can save you time:
- CTRL-A takes you to the beginning of the command line
 - CTRL-E takes you to the end of the command line
 - CTRL-W deletes backwards to the previous space
 - CTRL-U deletes the entire command line
 - CTRL-L redraws the command line (in case it has been interrupted by messages, etc.)

Template: 97 CLI Tips

One of the Junos developer gurus contributed 97 CLI tips. While some are covered elsewhere, they are duplicated here in their entirety because they make such a handy reference.

-  Use configuration groups to represent common pieces of configuration and to reduce the size of your configuration file.

Use the `re0` and `re1` configuration groups to restrict configuration to a particular routing engine.

Use configuration groups to group related configuration statements.

Use configuration groups to supply default values.

Use the `display inheritance` CLI pipe to show where configuration groups are inherited.

In configuration mode, use the `display detail` CLI pipe to show more information about the configured values.

In configuration mode, use the `compare` pipe to display differences between the candidate configuration and the committed configuration.

Use `CTRL-R` in the CLI to search the command line history for a matching command.

Use `ESC-/` in the CLI to expand strings into matching words from the command line history.

Use the `annotate` command to add comments to your configuration.

Use `#` in the beginning of a line in command scripts to cause the rest of the line to be ignored.

Use `help syslog` to show more information about syslog messages.

Use `help apropos` to show commands related to a topic.

Use `help topic` to display Junos documentation on a topic.

Use `help reference` to display the Junos reference documentation on a topic.

Use CLI pipes to display more information about commands, control the automore feature, save CLI output, and more.

Use the `display xml` CLI pipe to show the equivalent XML output for any CLI command.

Use the `no-more` CLI pipe to disable the CLI's more capability and let the multiple pages of output scroll without stopping.

Use the `match` CLI pipe to display lines matching a pattern.

Use the `except` CLI pipe to display lines that do not match a pattern.

Use the `save` CLI pipe to save output to a local or remote file.

Use the `count` CLI pipe to count the number of lines in the output.

Use multiple CLI pipes to build complex commands. For example:
`show interfaces | match Description | count.`

When displaying a subset of lines using the `match` or `except` CLI pipes, type `'C'` at the more prompt to display all lines.

Type `'G'` at the more prompt to jump to the bottom of the output.

Type `'g'` at the more prompt to jump to the top of the output.

Type `'b'` at the more prompt to go backwards one page.

Type `/` at the more prompt to search for a string in the rest of the output.

Type `?` at the more prompt to search backwards for a string.

Type `s` at the more prompt to save the current display to a file or url.

Type `N` at the more prompt to turn the more off for the rest of the current command.

Type `h` at the more prompt to display help information.

Use the `hold` CLI pipe to hold the cli at the more prompt at the bottom of the output. This is useful when displaying less than one screen of data.

Type `m` at the more prompt to give additional regular expressions against which to match output.

Type `e` at the more prompt to give additional regular expressions against which to exclude output.

When hunting through large log files, use the `m` and `e` keys to iteratively refine your search by discarding irrelevant lines.

Use the `TAB` key to autocomplete interface names in operational mode.

Use the `TAB` key to autocomplete CLI commands.

Use the `rollback` command to restore previous configurations.

In configuration mode, type `rollback ?` to see when previous configurations were committed, and by whom.

Use the `rollback` command to discard uncommitted changes by reloading the most recently committed configuration.

In configuration mode, the `status` command displays who is editing the configuration and where in the hierarchy they are working.

Use `configure private` to edit a private copy of the configuration, so your work will be unaffected by others editing the configuration.

Use `configure exclusive` to ensure you are the only one editing the configuration. Other users are blocked from making changes.

In configuration mode, use the `copy` command to replicate configuration statements.

In configuration mode, use the `insert` command to insert a new configuration into existing lists.

In configuration mode, use the `rename` command to give configuration a new identifier. For example, rename interface `fe-0/0/1` to `fe-0/0/2`.

In configuration mode, the `delete` command with no arguments will delete the entire configuration hierarchy under the current location.

Use `commit check` to check configuration for correctness without making it active.

In configuration mode, use `quit configuration-mode` to exit configuration mode from any level of the hierarchy.

Use a URL to load configuration using `ftp`. For example, load merge `ftp://user:password@host/filename`.

Use a URL to load configuration using `http`. For example, load merge `http://user:password@host/filename`.

Use a URL to save output using `ftp`. For example, `show route summary | save ftp://user:password@host/filename`.

Use `user@host:` syntax to save output using `scp`. For example, `show route summary | save user@host:filename`.

Use `a:` to save output to the PCMCIA card. For example, `show route summary | save a:filename`.

Use `b:` to save output to the second (configuration) partition on the PCMCIA card. For example, `show configuration | save b:filename`.

Use `re0:` and `re1:` to save output to the other routing engine. For example, `show route summary | save re1:filename`.

On EX-series platforms in a Virtual Chassis configuration, you can use `fpc0:`, `fpc1:`, `fpc2:`, etc. to save files to the appropriate member switch.

In configuration mode, the `[edit]` banner displays the current location in the configuration hierarchy.

Use `commit confirmed` to ensure that configuration changes do not disconnect the router from the network.

Use the `monitor` command to monitor system log files for changes.

Use the `monitor interface` command to display real-time interface statistics.

Use the `request system logout` command to forcibly log a user out of the router.

Use `request system snapshot` to make a snapshot of the running system on the hard disk drive (or other alternate media).

Use the `deactivate` command to mark configuration statements inactive. The statements stay in the configuration, but are effectively commented out.

Use the `activate` command to clear the inactive marker from configuration statements. This is the opposite of the `deactivate` command.

Use `top` to get to the top of the configuration hierarchy. Use `up` to move up one level, and `up <count>` to move up a number of levels.

Use `top <cmd>` to issue a command at the top of the configuration hierarchy without moving the current edit point. You can use `up <n>` `<cmd>` also.

Use `top edit <path>` to move to a configuration statement relative to the top of the hierarchy.

Use `up <n> edit <path>` to move to a configuration relative to the statement `<n>` levels above the current edit point.

Use `commit at <time>` to perform a commit automatically at a designated time. You can use `clear commit` to cancel a scheduled commit.

Use `commit sync` to keep configuration files synchronized between master and slave routing engines.

Use `commit and-quit` to exit configuration mode after the commit has succeeded. If the commit fails you are left in configuration mode.

Use `commit comment <text>` to add a log message to this commit.

Use `load <style> terminal` to load statements from the terminal using cut-n-paste. Use Control-D to mark the end of data.

Use `load patch` to load structured patch files that follow the unified patch style; `show | compare` generates this style.

Use `show configuration | match {` to see a quick overview of your configuration hierarchy. Use 'C' at the more prompt to clear the match.

Use `request system software validate` to validate the incoming software against the current configuration without impacting the running system.

Use `request message user <foo>` to send a text message to one user.

Use `request message all` to send to all current users.

Use `request message CLI pipe` to replicate output of show commands to other users.

Use the `resolve CLI pipe` to resolve IP addresses into hostnames.

In operational mode, use `show cli history` to view previously executed commands.

Use `run <command>` to run operational mode commands from configuration mode.

In configuration mode, use `run show cli history` to view previously executed commands.

Use `show configuration | except SECRET-DATA` to exclude configuration statements tagged with the line comment marking them as sensitive.

Use the `apply-groups` statement at any level of the configuration hierarchy to inherit configuration statements from a configuration group.

Use the `apply-groups-except` statement at any level except the top level of the configuration hierarchy to turn off inheritance of configuration statements from configuration groups.

Use the `apply-path` statement to define a prefix list containing prefixes extracted from any configuration path.

Use the `help tip cli` to see more CLI tips.

Use the configuration statement `[system login class <name> login-tip]` to turn on CLI tips for a login class.

Use wildcarded identifiers in configuration groups to allow one statement to be applied in multiple locations.

Use the `match` and `except` CLI pipelines with the `monitor start` command to automatically filter logging output.

Use `Escape-Q` to toggle log output on the current terminal. Excessive log output can make typing difficult.

Use the wildcard `delete` command in configuration mode to delete a number of interfaces using a regular expression. The regular expression is used to match the interface names.

Use `load merge <filename>` with `relative` option to avoid having to type the complete configuration hierarchy.

Include the configuration statement at the [system archival] hierarchy level to have the router automatically copy configuration files to a FTP or SCP server.

Use `M-` to insert last word of the previous command. Repeat `M-` to scroll through last word of each command in the history. To do the same for Nth word, precede `M-` with `M-n`.

One quick note: In this tip, the submitter uses the notation `M-x`. This notation is telling you to hold down your meta key and press the `x` key. What is your meta key? If you are an Emacs power-user, you already know how to handle this. For most people with Windows PCs, you can press and release the Escape key, and then press the `x` key. On some (or most?) Sun keyboards, you may use the diamond key as the meta key. For other platforms, well, you can submit your own tip for the next edition of this book. ;)

Use the `replace` command in configuration mode to globally replace a pattern with a new character string. The pattern can be a regular expression.

As noted elsewhere, the regular expression matches just the user-supplied identifier and not surrounding keywords. (So, `^10\.210\.38\.12$` would match the neighbor IP address 10.210.38.12.)

Technique: Port Mirroring on EX Switches

Configuring port mirroring on EX switches is a bit more complex than the one-line port monitor statement that users of the equivalent SPAN feature on IOS switches may be familiar with. The need for two monitor ports for non-blocking full duplex might also catch such users off-guard.

 Port mirroring is used on Layer 2 switches to allow the redirection of desired traffic to a monitor port for protocol/security analysis.

Note that in Junos if you want to do line-rate monitoring then you'll need to configure two monitors, one from *input egress* to a first output port, and a second from *input ingress* to a second output port, where Junos defines the following as:

- `input:` the port being monitored
- `input egress:` traffic *leaving* the switch

- input ingress: traffic *entering* the switch
- output: the port doing the monitoring

Use these commands to monitor a single port (ge-0/0/0 unit 0) in both transmit and receive directions (Full Duplex) to a single, and therefore 2X oversubscribed, output port (ge-0/0/10 unit 0):

```
user@host> configure
Entering configuration mode

[edit]
user@host# edit ethernet-switching-options analyzer foo

[edit ethernet-switching-options analyzer foo]
user@host# set input egress interface ge-0/0/0.0

[edit ethernet-switching-options analyzer foo]
user@host# set input ingress interface ge-0/0/0.0

[edit ethernet-switching-options analyzer foo]
user@host# set output interface ge-0/0/10.0

[edit ethernet-switching-options analyzer foo]
user@host# show
input {
  ingress {
    interface ge-0/0/0.0;
  }
  egress {
    interface ge-0/0/0.0;
  }
}
output {
  interface {
    ge-0/0/10.0;
  }
}
```

To monitor in a non-oversubscribed manner define two analyzers, each with an output port:

```
[edit ethernet-switching-options]
user@host# set analyzer foo_ingress input ingress interface ge-0/0/0.0

[edit ethernet-switching-options]
user@host# set analyzer foo_ingress output interface ge-0/0/10.0

[edit ethernet-switching-options]
user@host# set analyzer foo_egress input egress interface ge-0/0/0.0
```

```
[edit ethernet-switching-options]
user@host# set analyzer foo_egress output interface ge-0/0/11.0

[edit ethernet-switching-options]
user@host# show
analyzer foo_ingress {
  input {
    ingress {
      interface ge-0/0/0.0;
    }
  }
  output {
    interface {
      ge-0/0/10.0;
    }
  }
}
analyzer foo_egress {
  input {
    egress {
      interface ge-0/0/0.0;
    }
  }
  output {
    interface {
      ge-0/0/11.0;
    }
  }
}
```

Technique: Remote Port-mirroring to a UNIX Host

Consider this technique if you need to perform port mirroring on a device when there is no local analyzer available for attachment to the monitor port. With this technique you can redirect matching traffic over a GRE tunnel for remote capture analysis on a UNIX host. Note that some Junos devices require Tunnel PIC hardware to perform GRE tunneling for transit traffic. If your device has a gr-x/x/x interface you should be good to go.

Note that you will need access to a root shell/sudo on the remote host for creation of the GRE device and route table manipulation.

 Follow these steps to perform report port monitoring between a Junos device with GRE tunnel support and a remote Linux host.

Configure the Junos Device

Configure the GRE tunnel interface to be used to redirect sampled traffic to the remote host (make sure to change the FPC and PIC numbers to match one of the tunnel devices in your system):

```
interfaces {
  gr-0/2/0 {
    unit 100 {
      tunnel {
        source 192.168.50.10;
        destination 192.168.51.20;
        ttl 10;
      }
      family inet {
        address 172.16.28.1/30;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Now, configure forwarding over the GRE interface. Make sure that your rate and run-length parameters reflect your sampling needs for the traffic that is being monitored:

```
forwarding-options {
  port-mirroring {
    family inet {
      input {
        rate 1;
        run-length 1;
      }
      output {
        interface gr-0/2/0.100;
        no-filter-check;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Next, configure a filter and apply it to the desired interface, in the desired direction:

```
interfaces {
  t1-1/0/3:3 {
    description Customer-A;
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        filter {
          output capture-filter;
        }
      }
      address 192.168.35.1/30;
    }
  }
}
```

```

    }
  }
}
...

```

Make sure that the desired traffic is directed out the interface that is being monitored in the case of output sampling. A static route is shown here:

```

routing-options {
  static {
    route 192.168.70.0/24 next-hop 192.168.35.2;
  }
}
...

```

And now configure the firewall filter to match on the traffic you wish to monitor with a then `port-mirror` statement. Here `accept-all` is used to prevent disruption to non-matching traffic given the default `deny-all` that would otherwise be encountered:

```

firewall {
  family inet {
    filter capture-filter {
      term 0-capture {
        from {
          source-address {
            192.168.70.0/24;
            192.168.35.0/30;
          }
        }
        then {
          port-mirror;
          accept;
        }
      }
      term 5-accept_all {
        then accept;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

Configure the Remote Linux Host

Note that the following steps are performed in a root shell.

Ensure the host has GRE device support; if needed, load the GRE module:

```
[root@linux-host]# modprobe ip_gre
```

Configure the GRE device:

```
[root@linux-host]# ip tunnel add gre_int mode gre remote 192.168.50.10 local 192.168.51.20
ttl 255
[root@linux-host]# ip link set gre_int up
[root@linux-host]# ip addr add 172.16.28.2/30 dev gre_int

[root@linux-host]# ifconfig gre_int
gre_int  Link encap:UNSPEC  HWaddr C0-A8-33-14-7F-B7-01-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00
          inet addr:172.16.28.2  P-t-P:172.16.28.2  Mask:255.255.255.252
          UP POINTOPOINT RUNNING NOARP  MTU:1476  Metric:1
          RX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:0 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:0 (0.0 b)  TX bytes:0 (0.0 b)
```

Configure a route to the originating router that points over the new GRE interface:

```
[root@linux-host]# route add -net 192.168.50.10 netmask 255.255.255.255 gw 192.168.51.1
```

Verify IP connectivity over the tunnel:

```
[root@linux-host]# ping 172.16.28.1
PING 172.16.28.1 (172.16.28.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 172.16.28.1: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=0.587 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.28.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.685 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.28.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.611 ms
64 bytes from 172.16.28.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.595 ms

4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3010ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.587/0.619/0.685/0.046 ms
```

Now start the traffic capture on the GRE device. If all has gone according to plan, you should begin seeing the traffic that was sampled remotely and redirected over the GRE tunnel:

```
[root@linux-host]# tethereal -i gre_int
tethereal: arptype 778 not supported by libpcap - falling back to cooked socket.
```

```
Capturing on netb
0.000000 192.168.70.5 -> 10.0.45.8 UDP Source port: 49378 Destination port: 18252
0.004236 192.168.70.5 -> 10.0.45.8 UDP Source port: 49380 Destination port: 16968
0.020132 192.168.70.5 -> 10.0.45.8 UDP Source port: 49378 Destination port: 18252
0.024303 192.168.70.5 -> 10.0.45.8 UDP Source port: 49380 Destination port: 16968
0.040096 192.168.70.5 -> 10.0.45.8 UDP Source port: 49378 Destination port: 18252
0.044314 192.168.70.5 -> 10.0.45.8 UDP Source port: 49380 Destination port: 16968
^C
7 packets captured
[root@linux-host]#
```

Tip: Use “.x” Instead of “unit x” in Set Commands

 To save some keystrokes, use this handy (and currently un-documented) shortcut when you are configuring interfaces. Here the two forms of the command are treated identically; .x is just shorter:

```
regress@mse-a# set so-0/0/0.5 encapsulation ?
Possible completions:
 ether-vpls-fr      Ethernet VPLS over Frame Relay (bridging) encapsulation
 frame-relay-ccc    Frame Relay DLCI for CCC
 frame-relay-ether-type Cisco-compatible Frame Relay Encapsulation DLCI
 frame-relay-ether-type-tcc Cisco-compatible Frame Relay Encapsulation DLCI for TCC
 frame-relay-ppp    PPP over Frame Relay
 frame-relay-tcc    Frame Relay DLCI for translational cross-connect
{backup}[edit interfaces]

regress@mse-a# set so-0/0/0 unit 5 encapsulation ?
Possible completions:
 ether-vpls-fr      Ethernet VPLS over Frame Relay (bridging) encapsulation
 frame-relay-ccc    Frame Relay DLCI for CCC
 frame-relay-ether-type Cisco-compatible Frame Relay Encapsulation DLCI
 frame-relay-ether-type-tcc Cisco-compatible Frame Relay Encapsulation DLCI for TCC
 frame-relay-ppp    PPP over Frame Relay
 frame-relay-tcc    Frame Relay DLCI for translational cross-connect
{backup}[edit interfaces]
regress@mse-a# set so-0/0/0 unit 5 encapsulation
```

Note that using a “.” to represent “unit” is the only supported method of specifying a non-default unit number when adding an interface to a protocols such as OSPF. This tip shows the same syntax can be used to configure the interface directly.

Tip: Junos MOTD Before/After Login

Using the `system login message` or `system login announcement` command allows you to display messages to users either *before* or *after* they login to the system.

 If your company wants to make announcements to the users accessing the Junos device, you can use these commands:

```
root@SRX#set system login message <Before-Login-Message>
```

This causes `<Before-Login-Message>` to be displayed before Login Prompt.

```
root@SRX#set system login announcement <After-Login-Message>
```

And this causes <After-Login-Message> to be displayed after successful authentication.

You can insert extra line breaks using the \n symbol:

```
lab@M7i-R106> show configuration system login
announcement "you have successfully logged into the system \n";
message "you are about to login to the system";
```

And the example login session one would see:

```
you are about to login to the system <-- login message
M7i-R106 (ttyp0)
login: lab
Password:
--- JUNOS 10.3R1.9 built 2010-08-13 12:15:32 UTC
you have successfully logged into the system <-- login announcement
```

Tip: Create a New Login Class and Add Users to It

You can modify the values associated with a login class by simply creating a new login class. The new login class can provide the status of current alarms, Junos CLI tips, and associated permissions.



To create a new login class and add users to it:

```
set system login class <New class name> login-alarms <-- show alarms on login
set system login class <New class name> login-tip <-- show tips on login
set system login class <New class name> permissions all <-- assign privileges
set system login user <User Name> class <New class name> <-- assign user to new login class
--- JUNOS 10.1R1.8 built 2010-02-12 17:24:20 UTC
Tip: Use 'request message' CLI pipe to replicate output of show commands to other users.
No alarms currently active
```

Note that if you use one of the predefined login classes (operator, read-only, super-user, and unauthorized), you can only get the default options associated with that pre-defined class. If you wish to modify the login class slightly, like seeing login-tips upon login, you effectively have to create a new login class with the same permissions as the default login class. Use the `set system login user <blah> class ?` option to see the default permission bits set with the pre-defined user classes:

```
lab@M7i-R106# set system login user test class ?
Possible completions:
<class> Login class
AUDITOR
EMERGENCY
```

```
operator permissions [ clear network reset trace view ]
read-only permissions [ view ]
super-user permissions [ all ]
unauthorized permissions [ none ]
```

Also you can create a user class that mirrors the permissions of a default user class, but also provides Junos CLI tips and alarms upon login:

```
[edit]
lab@M7i-R106# set system login class super-user-local permissions all login-tip login-alarms
lab@M7i-R106# show system login class super-user-local
login-alarms;
login-tip;
permissions all;
```

Tip: J-series and SRX HA Cluster Status Information

 The following hidden command is a very useful tool when troubleshooting J-Series and SRX HA cluster problems. It combines the output of performing a `show chassis cluster [status][control-plane][data-plane][interfaces][statistics][status]` all in one command, plus RG monitored events:

```
show chassis cluster information [no-forwarding]
```

Tip: Commit Confirm on a Clustered SRX

 One great missing feature that is available on the routers but hasn't officially made it to the SRX platform is the `commit confirm` command, that allows you to commit a configuration, and in the event things go wrong, the configuration automatically rollbacks after ten minutes if there isn't another commit done. It's used often when editing routing, firewall filters, and now... security policies as well!

To use `commit confirm` you must enter in exclusive configuration mode and here you can see the completions:

```
user@SRX5800> configure exclusive
warning: uncommitted changes will be discarded on exit
Entering configuration mode
```

```
{primary:node0}[edit]
user@SRX5800# commit ?
Possible completions:
```

<[Enter]>	Execute this command
and-quit	Quit configuration mode if commit succeeds
at	Time at which to activate configuration changes
check	Check correctness of syntax; do not apply changes
comment	Message to write to commit log
confirmed	Automatically rollback if not confirmed
	Pipe through a command

A bit of warning, this is a hidden command (or is missing from the help menus at this time) so is most likely not supported by Juniper.

Yes, `commit confirmed` is available in `exclusive` for clusters, however test this on some versions and you will likely see *Automatic rollback failed* on a cluster member. JTAC reports `commit confirmed` is not supported in this deployment, so test it first on a lab device when you update to a new Junos version beyond the scope of this book.

Tip: Change Interfaces

Sometimes, during troubleshooting, you want to move the configuration associated with one interface to a different interface. You might also want to do this during a reconfiguration, when you are moving existing connections to new interfaces on the same device. This helpful tip describes an easy way to move the configuration associated with one interface to a different interface.



Let's say this is the configuration associated with one of your interfaces:

```
[edit]
user@device# show
[...]
interfaces {
  ge-0/0/0 {
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 10.0.0.1/24;
      }
    }
  }
}
[...]
protocols {
  ospf {
    area 0.0.0.0 {
      interface ge-0/0/0.0;
```

```

    }
  }
}

```

And you need to move the configuration on interface ge-0/0/0 to interface ge-0/1/0. Here's an easy way to do this with one command:

```

[edit]
user@device# replace pattern ge-0/0/0 with ge-0/1/0

```

Commit and now check the result:

```

[edit]
user@device# show

[edit]
user@device# show
[...]
interfaces {
  ge-0/0/1 {
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 10.0.0.1/24;
      }
    }
  }
}
[...]
protocols {
  ospf {
    area 0.0.0.0 {
      interface ge-0/0/1.0;
    }
  }
}

```

Another option for moving interface configurations from one interface to another is to “rename” the interface in the [edit interfaces] hierarchy. However, that only moves the actual interface configuration to the new interface, while leaving the other configuration associated with the old interface unchanged.

As this tip shows, using the `replace` command at the [edit] hierarchy changes all configurations associated with an interface, regardless of the section of the hierarchy where it appears. (It does not, however, change configuration statements where the interface is not directly referenced, such as interface-range statements or groups statements that include the interface as part of a range, or through a wildcard expression.)

So always use `show | compare` to verify the changes match your expectations before you commit them.

Tip: Wildcard Delete

This tip can be useful, but like many powerful things in this world, using it should come with a warning.

- 👉 You can use wildcards along with regular expressions (regex) to match large portions of a configuration and then choose to delete them. As an example, let's delete specific interfaces:

```
[edit]
regress@junoon# show interfaces
ge-0/0/1 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 1.1.1.1/32;
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/2 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 2.2.2.2/32;
    }
  }
}
ge-0/0/3 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 3.3.3.3/32;
    }
  }
}

[edit]
regress@junoon# wildcard delete interfaces ge-0/0/[2-3]
  matched: ge-0/0/2
  matched: ge-0/0/3
Delete 2 objects? [yes,no] (no) yes

[edit]
regress@junoon# show interfaces
ge-0/0/1 {
  unit 0 {
    family inet {
      address 1.1.1.1/32;
    }
  }
}
```

While this tip lets you quickly delete multiple items at the same level of the hierarchy, note that it does not delete related configurations, so, you may need to delete any configurations under the [edit protocols] hierarchy that references these interfaces.

Also note that despite the name *wildcard*, this command takes an argument of a regular expression. If you leave off the regular expression, it functions like the normal delete command and deletes the specified hierarchy and everything underneath it.

So the warning should be obvious: this tip and command let you delete large portions of your configuration very quickly. Use it wisely.

Tip: Searching a Large Configuration

Frequently you will have to search your configuration for a specific parameter in a large file. For instance, you may have to see what happens if you change interface ge-1/0/0 to ge-2/0/0. A quick way to see every reference to ge-1/0/0 is to match on the regular expression string ge-1/0/0 in the configuration file with the | match option.

 If you issue a show | match ge-1/0/0 command you get the following output.

```
regress@maple# show | match ge-1/0/0
  ge-1/0/0 {
    interface ge-1/0/0.0 {
      interface ge-1/0/0.0;
```

Although informationally correct, it does not provide the depth of all the various instances. Try using another option, the | display set command to provide a detailed context of the search value, as in:

```
show | match ge-1/0/0 | display set
```

And as you can see it provides a much clearer reference to every ge-1/0/0 value in the configuration file:

```
regress@maple# show | match ge-1/0/0 | display set
set interfaces ge-1/0/0 unit 0 family inet address 11.1.200.21/30
set interfaces ge-1/0/0 unit 0 family mpls
set protocols rsvp interface ge-1/0/0.0 aggregate
set protocols rsvp interface ge-1/0/0.0 reliable
set protocols rsvp interface ge-1/0/0.0 bandwidth 10g
set protocols rsvp interface ge-1/0/0.0 link-protection max-bypasses 0
set protocols mpls interface ge-1/0/0.0
```

```
set protocols ospf area 0.0.7.208 interface ge-1/0/0.0 interface-type p2p
set protocols ospf area 0.0.7.208 interface ge-1/0/0.0 ldp-synchronization
set protocols ldp interface ge-1/0/0.0 hello-interval 5
set protocols ldp interface ge-1/0/0.0 hold-time 15
```

Tip: Make Sure You Haven't Downloaded a Corrupted Junos Image

 When you download a Junos image from the Juniper download website, and before upgrading your device using that new image, it is best practice to check that the image was downloaded without any corruption, so that nothing bad happens during the upgrade.

There are two methods to verify: checking the file size of the downloaded image, and verifying the MD5 or SHA-1 checksum of that file.

First, check the file size of the downloaded image. The Juniper download website specifies the size of the image in bytes:

```
Branch SRX-series Install Package
Supported platforms SRX100, SRX210, SRX220, SRX240 and SRX650
MD5 SHA-1
10.3R1.9 tgz
210,595,906
15 Aug 2010
```

After you've downloaded the image to the device, run the `file list detail` command and check the size of the image. If the size is different from the download website, the image was not downloaded properly:

```
lab@host> file list detail /cf/var/home/lab/:
<snip>
-rw-r--r-- 1 root staff 210595906 Sep 24 12:56 junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz
```

Second, if the file sizes match, run an MD5 or SHA-1 checksum on the file. The download website also specifies the MD5/SHA-1 checksums of the images to aid in the verification as shown in the previous image stats.

You can create an MD5 or SHA-1 checksum of the downloaded image in two ways, from either the operational mode or the shell mode.

From operational mode:

```
lab@host> file checksum md5 junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz MD5 (/cf/var/home/lab/
junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz) = 0eb8a7703820994b0f0d1597b502c9c4
```

Then check the MD5 checksum from the web page (click on MD5 link), which in this instance cites MD5 0eb8a7703820994b0f0d1597b502c9c4. And to check on the SHA-1:

```
lab@host> file checksum sha1 junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz      SHA1 (/cf/var/home/
lab/junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz) = e0ecaf26e50e16a0e1252cd372847f6641a2d8a1
```

And the SHA-1 checksum from the web page (click on the SHA-1 link) is e0ecaf26e50e16a0e1252cd372847f6641a2d8a1.

For shell mode:

You may have to enter the shell and switch user (SU) to obtain root privileges:

```
lab@host> start shell
% su
Password: <-- provide the root-authentication password
root@host%
```

Now you can follow the rest of the tip:

```
root@host% md5 junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz MD5 (junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.
tgz) = 0eb8a7703820994b0f0d1597b502c9c4
root@host% sha1 junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.tgz SHA1 (junos-srxsme-10.3R1.9-domestic.
tgz) = e0ecaf26e50e16a0e1252cd372847f6641a2d8a1
```

Visually compare the checksums to confirm that there were no issues in the download.

Techniques: Junos Boot Devices and Password Recovery

These techniques are for users that are either locked out due to a lost password or have a device that does not successfully boot, i.e., keeps crashing and rebooting because of a corrupted image or configuration, such that you are not able to enter CLI mode in order to execute a request system reboot media disk command to attempt to boot from alternative media. You did remember to perform a snapshot when all was working well, right?

To make boot times faster, Junos does not pause very long at the boot prompt (~.5 seconds), so you have to be fast, or early, or else you may have to try again. Most find that hitting space a few times before you see the prompt is a good way to ensure you catch it. With some versions of Junos, entering keystrokes during boot can leave you at a “boot:” prompt. If this happens enter “/boot/loader” to continue reboot with the default kernel.

- 👍 Use this technique to interrupt the boot loader in order to specify an alternative boot device, or to boot into single user mode for password recovery. This process is only possible from a console-attached terminal.

Specify an Alternate Boot Device at Boot Time

As the router boots and you see the BIOS/Power on Self Test (POST), get ready to hit the space bar on your keyboard. *Remember, the interrupt period is short and therefore easy to miss:*

```
Will try to boot from
USB
Compact Flash
Hard Disk
Network
Trying to boot from USB
Trying to boot from Compact Flash

ial port
BIOS drive A: is disk0
BIOS drive C: is disk1
BIOS drive D: is disk2
BIOS 627kB/3668992kB available
FreeBSD/i386 bootstrap loader, Revision 1.1
(builder@warth.juniper.net, Mon Mar 14 02:09:30 UTC 2011)
Loading /boot/defaults/loader.conf
/kernel text=0x7c54a4 data=0x44ea0+0x9a608 syms=[0x4+0x86c90+0x4+0xbd98b
. . .
syncing disks... All buffers synced.
Hit [Enter] to boot immediately, or space bar for command prompt.
```

Now, QUICK! Enter a space to interrupt the boot process.

```
<space key>
Type '?' for a list of commands, 'help' for more detailed help.
OK ? <enter>
Available commands:
  reboot      reboot the system
  heap        show heap usage
  bcachestat  get disk block cache stats
  boot        boot a file or loaded kernel
  autoboot    boot automatically after a delay
  help        detailed help
  ?           list commands
  show        show variable(s)
  set         set a variable
  unset       unset a variable
  echo        echo arguments
  read        read input from the terminal
  more        show contents of a file
  nextboot    set next boot device
  install     install Junos
  include     read commands from a file
  ls          list files
  load        load a kernel or module
  unload      unload all modules
```

lsmod	list loaded modules
pnpscan	scan for PnP devices
recover	initiate recovery process from compact flash
boot-conf	load kernel and modules, then autoboot
read-conf	read a configuration file
enable-module	enable loading of a module
disable-module	disable loading of a module
toggle-module	toggle loading of a module
show-module	show module load data

Use the `nextboot` keyword to specify an alternative boot device. If the router has booted to flash, it tells the router to try booting from the hard disk:

```
OK nextboot disk
Next device to boot from is currently disk
```

Use the `reboot` keyword (not `boot`, which simply continues the interrupted boot process), to reboot to the specified media:

```
OK reboot
Rebooting...
. . .
Will try to boot from
USB
Compact Flash
Hard Disk
Network
Trying to boot from Hard Disk
Loading /boot/loader
. . .
```

Reset a Lost Root Password

Use these steps to reset a lost or forgotten root password for a Junos device. Note that resetting the root password is not possible on a FIPS-based Junos image, for security reasons.

Interrupt the boot process as previously described with a space key on a console-attached terminal to access the OK prompt. Now enter `boot -s` to boot into single user mode:

```
OK boot -s
platform_early_bootinit: M/T Series Early Boot Initialization
GDB: debug ports: sio
GDB: current port: sio
KDB: debugger backends: ddb gdb
. . .
Mounted jbase package on /dev/md0...
System watchdog timer disabled
Enter full pathname of shell or 'recovery' for root password recovery or RETURN for /bin/sh:
```

Enter recovery to begin the recovery script:

```
Enter full pathname of shell or 'recovery' for root password recovery or RETURN for /bin/sh: recovery
Performing filesystem consistency checks ...
/dev/ad0s1a: FILE SYSTEM CLEAN; SKIPPING CHECKS
. . .
Performing checkout of management services ...
NOTE: Once in the CLI, you will need to enter configuration mode using
NOTE: the 'configure' command to make any required changes. For example,
NOTE: to reset the root password, type:
NOTE:   configure
NOTE:   set system root-authentication plain-text-password
NOTE:   (enter the new password when asked)
NOTE:   commit
NOTE:   exit
NOTE:   exit
NOTE: When you exit the CLI, you will be asked if you want to reboot
NOTE: the system
Starting CLI ...
root>
```

Enter a new root password. Be sure to remember it this time.

```
root> configure
Entering configuration mode
[edit]
root# set system root-authentication plain-text-password
<new password>
root#commit
```

MORE? For general information on Junos router storage and boot devices see: <http://www.juniper.net/techpubs/software/nog/nog-hardware/html/routing-engines18.html>.

Refer to your specific hardware guide for platform-specific information. In many cases the router can detect boot issues with a device and will automatically attempt to reboot from the next device in the list.

Technique: Replace a Missing Boot Device

This tip might allow you to avoid a routing engine RMA by replacing a missing boot device, typically the hard disk, after errors are detected and it's automatically removed from the list of boot options.

Given that the device was removed due to some error, it's very possible that the storage device is either broken or on its way out, so this technique should be seen more as a temporary work-around while you make arrangements to replace the failing media.

Access to a root shell is required when updating the boot list via `sysctl`.

- 👉 Most Juniper routers store bootable copies of the Junos software in three possible locations: the internal flash disk, the hard drive, and the removable media. In some cases, SMART self tests on the hard drive will report an error resulting in the media being removed from the boot list. As the disk drive is also used for `/var` and `/tmp`, the removal of the device can also impact logging and the ability to save or load files. In these cases, Junos reports an alarm when the disk is removed from the boot list:

```
user@host> show system alarms
2 alarms currently active
Alarm time      Class Description
2011-03-31 10:17:38 PDT Major Rear Fan Tray Failure
2011-03-31 10:17:07 PDT Major Host 1 hard-disk missing in Boot List
. . .
```

You also receive a warning at login if the router has booted onto secondary media, which can happen if the compact flash is removed from the boot list, or the router is told to boot from alternate media:

```
--- JUNOS 10.4-20110314.0 built 2011-03-14 02:12:13 UTC
--- NOTICE: System is running on alternate media device (/dev/ad1s1a).
. . .
```

How to Display and Alter the Current Boot List

Use the following command in shell mode to display the current list of boot devices and their sequence:

```
root@host% sysctl -a | grep bootdevs
machdep.bootdevs: pcmcia-flash,compact-flash,lan
```

Note the absence of the disk in the current boot list. To place a device back, use the `-w` switch to write updated value with `sysctl` command. Note that a root shell is required for this step:

```
root@host% sysctl -w machdep.bootdevs=pcmcia-flash,compact-flash,disk,lan
machdep.bootdevs: compact-flash,lan -> compact-flash,disk,lan
```

The display confirms the delta and indicates the hard disk is again back in the list of bootable devices. You should now reboot the router and check to see if the alarm is cleared. If the disk is again found to be absent it's a strong indication that the unit is truly defective and requires replacement.

Given that we have mentioned root shells and hidden `sysctl` commands, it seems appropriate to mention the hidden `hard-disk-test` switch to the `request chassis routing-engine hard-disk-test` command as it provides access to SMART disk status and read/write tests. You need to be logged in as root to use the command – super-user/wheel permissions are not enough. The command is hidden because misuse could prematurely wear out media (compact flash only has so many write cycles), or cause control plane/convergence issues on a busy system that needs IO bandwidth for reasons other than testing.

```
root@host> request chassis routing-engine hard-disk-test ?
Possible completions:
  disk          Name of hard disk
  long          Run SMART extended self test
  short         Run short test
  show-status   Display status of test
root@host> request chassis routing-engine hard-disk-test show-status disk /dev/ad2
Device: ST940817SM Supports ATA Version 7, Firmware version 3.AAB
ATA/ATAPI revision 7
device model      ST940817SM
serial number     5RQ02H70
firmware revision 3.AAB
cylinders         16383
heads            16
sectors/track    63
lba supported     21248 sectors
lba48 supported   -4630046677200252160 sectors
dma supported
overlap not supported
```

Feature	Support	EnableValue	Vendor
write cache	yes	yes	
read ahead	yes	yes	
dma queued	no	no	31/1F
SMART	yes	yes	
microcode download	yes	yes	
. . .			

```
SMART Error Log:
SMART Error Logging Version: 1
No Errors Logged
```

```
SMART SelfTest Log:
SMART SelfTest Logging Version: 1
```

Selftest Type	Status	Failure-LBA	Timestamp
Unknown	Successful	None	0

Tip: Hide Pieces of the Configuration

The editors learned a lot of new things while editing this book, the following being one good example.

- 👉 An often forgotten or unnoticed Junos tip is that you can hide common pieces of configuration in everyday use by setting `apply-flags omit` in the hierarchy you want to omit, like so:

```
[edit]
user@device# set system apply-flags omit
```

```
[edit]
user@device# show
## Last changed: 2011-05-02 17:24:51 UTC
version 10.3R1.9;
system { /* OMITTED */ };
logical-systems {
[...]
```

After committing, a `show system` in configuration mode will still show the whole stanza and editing works just as it usually does:

```
[edit]
user@device# show system
apply-flags omit;
host-name device;
root-authentication {
    encrypted-password "$1$KI99zGk6$MbYFuBbpLffu9tn2.sI711"; ## SECRET-DATA
[...]
```

Use `show | display omit` in the top of configuration to show the entire configuration without omitting sections:

```
[edit]
user@device# show | display omit
## Last changed: 2011-05-02 17:24:51 UTC
version 10.3R1.9;
system {
    apply-flags omit;
    host-name device;
    root-authentication {
        encrypted-password "$1$KI99zGk6$MbYFuBbpLffu9tn2.sI711"; ## SECRET-DATA
[...]
```

The editors found this tip useful for hiding long, uninteresting, static pieces of various configurations. However, if you are going to use it, you should probably make sure everyone on the team knows how to see the full configuration, unless it's April Fool's day.

Tip: How to View Built-in Configuration

This came to the editors as a tip for how to view the pre-defined applications on an SRX. And the tip is useful for that. However, we'd like to point out that the tip actually allows you to see a number of default settings, too.

- 👍 Junos software contains default configurations in a hidden group named *junos-defaults*. To see them, use the `show configuration groups junos-defaults` command:

```
user@mx240> show configuration groups junos-defaults
dynamic-profiles {
  <*> {
    variables {
      junos-interface-unit {
        internal;
        valid-path interface_unit_number;
      }
      junos-interface-ifd-name {
        internal;
        valid-path "interface_name|underlying-interface";
      }
      junos-underlying-interface-unit {
        internal;
        valid-path interface_unit_number;
      }
      junos-underlying-interface {
        internal;
        valid-path underlying-interface;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

[...]

Pre-defined applications on a SRX device start with `junos-`. To view a list of the predefined services use the `show configuration groups junos-defaults applications` command like this:

```
user@srx240> show configuration groups junos-defaults applications
#
# File Transfer Protocol
#
application junos-ftp {
  application-protocol ftp;
  protocol tcp;
  destination-port 21;
}
#
# Trivial File Transfer Protocol
#
```

```
application junos-tftp {
  application-protocol tftp;
  protocol udp;
  destination-port 69;
}
```

But, you can also see the default configuration with the `show configuration | display inheritance defaults` command. Here, we include the defaults in the system configuration:

```
user@mx240> show configuration system | display inheritance defaults
host-name vr-device;
##
## 'ports' was inherited from group 'junos-defaults'
##
ports {
  ##
  ## 'console' was inherited from group 'junos-defaults'
  ## 'vt100' was inherited from group 'junos-defaults'
  ##
  console type vt100;
}
root-authentication {
  encrypted-password "$1$K199zGk6$MbYFuBbpLffu9tn2.sI711"; ## SECRET-DATA
[...]
```

You can see that the system ports `console type vt100` statement was inherited from the `junos-defaults` group

Tip: Preventing Other Users From Editing a Configuration While You're Still Configuring

The Junos commit model provides you with the ability to have either a *private* or an *exclusive* configuration session. A private session is private to you only, but does not prevent other users from having their own sessions at the same time. An exclusive session means that no one else can have a configuration session at the same time. First let's acknowledge the original tip:

 If you want to prevent other users from editing the configuration use the `configure exclusive` command to exclude other users from editing the configuration:

```
ugo@nigeria> configure exclusive
warning: uncommitted changes will be discarded on exit
```

It's important to note that if this session gets hung, the request `system logout user <user>` command can clear the session. (See the next entry, *Tip: Logging Out a Connected User*).

As shown here, however, to enter the exclusive configuration mode just add the keyword `exclusive` after your `configure` statement. Note that uncommitted changes are discarded on exit, which is not the normal behavior for a regular configuration session.

Tip: Logout a Connected User

 You can disconnect a user from a session using the `request system logout <user-name>` command. You can also use this command if a user hangs a configuration session while in `exclusive` mode, or if they simply forget to logout.

As an example, let's disconnect Robin from his CLI session:

```
root@Junos> show system users
2:13PM up 5:13, 2 users, load averages: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER  TTY  FROM                LOGIN@  IDLE WHAT
root  d0   -                   9:01AM - cli
Robin p0   X.X.X.X             2:13PM -cli (cli)
root@Junos> request system logout Robin
root@Junos> show system users
2:13PM up 5:13, 2 users, load averages: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00
USER  TTY  FROM                LOGIN@  IDLE WHAT
root  d0   -                   9:01AM - cli
```

You can also logout based upon the TTY instead of the username. This is especially useful if a single user has multiple logins.

Technique: Automatic Junos Configuration Backup

 If you do configuration changes all the time, you need an automatic method for configuration backup. Try this:

1. To remotely save a copy of a configuration each time you commit:

```
[edit]
user@Junos# set system archival configuration transfer-on-commit
```

```
[edit]
user@Junos# set system archival configuration archive-sites ftp://
loginname:loginpassword@FTP-server-ip/directory
```

2. To remotely save a copy of a configuration at a specified time interval (in this example, 60 minutes):

```
[edit]
user@Junos# set system archival configuration transfer-interval 60
```

```
[edit]
user@Junos# set system archival configuration archive-sites ftp://
loginname:loginpassword@FTP-server-ip/directory
```

For more secure password storage, you can specify the password separately from the URL. Use a URL in the form of `ftp://user@server/directory` and add the password argument. When you do this, the Junos software will encrypt the password in a reversible encryption algorithm. Even though it is not completely secure, it makes the password harder to determine than a plain-text password encoded in a URL.

You can also use SCP for transferring the configurations. Use a URL in the form `scp://user@host:/directory` and provide the password with the password argument. According to JTAC, one of the most common mistakes with SCP URLs is leaving off the colon after the hostname. However, when tested with 10.3R1, it seemed to work both with and without the colon after the hostname. So the behavior of the software may have changed at some point. Try it out and leave a post on this book's J-Net forum pages.

If you want to look for log messages related to the archival process, you can match on error messages with the user facility and a level of notice or more severe.

Tip: Quickly Synchronize System to NTP Server

While the purpose seems simple enough, the Network Time Protocol (NTP) is rife with nuisances that are not well understood. For example, a constant source of confusion is that in order for NTP to synchronize, the two systems clocks have to be already relatively close to one another, or else the server's updates are ignored, equally a cart-before-the-horse type paradox, if you will.

The most common method to gain initial sync is via a NTP boot server. As its name implies, the system contacts the specified server at boot time and synchronizes its clock regardless of how far their clocks are skewed. You did remember the backup-router statement to ensure it has a route at boot before RPD and its minions of protocols have built their tables, right?

This tip mimics the `boot-servers initial clock set` functionality but avoids the need to reboot.

- 👍 Use the `set date ntp <server-address>` command to synchronize the local clock without requiring explicit NTP configuration, or a reboot for initial synchronization via a boot server.

```
user@host> set date 201101010101
Sat Jan  1 01:01:00 PST 2011
user@host> set date ntp 172.17.28.5
31 Mar 11:41:28 ntpdate[6670]: step time server 172.17.28.5 offset 7724421.644772 sec
user@host> show system uptime
Current time: 2011-03-31 11:41:35 PDT
```

Tip: Firewall Support for NTP Status

Keeping routers (and their log timestamps) synchronized with NTP, and the use of `lo0`-based routing engine protection firewall filters, are two best practices that are often deployed together.

Another one of NTP's not-so-well-understood nuances is its need to use the `127.0.0.1` loopback address when communicating with the local daemon to obtain server association status. Make sure your protecting filters allow such traffic, or you'll get an error rather than the expected status display.

- 👍 Scenario: You have configured Junos for NTP, and while actual clock synchronization appears to be working fine, you note that the `show ntp associations` command is timing-out:

```
user@host# show ntp associations
localhost: timed out, nothing received
***Request timed out
```

The solution is to make sure your routing-engine protection filter permits internal communications with the `ntp` daemon:

```
[edit]
user@host# show firewall family inet filter router-access term ntp-reject
from {
    source-prefix-list {
        default-prefix;
        ntp-router-access except;
    }
    protocol udp;
    port ntp;
}
then {
```

```
discard;
}
```

```
user@host# show policy-options prefix-list ntp-router-access
10.0.3.1/32;
10.0.3.99/32;
```

Modify the `ntp-router-access` prefix list to include the loopback address, like this:

```
user@host# show | compare
[edit policy-options prefix-list ntp-router-access]
+ 127.0.0.1/32;
```

```
user@host# run show ntp associations
remote          refid          st t when poll reach  delay  offset jitter
=====
*10.0.3.99      130.149.17.8  2 u  29  64 377  0.624  -0.427  0.280
+10.0.3.1      192.36.143.150 2 -  24 128 377  2.343   2.014  0.168
```

Tip: Configuration Loading on a Router from the Output of Show

This tip tells you how to use the `load merge relative` command.

 Instead of loading entire configuration files and committing them, you can do this for an interface, a protocol, or any other hierarchy.

For example, if you want to load an interface configuration:

1. On a Junos device, type `show configuration interfaces`. Copy the configuration to a text editor and make changes, as needed.
2. On the new Junos device, type `edit interfaces` to enter the edit interface hierarchy.
3. Enter the `load merge relative` command.
4. Here, you should paste the interface configuration you want to add.
5. Press `Ctrl-D`.
6. Type `top`.
7. Type `commit`.

The interfaces will have the configuration you loaded without needing to copy an entire configuration file!

It's the same process for protocols, too, but in the `[edit protocols]` hierarchy.

The editors regularly use this in our labs. You can use `show` commands to display a small and specific piece of the configuration hierarchy on one device, and then paste it into the new device. Using `load merge relative` allows you to do that without having to modify the configuration you are pasting to include the levels of hierarchy above the piece you're pasting.

Another use case example: if you want to disable an interface in both the ISIS and MPLS protocols you can copy the portion of the configuration that disables the interfaces and use `load merge relative` to copy it to both protocols at the same time.

Tip: Junos Display Set



If you are new to Junos and still not comfortable with its hierarchical shaped configuration, try using the `display set` command. First, look at a typical Junos configuration:

```
[edit]
root@Junos# show
system {
  services {
    web-management {
      http;
    }
  }
}
```

And now here is the same thing but using the `display set` command:

```
[edit]
root@Junos# show | display set
set system services web-management http;
```

We've heard about people describing this as a way to become familiar with the Junos configuration hierarchy and explaining how it's a good way to feel more comfortable with Junos for, say, former ScreenOS users, who are used to viewing a configuration as a list of "set" commands, or for IOS administrators. However we, as a group of Junos engineers, respectfully suggest that you try to view the Junos configuration in its hierarchical format. You'll find that the hierarchical format is easier to use over time, and it should also help you better navigate the configuration as you try to modify it. Rest assured, the `display set` pipe command is always there should you need it.

On a related note, if you are seeking to view set commands as an easy way to copy configuration changes from one device to another, consider using the `load patch` functionality instead. To use `load patch`, first make the changes on one device. On that device, use the command `show | compare` to show the changes. The output of `show | compare` is the patch that you will use to load on other devices. On a second device, you can type `load patch terminal` and paste the patch (the output of `show | compare` from the first device). Then, hit CTRL-D. The change will now be replicated to the candidate configuration on the second device.

Tip: Configure a Basic Firewall on SRX

 A basic firewall on a SRX device can be done in five steps. Count ‘em:

1. Create zones.
2. Add interfaces in the zones.
3. Enable system properties, protocols for each zone.
4. Create address book entries to allow/deny application traffic.
5. Create policy between zones to permit/deny.

That’s it – you’re done!

Now, issue the `show security zone` and `show security policies` commands to check your work.

Technique: SRX CLI Management Plane Traffic (Telnet/SSH) Timeout Settings

This is a great tip that explains how to reduce the frequency of, or to eliminate, hung SSH sessions to SRX devices.

 A CLI session (Telnet/SSH) to SRX timeouts in 30 minutes, regardless of your login class `idle-timeout` settings. Why? The nonuser-configurable policy `self-traffic-policy` controls management (Telnet/SSH) sessions to the SRX itself and the built-in `junos-telnet/junos-ssh` applications have 1800-second inactivity timeouts (the default value for TCP applications), as you can see:

```
user@device> show security flow session
Session ID: 28993, Policy name: self-traffic-policy/1, Timeout: 1800, Valid
  In: 10.210.11.158/6529 --> 10.210.11.131/22;tcp, If: ge-0/0/0.0, Pkts: 111, Bytes: 9583
  Out: 10.210.11.131/22 --> 10.210.11.158/6529;tcp, If: .local..0, Pkts: 108, Bytes: 15585
Total sessions: 1
```

What's the solution? Simply increase the timeout in junos-ssh (junos-telnet) built-in applications:

```
user@device> show configuration
[...]
applications {
  application junos-ssh inactivity-timeout 3600;
}
[...]
```

```
user@device> show security flow session
Session ID: 7, Policy name: self-traffic-policy/1, Timeout: 3600, Valid
  In: 10.210.11.158/31948 --> 10.210.11.131/22;tcp, If: ge-0/0/0.0, Pkts: 69, Bytes: 7015
  Out: 10.210.11.131/22 --> 10.210.11.158/31948;tcp, If: .local..0, Pkts: 52, Bytes: 6513
Total sessions: 1
```

NOTE Your modified default application may be used in other policies and the timeout change will also affect transit traffic. If needed, create *your own* custom Telnet/SSH applications to be used in the user-created policies.

And a tip for OpenSSH users: if you connect to SRX from a *nix host, configure the OpenSSH client to send keepalive messages to keep the flow active:

```
admin@unix ~]$ more .ssh/config
Host *
ServerAliveInterval 120

Host srx650
ServerAliveInterval 30

[admin@unix ~]$
```

Many other SSH client applications implement similar keepalive techniques.

Note that you want to use a keepalive mechanism that actually sends data through the encrypted channel, rather than merely using a TCP keepalive mechanism. The `ServerAliveInterval` option for OpenSSH sends data through the encrypted channel.

We've heard about some operators using a very low-tech keepalive mechanism – a client programmed to periodically print a space over the SSH session. It's not an elegant keepalive mechanism, but it works! (Test before using.)

Tip: Layer 3 VPN Dynamic GRE

If you cannot build MPLS LSPs, but you still want to support L3 VPNs, you can use Layer 3 VPNS over dynamic GRE tunnels. All that is required is IP connectivity. When you do so:

- 👉 A GRE tunnel will be built automatically and the GRE route to the remote side loopback interface will be placed in inet.3.

This capability also provides a good migration strategy if you want Layer3 VPNs over an IP core now, but still want to provide the flexibility to migrate to an MPLS core in the future.

See the following link in the Junos documentation for details: http://www.juniper.net/techpubs/en_US/junos10.0/information-products/topic-collections/config-guide-vpns/vpns-configuring-gre-tunnels-for-layer-3-vpns.html

Tip: Fixing Corrupted (Failed) Junos EX or SRX Software Using USB Port

You discover that your Junos EX or SRX device does not complete normal boot up. For some reason, the image seems to be corrupted—for example, a continuous power failure. If this occurs, don't worry, you can get it back up within few minutes using the USB port.

- 👉 Step 1. Get a USB flash drive. Copy the Junos image to the USB drive (without creating folders). Use FAT file format if the USB size is less than 2 GB. Use FAT32 if the USB size is greater than or equal to 4 GB. The example below uses the file image `junos-srxsme-10.4R1.9-domestic.tgz`.

Step 2. Insert the flash into an EX/SRX USB port.

Step 3. Reboot the device. When Junos boots up, you will see the message :

Press Space to abort autoboot

Do nothing. A little while later, you will see:

Hit [Enter] to boot immediately, or space bar for command prompt.

Touch the spacebar. You will be at loader mode; the prompt should be loader>. If the prompt is >, type >boot to make it loader>.

Step 4. Now type the following command:

```
loader> install file:///junos-srxsme-10.4R1.9-domestic.tgz.
```

Expect to wait awhile for the code to download. Additionally, after the Junos OS boots, you may see messages relating to file system structure and root file system creation. We originally planned to show this, but it went on for 15 pages and the editor in chief chucked it. So, trust us. After a bunch of messages, the system then reboots. You can try it yourself and watch the monitor the whole time – expect the entire process to take ten to fifteen minutes.

Tip: Interpreting Syslog Messages

 Junos uses standard BSD syslog formatting and some users find the various message codes somewhat cryptic and difficult to decipher. If that's the case, use the `help syslog <message code>` command to provide additional information about a particular message code, like this:

```
user@host> help syslog UI_CMDLINE_READ_LINE
```

```
Name:          UI_CMDLINE_READ_LINE
Message:       User '<username>', command '<input>'
Help:         User entered command at CLI prompt
Description:   The indicated user typed the indicated command at the CLI prompt and
               pressed the Enter key, sending the command string to the management process (mgd).
Type:         Event: This message reports an event, not an error
Severity:     info
```

Now that you know what all those logging codes mean, don't forget to search the syslog for any that may be of concern:

```
user@host> show log messages | match UI_CMDLINE_READ_LINE
May  4 09:32:24 mse-a mgd[6926]: UI_CMDLINE_READ_LINE: User 'regress', command 'show
version '
```

Tip: Send Syslog Messages with Different Facility Codes to the Same Syslog Host

Even with the default settings on, Junos can generate a lot of syslog information. That's because syslog standards include a facility and a priority code that are used to identify the process that generated the messages, as well as their relative severity, respectively.

When using Junos software with a remote syslog server, you might normally configure a per-syslog host facility code, which means you lose the ability to filter and search based on specific facility codes.

This tip shows you how to generate messages with different facility codes to the same syslog host.

 Your operational goal is to send firewall logs with a facility code of `local3`, while all other logging information is sent as `local4`. The problem is you only have one remote syslog host and with Junos logging facilities defined on a per-host basis, in theory that forces all messages sent to that host to have a common facility.

So this tip provides a work around that involves the definition of multiple static-host-mappings for the same host along with multiple syslog host definitions using different facility values.

```
static-host-mapping {
  nms inet 100.0.33.99;
  nms-firewall-log inet 100.0.33.99;
}

syslog {
  [...]
  host nms {
    authorization info;
    change-log info;
    interactive-commands info;
    facility-override local4;

    host nms-firewall-log {
      firewall info;
      facility-override local3;
    }
  }
}
```

Tip: VRRP Fast Failover

VRRP can be configured for sub-second failover with the fast-interval option. The fast-interval setting is in ms. Setting a fast-interval value of 100 will provide failure detection within 300 ms. Failover time is a loss of three keepalives, so a setting of 100 ms means detection within 300 ms:

```

interfaces {
  irb {
    unit 135 {
      family inet {
        address 10.150.135.2/24 {
          vrrp-group 135 {
            virtual-address 10.150.135.1;
            priority 100;
            fast-interval 100; <-- set failover to 300 ms
            preempt;
            accept-data;
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

(3x100ms)

👉 Verify the VRRP configuration is active using `show vrrp` and `show vrrp detail`. You will see the fast-interval setting of 100 ms as Advertisement interval: .100 (where the interval is displayed in seconds).

```

jnpr@Ophion-MX240-RE0> show vrrp
Interface      State      Group  VR state VR Mode  Timer  Type  Address  vip
irb.135       up         135   master  Active   A 0.079  Icl  10.150.135.2
10.150.135.1
jnpr@Ophion-MX240-RE0> show vrrp detail
Physical interface: irb, Unit: 135, Address: 10.150.135.2/24
Index: 121, SNMP ifIndex: 5641, VRRP-Traps: enabled
Interface state: up, Group: 135, State: master, VRRP Mode: Active
Priority: 100, Advertisement interval: .100, Authentication type: none
Delay threshold: 100, Computed send rate: 40
Preempt: yes, Accept-data mode: yes, VIP count: 1, VIP: 10.150.135.1
Advertisement Timer: 0.061s, Master router: 10.150.135.2
Virtual router uptime: 4d 00:03, Master router uptime: 4d 00:03
Virtual Mac: 00:00:5e:00:01:87
Tracking: disabled

```

Tip: Copying Files Between SRX Clusters

 It's often easier to copy code or log files from one SRX to another in the cluster. You can do this by entering the shell.

```
juniper@SRX5800# start shell
%rcp -T junos-srx3000-10.1R1.8-domestic.tgz node1:
```

The syntax is `rcp -T <file> <node>` and allows you to copy files from one SRX to another, hopefully saving you some time and avoiding potential headaches.

Tip: Connecting to the Secondary Node from the Primary Node on an SRX Cluster

 There may be instances where, due to some connectivity issues, you are unable to remotely log in into the secondary node on an SRX cluster.

In the absence of a console connection to the secondary, it is still possible to log into the secondary node from the primary node and run Junos commands without having to dispatch a technician to the site.

On branch SRX devices, this can be achieved by the command:

```
{primary:node0}
lab@host-A# request routing-engine login node 1
--- JUNOS 10.1R3.7 built 2010-011-10 04:15:10 UTC
{secondary:node1}
lab@host-B>
```

On high-end SRX devices, you need to be in the shell and run the following:

```
root@host-A% rlogin -T node1
```

Tip: Gracefully Shutdown Junos Software Before Removing Power

The following tip may seem completely obvious to long-time Junos users; however, it is not necessarily obvious to those new to the Junos platform. While some network vendors store configuration information only in flash and only when the user specifically requests it, Junos uses a real file system, which is always available for writing. As a consequence, the file system is open to corruption when the power is

removed when the operating system is still running. Junos will automatically attempt to correct any file system errors, but still, just shut it down.

- 👍 It's recommended to gracefully shutdown the Junos software before removing power. When appropriate, use the `request system halt` command to gracefully halt Junos and help ensure file system integrity.

```
user@device> request system halt
```

When the software has been halted, system power is maintained.

You can also use `request system power-off` on some platforms. On platforms with dual routing engines, you may also want to use the `both-routing-engines` option (and, in fact, the software should warn you of that).

Tip: Connect Another Device Using Auxiliary Port

The editors have regularly heard people ask if Juniper has a capability similar to that found in one of our competitor's terminals, but after seeing this tip this capability appears to only be available on the J Series Services Router, and it is only available for the single auxiliary port on that device. Still it might be useful in certain configurations. For example, it might be useful if you have two J Series in the same location, or you have a single J-Series and a single EX Series Ethernet Switch in a location. Try it.

- 👍 Junos permits you to use the AUX port to connect to another device's console. Note that you must use a rollover cable to connect the Junos device and the other one.

You can use this capability in two ways:

1. Locally

Within the shell, type:

```
% /usr/libexec/interposer
```

You will now be connected to the auxiliary port:

```
% /usr/libexec/interposer
```

You are now connected to the console of the device attached to the AUX port.

Press CTRL-^ to disconnect.

2. Remotely

You can configure reverse Telnet or reverse SSH to connect to AUX port :

```
[edit]
user@host# set system services reverse telnet
or:
```

```
[edit]
user@host# set system services reverse ssh
```

Optionally, you can specify the port used for each one.

NOTE By default, the system uses port 2900 for reverse telnet and 2901 for reverse SSH.

Tip: Checking a Link Status Using Port Descriptions

 If you set up port descriptions on all your ports using easy-to-remember names, for example: `# set interfaces ge-1/0/0 description Server1`, you can quickly see the link status without having to remember the port number, just the port description:

```
>show interfaces description | match Server1.
```

We regularly use `show interfaces description` while troubleshooting in our labs, and it's worth noting one important element of the way Junos software implements this command.

The `show interfaces description` command only shows interfaces or units with descriptions. Therefore, you only see interfaces or units that have descriptions. If you configure descriptions on the interfaces, and not the units, you only see the interfaces in the command output. Likewise, if you configure descriptions on units, but not on interfaces, you only see the units in the command output.

Granted, in some cases, this doesn't matter; however, in other cases (frame-relay being an example that quickly comes to mind), this distinction does matter. Play around with this one to refine its usefulness.

Technique: Monitor Interesting Commands Executed by Others in Real-time

Junos has great syslog capabilities, and the CLI has many useful features for parsing logs, and this technique is for the paranoid or perhaps slightly voyeuristic operators that are curious about what others may be doing on the device. For a better experience, use the `| match` and `| except` to filter the output so that you can focus on the juicy stuff.



If you wish to monitor the commands being entered by others, you must first configure syslog for interactive commands. Try something akin to the following:

```
user@host> show configuration system syslog
user * {
  any emergency;
}
host 10.210.32.24 {
  authorization any;
}
file messages {
  any notice;
  authorization info;
}
file interactive-commands {
  interactive-commands any;
}
```

Now, as a result, all log messages of type `interactive-commands` are logged to a file named `interactive-commands`. You can now monitor the changes to the `interactive-commands` file, but filter the delta to show only entries that match the pattern `configure`:

```
user@host> monitor start interactive-commands | match configure
```

```
user@host>
```

Note that you see the matching output immediately because the command you just entered matches the pattern. Meanwhile, in another terminal window, various commands are run to include `configure`. As expected or hoped for, only the `configure` command appears in the output:

```
*** interactive-commands ***
Dec 22 21:10:56 host mgd[58865]: UI_CMDLINE_READ_LINE: User 'user', command 'monitor
start interactive-commands | match configure '
Dec 22 21:11:18 host mgd[58870]: UI_CMDLINE_READ_LINE: User 'user', command 'configure '
```

If you run `monitor list`, it will even show you the pipe commands applied to the output (not that any of us editors have ever done that, mind you, it just kind of came to us):

```
user@host> monitor list
monitor start "interactive-commands" (Last changed Dec 22 21:11:18)
| match "configure"
```

Tip: Suspend and Resume Trace File Monitoring

Junos supports a `monitor stop` command, which, like `undebug all` on other vendors' equipment, stops the monitoring of all logs (tracefiles) that have been selected for monitoring. This tip shows you how Junos can quickly achieve a similar effect while still allowing the continuous writing to log files. It ensures that information isn't lost while you catch up with all the information already displayed on your monitor.

- Once you have configured tracing/logging and have begun to view a given log file in real time using `monitor start <filename>`, you can always stop the output of trace to your terminal with a `monitor stop <filename>` command. But now you need another `monitor start` command to resume activity.

In those cases where you simply wish to pause the trace output, but expect you might again wish to resume monitoring, use the `esc-q` sequence to temporarily suspend monitor output. Though no longer displayed on your terminal, the trace information is still written to the log files until tracing is removed from the configuration:

```
user@host> monitor start trace-ospf
*** trace-ospf ***
Nov 10 20:22:56.970256 OSPF hello from 10.10.137.26 (IFL 74, transit area 0.0.0.0) absorbed
Nov 10 20:22:58.342734 OSPF hello from 10.10.137.24 (IFL 74, transit area 0.0.0.0) absorbed
Nov 10 20:23:00.073062 OSPF hello from 10.10.137.21 (IFL 74, transit area 0.0.0.0) absorbed
```

Here, the user enters the `esc-q` sequence...

```
*** monitor and syslog output disabled, press ESC-Q to enable ***
```

```
user@host>
```

```
user@host> show configuration protocols ospf
traceoptions {
  file trace-ospf size 1m files 10;
  flag event;
  flag state;
  flag hello;
  [...]
}
```

```
user@host>
```

Now the user enters the esq-q sequence to toggle the monitor output back on...

```
*** monitor and syslog output enabled, press ESC-Q to disable ***
```

```
Nov 10 20:23:12.812435 OSPF periodic xmit from 10.10.137.10 to 224.0.0.5 (IFL 73)
Nov 10 20:23:13.094161 OSPF hello from 10.10.137.28 (IFL 74, transit area 0.0.0.0) absorbed
Nov 10 20:23:13.095060 OSPF hello from 10.10.137.29 (IFL 74, transit area 0.0.0.0) absorbed
[...]
```

```
user@host> monitor stop
```

Tip: Combine Match with Junos Syslog Capabilities

The previous tip provided guidance about monitoring a tracefile in real time. It's used again here because many do not realize the same approach can be used for remote sysloging or when writing to a local log file. Stated differently, the previous tip shows you how to filter what was viewed; this tip shows how to filter what is actually logged. Use it carefully because sloppy matching may omit important information.

-  Use the Junos match function when configuring sysloging to reduce network traffic and storage space. That's because only matching entries are actually logged!

Here's a remote syslog example that results in only IDP related entries being sent to the remote host:

```
user@host# set system syslog host 10.10.10.100 any any
user@host# system syslog host 10.10.10.100 match IDP_ATTACK_LOG_EVENT
```

And a local logging example that only logs interface flap events:

```
user@host# system syslog file interface-change-logs any any;
user@host# system syslog file interface-change-logs match UpDown;
```

Tip: Static Host Mapping

-  You can use static host mapping for situations where you find yourself pinging, tracerouting, or configuring a specific address on a regular basis. Once configured, you can use the name you've defined for an address instead of the address itself, thus saving you from having to look it up all the time.

Let's say *Customer-1* has a loopback address assigned to it of 192.168.2.1. First assign this address the name *Customer-1*:

```
[edit]
lab@srxA-2# set system static-host-mapping Customer-1 inet 192.168.2.1
```

```
[edit]
lab@srxA-2# commit
commit complete
```

Now when you want to configure a protocol or other stanza that would include that address, you only have to remember that it was associated with *Customer-1*:

```
[edit]
lab@srxA-2# set protocols bgp group internal neighbor Customer-1
```

Notice that the Juniper device recognizes the relationship and fills in the appropriate information:

```
[edit]
lab@srxA-2# show protocols bgp
group internal {
    neighbor 192.168.2.1;
}
```

Tip: Viewing Core Files

 Occasionally, the Junos operating system encounters an error and creates what is called a *core dump*. These files contain information that can help Juniper engineers find the cause of the error that was encountered. You can use `show system core-dumps` command to list all core dumps on your router.

And, we are going to end this book with a bonus tip for all those of you who aren't satisfied with letting JTAC do all the troubleshooting work. You can use the `show system core-dumps core-file-info <filename>` command to see the stack trace in the core file, like this:

```
user@device> show system core-dumps core-file-info /var/tmp/
cores/rpd.core.2.201101191435.965992
' rpd' process terminated with signal 11 Segmentation fault
```

```
Stack trace:
#0 0x082b7649 in tai_delete_branch ()
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```

```
#1 0x082b849a in tai_lsp_tunnel_id_available_notification ()  
#2 0x082b8709 in tai_update_ldp_p2mp_nexthop ()  
#3 0x082b87d3 in tai_update_rsvp_p2mp_nexthop ()  
#4 0x08180ddd in krt_floodnh_disassociate ()  
#5 0x08173eed in krt_add ()  
#6 0x08123677 in ?? ()  
#7 0x00000002 in ?? ()  
#8 0xbfbedef4 in ?? ()  
#9 0xbfbedf00 in ?? ()  
#10 0x0812366c in ?? ()  
#11 0x087f8a80 in idr_decode__rbrt_msg_0 ()  
#12 0x00000002 in ??
```

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