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Q. How do I restart networking service under OpenBSD operating system from a shell prompt? How do I start / stop interface?

A. You need to use /etc/netstart command scripts for network startup. It's the command script that is invoked by rc during an automatic reboot and after single user mode is exited; it performs network initialization.

If you made changes to interface called pnc0 by editing /etc/hostname.pnc0, type the following command to restart / reset / update TCP/IP configuration including routing table and set up the default routes:

```
# sh /etc/netstart pnc0
```

Mark an interface down i.e. stop networking service and transmission via interface called pnc0:

```
# ifconfig pnc0 down
```

To bring back interface, type:

```
# ifconfig pnc0 up
```

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