

Sub-Interface

Multiple L3 sub port interfaces, each characterized by a VLAN id in the 802.1q tag, can be created on a physical port or a port channel. Sub port interfaces attaching to the same physical port or port channel can interface to different VRFs, though they share the same VLAN id space and must have different VLAN ids.

Restriction:

There is no L2 bridging between these sub port interfaces; each sub port interface is considered to stay in a separate bridge domain.

The MTU of the sub-interface wont use for normal VLAN.

The name of the sub-interface is not greater than 15 chars(including). **Example, PortChannel01.100 is too long you will face the following error message.**

```
admin@sonic:~$ sudo config interface ip add PortChannel01.100 10.1.0.2/31
```

Usage: config interface ip add [OPTIONS]

Try "config interface ip add -h" for help.

Error: Sub port interface name is too long!

Known issue:

[SONIC-3166] The mac learning of the ports which set the subinterface will fail, after doing the "config reload". The issue is fixed in 202012.3.

[SONIC-6931] Containers crash when creating a VLAN that is associated with a sub-port interface. The issue is fixed in 202111.5

Topology:

subinterface.png

Procedure:

Step 1. Down-speed Ethernet0 to 10G on SW2.(refer to Switch port attributes)

Step 2. On SW2 and SW3 bind Ethernet48 and Ethernet52 to portchannel interface(PortChannel01).(refer LAG)

Step 3.Create VLAN interface as topology(refer VLAN & Inter-VLAN Routing)

Step 4.Create sub-interface as topology

SW1:

```
admin@SW1:~$ sudo config interface ip add Ethernet0.10
192.168.10.2/24
SW2:
```

```
admin@SW2:~$ sudo config interface ip add PortChannel01.5
192.168.5.1/24
```

Result:

Sub-interface and VLAN status

SW1:

```
admin@SW1:~$ show subinterfaces status
```

Sub port interface Type	Speed	MTU	Vlan	Admin	
Ethernet0.10	10G	9100	10	up	802.1q-encapsulation

```
admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
```

VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port Tagging	DHCP Helper Address
10	192.168.10.1/24	Ethernet0	tagged	

SW2:

```
admin@SW2:~$ show subinterfaces status
```

Sub port interface Type	Speed	MTU	Vlan	Admin	
PortChannel01.5	200G	9100	5	up	802.1q-encapsulation

```
admin@SW2:~$ show vlan brief
```

VLAN ID	IP Address	Ports	Port Tagging	DHCP Helper Address
10	192.168.10.1/24	Ethernet0	tagged	

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|          20 | 192.168.20.1/24 | PortChannel01 | tagged          |
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```

SW3:

```
admin@SW3:~$ show subinterfaces status
```

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Sub port interface      Speed      MTU      Vlan      Admin      Type
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```
admin@sonic:~$ show vlan brief
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|  VLAN ID | IP Address      | Ports          | Port Tagging    |
| DHCP Helper Address |
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|          5 | 192.168.5.2/24  | PortChannel01  | tagged          |
|
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+-----+
|          20 | 192.168.20.2/24 | PortChannel01  | tagged          |
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SW1(Ethernet0.10) ping to SW2(Vlan10) is ok.

SW2(Vlan20) ping to SW3(Vlan20) is ok

SW2(PortChannel01.5) ping to SW3(Vlan5) is ok