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- MX Series
- M Series

Using the Examples in This Manual

If you want to use the examples in this manual, you can use the **load merge** or the **load merge relative** command. These commands cause the software to merge the incoming configuration into the current candidate configuration. The example does not become active until you commit the candidate configuration.

If the example configuration contains the top level of the hierarchy (or multiple hierarchies), the example is a *full example*. In this case, use the **load merge** command.

If the example configuration does not start at the top level of the hierarchy, the example is a *snippet*. In this case, use the **load merge relative** command. These procedures are described in the following sections.

Merging a Full Example

To merge a full example, follow these steps:

1. From the HTML or PDF version of the manual, copy a configuration example into a text file, save the file with a name, and copy the file to a directory on your routing platform.

For example, copy the following configuration to a file and name the file **ex-script.conf**. Copy the **ex-script.conf** file to the **/var/tmp** directory on your routing platform.

```
system {
  scripts {
    commit {
      file ex-script.xml;
    }
  }
}
interfaces {
  fxp0 {
    disable;
    unit 0 {
      family inet {
        address 10.0.0.1/24;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

2. Merge the contents of the file into your routing platform configuration by issuing the **load merge** configuration mode command:

```
[edit]
user@host# load merge /var/tmp/ex-script.conf
load complete
```

Merging a Snippet

To merge a snippet, follow these steps:

1. From the HTML or PDF version of the manual, copy a configuration snippet into a text file, save the file with a name, and copy the file to a directory on your routing platform.

For example, copy the following snippet to a file and name the file **ex-script-snippet.conf**. Copy the **ex-script-snippet.conf** file to the **/var/tmp** directory on your routing platform.

```
commit {
  file ex-script-snippet.xml; }
```


2. Move to the hierarchy level that is relevant for this snippet by issuing the following configuration mode command:

```
[edit]
user@host# edit system scripts
[edit system scripts]
```

3. Merge the contents of the file into your routing platform configuration by issuing the **load merge relative** configuration mode command:

```
[edit system scripts]
user@host# load merge relative /var/tmp/ex-script-snippet.conf
load complete
```

For more information about the **load** command, see the [Junos OS CLI User Guide](#).

Documentation Conventions

Table 1 on page ix defines notice icons used in this guide.

Table 1: Notice Icons





Icon	Meaning	Description
	Informational note	Indicates important features or instructions.
	Caution	Indicates a situation that might result in loss of data or hardware damage.
	Warning	Alerts you to the risk of personal injury or death.
	Laser warning	Alerts you to the risk of personal injury from a laser.

Table 2 on page ix defines the text and syntax conventions used in this guide.

Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions

Convention	Description	Examples
Bold text like this	Represents text that you type.	To enter configuration mode, type the configure command: user@host> configure
Fixed-width text like this	Represents output that appears on the terminal screen.	user@host> show chassis alarms No alarms currently active

Table 2: Text and Syntax Conventions (*continued*)

Convention	Description	Examples
<i>Italic text like this</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduces or emphasizes important new terms. Identifies book names. Identifies RFC and Internet draft titles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A policy <i>term</i> is a named structure that defines match conditions and actions. <i>Junos OS System Basics Configuration Guide</i> RFC 1997, <i>BGP Communities Attribute</i>
<i>Italic text like this</i>	Represents variables (options for which you substitute a value) in commands or configuration statements.	Configure the machine's domain name: [edit] root@# set system domain-name <i>domain-name</i>
Text like this	Represents names of configuration statements, commands, files, and directories; configuration hierarchy levels; or labels on routing platform components.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To configure a stub area, include the stub statement at the [edit protocols ospf area area-id] hierarchy level. The console port is labeled CONSOLE.
< > (angle brackets)	Enclose optional keywords or variables.	stub <default-metric metric>;
(pipe symbol)	Indicates a choice between the mutually exclusive keywords or variables on either side of the symbol. The set of choices is often enclosed in parentheses for clarity.	broadcast multicast <i>(string1 string2 string3)</i>
# (pound sign)	Indicates a comment specified on the same line as the configuration statement to which it applies.	rsvp { # Required for dynamic MPLS only
[] (square brackets)	Enclose a variable for which you can substitute one or more values.	community name members [community-ids]
Indentation and braces ({ })	Identify a level in the configuration hierarchy.	[edit] routing-options { static { route default { nexthop <i>address</i> ; retain; } } }
;(semicolon)	Identifies a leaf statement at a configuration hierarchy level.	
J-Web GUI Conventions		
Bold text like this	Represents J-Web graphical user interface (GUI) items you click or select.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Logical Interfaces box, select All Interfaces. To cancel the configuration, click Cancel.
> (bold right angle bracket)	Separates levels in a hierarchy of J-Web selections.	In the configuration editor hierarchy, select Protocols>Ospf .

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PART 1

Overview

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction to Secure Neighbor Discovery Configuration Guidelines

- [Secure Neighbor Discovery Configuration Overview on page 3](#)

Secure Neighbor Discovery Configuration Overview

The Secure Neighbor Discovery (SEND) Protocol provides support for protecting Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) messages. SEND is applicable in environments where physical security on a link is not ensured and attacks on NDP messages are a concern. The Junos OS implementation secures NDP messages through cryptographically generated addresses (CGAs).

You must also enable IPv6 on at least one interface. Because SEND relies on dynamically generated CGAs, it does not support static IPv6 addresses.

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Configuration

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CHAPTER 2

Concept and Example

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Example: Configuring Secure IPv6 Neighbor Discovery

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Understanding Secure IPv6 Neighbor Discovery

One of the functions of the IPv6 Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) is to resolve network layer (IP) addresses to link layer (for example, Ethernet) addresses, a function performed in IPv4 by Address Resolution Protocol (ARP). The Secure Neighbor Discovery (SEND) Protocol prevents an attacker who has access to the broadcast segment from abusing NDP or ARP to trick hosts into sending the attacker traffic destined for someone else, a technique known as ARP poisoning.

To protect against ARP poisoning and other attacks against NDP functions, SEND should be deployed where preventing access to the broadcast segment might not be possible.

SEND uses RSA key pairs to produce cryptographically generated addresses, as defined in RFC 3972, *Cryptographically Generated Addresses (CGA)*. This ensures that the claimed source of an NDP message is the owner of the claimed address.

Example: Configuring Secure IPv6 Neighbor Discovery

This example shows how to configure IPv6 Secure Neighbor Discovery (SEND).

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Requirements

This example has the following requirements:

- Junos OS Release 9.3 or later
- IPv6 deployed in your network

- If you have not already done so, you must generate or install an RSA key pair.

To generate a new RSA key pair, enter the following command:

```
user@host> request security pki generate-key-pair type rsa certificate-id certificate-id-name
size size
```

Overview

To configure SEND, include the following statements:

```
protocols {
  neighbor-discovery {
    secure {
      security-level {
        (default | secure-messages-only);
      }
      cryptographic-address {
        key-length number;
        key-pair pathname;
      }
      timestamp {
        clock-drift number;
        known-peer-window seconds;
        new-peer-window seconds;
      }
      traceoptions {
        file filename <files number> <match regular-expression> <size size>
          <world-readable | no-world-readable>;
        flag flag;
        no-remote-trace;
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Specify **default** to send and receive both secure and unsecured Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP) packets. To configure SEND to accept secured NDP messages only and to drop unsecured ones, specify **secure-messages-only**.

All nodes on the segment need to be configured with SEND if the **secure-messages-only** option is used, which is recommended unless only a small subset of devices require increased protection. Failure to configure SEND for all nodes might result in loss of connectivity.

Configuration

CLI Quick Configuration

To quickly configure this example, copy the following commands, paste them into a text file, remove any line breaks, change any details necessary to match your network configuration, and then copy and paste the commands into the CLI at the **[edit]** hierarchy level.

```
set protocols neighbor-discovery secure security-level secure-messages-only
set protocols neighbor-discovery secure cryptographic-address key-length 1024
set protocols neighbor-discovery secure cryptographic-address key-pair /var/etc/rsa_key
set protocols neighbor-discovery secure timestamp
```

Step-by-Step Procedure The following example requires you to navigate various levels in the configuration hierarchy. For information about navigating the CLI, see Using the CLI Editor in Configuration Mode in the *Junos OS CLI User Guide*.

To configure a secure IPv6 neighbor discovery:

1. Configure the security level.

```
[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
user@host# set security-level secure-messages-only
```

2. (Optional) Enable the key length.

The default key length is 1024.

```
[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
user@host# set cryptographic-address key-length 1024
```

3. (Optional) Specify the directory path of the public-private key file generated for the cryptographic address.

The default location of the file is the `/var/etc/rsa_key` directory.

```
[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
user@host# set cryptographic-address key-pair /var/etc/rsa_key
```

4. (Optional) Configure a timestamp to ensure that solicitation and redirect messages are not being replayed.

```
[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
user@host# set timestamp
```

Results From configuration mode, confirm your configuration by entering the **show protocols** command. If the output does not display the intended configuration, repeat the configuration instructions in this example to correct it.

```
user@host# show protocols
neighbor-discovery {
  secure {
    security-level {
      secure-messages-only;
    }
    cryptographic-address {
      key-length 1024;
      key-pair /var/etc/rsa_key;
    }
    timestamp;
  }
}
```

If you are done configuring the device, enter **commit** from configuration mode.

Verification

Confirm that the configuration is working properly.

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Checking the IPv6 Neighbor Cache

Purpose Display information about the IPv6 neighbors.

Action From operational mode, enter the `show ipv6 neighbors` command.

Meaning In IPv6, the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) has been replaced by the NDP. The IPv4 command `show arp` is replaced by the IPv6 command `show ipv6 neighbors`. The key pieces of information displayed by this command are the IP address, the MAC (Link Layer) address, and the interface.

Tracing Neighbor Discovery Events

Purpose Perform additional validation by tracing SEND.

Action 1. Configure trace operations.

```
[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
user@host# set traceoptions file send-log
user@host# set traceoptions flag all
```

2. Run the `show log` command.

```
user@host> show log send-log
Apr 11 06:21:26 proto: outgoing pkt on idx 68 does not have CGA
(fe80::2a0:a514:0:14c), dropping pkt
Apr 11 06:26:44 proto: sendd_msg_handler: recvd outgoing 96 bytes on idx 70
with offset 40
Apr 11 06:26:44 dbg: sendd_proto_handler: Modifier (16)
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Apr 11 06:26:44 cga: snd_is_lcl_cga: BEFORE overriding cc, cc:0, ws->col:0
Apr 11 06:26:44 proto: outgoing pkt on idx 70 does not have CGA
(fe80::2a0:a514:0:24c), dropping pkt
Apr 11 06:26:47 proto: sendd_msg_handler: recvd outgoing 96 bytes on idx 68
with offset 40
Apr 11 06:26:47 dbg: sendd_proto_handler: Modifier (16)
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

Meaning The output shows that because the packet does not have a cryptographically generated address, the packet is dropped.

Related Documentation

- [Example: Configuring IPv6 Interfaces and Enabling Neighbor Discovery](#)
- [Example: Generating a Public-Private Key Pair](#)

CHAPTER 3

Configuration Statements

cryptographic-address

Syntax `cryptographic-address {
 key-length number;
 key-pair pathname;
}`

Hierarchy Level [edit protocols [neighbor-discovery secure](#)]

Release Information Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.

Description Configure parameters for cryptographically generated addresses for Secure Neighbor Discovery.

The remaining statements are explained separately.

Required Privilege Level routing level—To view this statement in the configuration.
routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

Related Documentation

- [OBSOLETE - Configuring Cryptographically Generated Addresses for Secure Neighbor Discovery](#)

key-length

Syntax	<code>key-length <i>number</i> {</code>
Hierarchy Level	<code>[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure cryptographic-address]</code>
Release Information	Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.
Description	Specify the length of the RSA key used to generate the public-private key pair for the cryptographic address.
Default	1024
Options	<i>number</i> —RSA key length. Range: 1024 through 2048
Required Privilege Level	routing—To view this statement in the configuration. routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBSOLETE - Configuring Cryptographically Generated Addresses for Secure Neighbor Discovery

key-pair

Syntax	<code>key-pair <i>pathname</i>;</code>
Hierarchy Level	<code>[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure cryptographic-address]</code>
Release Information	Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.
Description	Specify the directory path of the public-private key file generated for the cryptographic address.
Options	<i>pathname</i> —Directory path of the public-private key file. The default location of the file is <code>/var/etc/rsa_key</code> directory.
Required Privilege Level	routing—To view this statement in the configuration. routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBSOLETE - Configuring Cryptographically Generated Addresses for Secure Neighbor Discovery

neighbor-discovery

```
Syntax  neighbor-discovery {
        secure {
            security-level {
                (default | secure-messages-only);
            }
            cryptographic-address {
                key-length number;
                key-pair pathname;
            }
            timestamp {
                clock-drift number;
                known-peer-window number;
                new-peer-window number;
            }
            traceoptions {
                file <filename> <files number> <match regular-expression> <size size>
                    <world-readable | no-world-readable>;
                flag flag;
                no-remote-trace;
            }
        }
    }
```

Hierarchy Level [edit protocols]

Release Information Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.

Description Enable Secure Neighbor Discovery.

The remaining statements are explained separately.

Default Disabled

Required Privilege Level routing—To view this statement in the configuration.
routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

Related Documentation

- OBSOLETE - Enabling Secure Neighbor Discovery

secure

Syntax `secure {
 security-level {
 (default | secure-messages-only);
 }
 cryptographic-address {
 key-length number;
 key-pair pathname;
 }
 timestamp {
 clock-drift number;
 known-peer-window seconds;
 new-peer-window seconds;
 }
 traceoptions {
 file <filename> <files number> <match regular-expression> <size size> <world-readable |
 no-world-readable>;
 flag flag;
 no-remote-trace;
 }
 }`

Hierarchy Level [edit protocols [neighbor-discovery](#)]

Release Information Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.

Description Configure parameters for Secure Neighbor Discovery.

The remaining statements are explained separately.

Required Privilege Level routing—To view this statement in the configuration.
 routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.

Related Documentation

- [OBSOLETE - Configuring Cryptographically Generated Addresses for Secure Neighbor Discovery](#)
- [OBSOLETE - Configuring Timestamps for Secure Neighbor Discovery](#)
- [OBSOLETE - Tracing Secure Neighbor Discovery Protocol Traffic](#)

security-level

Syntax	<code>security-level { (default secure-messages-only); }</code>
Hierarchy Level	[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
Release Information	Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.
Description	Configure the type of security mode for Secure Neighbor Discovery.
Options	default —Accept and transmit both secure and unsecured messages. secure-messages-only —Accept secure messages only. Discard unsecured messages.
Required Privilege Level	routing —To view this statement in the configuration. routing-control —To add this statement to the configuration.
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBSOLETE - Enabling Secure Neighbor Discovery

timestamp

Syntax	<pre>timestamp { clock-drift <i>value</i>; known-peer-window <i>seconds</i>; new-peer-window <i>seconds</i>; }</pre>
Hierarchy Level	[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
Release Information	Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.
Description	Configure timestamp options, which are used to ensure that solicitation and redirect messages are not being replayed.
Options	<p>clock-drift <i>value</i>—Specify the allowable drift in time between the synchronization of peers. For <i>value</i>, specify a fractional value of 100.</p> <p>Default: 0.01</p> <p>known-peer-window <i>seconds</i>—Specify the expected interval in seconds between Secure Neighbor Discovery messages from an established peer.</p> <p>Default: 1 second</p> <p>new-peer-window <i>seconds</i>—Specify the maximum allowable time in seconds between the timestamp of a Secure Neighbor Discovery message from a new peer and when it can be accepted.</p> <p>Default: 300 seconds</p>
Required Privilege Level	<p>routing—To view this statement in the configuration.</p> <p>routing-control—To add this statement to the configuration.</p>
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBSOLETE - Configuring Timestamps for Secure Neighbor Discovery

traceoptions

Syntax	<pre> traceoptions { file <filename> <files number> <match regular-expression> <size size> <world-readable no-world-readable>; flag flag; no-remote-trace; } </pre>
Hierarchy Level	[edit protocols neighbor-discovery secure]
Release Information	Statement introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3.
Description	Configure tracing operations for Secure Neighbor Discovery events. To specify more than one tracing operation, include multiple flag statements.
Options	<p>file <i>filename</i>—Name of the file to receive the tracing operation. Enclose the name within quotation marks. All files are placed in the directory /var/log.</p> <p>files <i>number</i>—(Optional) Maximum number of trace files. When a trace file named trace-file reaches its maximum size, it is renamed trace-file.0, then trace-file.1 and so on, until the maximum number of trace files is reached. Then the oldest trace file is overwritten.</p> <p>If you specify a maximum number of files, you must also specify a maximum file size with the size option.</p> <p>Range: 2 through 1000 files</p> <p>Default: 10 files</p> <p>flag—Tracing operation to perform. To specify more than one tracing operation, include multiple flag statements.</p> <p>Secure Neighbor Discovery Tracing Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • configuration—All configuration events. • cryptographic-address—Cryptographically generated address events. • protocol—All protocol processing events. • rsa—RSA events. <p>Global Tracing Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all—All tracing operations. <p>You can specify one or more of following flag modifiers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detail—Provide detailed trace information • receive—Packets being received • send—Packets being transmitted

match—(Optional) Specify a regular expression to match the output of the trace file you want to log.

no-remote-trace—Disable remote tracing globally or for a specific tracing operation.

no-world-readable—(Optional) Prevent any user from reading this log file.

size size—(Optional) Maximum size of each trace file, in kilobytes (KB) or megabytes (MB). When a trace file named **trace-file** reaches this size, it is renamed **trace-file.0**. When the **trace-file** again reaches its maximum size, **trace-file.0** is renamed **trace-file.1**, and **trace-file** is renamed **trace-file.0**. This renaming scheme continues until the maximum number of trace files is reached. Then the oldest trace file is overwritten.

Syntax: *xk* to specify KB, *xm* to specify MB, or *xg* to specify GB

Range: 10 KB through the maximum file size supported on your system

Default: 128 KB

world-readable—(Optional) Allow any user to read this log file.

Required Privilege Level	routing and trace—To view this statement in the configuration. routing-control and trace-control—To add this statement to the configuration.
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Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBSOLETE - Tracing Secure Neighbor Discovery Protocol Traffic
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CHAPTER 4

Operational Commands

monitor interface

Syntax `monitor interface`
`<interface-name> | traffic <detail>`

Release Information Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.
 Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.
 Command introduced in Junos OS Release 11.1 for the QFX Series.

Description Display real-time statistics about interfaces, updating the statistics every second. Check for and display common interface failures, such as SONET/SDH and T3 alarms, loopbacks detected, and increases in framing errors.



NOTE: This command is not supported on the QFX3000 QFabric switch.

Options **none**—Display real-time statistics for all interfaces.

interface-name—(Optional) Display real-time statistics for the specified interface. In a TX Matrix or TX Matrix Plus router, display real-time statistics for the physical interfaces on the specified line-card chassis (LCC) only.

traffic—(Optional) Display traffic data for all active interfaces. In a TX Matrix or TX Matrix Plus router, display real-time statistics for the physical interfaces on the specified LCC only.

detail—(Optional) With traffic option only, display detailed output.

Additional Information The output of this command shows how much each field has changed since you started the command or since you cleared the counters by using the **c** key. For a description of the statistical information provided in the output of this command, see the **show interfaces extensive** command for a particular interface type in the [Junos OS Interfaces Command Reference](#). To control the output of the **monitor interface interface-name** command while it is running, use the keys listed in [Table 3 on page 22](#). The keys are not case-sensitive.

Table 3: Output Control Keys for the monitor interface interface-name Command

Key	Action
c	Clears (returns to zero) the delta counters since monitor interface was started. This does not clear the accumulative counter. To clear the accumulative counter, use the clear interfaces interval command.
f	Freezes the display, halting the display of updated statistics and delta counters.
i	Displays information about a different interface. The command prompts you for the name of a specific interface.

Table 3: Output Control Keys for the monitor interface interface-name Command (*continued*)

Key	Action
n	Displays information about the next interface. The monitor interface command displays the physical or logical interfaces in the same order as the show interfaces terse command.
q or Esc	Quits the command and returns to the command prompt.
t	Thaws the display, resuming the update of the statistics and delta counters.

To control the output of the **monitor interface traffic** command while it is running, use the keys listed in [Table 4 on page 23](#). The keys are not case-sensitive.

Table 4: Output Control Keys for the monitor interface traffic Command

Key	Action
b	Displays the statistics in units of bytes and bytes per second (bps).
c	Clears (return to 0) the delta counters in the Current Delta column. The statistics counters are not cleared.
d	Displays the Current Delta column (instead of the rate column) in bps or packets per second (pps).
p	Displays the statistics in units of packets and packets per second (pps).
q or Esc	Quits the command and returns to the command prompt.
r	Displays the rate column (instead of the Current Delta column) in bps and pps.

Required Privilege Level trace

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Output Fields [Table 5 on page 24](#) describes the output fields for the **monitor interface** command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 5: monitor interface Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description	Level of Output
routerl	Hostname of the router.	All levels
Seconds	How long the monitor interface command has been running or how long since you last cleared the counters.	All levels
Time	Current time (UTC).	All levels
Delay x/y/z	Time difference between when the statistics were displayed and the actual clock time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • x—Time taken for the last polling (in milliseconds). • y—Minimum time taken across all pollings (in milliseconds). • z—Maximum time taken across all pollings (in milliseconds). 	All levels
Interface	Short description of the interface, including its name, status, and encapsulation.	All levels
Link	State of the link: Up , Down , or Test .	All levels
Current delta	Cumulative number for the counter in question since the time shown in the Seconds field, which is the time since you started the command or last cleared the counters.	All levels
Local Statistics	(Logical interfaces only) Number and rate of bytes and packets destined to the router or switch through the specified interface. When a burst of traffic is received, the value in the output packet rate field might briefly exceed the peak cell rate. It takes awhile (generally, less than 1 second) for this counter to stabilize.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input bytes—Number of bytes received on the interface. • Output bytes—Number of bytes transmitted on the interface. • Input packets—Number of packets received on the interface. • Output packets—Number of packets transmitted on the interface. 	All levels
Remote Statistics	(Logical interfaces only) Statistics for traffic transiting the router or switch. When a burst of traffic is received, the value in the output packet rate field might briefly exceed the peak cell rate. It takes awhile (generally, less than 1 second) for this counter to stabilize.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input bytes—Number of bytes received on the interface. • Output bytes—Number of bytes transmitted on the interface. • Input packets—Number of packets received on the interface. • Output packets—Number of packets transmitted on the interface. 	All levels

Table 5: monitor interface Output Fields (*continued*)

Field Name	Field Description	Level of Output
Traffic statistics	<p>Total number of bytes and packets received and transmitted on the interface. These statistics are the sum of the local and remote statistics. When a burst of traffic is received, the value in the output packet rate field might briefly exceed the peak cell rate. It takes awhile (generally, less than 1 second) for this counter to stabilize.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input bytes—Number of bytes received on the interface. • Output bytes—Number of bytes transmitted on the interface. • Input packets—Number of packets received on the interface. • Output packets—Number of packets transmitted on the interface. 	All levels
Description	With the traffic option, displays the interface description configured at the [edit interfaces <i>interface-name</i>] hierarchy level.	detail

Sample Output

```

monitor interface user@host> monitor interface so-0/0/0
(Physical) router1 Seconds: 19 Time: 15:46:29

Interface: so-0/0/0, Enabled, Link is Up
Encapsulation: PPP, Keepalives, Speed: 0C48
Traffic statistics: Current Delta
Input packets: 6045 (0 pps) [11]
Input bytes: 6290065 (0 bps) [13882]
Output packets: 10376 (0 pps) [10]
Output bytes: 10365540 (0 bps) [9418]
Encapsulation statistics:
Input keepalives: 1901 [2]
Output keepalives: 1901 [2]
NCP state: Opened
LCP state: Opened
Error statistics:
Input errors: 0 [0]
Input drops: 0 [0]
Input framing errors: 0 [0]
Policed discards: 0 [0]
L3 incompletes: 0 [0]
L2 channel errors: 0 [0]
L2 mismatch timeouts: 0 [0]
Carrier transitions: 1 [0]
Output errors: 0 [0]
Output drops: 0 [0]
Aged packets: 0 [0]
Active alarms : None
Active defects: None
SONET error counts/seconds:
LOS count 1 [0]
LOF count 1 [0]
SEF count 1 [0]
ES-S 0 [0]
SES-S 0 [0]
SONET statistics:
BIP-B1 458871 [0]
BIP-B2 460072 [0]

```

REI-L	465610	[0]
BIP-B3	458978	[0]
REI-P	458773	[0]

```

Received SONET overhead:
F1      : 0x00 J0      : 0x00 K1      : 0x00
K2      : 0x00 S1      : 0x00 C2      : 0x00
C2(cmp) : 0x00 F2      : 0x00 Z3      : 0x00
Z4      : 0x00 S1(cmp) : 0x00
Transmitted SONET overhead:
F1      : 0x00 J0      : 0x01 K1      : 0x00
K2      : 0x00 S1      : 0x00 C2      : 0xcf
F2      : 0x00 Z3      : 0x00 Z4      : 0x00

```

Next='n', Quit='q' or ESC, Freeze='f', Thaw='t', Clear='c', Interface='i'

monitor interface (OTN Interface)

```
user@host> monitor interface ge-7/0/0
```

```

Interface: ge-7/0/0, Enabled, Link is Up
Encapsulation: Ethernet, Speed: 10000mbps
Traffic statistics:
  Input bytes:                0 (0 bps)
  Output bytes:               0 (0 bps)
  Input packets:              0 (0 pps)
  Output packets:             0 (0 pps)
Error statistics:
  Input errors:                0
  Input drops:                 0
  Input framing errors:        0
  Policed discards:            0
  L3 incompletes:              0
  L2 channel errors:           0
  L2 mismatch timeouts:        0
  Carrier transitions:         5
  Output errors:               0
  Output drops:                0
  Aged packets:                0
Active alarms : None
Active defects: None
Input MAC/Filter statistics:
  Unicast packets              0
  Broadcast packets            0
  Multicast packets            0
  Oversized frames             0
  Packet reject count          0
  DA rejects                   0
  SA rejects                   0
Output MAC/Filter Statistics:
  Unicast packets              0
  Broadcast packets            0
  Multicast packets            0
  Packet pad count             0
  Packet error count           0
OTN Link 0
OTN Alarms: OTU_BDI, OTU_TTIM, ODU_BDI
OTN Defects: OTU_BDI, OTU_TTIM, ODU_BDI, ODU_TTIM
OTN OC - Seconds
  LOS                          2
  LOF                          9
OTN OTU - FEC Statistics
  Corr err ratio                N/A
  Corr bytes                    0
  Uncorr words                  0
OTN OTU - Counters

```

```

BIP                                0
BBE                                0
ES                                 0
SES                                0
UAS                                422
OTN ODU - Counters
BIP                                0
BBE                                0
ES                                 0
SES                                0
UAS                                422
OTN ODU - Received Overhead      APSPCC 0-3:          0

```

```

monitor interface user@host> monitor interface so-1/0/0.0
(Logical)         host name                Seconds: 16                Time: 15:33:39
                                                           Delay: 0/0/1

Interface: so-1/0/0.0, Enabled, Link is Down
Flags: Hardware-Down Point-To-Point SNMP-Traps
Encapsulation: PPP
Local statistics:
Input bytes:                0                                Current delta [0]
Output bytes:               0                                [0]
Input packets:              0                                [0]
Output packets:             0                                [0]
Remote statistics:
Input bytes:                0 (0 bps)                        [0]
Output bytes:               0 (0 bps)                        [0]
Input packets:              0 (0 pps)                        [0]
Output packets:             0 (0 pps)                        [0]
Traffic statistics:
Destination address: 192.168.8.193, Local: 192.168.8.21

Next='n', Quit='q' or ESC, Freeze='f', Thaw='t', Clear='c', Interface='i'

```

```

monitor interface user@host> monitor interface traffic
traffic          host name                Seconds: 15                Time: 12:31:09

Interface  Link  Input packets  (pps)  Output packets  (pps)
so-1/0/0   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
so-1/1/0   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
so-1/1/1   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
so-1/1/2   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
so-1/1/3   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
t3-1/2/0   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
t3-1/2/1   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
t3-1/2/2   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
t3-1/2/3   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)
so-2/0/0   Up      211035         (1)    36778          (0)
so-2/0/1   Up      192753         (1)    36782          (0)
so-2/0/2   Up      211020         (1)    36779          (0)
so-2/0/3   Up      211029         (1)    36776          (0)
so-2/1/0   Up      189378         (1)    36349          (0)
so-2/1/1   Down    0              (0)    18747          (0)
so-2/1/2   Down    0              (0)    16078          (0)
so-2/1/3   Up      0              (0)    80338          (0)
at-2/3/0   Up      0              (0)    0              (0)
at-2/3/1   Down    0              (0)    0              (0)

Bytes=b, Clear=c, Delta=d, Packets=p, Quit=q or ESC, Rate=r, Up=^U, Down=^D

```



```

monitor interface user@switch> monitor interface ge-0/0/0
(QFX3500 Switch) Interface: ge-0/0/0, Enabled, Link is Down
Encapsulation: Ethernet, Speed: Unspecified
Traffic statistics:
    Input bytes: 0 (0 bps)
    Output bytes: 0 (0 bps)
    Input packets: 0 (0 pps)
    Output packets: 0 (0 pps)
Error statistics:
    Input errors: 0
    Input drops: 0
    Input framing errors: 0
    Policed discards: 0
    L3 incompletes: 0
    L2 channel errors: 0
    L2 mismatch timeouts: 0
    Carrier transitions: 0
    Output errors: 0
    Output drops: 0
    Aged packets: 0
Active alarms : LINK
Active defects: LINK
Input MAC/Filter statistics:
    Unicast packets 0
    Broadcast packets 0 Multicast packet
Interface warnings:
    o Outstanding LINK alarm

```

```

monitor interface user@host> monitor interface traffic
traffic host name Seconds: 15 Time: 12:31:09

Interface Link Input packets (pps) Output packets (pps)
so-1/0/0 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
so-1/1/0 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
so-1/1/1 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
so-1/1/2 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
so-1/1/3 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
t3-1/2/0 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
t3-1/2/1 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
t3-1/2/2 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
t3-1/2/3 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)
so-2/0/0 Up 211035 (1) 36778 (0)
so-2/0/1 Up 192753 (1) 36782 (0)
so-2/0/2 Up 211020 (1) 36779 (0)
so-2/0/3 Up 211029 (1) 36776 (0)
so-2/1/0 Up 189378 (1) 36349 (0)
so-2/1/1 Down 0 (0) 18747 (0)
so-2/1/2 Down 0 (0) 16078 (0)
so-2/1/3 Up 0 (0) 80338 (0)
at-2/3/0 Up 0 (0) 0 (0)
at-2/3/1 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)

Bytes=b, Clear=c, Delta=d, Packets=p, Quit=q or ESC, Rate=r, Up=^U, Down=^D

```

```

monitor interface user@switch> monitor interface traffic
traffic (QFX3500 switch Seconds: 7 Time: 16:04:37

Interface Link Input packets (pps) Output packets (pps)
ge-0/0/0 Down 0 (0) 0 (0)

```

ge-0/0/1	Up	392187	(0)	392170	(0)
ge-0/0/2	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/3	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/4	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/5	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/6	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/7	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/8	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/9	Up	392184	(0)	392171	(0)
ge-0/0/10	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/11	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/12	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/13	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/14	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/15	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/16	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/17	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/18	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/19	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/20	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/21	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/22	Up	392172	(0)	392187	(0)
ge-0/0/23	Up	392185	(0)	392173	(0)
vcp-0	Down	0		0	
vcp-1	Down	0		0	
ae0	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
bme0	Up	0		1568706	

monitor interface traffic detail
(QFX3500 Switch)

user@switch> **monitor interface traffic detail**
switch

Time: 16:03:02

Seconds: 74

Interface Description	Link	Input packets	(pps)	Output packets	(pps)
ge-0/0/0	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/1	Up	392183	(0)	392166	(0)
ge-0/0/2	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/3	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/4	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/5	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/6	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/7	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/8	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/9	Up	392181	(0)	392168	(0)
ge-0/0/10	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/11	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/12	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/13	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/14	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/15	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/16	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/17	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/18	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/19	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/20	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/21	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
ge-0/0/22	Up	392169	(0)	392184	(1)
ge-0/0/23	Up	392182	(0)	392170	(0)
vcp-0	Down	0		0	
vcp-1	Down	0		0	

ae0	Down	0	(0)	0	(0)
bme0	Up	0		1568693	

monitor start

Syntax	<code>monitor start <i>filename</i></code>
Release Information	Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4. Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.
Description	Start displaying the system log or trace file and additional entries being added to those files.
Options	<i>filename</i> —Specific log or trace file.
Additional Information	Log files are generated by the routing protocol process or by system logging. The log files generated by system logging are configured with the syslog statement at the [edit system] hierarchy level and the options statement at the [edit routing-options] hierarchy level. The trace files generated by the routing protocol process are configured with traceoptions statements at the [edit routing-options] , [edit interfaces] , and [edit protocols protocol] hierarchy levels.



NOTE: To monitor a log file within a logical system, issue the `monitor start logical-system-name/filename` command.

Required Privilege Level	trace
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> monitor list monitor stop on page 34
List of Sample Output	monitor start on page 32
Output Fields	Table 6 on page 32 describes the output fields for the monitor start command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 6: monitor start Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description
<i>filename</i>	Name of the file from which entries are being displayed. This line is displayed initially and when the command switches between log files.
<i>Date and time</i>	Timestamp for the log entry.

Sample Output

```
monitor start user@host> monitor start system-log
```

```
*** system-log***
Jul 20 15:07:34 hang sshd[5845]: log: Generating 768 bit RSA key.
Jul 20 15:07:35 hang sshd[5845]: log: RSA key generation complete.
Jul 20 15:07:35 hang sshd[5845]: log: Connection from 204.69.248.180 port 912
Jul 20 15:07:37 hang sshd[5845]: log: RSA authentication for root accepted.
Jul 20 15:07:37 hang sshd[5845]: log: ROOT LOGIN as 'root' from trip.jcmax.com
Jul 20 15:07:37 hang sshd[5845]: log: Closing connection to 204.69.248.180
```

monitor stop

Syntax	<code>monitor stop <i>filename</i></code>
Release Information	Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4. Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.
Description	Stop displaying the system log or trace file.
Options	<i>filename</i> —Specific log or trace file.
Additional Information	Log files are generated by the routing protocol process or by system logging. The log files generated by system logging are those configured with the syslog statement at the [edit system] hierarchy level and the options statement at the [edit routing-options] hierarchy level. The trace files generated by the routing protocol process are those configured with traceoptions statements at the [edit routing-options] , [edit interfaces] , and [edit protocols <i>protocol</i>] hierarchy levels.
Required Privilege Level	trace
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• monitor list• monitor start on page 32
List of Sample Output	monitor stop on page 34
Output Fields	This command produces no output.

Sample Output

monitor stop user@host> **monitor stop**

ping

Syntax `ping host`
 <bypass-routing>
 <count *requests*>
 <detail>
 <do-not-fragment>
 <inet | inet6>
 <interface *source-interface*>
 <interval *seconds*>
 <logical-system (all | *logical-system-name*)>
 <loose-source *value*>
 <no-resolve>
 <pattern *string*>
 <rapid>
 <record-route>
 <routing-instance *routing-instance-name*>
 <size *bytes*>
 <source *source-address*>
 <strict >
 <strict-source *value*.>
 <tos *type-of-service*>
 <ttl *value*>
 <verbose>
 <wait *seconds*>

Syntax (QFX Series) `ping host`
 <bypass-routing>
 <count *requests*>
 <detail>
 <do-not-fragment>
 <inet>
 <interface *source-interface*>
 <interval *seconds*>
 <loose-source *value*>
 <mac-address *mac-address*>
 <no-resolve>
 <pattern *string*>
 <rapid>
 <record-route>
 <routing-instance *routing-instance-name*>
 <size *bytes*>
 <source *source-address*>
 <strict>
 <strict-source *value*>
 <tos *type-of-service*>
 <ttl *value*>
 <verbose>
 <wait *seconds*>

Release Information Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.
 Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.
 Command introduced in Junos OS Release 11.1 for the QFX Series.

Description Check host reachability and network connectivity. The **ping** command sends Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) ECHO_REQUEST messages to elicit ICMP ECHO_RESPONSE messages from the specified host. Type Ctrl+c to interrupt a ping command.

Options **host**—IP address or hostname of the remote system to ping.

bypass-routing—(Optional) Bypass the normal routing tables and send ping requests directly to a system on an attached network. If the system is not on a directly attached network, an error is returned. Use this option to ping a local system through an interface that has no route through it.

count requests—(Optional) Number of ping requests to send. The range of values is 1 through 2,000,000,000. The default value is an unlimited number of requests.

detail—(Optional) Include in the output the interface on which the ping reply was received.

do-not-fragment—(Optional) Set the do-not-fragment (DF) flag in the IP header of the ping packets. For IPv6 packets, this option disables fragmentation.



NOTE: In Junos OS Release 11.1 and later, when issuing the **ping** command for an IPv6 route with the **do-not-fragment** option, the maximum ping packet size is calculated by subtracting 48 bytes (40 bytes for the IPV6 header and 8 bytes for the ICMP header) from the MTU. Therefore, if the ping packet size (including the 48-byte header) is greater than the MTU, the ping operation might fail.

inet—(Optional) Ping Packet Forwarding Engine IPv4 routes.

inet6—(Optional) Ping Packet Forwarding Engine IPv6 routes.

interface source-interface—(Optional) Interface to use to send the ping requests.

interval seconds—(Optional) How often to send ping requests. The range of values, in seconds, is 1 through infinity. The default value is 1.

loose-source value—(Optional) Intermediate loose source route entry (IPv4). Open a set of values.

mac-address mac-address—(Optional) Ping the physical or hardware address of the remote system you are trying to reach.

no-resolve—(Optional) Do not attempt to determine the hostname that corresponds to the IP address.

pattern string—(Optional) Specify a hexadecimal fill pattern to include in the ping packet.

rapid—(Optional) Send ping requests rapidly. The results are reported in a single message, not in individual messages for each ping request. By default, five ping requests are

sent before the results are reported. To change the number of requests, include the count option.

record-route—(Optional) Record and report the packet's path (IPv4).

routing-instance *routing-instance-name*—(Optional) Name of the routing instance for the ping attempt.

size *bytes*—(Optional) Size of ping request packets. The range of values, in bytes, is 0 through 65,468. The default value is 56, which is effectively 64 bytes because 8 bytes of ICMP header data are added to the packet.

source *source-address*—(Optional) IP address of the outgoing interface. This address is sent in the IP source address field of the ping request. If this option is not specified, the default address is usually the loopback interface (lo.0).

strict—(Optional) Use the strict source route option (IPv4).

strict-source *value*—(Optional) Intermediate strict source route entry (IPv4). Open a set of values.

tos *type-of-service*—(Optional) Set the type-of-service (ToS) field in the IP header of the ping packets. The range of values is 0 through 255.

ttl *value*—(Optional) Time-to-live (TTL) value to include in the ping request (IPv6). The range of values is 0 through 255.

verbose—(Optional) Display detailed output.

vpls *instance-name*—(Optional) Ping the instance to which this VPLS belongs.

wait *seconds*—(Optional) Maximum wait time, in seconds, after the final packet is sent. If this option is not specified, the default delay is 10 seconds. If this option is used without the count option, a default count of 5 packets is used.

Required Privilege Level

network

Related Documentation

- Configuring the Junos OS ICMPv4 Rate Limit for ICMPv4 Routing Engine Messages

List of Sample Output

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[ping hostname rapid on page 38](#)

Output Fields

When you enter this command, you are provided feedback on the status of your request. An exclamation point (!) indicates that an echo reply was received. A period (.) indicates that an echo reply was not received within the timeout period. An x indicates that an echo reply was received with an error code. These packets are not counted in the received packets count. They are accounted for separately.

Sample Output

```
ping hostname      user@host> ping skye
PING skye.net (192.168.169.254): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=0 ttl=253 time=1.028 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=1 ttl=253 time=1.053 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=2 ttl=253 time=1.025 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=3 ttl=253 time=1.098 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=4 ttl=253 time=1.032 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=5 ttl=253 time=1.044 ms
^C [abort]

ping hostname      user@host> ping skye size 200 count 5
size count        PING skye.net (192.168.169.254): 200 data bytes
208 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=0 ttl=253 time=1.759 ms
208 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=1 ttl=253 time=2.075 ms
208 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=2 ttl=253 time=1.843 ms
208 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=3 ttl=253 time=1.803 ms
208 bytes from 192.168.169.254: icmp_seq=4 ttl=253 time=17.898 ms

--- skye.net ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.759/5.075/17.898 ms

ping hostname rapid user@host> ping skye rapid
PING skye.net (192.168.169.254): 56 data bytes
!!!!
--- skye.net ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max/stddev = 0.956/0.974/1.025/0.026 ms
```

show ipv6 neighbors

Syntax	show ipv6 neighbors
Release Information	Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4. Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.3 for EX Series switches.
Description	Display information about the IPv6 neighbor cache.
Options	This command has no options.
Required Privilege Level	view
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear ipv6 neighbors
List of Sample Output	show ipv6 neighbors on page 39 show ipv6 neighbors on page 39
Output Fields	Table 7 on page 39 describes the output fields for the show ipv6 neighbors command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 7: show ipv6 neighbors Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description
IPv6 Address	Name of the IPv6 interface.
Linklayer Address	Link-layer address.
State	State of the link: up , down , incomplete , reachable , stale , or unreachable .
Exp	Number of seconds until the entry expires.
Rtr	Whether the neighbor is a routing device: yes or no .
Secure	Whether this entry was created using the Secure Neighbor Discovery (SEND) protocol: yes or no .
Interface	Name of the interface.

Sample Output

```

show ipv6 neighbors user@host> show ipv6 neighbors
IPv6 Address      Linklayer Address  State      Exp  Rtr  Interface
fe80::2a0:c9ff:fe5b:4c1e  00:a0:c9:5b:4c:1e  reachable  15   yes  fxp0.0

show ipv6 neighbors user@host > show ipv6 neighbors

```

IPv6 Address Interface	Linklayer Address	State	Exp Rtr	Secure
fe80::14fb:5dcf:54bd:ff76 ge-3/2/0.0	00:90:69:a0:a8:bc	stale	1113 yes	yes

show ipv6 router-advertisement

Syntax	<pre>show ipv6 router-advertisement <conflicts> <interface <i>interface</i>> <logical-system (all <i>logical-system-name</i>)> <prefix <i>prefix/prefix length</i>></pre>
Release Information	Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.
Description	Display information about IPv6 router advertisements, including statistics about messages sent and received on interfaces, and information received from advertisements from other routers.
Options	<p>none—Display all IPv6 router advertisement information for all interfaces.</p> <p>conflicts—(Optional) Display only the IPv6 router advertisement information that is conflicting.</p> <p>interface <i>interface</i>—(Optional) Display IPv6 router advertisement information for the specified interface.</p> <p>logical-system (all <i>logical-system-name</i>)—(Optional) Perform this operation on all logical systems or on a particular logical system.</p> <p>prefix <i>prefix/prefix length</i>—(Optional) Display IPv6 router advertisement information for the specified prefix.</p>
Additional Information	The display identifies conflicting information by enclosing the value the router is advertising in brackets.
Required Privilege Level	view
Related Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clear ipv6 router-advertisement
List of Sample Output	show ipv6 router-advertisement on page 42 show ipv6 router-advertisement conflicts on page 43 show ipv6 router-advertisement prefix on page 43
Output Fields	Table 8 on page 41 describes the output fields for the show ipv6 router-advertisement command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 8: show ipv6 router-advertisement Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description
Interface	Name of the interface.
Advertisements sent	Number of router advertisements sent and elapsed time since they were sent.

Table 8: show ipv6 router-advertisement Output Fields (*continued*)

Field Name	Field Description
Solicits received	Number of solicitation messages received.
Advertisements received	Number of router advertisements received.
Advertisements from	Names of interfaces from which router advertisements have been received and elapsed time since the last one was received.
Managed	Managed address configuration flag: 0 (stateless) or 1 (stateful).
Other configuration	Other stateful configuration flag: 0 (stateless) or 1 (stateful).
Reachable time	Time that a node identifies a neighbor as reachable after receiving a reachability confirmation, in milliseconds.
Default lifetime	Default lifetime, in seconds: from 0 seconds to 18.2 hours. A setting of 0 indicates that the router is not a default router.
Retransmit timer	Time between retransmitted Neighbor Solicitation messages, in milliseconds.
Current hop limit	Configured current hop limit.
Prefix	Name and length of the prefix.
Valid lifetime	How long the prefix remains valid for onlink determination.
Preferred lifetime	How long the prefix generated by stateless autoconfiguration remains preferred.
On link	Onlink flag: 0 (not onlink) or 1 (onlink).
Autonomous	Autonomous address configuration flag: 0 (not autonomous) or 1 (autonomous).

Sample Output

```

show ipv6 router-advertisement user@host> show ipv6 router-advertisement
Interface: fe-0/1/1.0
  Advertisements sent: 0
  Solicits received: 0
  Advertisements received: 0
Interface: fxp0.0
  Advertisements sent: 0
  Solicits received: 0
  Advertisements received: 1
  Advertisement from fe80::2d0:b7ff:fe1e:7b0e, heard 00:00:13 ago
  Managed: 0
  Other configuration: 0 [1]
  Reachable time: 0 ms
  Default lifetime: 1800 sec

```

Retransmit timer: 0 ms
Current hop limit: 64

```
show ipv6 router-advertisement conflicts
user@host> show ipv6 router-advertisement conflicts
Interface: fxp0.0
  Advertisement from fe80::2d0:b7ff:fe1e:7b0e, heard 00:01:08 ago
  Other configuration: 0 [1]
```

```
show ipv6 router-advertisement prefix
user@host> show ipv6 router-advertisement prefix 8040::/16
Interface: fe-0/1/3.0
  Advertisements sent: 3, last sent 00:04:11 ago
  Solicits received: 0
  Advertisements received: 3
  Advertisement from fe80::290:69ff:fe9a:5403, heard 00:00:05 ago
  Managed: 0
  Other configuration: 0
  Reachable time: 0 ms
  Default lifetime: 180 sec [1800 sec]
  Retransmit timer: 0 ms
  Current hop limit: 64
  Prefix: 8040:1::/64
    Valid lifetime: 2592000 sec
    Preferred lifetime: 604800 sec
    On link: 1
    Autonomous: 1
```

show log

Syntax	<code>show log</code> <code><filename user <username>></code>
Syntax (TX Matrix Router)	<code>show log</code> <code><all-lcc lcc <i>number</i> scc></code> <code><filename user <username>></code>
Release Information	Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4. Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches. Command introduced in Junos OS Release 11.1 for the QFX Series.
Description	List log files, display log file contents, or display information about users who have logged in to the router or switch.
Options	<p>none—List all log files.</p> <p><all-lcc lcc <i>number</i> scc>—(Routing matrix only) (Optional) Display logging information about all T640 routers (or line-card chassis) or a specific T640 router (replace <i>number</i> with a value from 0 through 3) connected to a TX Matrix router. Or, display logging information about the TX Matrix router (or switch-card chassis).</p> <p><i>filename</i>—(Optional) Display the log messages in the specified log file. For the routing matrix, the filename must include the chassis information.</p> <p>user <username>—(Optional) Display logging information about users who have recently logged in to the router or switch. If you include <i>username</i>, display logging information about the specified user.</p>
Required Privilege Level	trace
List of Sample Output	show log on page 44 show log filename on page 45 show log user on page 45

Sample Output

```

user@host> show log
total 57518
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin      211663 Oct  1 19:44 dcd
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin      999947 Oct  1 19:41 dcd.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin      999994 Oct  1 17:48 dcd.1
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin       238815 Oct  1 19:44 rpd
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1049098 Oct  1 18:00 rpd.0
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1061095 Oct  1 12:13 rpd.1
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1052026 Oct  1 06:08 rpd.2
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1056309 Sep 30 18:21 rpd.3
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1056371 Sep 30 14:36 rpd.4
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1056301 Sep 30 10:50 rpd.5
-rw-r--r--  1 root  bin     1056350 Sep 30 07:04 rpd.6

```



```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root bin 1048876 Sep 30 03:21 rpd.7
-rw-rw-r-- 1 root bin 19656 Oct 1 19:37 wtmp
```

```
show log filename user@host> show log rpd
Oct 1 18:00:18 trace_on: Tracing to ?/var/log/rpd? started
Oct 1 18:00:18 EVENT <MTU> ds-5/2/0.0 index 24 <Broadcast PointToPoint Multicast
Oct 1 18:00:18
Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 56 V9 seq 148 op add Type route/if af 2 addr
13.13.13.21 nhop type local nhop 13.13.13.21
Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 56 V9 seq 149 op add Type route/if af 2 addr
13.13.13.22 nhop type unicast nhop 13.13.13.22
Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 48 V9 seq 150 op add Type ifaddr index 24 devindex
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Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 144 V9 seq 151 op chnge Type ifdev devindex 44
Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 144 V9 seq 152 op chnge Type ifdev devindex 45
Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 144 V9 seq 153 op chnge Type ifdev devindex 46
Oct 1 18:00:19 KRT rcv len 1272 V9 seq 154 op chnge Type ifdev devindex 47
...
```

```
show log user user@host> show log user
darius mg2546 Thu Oct 1 19:37 still logged in
darius mg2529 Thu Oct 1 19:08 - 19:36 (00:28)
darius mg2518 Thu Oct 1 18:53 - 18:58 (00:04)
root mg1575 Wed Sep 30 18:39 - 18:41 (00:02)
root tty2 jun.site.per Wed Sep 30 18:39 - 18:41 (00:02)
alex tty1 192.168.1.2 Wed Sep 30 01:03 - 01:22 (00:19)
```

traceroute

Syntax	<pre>traceroute <i>host</i> <as-number-lookup> <bypass-routing> <clns> <gateway <i>address</i>> <inet inet6> <interface <i>interface-name</i>> <logical system (<i>all</i> <i>logical-system-name</i>)> <mpls (<i>ldp FEC address</i> <i>rsvp label-switched-path-name</i>)> <no-resolve> <propagate-ttl> <routing-instance <i>routing-instance-name</i>> <source <i>source-address</i>> <tos <i>value</i>> <ttl <i>value</i>> <wait <i>seconds</i>></pre>
Syntax (QFX Series)	<pre>traceroute <i>host</i> <as-number-lookup> <bypass-routing> <gateway <i>address</i>> <inet> <interface <i>interface-name</i>> <monitor <i>host</i>> <no-resolve> <routing-instance <i>routing-instance-name</i>> <source <i>source-address</i>> <tos <i>value</i>> <ttl <i>value</i>> <wait <i>seconds</i>></pre>
Release Information	<p>Command introduced before Junos OS Release 7.4.</p> <p>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 9.0 for EX Series switches.</p> <p>mpls option introduced in Junos OS Release 9.2.</p> <p>propagate-ttl option introduced in Junos OS Release 12.1.</p> <p>Command introduced in Junos OS Release 11.1 for the QFX Series.</p>
Description	Display the route that packets take to a specified network host. Use traceroute as a debugging tool to locate points of failure in a network.
Options	<p>host—IP address or name of remote host.</p> <p>as-number-lookup—(Optional) Display the autonomous system (AS) number of each intermediate hop on the path from the host to the destination.</p> <p>bypass-routing—(Optional) Bypass the normal routing tables and send requests directly to a system on an attached network. If the system is not on a directly attached network, an error is returned. Use this option to display a route to a local system through an interface that has no route through it.</p>

clns—(Optional) Trace the route belonging to Connectionless Network Service (CLNS).

gateway address—(Optional) Address of a router or switch through which the route transits.

inet | inet6—(Optional) Trace the route belonging to IPv4 or IPv6, respectively.

interface *interface-name*—(Optional) Name of the interface over which to send packets.

logical-system (all | *logical-system-name*)—(Optional) Perform this operation on all logical systems or on a particular logical system.

monitor *host*—(Optional) Display real-time monitoring information for the specified host.

monitor *host*—(Optional) Perform this operation to display real-time monitoring information.

monitor *host*—(Optional) Perform this operation to display real-time monitoring information.

mpls (ldp *FEC address* | rsvp *label-switched-path name*)—(Optional) See traceroute mpls ldp and traceroute mpls rsvp.

no-resolve—(Optional) Do not attempt to determine the hostname that corresponds to the IP address.

propagate-ttl—(Optional) On the PE router, use this option to view locally-generated Routing Engine transit traffic. This is applicable for MPLS L3VPN traffic only. Use for troubleshooting, when you want to view hop-by-hop information from the local provider router to the remote provider router, when TTL decrementing is disabled on the core network using the **no-propagate-ttl** configuration statement.



NOTE: Using **propagate-ttl** with **traceroute** on the CE router does not show hop-by-hop information.

routing-instance *routing-instance-name*—(Optional) Name of the routing instance for the traceroute attempt.

source *source-address*—(Optional) Source address of the outgoing traceroute packets.

tos *value*—(Optional) Value to include in the IP type-of-service (ToS) field. The range of values is 0 through 255.

ttl *value*—(Optional) Maximum time-to-live value to include in the traceroute request. The range of values is 0 through 128.

wait *seconds*—(Optional) Maximum time to wait for a response to the traceroute request.

Required Privilege Level network

Related Documentation

- [traceroute monitor](#)

List of Sample Output

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Output Fields

[Table 9 on page 48](#) describes the output fields for the **traceroute** command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 9: traceroute Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description
traceroute to	IP address of the receiver.
hops max	Maximum number of hops allowed.
byte packets	Size of packets being sent.
<i>number-of-hops</i>	Number of hops from the source to the named router or switch.
<i>router-name</i>	Name of the router or switch for this hop.
<i>address</i>	Address of the router or switch for this hop.
Round trip time	Average round-trip time, in milliseconds (ms).

Sample Output

```

traceroute user@host> traceroute santacruz
traceroute to green.company.net (10.156.169.254), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
 1 blue23 (10.168.1.254)  2.370 ms  2.853 ms  0.367 ms
 2 red14 (10.168.255.250) 0.778 ms  2.937 ms  0.446 ms
 3 yellow (10.156.169.254) 7.737 ms  89.905 ms  0.834 ms

```

```

traceroute user@host> traceroute as-number-lookup 10.100.1.1
as-number-lookup traceroute to 10.100.1.1 (10.100.1.1), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
host          1 10.39.1.1 (10.39.1.1) 0.779 ms 0.728 ms 0.562 ms
                2 10.39.1.6 (10.39.1.6) [AS 32] 0.657 ms 0.611 ms 0.617 ms
                3 10.100.1.1 (10.100.1.1) [AS 10, 40, 50] 0.880 ms 0.808 ms 0.774 ms

```

```

traceroute no-resolve user@host> traceroute santacruz no-resolve
traceroute to green.company.net (10.156.169.254), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
 1 10.168.1.254 0.458 ms 0.370 ms 0.365 ms
 2 10.168.255.250 0.474 ms 0.450 ms 0.444 ms

```

```
3 10.156.169.254 0.931 ms 0.876 ms 0.862 ms
```

```
tracroute user@host> tracroute propagate-ttl 100.200.2.2 routing-instance VPN-A
propagate-ttl tracroute to 100.200.2.2 (100.200.2.2) from 1.1.0.2, 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
```

```
1 1.2.0.2 (1.2.0.2) 2.456 ms 1.753 ms 1.672 ms
   MPLS Label=299776 CoS=0 TTL=1 S=0
   MPLS Label=299792 CoS=0 TTL=1 S=1
2 1.3.0.2 (1.3.0.2) 1.213 ms 1.225 ms 1.166 ms
   MPLS Label=299792 CoS=0 TTL=1 S=1
3 100.200.2.2 (100.200.2.2) 1.422 ms 1.521 ms 1.443 ms
```

**tracroute (Between
CE Routers, Layer 3
VPN)**

```
user@host> tracroute vpn09
tracroute to vpn09.skybank.net (10.255.14.179), 30 hops max, 40
byte packets
1 10.39.10.21 (10.39.10.21) 0.598 ms 0.500 ms 0.461 ms
2 10.39.1.13 (10.39.1.13) 0.796 ms 0.775 ms 0.806 ms
   MPLS Label=100006 CoS=0 TTL=1 S=1
3 vpn09.skybank.net (10.255.14.179) 0.783 ms 0.716 ms 0.686
```

**tracroute
(Through an MPLS
LSP)**

```
user@host> tracroute mpls1
tracroute to 10.168.1.224 (10.168.1.224), 30 hops max, 40 byte packets
1 mpls1-sr0.company.net (10.168.200.101) 0.555 ms 0.393 ms 0.367 ms
   MPLS Label=1024 CoS=0 TTL=1
2 mpls5-lo0.company.net (10.168.1.224) 0.420 ms 0.394 ms 0.401 ms
```


PART 4

Troubleshooting

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CHAPTER 5

Routing Protocol Process Memory FAQ

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Routing Protocol Process Memory FAQ Overview

The Juniper Networks Junos operating system (Junos OS) is based on the FreeBSD Unix operating system. The open source software is modified and hardened to operate in the device's specialized environment. For example, some executables have been deleted while other utilities have been de-emphasized. Additionally, certain software processes have been added to enhance the routing functionality. The result of this transformation is the kernel, the heart of the Junos OS software.

The kernel is responsible for generating multiple processes that perform the actual functions of the device. Each process operates in its own protected memory space, providing isolation between the processes and resiliency in the event of a process failure. This is important in a core routing platform because a single process failure does not cause the entire device to cease functioning.

Some of the common software processes include the routing protocol process (rpd) that controls the device's protocols, the device control process (dcd) that controls the device's interfaces, the management process (mgd) that controls user access to the device, the chassis process (chassisd) that controls the device's properties itself, and the Packet Forwarding Engine process (pfed) that controls the communication between the device's Packet Forwarding Engine and the Routing Engine. Besides the above processes, there are other specialized processes that support additional functionality, such as the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), and Class of Service (CoS).

The routing protocol process is a software process within the Routing Engine software that controls the routing protocols that run on the device. Its functionality includes all protocol messages, routing table updates, and implementation of routing policies.

The routing protocol process starts all configured routing protocols and handles all routing messages. It maintains one or more routing tables, which consolidate the routing information learned from all routing protocols. From this routing information, the routing protocol process determines the active routes to network destinations and installs these routes into the Routing Engine's forwarding table. Finally, it implements the routing policy, which allows you to control the routing information that is transferred between the routing

protocols and the routing table. Using the routing policy, you can filter and limit the transfer of information as well as set properties associated with specific routes.

Related Documentation

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Routing Protocol Process Memory FAQs

The following sections present the most frequently asked questions and answers related to the routing protocol process memory utilization, operation, interpretation of related command outputs, and troubleshooting the software process.

Routing Protocol Process Memory Utilization FAQs

This section presents frequently asked questions and answers related to the memory usage of the routing protocol process.

Why does the routing protocol process use excessive memory?

The routing protocol process uses hundreds of megabytes of RAM in the Routing Engine to store information needed for the operation of routing and related protocols, such as BGP, OSPF, ISIS, RSVP, LDP, and MPLS. Such huge consumption of memory is common for the process, as the information it stores includes routes, next hops, interfaces, routing policies, labels, and label-switched paths (LSPs). Because access to the RAM memory is much faster than access to the hard disk, most of the routing protocol process information is stored in the RAM memory instead of using the hard disk space. This ensures that the performance of the routing protocol process is maximized.

How can I check the amount of memory the routing protocol process is using?

You can check the routing protocol process memory usage by entering the **show system processes** and the **show task memory** Junos OS command-line interface (CLI) operational mode commands.

The **show system processes** command displays information about software processes that are running on the device. You can check the routing protocol process memory usage by using the **show system processes** command with the **extensive** option.

The **show task memory** command displays a report generated by the routing protocol process on the memory utilization for routing protocol tasks on the Routing Engine. Although the report generated by the routing protocol process is on its own memory usage, it does not display all the memory used by the process. The value reported by the routing protocol process does not account for the memory used for the **TEXT** and **STACK** segments, or the memory used by the process's internal memory manager. The **show task memory** command also does not include the memory which has been deactivated by the routing protocol process, although some or all of that deactivated memory has not actually been freed by the kernel.

For more information about checking the routing protocol process memory usage, see [Check Routing Protocol Process \(rpd\) Memory Usage](#) in the *Junos OS Baseline Network Operations Guide*.

For more information about the `show system processes` command and the `show task memory` command, see the [Junos OS System Basics and Services Command Reference](#).

I just deleted many routes from the routing protocol process. Why is the routing protocol process still using so much memory?

The **show system processes extensive** command displays a **RES** value measured in kilobytes. This value represents the amount of process memory resident in the physical memory. This is also known as RSS or Resident Set Size. Any amount of memory deactivated by the process might still be considered part of the **RES** value. Generally, the kernel defers the actual freeing of deactivated memory until there is a memory shortage. This can lead to large discrepancies between the values reported by the routing protocol process and the kernel, even after the routing protocol process has deactivated a large amount of memory.

Interpreting Routing Protocol Process-Related Command Outputs FAQs

This section presents frequently asked questions and answers about the routing protocol process-related Junos OS CLI command outputs that are used to display the memory usage of the routing protocol process.

How do I interpret memory numbers displayed in the show system processes extensive command output?

The **show system processes extensive** command displays exhaustive system process information about software processes that are running on the device. This command is equivalent to the UNIX **top** command. However, the UNIX **top** command shows real-time memory usage, with the memory values constantly changing, while the **show system processes extensive** command provides a snapshot of memory usage in a given moment.

To check overall CPU and memory usage, enter the **show system processes extensive** command. Refer to [Table 10 on page 57](#) for information about the **show system processes extensive** command output fields.

```
user@host> show system processes extensive
last pid: 544; load averages: 0.00, 0.00, 0.00 18:30:33
37 processes: 1 running, 36 sleeping

Mem: 25M Active, 3968K Inact, 19M Wired, 184K Cache, 8346K Buf, 202M Free
Swap: 528M Total, 64K Used, 528M Free
PID USERNAME PRI NICE SIZE RES STATE TIME WCPU CPU COMMAND
544 root 30 0 604K 768K RUN 0:00 0.00% 0.00% top
3 root 28 0 0K 12K psleep 0:00 0.00% 0.00% vmdaemon
4 root 28 0 0K 12K update 0:03 0.00% 0.00% update
528 aviva 18 0 660K 948K pause 0:00 0.00% 0.00% tcsh
204 root 18 0 300K 544K pause 0:00 0.00% 0.00% csh
131 root 18 0 332K 532K pause 0:00 0.00% 0.00% cron
186 root 18 0 196K 68K pause 0:00 0.00% 0.00% watchdog
27 root 10 0 512M 16288K mfsidl 0:00 0.00% 0.00% mount_mfs
1 root 10 0 620K 344K wait 0:00 0.00% 0.00% init
304 root 3 0 884K 900K ttyin 0:00 0.00% 0.00% bash
200 root 3 0 180K 540K ttyin 0:00 0.00% 0.00% getty
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201 root 3 0 180K 540K ttyin 0:00 0.00% 0.00% getty
194 root 2 0 2248K 1640K select 0:11 0.00% 0.00% rpd
205 root 2 0 964K 800K select 0:12 0.00% 0.00% tnp.chassisd
189 root 2 -12 352K 740K select 0:03 0.00% 0.00% xntpd
114 root 2 0 296K 612K select 0:00 0.00% 0.00% amd
```

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188 root      2   0   780K   600K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% dcd
527 root      2   0   176K   580K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% rlogind
195 root      2   0   212K   552K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% inetd
187 root      2   0   192K   532K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% tnetd
 83 root      2   0   188K   520K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% syslogd
538 root      2   0  1324K   516K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% mgd
 99 daemon    2   0   176K   492K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% portmap
163 root      2   0   572K   420K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% nsrexecd
192 root      2   0   560K   400K select  0:10  0.00%  0.00% snmpd
191 root      2   0  1284K   376K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% mgd
537 aviva     2   0   636K   364K select  0:00  0.00%  0.00% cli
193 root      2   0   312K   204K select  0:07  0.00%  0.00% mib2d
  5 root      2   0      0K    12K pfesel  0:00  0.00%  0.00% if_pfe
  2 root     -18   0      0K    12K psleep  0:00  0.00%  0.00% pagedaemon
  0 root     -18   0      0K      0K sched   0:00  0.00%  0.00% swapper

```

Table 10 on page 57 describes the output fields that represent the memory values for the **show system processes extensive** command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 10: show system processes extensive Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description
Mem	Information about physical and virtual memory allocation.
Active	Memory allocated and actively used by the process.
Inact	Memory allocated but not recently used, or memory deactivated by the processes. Inactive memory remains mapped in the address space of one or more processes and, therefore, counts toward the RSS value of those processes.
Wired	Memory that is not eligible to be swapped, usually used for in-kernel memory structure, memory physically locked by a process, or both.
Cache	Freed memory that is no longer associated with any process but still has valid contents that correspond to some file system blocks. Cache pages can be reclaimed as is when the corresponding file system blocks are accessed again. However, when the system is under memory pressure, the contents of Cache pages could be erased by the kernel and the pages reused to service any memory allocation requests.
Buf	Size of the virtual memory buffer used to hold data recently called from the disk.
Free	Free memory that is neither associated with any process nor contains any valid contents.
Swap	Information about swap memory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total—Total space on the swap device. • Used—Memory swapped to disk. • Free—Unused space available on the swap device.

The rest of the command output displays information about the memory usage of each process. The **SIZE** field indicates the size of the virtual address space, and the **RES** field indicates the amount of the process in physical memory, which is also known as RSS or Resident Set Size. For more information, see the **show system processes** command in the *Junos OS System Basics and Services Command Reference*.

What is the difference between Active and Inact memory that is displayed by the show system processes extensive command?

When the system is under memory pressure, the pageout process can free up memory from the **Inact** and, if necessary, **Active** pools after first preserving the contents of those pages on the swap device or backing file systems if necessary. When the pageout process runs, it scans memory to see which pages are good candidates to be unmapped and freed up. Thus, the distinction between **Active** and **Inact** memory is only used by the pageout process to determine which pool of pages to free first at the time of a memory shortage.

The pageout process first scans the **Inact** list and checks whether the pages on this list have been accessed since the time they have been listed here. The pages that have been accessed are moved from the **Inact** list to the **Active** list. On the other hand, pages that have not been accessed become prime candidates to be freed by the pageout process. If the pageout process cannot produce enough free pages from the **Inact** list, pages from the **Active** list are freed up.

Because the pageout process runs only when the system is under memory pressure, the pages on the **Inact** list remain untouched – even if they have not been accessed recently – when the amount of **Free** memory is adequate.

How do I interpret memory numbers displayed in the show task memory command output?

The **show task memory** command provides a comprehensive picture of the memory utilization for routing protocol tasks on the Routing Engine. The routing protocol process is the main task that uses Routing Engine memory.

To check routing process memory usage, enter the **show task memory** command.

```
user@host> show task memory
Memory          Size (kB)  %Available  When
Currently In Use:    29417      3%         now
Maximum Ever Used:   33882      4%         00/02/11 22:07:03
Available:          756281    100%        now
```

[Table 11 on page 58](#) describes the output fields for the **show task memory** command. Output fields are listed in the approximate order in which they appear.

Table 11: show task memory Output Fields

Field Name	Field Description
Memory Currently In Use	Memory currently in use. Dynamically allocated memory plus the DATA segment memory in kilobytes.
Memory Maximum Ever Used	Maximum memory ever used.
Memory Available	Memory currently available.

The **show task memory** command does not display all the memory used by the routing protocol process. This value does not account for the memory used for the **TEXT** and

STACK segments, or the memory used by the routing protocol process's internal memory manager. The **show task memory** command also does not include the memory which has been deactivated by the routing protocol process, although some or all of that deactivated memory has not actually been freed by the kernel.

Why is the Memory Currently In Use value less than the RES value?

The **show task memory** command displays a **Memory Currently In Use** value measured in kilobytes. This value is the dynamically allocated memory plus the **DATA** segment memory. The **show system processes extensive** command displays a **RES** value measured in kilobytes. This value represents the amount of process memory resident in the physical memory. This is also known as RSS or Resident Set Size.

The **Memory Currently In Use** value does not account for all of the memory that the routing protocol process uses. This value does not include the memory used for the **TEXT** and the **STACK** segments, and a small percentage of memory used by the routing protocol process's internal memory manager. The **show task memory** command also does not include the memory which has been deactivated by the routing protocol process, although some or all of that deactivated memory has not actually been freed by the kernel.

Any amount of memory deactivated by the routing protocol process might still be considered part of the **RES** value. Generally, the kernel defers the actual freeing of deactivated memory until there is a memory shortage. This can lead to large discrepancies between the **Memory Currently In Use** value and the **RES** value.

Routing Protocol Process Memory Swapping FAQs

This section presents frequently asked questions and answers related to the memory swapping of the routing protocol process from the Routing Engine memory to the hard disk memory.

Why does the system start swapping when I try to perform a core dump using the request system core-dumps command?

The **request system core-dumps** command displays a list of system core files created when the device has failed. This command can be useful for diagnostic purposes. Each list item includes the file permissions, number of links, owner, group, size, modification date, path, and filename. You can use the **core-filename** option and the **core-file-info**, **brief**, and **detail** options to display more information about the specified core dump files.

You can use the **request system core-dumps** command to perform a non-fatal core dump without aborting the routing protocol process. To do this, the routing protocol process is forked, generating a second copy, and then aborted. This process can double the memory consumed by the two copies of the routing protocol process, pushing the system into swap.

Why does the show system processes extensive command show that memory is swapped to disk even though there is plenty of free memory?

Memory can remain swapped out indefinitely if it is not accessed again. Therefore, the **show system processes extensive** command shows that memory is swapped to disk even though there is plenty of free memory. Such a situation is not unusual.

Troubleshooting the Routing Protocol Process FAQs

This section presents frequently asked questions and answers related to a shortage of memory and memory leakage by the routing protocol process.

What does the RPD_OS_MEMHIGH message mean?

The **RPD_OS_MEMHIGH** message is written into the system message file if the routing protocol process is running out of memory. This message alerts you that the routing protocol process is using the indicated amount and percentage of Routing Engine memory, which is considered excessive. This message is generated either because the routing protocol process is leaking memory or the use of system resources is excessive, perhaps because routing filters are not configured properly or the configured network topology is very complex.

When the memory utilization for the routing protocol process is using all available Routing Engine DRAM memory or reaches the maximum memory limit, a message of the following form is written every minute in the syslog message file:

RPD_OS_MEMHIGH: Using 188830 KB of memory, 100 percent of available

This message includes the amount (in kilobytes), the percentage, or both of the available memory in use.

This message should not appear under normal conditions, as any further memory allocations usually require a portion of existing memory to be written to swap. As a recommended solution, increase the amount of RAM in the Routing Engine. For more information, see <http://kb.juniper.net/InfoCenter/index?page=content&id=KB14186>.

What can I do when there is a memory shortage even after a swap?

We do not recommend that the system operate in this state, notwithstanding the existence of swap. The protocols that run in the routing protocol process usually have a real-time requirement that cannot reliably withstand the latency of being swapped to hard disk. If the memory shortage has not resulted from a memory leak, then either a reduction in the memory usage or an upgrade to a higher memory-capacity Routing Engine is required.

What is the task_timer?

The source of a routing protocol process memory leak can usually be identified by dumping the timers for each task. You can use the **show task *task-name*** command to display routing protocol tasks on the Routing Engine. Tasks can be baseline tasks performed regardless of the device's configuration, and other tasks that depend on the device configuration.

For more information, see the show task command in the *Junos OS System Basics and Services Command Reference*.

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