

# SONiC USER MANUAL

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## Introduction

SONiC is an open source network operating system based on Linux that runs on switches from multiple vendors and ASICs. SONiC offers a full-suite of network functionality, like BGP and RDMA, that has been production-hardened in the data centers of some of the largest cloud-service providers. It offers teams the flexibility to create the network solutions they need while leveraging the collective strength of a large ecosystem and community.

SONiC software shall be loaded in these [supported devices](#) and this User guide explains the basic steps for using the SONiC in those platforms.

Connect the console port of the device and use the 9600 baud rate to access the device. Follow the [Quick Start Guide](#) to boot the device in ONIE mode and install the SONiC software using the steps specified in the document and reboot the device. In some devices that are pre-loaded with SONiC software, this step can be skipped. Users shall use the default username/password "admin/YourPaSsWoRd" to login to the device through the console port.

After logging into the device, SONiC software can be configured in following three methods. 1) [Command Line Interface](#) 2) [config\\_db.json](#) 3) [minigraph.xml](#)

Users can use all of the above methods or choose either one method to configure and to view the status of the device. This user manual explains the common commands & related configuration/show examples on how to use the SONiC device. Refer the above documents for more detailed information.

### **Scope Of The Document**

Information in this manual is based on the SONiC software version 201811 (build#32).

This manual provides some insights on the following. 1) First section explains how to load the SONiC image on the supported platforms 2) Next section explains how to login using default username & password, how to change password, how to configure management interface & loopback address configuration. 3) Next section how to check the software version running on the device, how to check the list of features available in this software version, how to upgrade to new software version, etc., 4) Next section explains how to check the default startup configuration with which the device is currently running, how to load a new configuration to this device, etc., 5) Next section explains how to check the interface/link/port status, basic cable connectivity status, port speed, etc., 6) Next section provides the required web links to the corresponding documents (and sections) that explains the steps to configure "Interface", "BGP", "ACL", "COPP", "Mirroring", etc., 7) Next section gives an example configuration for T0 topology 8) Next section gives basic information about troubleshooting and it provides the link to the detailed troubleshooting guide.

Note that some parts of this document might be a repetition of few commands/paragraphs from other configuration documents (like "Command Reference", "Config DB Manual", "Troubleshooting Guide", etc.,). Refer those documents for detailed information.

# 1 Quick Start Guide

This guide details the steps to install a SONiC image on your supported switch.

## 1.1 Download Image

We have one SONiC Image per ASIC vendor. You can download SONiC Image [here](#)

You can also build SONiC from source and the instructions can be found [here](#).

Once the image is available in your local machine, the image can be installed either by installing using a USB thumb drive or over the network as given in following sub-sections. In case if the device is already preloaded with SONiC image, the device can be booted without the installation process.

### 1.1.1 Installation using a USB Thumb Drive

This sub-section explains how to transfer the image from an USB thumb drive into the device and install it. Copy the downloaded SONiC image on the USB thumb drive. Remove the USB drive from your machine and insert it into the USB port on the front (or rear) panel of your ONIE enabled device. Power on the device and ONIE will discover the onie-installer file on the root of the USB drive and execute it. TBD1: The above method need to be reviewed and corrected. The above information is taken from <https://opencomputeproject.github.io/onie/user-guide/index.html>

### 1.1.2 Installation Over The Network

This sub-section explains how to transfer the image from remote server into the device and install it.

#### 1.1.2.1 Install SONiC ONIE Image

1. Connect to switch via serial console.

**Note:** By default, the SONiC console baud rate is 9600. You may need to change the baud rate in case you cannot see anything from the console after reboot.

1. (Optional) Some switches may come with a NOS which will require you to uninstall the existing NOS first before you install SONiC. To do so, simply boot into ONIE and select Uninstall OS:

```
``` GNU GRUB version 2.02~beta2+e4a1fe391
+-----+ |*ONIE: Install
OS | | ONIE: Rescue | | ONIE: Uninstall OS <----- Select this one | |
```

```
ONIE: Update ONIE | | ONIE: Embed ONIE |
```

```
+-----+
```

Use the ^ and v keys to select which entry is highlighted.  
Press enter to boot the selected OS, `e' to edit the commands  
before booting or `c' for a command-line.

```
```
```

2. Reboot the switch into ONIE and select Install OS:

```
``` GNU GRUB version 2.02~beta2+e4a1fe391
```

```
+-----+ |*ONIE: Install  
OS <----- Select this one | | ONIE: Rescue | | ONIE: Uninstall OS | |  
ONIE: Update ONIE | | ONIE: Embed ONIE |
```

```
+-----+
```

Use the ^ and v keys to select which entry is highlighted.  
Press enter to boot the selected OS, `e' to edit the commands  
before booting or `c' for a command-line.

```
```
```

3. Install SONiC. Here, we assume you have uploaded SONiC image onto a http server (192.168.2.10). Once you are in ONIE, you can first configure a management IP (192.168.0.2/24) and default gateway (192.168.0.1) for your switch, and then install the SONiC image from the http server.

```
ONIE:/ # ifconfig eth0 192.168.0.2 netmask 255.255.255.0  
ONIE:/ # ip route add default via 192.168.0.1 ONIE:/ # onie-  
nos-install http://192.168.2.10/sonic-broadcom.bin
```

**Note:** There are many options to install SONiC ONIE image on a ONIE-enabled switch. For more installation options, visit the [ONIE Quick Start Guide](#).

When NOS installation finishes, the box will reboot into SONiC by default.

```
``` GNU GRUB version 2.02~beta2+e4a1fe391
```

```
+-----+ |*SONiC-OS-7069cef |  
| ONIE | +-----+ ```
```

### 1.1.2.2 Install SONiC EOS Image

- **This section is only applicable if you plan to install a SONiC image on Arista switches.**

Installing SONiC EOS uses the same steps you would use to upgrade a normal EOS image. You simply download a SONiC EOS image to an Arista box, select to boot from the image and reload the box.



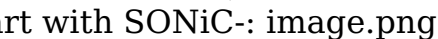
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## 2.2 Configuring Username & Password


There is no separate CLI for adding users and for changing passwords. Users shall use the linux commands "useradd" command to add new users. Users shall use the linux command "passwd " to change the password for the specific username.

## 2.3 How to reset Password


This TSG gives the instruction of how to reset a SONiC switch password.

1. Edit Grub boot menu options 1.1 First you need to get into grub menu options. This menu is displayed right at the beginning of the boot. You should get something similar to this, but not the exactly the same. Choose the choice Start with SONiC-: 

1.2 Now we attempt to edit grub's boot option. Press "e" to edit the first grub menu option and navigate to kernel line: 

1.3 Remove quiet and add init=/bin/bash 

1.4 Press Ctrl-x to boot

1. Remount / and /proc 2.1 After successfully boot you will be presented with bash command prompt: 

```
mount -o remount,rw / mount -o remount,rw /proc
```

3 Reset password 3.1 To reset an actual password is now simple as typing :  
passwd admin



```
sync sudo reboot -f
```

## 3 Basic Configuration & Show

SONiC is managing configuration in a single source of truth - a redisDB instance that we refer as ConfigDB. Applications subscribe to ConfigDB and generate their running configuration correspondingly.

Details about ConfigDB and schema design, please find it [here](#)

Before Sep 2017, we were using an XML file named minigraph.xml to configure SONiC devices. For historical documentation, please refer to [Configuration with Minigraph](#)

SONiC includes commands that allow user to show platform, transceivers, L2, IP, BGP status, etc.

- [Command Reference](#)

Note that all the configuration commands need root privileges to execute them and the commands are case-sensitive. Show commands can be executed by all users without the root privileges. Root privileges can be obtained either by using "sudo" keyword in front of all config commands, or by going to root prompt using "sudo -i".

## 3.1 Configuring Management Interface and Loopback Interface

The management interface (eth0) in SONiC is configured (by default) to use DHCP client to get the IP address from the DHCP server. Connect the management interface to the same network in which your DHCP server is connected and get the IP address from DHCP server. The IP address received from DHCP server can be verified using the "/sbin/ifconfig eth0" linux command.

SONiC does not provide a CLI to configure the static IP for the management interface. There are few alternate ways by which a static IP address can be configured for the management interface.

1) use "ifconfig eth0" linux command (example: ifconfig eth0 10.11.12.13/24). This configuration won't be preserved across reboot. - Example: admin@sonic:~\$ /sbin/ifconfig eth0 10.11.12.13/24

Note that SONiC does not support management VRF and hence it is not possible to differentiate data traffic and management traffic. Work is in progress to support the mgmtVRF in Aug2019 release.

2) use config\_db.json and configure the MGMT\_INTERFACE key with the appropriate values. Refer [here](#)

Add the following example configuration in a file (ex: mgmt\_ip.json) and load it as follows. "MGMT\_INTERFACE": { "eth0|10.11.12.13/24": { "gwaddr": "10.11.12.1" } } NOTE: If the interface IP address and default gateway were already present, users should remove them before loading the above configuration.

Users can use the "show runningconfiguration all" to check the already configured MGMT\_INTERFACE. Or, users can use the "redis-cli" command as follows to check the same. root@T1-2:/etc/sonic# redis-cli -n 4 keys "MGMT\_INTERFACE\*" 1) "MGMT\_INTERFACE|eth0|10.20.30.40/24" In the above redis-cli command example, it gets the keys starting with MGMT\_INTERFACE and it displays the already configured MGMT\_INTERFACE in the CONFIG\_DB. To remove this key from CONFIG\_DB, users shall use the following redis-cli command. redis-cli -n 4 DEL "MGMT\_INTERFACE|eth0|10.20.30.40/24" After removing the key, users can load the new configuration using "config load mgmt\_ip.json" command and then do "systemctl restart interfaces-



config" to make it effective. Users shall verify the configured management interface IP address value using "ifconfig" linux command.

3) use minigraph.xml and configure "ManagementIPInterfaces" tag inside "DpgDesc" tag as given at the [page](#)

Once the IP address is configured, the same can be verified using "/sbin/ifconfig eth0" linux command. Users can SSH login to this management interface IP address from their management network.

- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ /sbin/ifconfig eth0 eth0:  
flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500 inet  
10.11.11.13 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.11.12.255

The same method shall be used to configure the loopback interface address as follows. 1) "/sbin/ifconfig lo" linux command shall be used, OR, 2) Add the key LOOPBACK\_INTERFACE & value in config\_db.json and load it, OR, 3) use minigraph.xml and configure LoopbackIPInterfaces tag inside the "DpgDesc" tag.

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## 3.2 Software version & Upgrade

This section explains how to check the current version of the software running in the device, how to check the features available in the version and how to upgrade/downgrade to different versions.

### 3.2.1 Show Versions

#### **show version**

This command displays software component versions of the currently running SONiC image. This includes the SONiC image version as well as Docker image versions. This command displays relevant information as the SONiC and Linux kernel version being utilized, as well as the commit-id used to build the SONiC image. The second section of the output displays the various docker images and their associated id's.

- Usage:  
show version
- Example: `` admin@sonic:~\$ show version SONiC Software Version:  
SONiC.HEAD.32-21ea29a Distribution: Debian 9.8 Kernel: 4.9.0-8-  
amd64 Build commit: 21ea29a Build date: Fri Mar 22 01:55:48 UTC  
2019 Built by: johnar@jenkins-worker-4

Docker images: REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID SIZE docker-syncd-brcm  
HEAD.32-21ea29a 434240daff6e 362MB docker-syncd-brcm latest  
434240daff6e 362MB docker-orchagent-brcm HEAD.32-21ea29a  
e4f9c4631025 287MB docker-orchagent-brcm latest e4f9c4631025 287MB  
docker-lldp-sv2 HEAD.32-21ea29a 9681bbfea3ac 275MB docker-lldp-sv2  
latest 9681bbfea3ac 275MB docker-dhcp-relay HEAD.32-21ea29a



2db34c7bc6f4 257MB docker-dhcp-relay latest 2db34c7bc6f4 257MB  
docker-database HEAD.32-21ea29a badc6fc84cdb 256MB docker-database  
latest badc6fc84cdb 256MB docker-snmp-sv2 HEAD.32-21ea29a  
e2776e2a30b7 295MB docker-snmp-sv2 latest e2776e2a30b7 295MB  
docker-teamd HEAD.32-21ea29a caf957cd2ad1 275MB docker-teamd latest  
caf957cd2ad1 275MB docker-router-advertiser HEAD.32-21ea29a  
b1a62023958c 255MB docker-router-advertiser latest b1a62023958c  
255MB docker-platform-monitor HEAD.32-21ea29a 40b40a4b2164 287MB  
docker-platform-monitor latest 40b40a4b2164 287MB docker-fpm-quagga  
HEAD.32-21ea29a 546036fe6838 282MB docker-fpm-quagga latest  
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## 3.2.2 Check features available in this version

[SONiC roadmap planning](#) explains the various features that are added in every software release. TBD: Is this enough? Need information from Xin.

## 3.2.3 Upgrade Or Downgrade Version

SONiC software can be installed in two methods, viz, using "ONIE Installer" or by using "sonic-installer tool". "ONIE Installer" shall be used as explained in the [QuickStartGuide](#) "sonic-installer" shall be used as given below.

### 3.2.3.1 SONiC Installer

This is a command line tool available as part of the SONiC software; If the device is already running the SONiC software, this tool can be used to install an alternate image in the partition. This tool has facility to install an alternate image, list the available images and to set the next reboot image.

#### sonic-installer install

This command is used to install a new image on the alternate image partition. This command takes a path to an installable SONiC image or URL and installs the image.

- Usage:  
sonic-installer install
- Example: ```  
admin@sonic:~\$ sonic-installer install https://sonic-jenkins.westus.cloudapp.azure.com/job/xxxx/job/buildimage-xxxx-all/xxx/artifact/target/sonic-xxxx.bin New image will be installed, continue?  
[y/N]: y Downloading image... ...100%, 480 MB, 3357 KB/s, 146 seconds passed Command: /tmp/sonic\_image Verifying image checksum ... OK.  
Preparing image archive ... OK. ONIE Installer: platform: XXXX  
onie\_platform: Installing SONiC in SONiC Installing SONiC to /host/image-xxxx Directory /host/image-xxxx/ already exists. Cleaning up...  
Archive: fs.zip creating: /host/image-xxxx/boot/ inflating: /host/image-

```
xxxx/boot/vmlinuz-3.16.0-4-amd64
inflating: /host/image-xxxx/boot/config-3.16.0-4-amd64
inflating: /host/image-xxxx/boot/System.map-3.16.0-4-amd64
inflating: /host/image-xxxx/boot/initrd.img-3.16.0-4-amd64
creating: /host/image-xxxx/platform/ extracting: /host/image-xxxx/
platform/firsttime
inflating: /host/image-xxxx/fs.squashfs
inflating: /host/image-xxxx/dockerfs.tar.gz
Log file system already exists. Size: 4096MB Installed SONiC base
image SONiC-OS successfully
```

Command: cp /etc/sonic/minigraph.xml /host/

Command: grub-set-default --boot-directory=/host 0

Done ``

### **sonic-installer list**

This command displays information about currently installed images. It displays a list of installed images, currently running image and image set to be loaded in next reboot.

- Usage:  
sonic-installer list
- Example:  
admin@sonic:~\$ sonic-installer list Current: SONiC-OS-HEAD.XXXX Next: SONiC-OS-HEAD.XXXX Available: SONiC-OS-HEAD.XXXX SONiC-OS-HEAD.YYYY

### **sonic-installer set\_default**

This command is be used to change the image which can be loaded by default in all the subsequent reboots.

- Usage:  
sonic-installer set\_default
- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ sonic-installer set\_default SONiC-OS-HEAD.XXXX

### **sonic-installer set\_next\_boot**

This command is used to change the image that can be loaded in the *next* reboot only. Note that it will fallback to current image in all other subsequent reboots after the next reboot.

- Usage:  
sonic-installer set\_next\_boot
- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ sonic-installer set\_next\_boot SONiC-OS-HEAD.XXXX

## sonic-installer remove

This command is used to remove the unused SONiC image from the disk. Note that it's *not* allowed to remove currently running image.

- Usage:  
sonic-installer remove
- Example: ``` admin@sonic:~\$ sonic-installer remove SONiC-OS-HEAD.YYYY Image will be removed, continue? [y/N]: y Updating GRUB... Done Removing image root filesystem... Done Command: grub-set-default --boot-directory=/host 0

Image removed ```

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## 3.3 Startup Configuration

This section explains how to check the default startup configuration with which the device is currently running and how to load a new configuration to this device.

### 3.3.1 Default Startup Configuration

Users shall use the "show runningconfiguration" command to check the current running configuration. If users had not done any configuration change after the reboot, this will be same as the default startup configuration. SONiC device contains the startup configuration in the file /etc/sonic/config\_db.json. During reboot, this configuration will be loaded by default. Following are some of the keys that are configured by default in the config\_db.json. 1) DEVICE\_METADATA 2) MAP\_PFC\_PRIORITY\_TO\_QUEUE 3) QUEUE 4) PORT 5) CRM 6) PORT\_QOS\_MAP 7) NTP\_SERVER 8) BUFFER\_QUEUE 9) WRED\_PROFILE 10) TC\_TO\_PRIORITY\_GROUP\_MAP 11) BUFFER\_PROFILE 12) DEVICE\_NEIGHBOR 13) DSCP\_TO\_TC\_MAP 14) TC\_TO\_QUEUE\_MAP 15) CABLE\_LENGTH 16) SCHEDULER 17) BUFFER\_POOL

SONiC provides an alternate method for loading the startup configuration from minigraph.xml from a remote server when DHCP is used. SONiC contains a file /etc/sonic/updategraph.conf that contains a flag "enabled" which is set to "false" by default. Similarly, management interface is configured to use DHCP by default for getting the management interface IP address from the DHCP server. Users can modify this flag to "true" and then reboot the device. SONiC will use DHCP to get the management IP address as well as the details about the configuration file minigraph.xml (DHCP server should have been configured to provide the details like management interface IP address, default route, configuration file name and the server IP address from this the configuration file should be fetched). SONiC shall contact the remote server and get the minigraph.xml and loads the same.

## 3.3.2 Modify Configuration

### 3.3.2.1 Modify config\_db.json

Users can directly edit & modify the file /etc/sonic/config\_db.json or do a SCP and copy this file from a remote server. User can either do "config reload" command to load this new configuration, or users can simply reboot to make it effective.

### 3.3.2.2 Modify minigraph.xml

Users can directly edit & modify the file /etc/sonic/minigraph.xml or do a SCP and copy this file from a remote server. User can either do "config load\_minigraph" command to load this new configuration, or users can simply reboot to make it effective. Or, users can modify the "enabled" flag in /etc/sonic/updategraph.conf to true and then reboot the device as explained above.

# 4 Detailed Configuration & Show

Basic cable connectivity shall be verified by configuring the IP address for the ports and by using the "ping" test.

## 4.2 Links to Different Configuration Sections

| # | Module    | CLI Link                      | ConfigDB Link                      | Remarks                                 |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Interface | <a href="#">Interface CLI</a> | <a href="#">Interface ConfigDB</a> | To view the details about the interface |
| 2 | BGP       | <a href="#">BGP CLI</a>       | <a href="#">BGP ConfigDB</a>       | To view the details about the BGP       |
| 3 | ACL       | <a href="#">ACL CLI</a>       | <a href="#">ACL ConfigDB</a>       | To view the details about the ACL       |
| 4 | COPP      | COPP CLI Not Available        | <a href="#">COPP ConfigDB</a>      | To view the details about the COPP      |
| 5 | Mirroring | <a href="#">Mirroring CLI</a> | <a href="#">Mirroring ConfigDB</a> | To view the details about the Mirroring |

# 5 Example Configuration

Refer the following links/files for the example configuration based on CLI, ConfigDB and Minigraph.

1) [Example CLI Configuration File](#) 2) [Example T0 ConfigDB](#) 3) [Example T0 Minigraph.xml](#)

# 6 Troubleshooting

This section captures some of the frequently used troubleshooting commands and methods. Users can refer the [Troubleshooting Guide](#) for more details about troubleshooting.

## 6.1 Basic Troubleshooting Commands

Users shall use "show techsupport" to collect the information from the device, shall use syslog to view the syslogs printed by the services, shall use the linux utilities like "ping", "tcpdump", etc., to check the connectivity and packet tracing.

### **show techsupport**

This command gathers pertinent information about the state of the device; information is as diverse as syslog entries, database state, routing-stack state, etc., It then compresses it into an archive file. This archive file can be sent to the SONiC development team for examination. Resulting archive file is saved as /var/dump/<DEVICE\_HOST\_NAME>\_YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS.tar.gz Few details that the dump includes are given below: - Interface details - Platform details - Machine.conf - Vlan configs - Routes - Sensor , transceiver details - Syslog - Ip configs - Bgp details - Device Configs (json/minigraph)

- Usage:  
show techsupport
- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ show techsupport

### **syslog**

- System logs and event messages from all dockers are captured via rsyslog and saved in /var/log/syslog
- Console logs can be viewed using "show logging" command also. This command prints the information in syslog in console .
- Show logging -f will tail the output of syslogs in console/ssh session.

### **tcpdump**

- tcpdump is a common packet analyzer that runs under the sonic command line . It allows the user to display TCP/IP and other packets being transmitted or received over a network ex: tcpdump -i Ethernet0

## 6.2 Port up/down Troubleshooting

All port related configuration done using CLI/ConfigDB/Minigraph are saved in the redis config database. Such configuration is handled by the appropriate modules and the result of such operation might be stored in the application database (APP\_DB). Once if the modules complete their operation, if the result needs to be programmed into the ASIC, same will be synchronized by syncd service and the result is stored in the ASIC\_DB.

When user need to debug/troubleshoot any issue, the best is to verify all of these databases as explained below. 1) Check the configuration in the CONFIG\_DB and status using "show" commands. 2) Check the application status of the application in APP\_DB. 3) Check the ASIC related programming state and the status in ASIC\_DB. 4) Check the actual ASIC.

## 1) How to check the configuration & status of ports?

Following "show" commands can be used to check the port status.

- Show interface status ( up/down)
- Show interface transceiver presence

Following "redis-dump" command can be used to dump the port configuration from the ConfigDB.

```
Example : ``` root@sonic-z9100-02:~# redis-dump -d 4 -k "PORT|Ethernet4"
-y { "PORT|Ethernet4": { "type": "hash", "value": { "admin_status": "up",
"alias": "fiftyGigE1/2/1", "description": "Servers1:eth0", "index": "2", "lanes":
"53,54", "mtu": "9100", "pfc_asym": "off", "speed": "50000" } }
```
```

Following redis-dump can be used to check the port status in the APP\_DB.

```
Example: root@sonic-z9100-02:~# redis-dump -d 0 -k
*PORT_TABLE:Ethernet62* -y { "PORT_TABLE:Ethernet62": { "type":
"hash", "value": { "admin_status": "down", "alias":
"fiftyGigE1/16/2", "description": "fiftyGigE1/16/2", "index":
"16", "lanes": "95,96", "mtu": "9100", "oper_status": "down",
"pfc_asym": "off", "speed": "50000" } } }
```

Following redis-dump can be used to check the port status in the ASIC\_DB.

```
Example: root@sonic-z9100-02:~# redis-dump -d 1 -k
"ASIC_STATE:SAI_OBJECT_TYPE_PORT:oid:0x10000000000014" -y
{ "ASIC_STATE:SAI_OBJECT_TYPE_PORT:oid:0x10000000000014":
{ "type": "hash", "value": { "NULL": "NULL",
"SAI_PORT_ATTR_ADMIN_STATE": "true", "SAI_PORT_ATTR_INGRESS_ACL":
"oid:0xb00000000000a61", "SAI_PORT_ATTR_MTU": "9122",
"SAI_PORT_ATTR_PORT_VLAN_ID": "1000",
"SAI_PORT_ATTR_PRIORITY_FLOW_CONTROL": "24",
"SAI_PORT_ATTR_QOS_DSCP_TO_TC_MAP": "oid:0x140000000000a34",
"SAI_PORT_ATTR_QOS_PFC_PRIORITY_TO_QUEUE_MAP": "oid:
0x140000000000a35", "SAI_PORT_ATTR_QOS_TC_TO_PRIORITY_GROUP_MAP":
"oid:0x140000000000a38", "SAI_PORT_ATTR_QOS_TC_TO_QUEUE_MAP":
"oid:0x140000000000a39", "SAI_PORT_ATTR_SPEED": "50000" } } }
```

Following is an example for checking the port status for Broadcom ASICs. From command line, enter "bcmsh" to enter into Broadcom shell. Users can use "Ctrl c" to come out of Broadcom shell. In the broadcom shell, users shall use "ps" command to check the port state.

```
Example: ``` BCM : bcmcmd "ps" port ena/link Lanes Speed Duplex
LinkScan AutoNeg? STPstate pause discrd LrnOps Interface MaxFrame
CutThru? Loopback xe0( 50) down 2 50G FD SW No Forward None FA KR2
9122 No xe1( 51) down 2 50G FD SW No Forward None FA KR2 9122 No
xe2( 54) up 2 50G FD SW No Forward None FA KR2 9122 No
```

...

## 6.3 Investigating Packet Drops

Packet drops can be investigated by viewing counters using the `show interfaces counters` command.

- **RX\_ERR/TX\_ERR** includes all physical layer (layer-2) related drops, such as FCS error, RUNT frames. If there is RX\_ERR or TX\_ERR, it usually indicates some physical layer link issues.
- **RX\_DRP** include all layer-2, layer-3, ACL related drops in the switch ingress pipeline, drops due to insufficient ingress buffer.
- **TX\_DRP** include mainly the egress buffer related drop due to congestion, including WRED drop.
- **RX\_OVR/TX\_OVR** counts the oversized packets.
- Example: ```` admin@sonic:~$ show interfaces counters Iface RX_OK RX_RATE RX_UTIL RX_ERR RX_DRP RX_OVR TX_OK TX_RATE TX_UTIL TX_ERR TX_DRP TX_OVR``

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Ethernet0	471,729,839,997	653.87 MB/s	12.77%	0	18,682
Ethernet4	453,838,006,636	632.97 MB/s	12.36%	0	1,636
Ethernet8	549,034,764,539	761.15 MB/s	14.87%	0	18,274

Ethernet12	458,052,204,029	636.84 MB/s	12.44%	0	17,614	0	388,341,776,615	527.37 MB/s	10.30%	0	0	0	Ethernet16	16,679,692,972	13.83 MB/s	0.27%	0	17,605	0	18,206,586,265	17.51 MB/s	0.34%	0	0	0	
Ethernet20	47,983,339,172	35.89 MB/s	0.70%	0	2,174	0	58,986,354,359	51.83 MB/s	1.01%	0	0	0	Ethernet24	33,543,533,441	36.59 MB/s	0.71%	0	1,613	0	43,066,076,370	49.92 MB/s	0.97%	0	0	0	```

## 6.4 Physical Link Signal

Use the following command to get optical signal strength. Note: not all types of links have such channel monitor values. The AOC and DAC cables do not have such values.

Generally, optical power should be greater than -10dBm.

- Example: ```` admin@sonic:~$ show interfaces transceiver eeprom Ethernet12 --dom Ethernet12: SFP detected``

```
Connector : Unknown
EncodingCodes : Unspecified
ExtIdentOfTypeOfTransceiver : GBIC def not specified
Length0M3(UnitsOf10m) : 144
RateIdentifier : Unspecified
ReceivedPowerMeasurementType : Avg power
```



```

TransceiverCodes :
    10GEthernetComplianceCode : 10G Base-SR
    InfinibandComplianceCode : 1X Copper Passive
TypeOfTransceiver : QSFP
VendorDataCode(YYYY-MM-DD Lot) : 2013-11-29
VendorName : MOLEX
VendorOUI : MOL
VendorPN : 1064141400
VendorRev : E th
VendorSN : G13474P0120
ChannelMonitorValues :
    RX1Power : -5.7398dBm
    RX2Power : -4.6055dBm
    RX3Power : -5.0252dBm
    RX4Power : -12.5414dBm
    TX1Bias : 19.1600mA
    TX2Bias : 19.1600mA
    TX3Bias : 19.1600mA
    TX4Bias : 19.1600mA
ChannelStatus :
    Rx1LOS : Off
    Rx2LOS : Off
    Rx3LOS : Off
    Rx4LOS : Off
    Tx1Fault : Off
    Tx1LOS : Off
    Tx2Fault : Off
    Tx2LOS : Off
    Tx3Fault : Off
    Tx3LOS : Off
    Tx4Fault : Off
    Tx4LOS : Off
ModuleMonitorValues :
    Temperature : 23.7500C
    Vcc : 3.2805Volts
StatusIndicators :
    DataNotReady : Off

```

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## 6.5 Isolate SONiC Device from the Network

When there is suspicion that a SONiC device is dropping traffic and behaving abnormally, you may want to isolate the device from the network. Before isolating the device, please generate SONiC tech-support first.

You can shut down BGP sessions to neighbors using a form of the `config bgp shutdown` command. There are a few variations of this command, examples follow.

- Shutdown BGP session with neighbor by neighbor's hostname:

- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ sudo config bgp shutdown neighbor SONIC02SPINE
- Shutdown BGP session with neighbor by neighbor's IP address:
- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ sudo config bgp shutdown neighbor 192.168.1.124
- Shutdown BGP sessions with all neighbors:
- Example: admin@sonic:~\$ sudo config bgp shutdown all