

Configuring the E3 CSU Compatibility Mode

Subrating an E3 interface reduces the maximum allowable peak rate by limiting the High-level Data Link Control (HDLC)-encapsulated payload. Subrate modes configure the PIC to connect with channel service units (CSUs) that use proprietary methods of multiplexing.

On M-series and T-series routing platforms, you can configure E3 interfaces to be compatible with a Digital Link, Kentrox, or Larscom CSU. On J-series Services Routers, you can configure E3 interfaces to be compatible with a Digital Link or Kentrox CSU.



NOTE: To subrate an E3 interface to be compatible with a Kentrox CSU, you must have an IQ or IQE-based PIC. Non-IQ or IQE PICs allow a commit of the configuration, but the interfaces remain at the full E3 rate for the Kentrox compatibility mode.

To configure an E3 interface so that it is compatible with the CSU at the remote end of the line, include the **compatibility-mode** statement at the [edit interfaces *interface-name* e3-options] hierarchy level:

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[edit interfaces interface-name e3-options]
compatibility-mode (digital-link | kentrox | larscom) <subrate value>;
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The subrate of an E3 interface must exactly match that of the remote CSU. To specify the subrate, include the **subrate** statement in the configuration:

- For Kentrox CSUs, specify the subrate as a number from 1 through 48 that exactly matches the value configured on the CSU. Each increment of the subrate value corresponds to a rate increment of about 0.5 Mbps.
- For Digital Link CSUs, you can specify the subrate value to match the data rate configured on the CSU in the format *xkb* or *x.xMb*. You can configure the subrate values shown in Table 1.
- Larscom CSUs do not support the E3 subrate.

Table 1: Subrate Values for E3 Digital Link Compatibility Mode

358 Kbps	7.2 Mbps	14.0 Mbps	20.8 Mbps	27.6 Mbps
716 Kbps	7.5 Mbps	14.3 Mbps	21.1 Mbps	27.9 Mbps
1.1 Mbps	7.9 Mbps	14.7 Mbps	21.5 Mbps	28.3 Mbps
1.4 Mbps	8.2 Mbps	15.0 Mbps	21.8 Mbps	28.6 Mbps
1.8 Mbps	8.6 Mbps	15.4 Mbps	22.2 Mbps	29.0 Mbps
2.1 Mbps	9.0 Mbps	15.8 Mbps	22.6 Mbps	29.4 Mbps
2.5 Mbps	9.3 Mbps	16.1 Mbps	22.9 Mbps	29.7 Mbps

Table 1: Subrate Values for E3 Digital Link Compatibility Mode *(continued)*

2.9 Mbps	9.7 Mbps	16.5 Mbps	23.3 Mbps	30.1 Mbps
3.2 Mbps	10.0 Mbps	16.8 Mbps	23.6 Mbps	30.4 Mbps
3.6 Mbps	10.4 Mbps	17.2 Mbps	24.0 Mbps	30.8 Mbps
3.9 Mbps	10.7 Mbps	17.5 Mbps	24.3 Mbps	31.1 Mbps
4.3 Mbps	11.1 Mbps	17.9 Mbps	24.7 Mbps	31.5 Mbps
4.7 Mbps	11.5 Mbps	18.3 Mbps	25.1 Mbps	31.9 Mbps
5.0 Mbps	11.8 Mbps	18.6 Mbps	25.4 Mbps	32.2 Mbps
5.4 Mbps	12.2 Mbps	19.0 Mbps	25.8 Mbps	32.6 Mbps
5.7 Mbps	12.5 Mbps	19.3 Mbps	26.1 Mbps	32.9 Mbps
6.1 Mbps	12.9 Mbps	19.7 Mbps	26.5 Mbps	33.3 Mbps
6.4 Mbps	13.2 Mbps	20.0 Mbps	26.9 Mbps	33.7 Mbps
6.8 Mbps	13.6 Mbps	20.4 Mbps	27.2 Mbps	

For information about subrating a T3 interface, see [Configuring the T3 CSU Compatibility Mode](#).