

Chapter 9

Trace Interface Operations

You can trace the operations of individual router interfaces and you can trace the operations of the interface process (DCD). For a general discussion of tracing and of the precedence of multiple tracing operations, see “Tracing and Logging Operations” in the *JUNOS Internet Software Configuration Guide: Installation and System Management*.

This chapter discusses the following interface trace operation configuration tasks:

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For information about the operations of VRRP-enabled interfaces, see “Trace Operations on Interfaces on which VRRP is Enabled” on page 146.

Trace Operations of an Individual Router Interface

To trace the operations of individual router interfaces, include the `traceoptions` statement at the `[edit interfaces interface-name]` hierarchy level:

```
[edit interfaces interface-name]  
traceoptions {  
    flag flag <flag-modifier> <disable>;  
}
```

You can specify the following interface tracing flags:

`all`—Trace all interface operations.

`event`—Trace all interface events.

`ipc`—Trace all interface IPC messages.

`media`—Trace all interface media changes.

You can specify the following interface tracing flag modifiers:

`receive`—Trace only packets being received.

`send`—Trace only packets being transmitted.

The interfaces `traceoptions` statement does not support a trace file. The logging is done by the kernel, so the tracing information is placed in the system syslog files.

Trace Operations of the Interface Process

To trace the operations of the router's interface process, dcd, include the traceoptions statement at the [edit interfaces] hierarchy level:

```
[edit interfaces]
  traceoptions {
    file filename <size size> <files number>;
```

By default, interface process operations are placed in the file named dcd and three 1-MB files of tracing information are maintained.