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Setup and configure NVIDIA SN2100 switches

Setup and configure the NVIDIA SN2100 switches

The NVIDIA SN2100 switch is a 10/25/40/100 Gb Ethernet switch running Cumulus Linux. The SN2100 switch serves Cluster and Storage applications in ONTAP 9.10.1P3 over different switch-pairs.

Cumulus Linux (CL) OS can be installed either when the switch is running Cumulus Linux or ONIE. For this release, the minimal version of Cumulus Linux supported is 4.4.2.



The procedures here use Network Command Line Utility (NCLU) which is a command line interface that ensures Cumulus Linux is fully accessible to all. The net command is the wrapper utility you use to execute actions from a terminal.



When using breakout cables for 10G and 25G, make sure that auto-negotiation is off and hard set the port speed on the switch. See [Cabling and configuration considerations](#) for further details.

Cabling and configuration considerations

Before configuring your NVIDIA SN2100 switch, review the following information:

1. Only optical connections are supported on SN2100 switches with X1151A NIC, X1146A NIC, or onboard 100GbE ports. For example:
 - a. AFF A800 on ports e0a and e0b
 - b. AFF A320 on ports e0g and e0h
2. When a QSA adapter is used to connect to the onboard Intel cluster ports on a platform, not all links come up.

Example platforms are: FAS2750, AFF A300, and FAS8200 (all 10G) and AFF A250 (25G).

To resolve this issue, do the following:

- a. For Intel 10G, manually set the swp1s0-3 link speed to 10000 and set auto-negotiation to off
- b. For Chelsio 25G, manually set the swp2s0-3 link speed to 25000 and set auto-negotiation to off



Using 10G/25G QSA, use the non-breakout 40/100G ports. Do not insert the QSA adapter on ports that are configured for breakout.

3. Depending on the transceiver in the switchport, you might need to set the speed on the switchport to fixed speed. If using 10G and 25G breakout ports, make sure that auto-negotiation is off and hard set the port speed on the switch. For example:

```

cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net add int swp1s3 link autoneg on && net com
--- /etc/network/interfaces      2019-11-17 00:17:13.470687027 +0000
+++ /run/nclu/ifupdown2/interfaces.tmp  2019-11-24 00:09:19.435226258
+0000
@@ -37,21 +37,21 @@
    alias 10G Intra-Cluster Node
    link-autoneg off
    link-speed 10000
    mstpctl-bpduguard yes
    mstpctl-portadminedge yes
    mtu 9216

auto swp1s3
iface swp1s3
    alias 10G Intra-Cluster Node
-   link-autoneg off
+   link-autoneg on
    link-speed 10000
    mstpctl-bpduguard yes
    mstpctl-portadminedge yes
    mtu 9216

auto swp2s0
iface swp2s0
    alias 25G Intra-Cluster Node
    link-autoneg off
    link-speed 25000

```

Install Cumulus Linux in Cumulus mode

Cumulus Linux (CL) OS can be installed either when the switch is running Cumulus Linux or ONIE.

Before you begin

The following assumptions are made:

- You have intermediate-level Linux knowledge.
- You are familiar with basic text editing, UNIX file permissions, and process monitoring. A variety of text editors are pre-installed, including `vi` and `nano`.
- You must have access to a Linux or UNIX shell. If you are running Windows, use a Linux environment as your command line tool for interacting with Cumulus Linux.



Each time Cumulus Linux is installed, the entire file system structure is erased and rebuilt.



The default password for the cumulus user account is **cumulus**. The first time you log into Cumulus Linux, you must change this default password. Be sure to update any automation scripts before installing a new image. Cumulus Linux provides command line options to change the default password automatically during the installation process.

The baud rate requirement must be set to 115200 on the serial console switch for NVIDIA SN2100 switch console access, as follows:

- 115200 baud
- 8 data bits
- 1 stop bit
- parity: none
- flow control: none

Steps

1. Log in to the switch. First time log in to the switch requires username/password of **cumulus/cumulus** with sudo privileges:

```
cumulus login: cumulus
Password: cumulus
You are required to change your password immediately (administrator
enforced)
Changing password for cumulus.
Current password: cumulus
New password: netappl!
Retype new password: netappl!
```

2. Check the Cumulus Linux version:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show system
Hostname..... cumulus
Build..... Cumulus Linux 4.4.2
Uptime..... 0:08:20.860000
Model..... Mlnx X86
CPU..... x86_64 Intel Atom C2558 2.40GHz
Memory..... 8GB
Disk..... 14.7GB
ASIC..... Mellanox Spectrum MT52132
Ports..... 16 x 100G-QSFP28
Part Number..... MSN2100-CB2FC
Serial Number.... MT2105T05177
Platform Name.... x86_64-mlnx_x86-r0
Product Name..... MSN2100
ONIE Version..... 2019.11-5.2.0020-115200
Base MAC Address. 04:3F:72:43:92:80
Manufacturer..... Mellanox
```

3. Configure the hostname, IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway. The new hostname only becomes effective after restarting the console/SSH session.



A Cumulus Linux switch provides at least one dedicated Ethernet management port called `eth0`. This interface is specifically for out-of-band management use. By default, the management interface uses DHCPv4 for addressing.



Do not use an underscore (`_`), apostrophe (`'`), or non-ASCII characters in the hostname.

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net add hostname sw1
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net add interface eth0 ip address
10.233.204.71/23
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net add interface eth0 ip gateway 10.233.204.1
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net pending
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net commit
```

This command modifies both the `/etc/hostname` and `/etc/hosts` files.

4. Confirm that the hostname, IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway have been updated:

```

cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ hostname sw1
cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ ifconfig eth0
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 10.233.204.71 netmask 255.255.254.0 broadcast 10.233.205.255
inet6 fe80::bace:f6ff:fe19:1df6 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
ether b8:ce:f6:19:1d:f6 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
RX packets 75364 bytes 23013528 (21.9 MiB)
RX errors 0 dropped 7 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 4053 bytes 827280 (807.8 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0 device memory
0xdfc00000-dfc1ffff

cumulus@sw1::mgmt:~$ ip route show vrf mgmt
default via 10.233.204.1 dev eth0
unreachable default metric 4278198272
10.233.204.0/23 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 10.233.204.71
127.0.0.0/8 dev mgmt proto kernel scope link src 127.0.0.1

```

5. Configure the time zone using NTP interactive mode.

- a. On a terminal, run the following command:

```

cumulus@sw1:~$ sudo dpkg-reconfigure tzdata

```

- b. Follow the on-screen menu options to select the geographic area and region.
c. To set the time zone for all services and daemons, reboot the switch.
d. Verify that the date and time on the switch are correct and update if necessary.

6. Install Cumulus Linux 4.4.2:

```

cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ sudo onie-install -a -i
http://10.60.132.97/x/eng/testbedN,svl/nic/files/cumulus-linux-4.4.2-
mlx-amd64.bin

```

The installer starts the download. Type **y** when prompted.

7. Reboot the NVIDIA SN2100 switch:

```

cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ sudo reboot

```

8. The installation starts automatically, and the following GRUB screens appear. Do **not** make any selections:

- Cumulus-Linux GNU/Linux
- ONIE: Install OS

- CUMULUS-INSTALL
- Cumulus-Linux GNU/Linux

9. Repeat steps 1 to 4 to log in.

10. Verify that the Cumulus Linux version is 4.4.2:

```
cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ net show version
NCLU_VERSION=1.0-cl4.4.2u0
DISTRIB_ID="Cumulus Linux"
DISTRIB_RELEASE=4.4.2
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Cumulus Linux 4.4.2"
```

11. Create a new user and add this user to the `sudo` group. This user only becomes effective after the console/SSH session is restarted:


```
cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ sudo adduser --ingroup netedit admin
[sudo] password for cumulus:
Adding user `admin' ...
Adding new user `admin' (1001) with group `netedit' ...
Creating home directory `/home/admin' ...
Copying files from `/etc/skel' ...
New password:
Retype new password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for admin
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name []:
Room Number []:
Work Phone []:
Home Phone []:
Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] y
```

```
cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ sudo adduser admin sudo
[sudo] password for cumulus:
Adding user `admin' to group `sudo' ...
Adding user admin to group sudo
Done.
cumulus@sw1:mgmt:~$ exit
logout
Connection to 10.233.204.71 closed.
```

```
[admin@cycrh6svl01 ~]$ ssh admin@10.233.204.71
admin@10.233.204.71's password:
Linux sw1 4.19.0-cl-1-amd64 #1 SMP Cumulus 4.19.206-1+cl4.4.1u1 (2021-
09-09) x86_64
Welcome to NVIDIA Cumulus (R) Linux (R)
```

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admin@sw1:mgmt:~\$

Install Cumulus Linux in ONIE mode

Cumulus Linux (CL) OS can be installed either when the switch is running Cumulus Linux

or ONIE.

Before you begin

You can install the Cumulus Linux using Open Network Install Environment (ONIE) that allows for automatic discovery of a network installer image. This facilitates the system model of securing switches with an operating system choice, such as Cumulus Linux. The easiest way to install Cumulus Linux with ONIE is with local HTTP discovery.



If your host is IPv6-enabled, make sure it is running a web server. If your host is IPv4-enabled, make sure it is running DHCP in addition to a web server.

This procedure demonstrates how to upgrade Cumulus Linux after the admin has booted in ONIE.

Steps

1. Download the Cumulus Linux installation file to the root directory of the web server. Rename this file `onie-installer`.
2. Connect your host to the management Ethernet port of the switch using an Ethernet cable.
3. Power on the switch. The switch downloads the ONIE image installer and boots. After the installation completes, the Cumulus Linux login prompt appears in the terminal window.



Each time Cumulus Linux is installed, the entire file system structure is erased and rebuilt.

4. Reboot the SN2100 switch:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ sudo reboot
```

5. Hit the **Esc** key at the GNU GRUB screen to interrupt the normal boot process, select **ONIE** and press Enter.
6. On the next screen displayed, select **ONIE: Install OS**.
7. The ONIE installer discovery process runs searching for the automatic installation. Press Enter to temporarily stop the process.
8. When the discovery process has stopped:

```
ONIE:/ # onie-stop  
discover: installer mode detected.  
Stopping: discover...start-stop-daemon: warning: killing process 427:  
No such process done.
```

9. If the DHCP service is running on your network, verify that the IP address, subnet mask, and the default gateway are correctly assigned:

```

ONIE:/ # ifconfig eth0
eth0    Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr B8:CE:F6:19:1D:F6
        inet addr:10.233.204.71  Bcast:10.233.205.255  Mask:255.255.254.0
        inet6 addr: fe80::bace:f6ff:fe19:1df6/64 Scope:Link
        UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
        RX packets:21344 errors:0 dropped:2135 overruns:0 frame:0
        TX packets:3500 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
        collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
        RX bytes:6119398 (5.8 MiB)  TX bytes:472975 (461.8 KiB)
        Memory:dfc00000-dfc1ffff

ONIE:/ # route
Kernel IP routing table
Destination        Gateway            Genmask           Flags Metric Ref    Use
Iface

default            10.233.204.1      0.0.0.0           UG    0      0      0
eth0
10.233.204.0       *                  255.255.254.0     U      0      0      0
eth0

```

10. If the IP addressing scheme is manually defined, do the following:

```

ONIE:/ # ifconfig eth0 10.233.204.71 netmask 255.255.254.0
ONIE:/ # route add default gw 10.233.204.1

```

11. Repeat step 9 to verify that the static information is correctly entered.
12. Install Cumulus Linux:

```
ONIE:/ # route
```

```
Kernel IP routing table
```

```
ONIE:/ # onie-nos-install
```

```
http://10.60.132.97/x/eng/testbedN,svl/nic/files/cumulus-linux-4.4.2-mlx-amd64.bin
```

```
Stopping: discover... done.
```

```
Info: Attempting
```

```
http://10.60.132.97/x/eng/testbedN,svl/nic/files/cumulus-linux-4.4.2-mlx-amd64.bin ...
```

```
Connecting to 10.60.132.97 (10.60.132.97:80)
```

```
installer          100% |*|    552M  0:00:00 ETA
```

```
...
```

```
...
```

13. Once the installation has completed, log in to the switch:

```
cumulus login: cumulus
```

```
Password: cumulus
```

```
You are required to change your password immediately (administrator enforced)
```

```
Changing password for cumulus.
```

```
Current password: cumulus
```

```
New password: netappl!
```

```
Retype new password: netappl!
```

14. Verify the Cumulus Linux version:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show version
```

```
NCLU_VERSION=1.0-cl4.4.2u4
```

```
DISTRIB_ID="Cumulus Linux"
```

```
DISTRIB_RELEASE=4.4.2
```

```
DISTRIB_DESCRIPTION="Cumulus Linux 4.4.2"
```

Install the RCF script

Before installing the RCF script, ensure that the following are available on the switch:

- Cumulus Linux 4.4.2 is installed.
- IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway defined via DHCP or manually configured.



See [Cabling and configuration considerations](#) for caveats and further details.

Current RCF script versions

There are two RCF scripts available for Clustering and Storage applications. The procedure for each is the same.

- Clustering: **MSN2100-RCF-v1.8-Cluster**
- Storage: **MSN2100-RCF-v1.8-Storage**



The following example procedure shows how to download and apply the RCF script for Clusters.

Steps

1. Display the available interfaces on the SN2100 switch:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show interface all
```

State	Name	Spd	MTU	Mode	LLDP	Summary
-----	-----	---	-----	-----	-----	
...						
...						
ADMDN	swp1	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp2	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp3	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp4	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp5	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp6	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp7	N/A	9216	NotConfigure		
ADMDN	swp8	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp9	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp10	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp11	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp12	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp13	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp14	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp15	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		
ADMDN	swp16	N/A	9216	NotConfigured		

2. Copy the RCF script to the switch:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ pwd
/home/cumulus
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt: /tmp$ scp
ssologin@10.60.132.97:/x/eng/testbedN,svl/nic/files/MSN2100-RCF-v1.8-
Cluster
ssologin@10.60.132.97's password:
MSN2100-RCF-v1.8-Cluster          100% 8607    111.2KB/s
00:00
```

3. Apply the RCF script **MSN2100-RCF-v1.8-Cluster**:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:/tmp$ sudo python3 MSN2100-RCF-v1.8-Cluster
[sudo] password for cumulus:
...
```

The RCF script completes the following steps:

- a. Updates the banner MOTD
- b. Disables the apt-get for OS updates
- c. Defines breakout and non-breakout interfaces
- d. Configures interfaces and SNMP
- e. Disables CDP
- f. Changes the LLDP configuration
- g. Adds a RoCE configuration
- h. Modifies the RoCE configuration for HA and Cluster RDMA
- i. Reboots the switch

4. Verify the configuration after the reboot:

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show interface all
```

State	Name	Spd	MTU	Mode	LLDP	Summary
-----	-----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----
...						
...						
DN	swp1s0	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2		Master:
	bridge(UP)					
DN	swp1s1	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2		Master:
	bridge(UP)					
DN	swp1s2	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2		Master:
	bridge(UP)					
DN	swp1s3	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2		Master:
	bridge(UP)					

DN	swp2s0	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp2s1	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp2s2	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp2s3	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
UP	swp3	100G	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
UP	swp4	100G	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp5	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp6	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp7	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp8	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp9	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp10	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp11	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp12	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp13	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
DN	swp14	N/A	9216	Trunk/L2	Master:
bridge(UP)					
UP	swp15	N/A	9216	BondMember	Master:
bond_15_16(UP)					
UP	swp16	N/A	9216	BondMember	Master:
bond_15_16(UP)					
...					
...					

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show roce config
```

```
RoCE mode..... lossless
```

```
Congestion Control:
```

```
Enabled SPs.... 0 2 5
```

```
Mode..... ECN
```

```
Min Threshold.. 150 KB
```

```
Max Threshold.. 1500 KB
```

PFC:

Status..... enabled

Enabled SPs.... 2 5

Interfaces..... swp10-16,swp1s0-3,swp2s0-3,swp3-9

DSCP	802.1p	switch-priority
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	0	0
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	1	1
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	2	2
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3	3
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	4	4
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47	5	5
48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55	6	6
56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63	7	7

switch-priority	TC	ETS
0 1 3 4 6 7	0	DWRR 28%
2	2	DWRR 28%
5	5	DWRR 43%

5. Verify information for the transceiver in the interface. `net show interface pluggables`

```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show interface pluggables
```

Interface	Identifier	Vendor Name	Vendor PN	Vendor SN
Vendor Rev				
swp3	0x11 (QSFP28)	Amphenol	112-00574	APF20379253516
B0				
swp4	0x11 (QSFP28)	AVAGO	332-00440	AF1815GU05Z
A0				
swp15	0x11 (QSFP28)	Amphenol	112-00573	APF21109348001
B0				
swp16	0x11 (QSFP28)	Amphenol	112-00573	APF21109347895
B0				

6. Verify that the nodes each have a connection to each switch: `net show lldp`


```
cumulus@cumulus:mgmt:~$ net show lldp
```

LocalPort	Speed	Mode	RemoteHost	RemotePort
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
swp3	100G	Trunk/L2	sw1	e3a
swp4	100G	Trunk/L2	sw2	e3b
swp15	100G	BondMember	sw13	swp15
swp16	100G	BondMember	sw14	swp16

7. Verify the health of cluster ports on the cluster.

- a. Verify that e0d ports are up and healthy across all nodes in the cluster: `network port show -role cluster`

```
cluster1::*> network port show -role cluster
```

Node: node1

Ignore

						Speed(Mbps)	Health
Health							
Port	IPspace	Broadcast	Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper	Status
Status							
-----	-----	-----	-----	----	----	-----	
-----	-----						
e3a	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
false							
e3b	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
false							

Node: node2

Ignore

						Speed(Mbps)	Health
Health							
Port	IPspace	Broadcast	Domain	Link	MTU	Admin/Oper	Status
Status							
-----	-----	-----	-----	----	----	-----	
-----	-----						
e3a	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
false							
e3b	Cluster	Cluster		up	9000	auto/10000	healthy
false							

- b. Verify the switch health from the cluster (this might not show switch sw2, since LIFs are not homed on

e0d).

```
cluster1::*> network device-discovery show -protocol lldp
```

Node/ Protocol	Local Port	Discovered Device (LLDP: ChassisID)	Interface	Platform
node1/lldp				
	e3a	sw1 (b8:ce:f6:19:1a:7e)	swp3	-
	e3b	sw2 (b8:ce:f6:19:1b:96)	swp3	-
node2/lldp				
	e3a	sw1 (b8:ce:f6:19:1a:7e)	swp4	-
	e3b	sw2 (b8:ce:f6:19:1b:96)	swp4	-

```
cluster1::*> system switch ethernet show -is-monitoring-enabled  
-operational true
```

Switch	Type	Address	Model
sw1	cluster-network	10.233.205.90	
MSN2100-CB2RC			
Serial Number: MNXXXXXXGD			
Is Monitored: true			
Reason: None			
Software Version: Cumulus Linux version 4.4.2 running on Mellanox Technologies Ltd. MSN2100			
Version Source: LLDP			
sw2	cluster-network	10.233.205.91	
MSN2100-CB2RC			
Serial Number: MNCXXXXXXGS			
Is Monitored: true			
Reason: None			
Software Version: Cumulus Linux version 4.4.2 running on Mellanox Technologies Ltd. MSN2100			
Version Source: LLDP			

Cable NS224 shelves as switch-attached storage

If you have a system in which the NS224 drive shelves need to be cabled as switch-attached storage (not direct-attached storage), use the information provided here.

- Cable NS224 drive shelves through storage switches:

[Information for cabling switch-attached NS224 drive shelves](#)

- Install your storage switches:

[AFF and FAS Switch Documentation](#)

- Confirm supported hardware, such as storage switches and cables, for your platform model:

[NetApp Hardware Universe](#)

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