

Command-Line Interface Overview

This chapter provides an overview of the JUNOS software command-line interface (CLI). For more detailed information about using the JUNOS software CLI, see the *JUNOS System Basics Configuration Guide* and the *JUNOS Protocols, Class of Service and System Basics Command Reference*.

The CLI is the interface to the software that you use whenever you access the router—whether from the console or through a remote network connection. The CLI, which automatically starts after the router finishes booting, provides commands that you use to perform various tasks, including configuring the JUNOS software, and monitoring and troubleshooting the software, network connectivity, and the router hardware.

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CLI Operational Mode

In operational mode you enter commands to monitor and troubleshoot the software, network connectivity, and the router by entering commands. When you log in to the router and the CLI starts, you are at the top level of the CLI operational mode. At this level, there are several broad groups of CLI commands (see Table 61).

Table 61: CLI Operational Mode Top-Level Commands

Command	Description
clear	Clear statistics and protocol database information. Syntax: clear (arp bgp chassis firewall igmp interfaces isis ldp log mpls msdp multicast ospf pim rip route rsvp snmp system vrrp)
configure	Enter CLI configuration mode. Alternative commands: configure exclusive configure private
file	Perform file manipulation operations, such as copy, delete, list, rename, and show. Syntax: file (compare copy delete list rename show)
help	Provide help information. Syntax: help (reference topic)
monitor	Monitor a log file or interface traffic in real time. Syntax: monitor (start stop interface list traffic)
mtrace	Display trace information about a multicast path from a source to a receiver. Syntax: mtrace (from-source to-gateway monitor)
ping	Try to connect to a remote target.
pipe	Filter the output of an operational mode or configuration mode command. Syntax: (compare count display <detail inheritance xml> except pattern find pattern hold match pattern no-more resolve <full-names> save <i>filename</i> trim columns)
quit	Exit from the CLI to a UNIX shell.
request	Make system-level requests, such as stop or reboot the router, load software packages, and back up the router's file systems. Syntax: request system (reboot halt software snapshot)
restart	Restart the router software processes. Syntax: restart (fpc interface-control mib-process routing sampling sfm snmp soft)
set	Set CLI properties, the router's date and time, and the craft interface display text. Syntax: set (chassis cli date)
show	Show information about all aspects of the software, including interfaces and routing protocols. Syntax: (aps arp as-path bgp chassis cli configuration connections dvmrp firewall host igmp interfaces isis ldp log mpls msdp multicast ntp ospf pfe pim policy rpl route rsvp sap snmp system task ted version vrrp)
ssh	Open a secure shell to another host.
start	Start a software process. Syntax: start shell
telnet	Start a telnet session to another host.
test	Run various diagnostic debugging commands. Syntax: test (configuration interface msdp policy)
traceroute	Trace the route to a remote host.

Use the CLI Operational Mode

This section describes how to use the CLI operational mode. You can do the following:

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Enter the CLI Operational Mode

To enter the JUNOS software CLI, use the following command:

```
% cli
```

You are in the CLI when you see the > prompt, which is preceded by a string that defaults to the name of the user and the name of the router. For example:

```
user@host>
```

Get Help on Commands at a Hierarchy Level

The CLI provides context-sensitive help at every level of the command hierarchy. The help information tells you which commands are available at the current level in the hierarchy and provides a brief description of each.

To get help while in the CLI, type ?. You do not need to press Enter after typing the question mark. You have the following options:

If you type the question mark at the command-line prompt, the CLI lists the available commands and options.

If you type the question mark after entering the complete name of a command or command option, the CLI lists the available commands and options, then redisplay the command names and options that you typed.

If you type the question mark in the middle of a command name, the CLI lists possible command completions that match the letters you have entered so far, then redisplay the letters that you typed.

Get Help about Commands

To get help about operational mode CLI commands, you can do the following:

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List Top-Level Operational Mode CLI Commands

To list all available commands at the top level of the CLI operational mode, use the following command (see Table 61):

```
user@host> ?
```

Possible completions:

clear	Clear information in the system
configure	Manipulate software configuration information
file	Perform file operations
help	Provide help information
mtrace	Trace mtrace packets from source to receiver.
monitor	Real-time debugging
ping	Ping a remote target
quit	Exit the management session
request	Make system-level requests
restart	Restart a software process
set	Set CLI properties, date, time, craft display text
show	Show information about the system
ssh	Open a secure shell to another host
start	Start a software process
telnet	Telnet to another host
test	Diagnostic debugging commands
traceroute	Trace the route to a remote host

```
user@host>
```

List CLI Commands that Start with a Particular Letter

To list all commands that start with the letter c, use the following CLI command:

```
user@host> c?
```

Possible completions:

clear	Clear information in the system
configure	Manipulate software configuration information

```
user@host> c
```

List All Available Commands of a Particular Type

To list all available clear commands, use the following CLI command:

```
user@host> clear ?
```

Possible completions:

arp	Clear address-resolution information
bgp	Clear BGP information
chassis	Clear chassis information
firewall	Clear firewall counters
igmp	Clear IGMP information
interfaces	Clear interface information
ilmi	Clear ILMI statistics information
isis	Clear IS-IS information
ldp	Clear LDP information
log	Clear contents of a log file
mpls	Clear MPLS information
msdp	Clear MSDP information
multicast	Clear Multicast information
ospf	Clear OSPF information
pim	Clear PIM information
rip	Clear RIP information
route	Clear routing table information
rsvp	Clear RSVP information
snmp	Clear SNMP information
system	Clear system status
vrrp	Clear VRRP statistics information

```
user@host> clear
```

Have the CLI Complete Commands

You do not always have to remember or type the full command or option name for the CLI to recognize it. To display all possible command or option completions, type the partial command followed by a question mark.

To complete a command or option that you have partially typed, press the Tab key or the spacebar. If the partially typed letters begin a string that uniquely identifies a command, the complete command name appears. Otherwise, a beep indicates that you have entered an ambiguous command, and the possible completions are displayed.

Command completion also applies to other strings, such as filenames and usernames. To display all possible values, type a partial string followed by a question mark. However, to complete these strings, press the Tab key; pressing the space bar does not work.

Use CLI Command Completion

To complete the show interfaces command, do the following:

```
user@host> show in<Spacebar>terfaces <Enter>
```

```
Physical interface: at-0/1/0, Enabled, Physical link is Up
Interface index: 11, SNMP ifIndex: 65
Link-level type: ATM-PVC, MTU: 4482, Clocking: Internal, SONET mode
Speed: OC12, Loopback: None, Payload scrambler: Enabled
Device flags   : Present Running
Link flags    : 0x01
[...Output truncated...]
```

To display a list of all log files whose names start with the string “messages,” and then display the contents of one of the files, do the following:

```
user@host> show log mes?
```

Possible completions:

<filename>	Log file to display
messages	Size: 1417052, Last changed: Mar 3 00:33
messages.0.gz	Size: 145575, Last changed: Mar 3 00:00
messages.1.gz	Size: 134253, Last changed: Mar 2 23:00
messages.10.gz	Size: 137022, Last changed: Mar 2 14:00
messages.2.gr	Size: 137112, Last changed: Mar 2 22:00
messages.3.gz	Size: 121633, Last changed: Mar 2 21:00
messages.4.gz	Size: 135715, Last changed: Mar 2 20:00
messages.5.gz	Size: 137504, Last changed: Mar 2 19:00
messages.6.gz	Size: 134591, Last changed: Mar 2 18:00
messages.7.gz	Size: 132670, Last changed: Mar 2 17:00
messages.8.gz	Size: 136596, Last changed: Mar 2 16:00
messages.9.gz	Size: 136210, Last changed: Mar 2 15:00

```
user@host> show log mes<Tab>sages.4<Tab>.gz<Enter>
Jan 15 21:00:00 myhost newsyslog[1381]: logfile turned over
[...Output truncated...]
```

Display CLI Command History

You can display a list of recent commands that you issued. To display the command history, use the show cli history command:

```
user@host> show cli history
```

```
03-03 01:00:50 -- show cli history
03-03 01:01:12 -- show interfaces terse
03-03 01:01:22 -- show interfaces lo0
03-03 01:01:44 -- show bgp next-hop-database
03-03 01:01:51 -- show cli history
```

By default, this command displays the last 100 commands issued in the CLI. Specify a number with the command to display that number of recent commands. For example:

```
user@host> show cli history 3
```

```
01:01:44 -- show bgp next-hop-database
01:01:51 -- show cli history
01:02:51 -- show cli history 3
```

CLI Configuration Mode

In configuration mode, you configure the JUNOS software by creating a hierarchy of configuration statements by using the CLI or by creating a text (ASCII) file that contains the statement hierarchy. (The statement hierarchy is identical in both the CLI and text configuration file.) You can configure all properties of the JUNOS software, including interfaces, general routing information, routing protocols, and user access, as well as several system hardware properties. When you have finished entering the configuration statements, you commit them, which activates the configuration on the router.

Table 62 explains each CLI configuration mode command. The commands are organized alphabetically.

Table 62: CLI Configuration Mode Commands

Command	Description
activate	Remove the inactive: tag from a statement, effectively reading the statement or identifier to the configuration. Statements or identifiers that have been activated take effect when you next issue the commit command. Syntax: activate (<i>statement</i> <i>identifier</i>)
annotate	Add comments to a configuration. You can add comments only at the current hierarchy level. Syntax: annotate <i>statement</i> " <i>comment-string</i> "
commit	Commit the set of changes to the database and cause the changes to take operational effect. Syntax: commit << at < <i>string</i> >> <and-quit> <check> <confirmed < <i>minutes</i> >> <synchronize>
copy	Make a copy of an existing statement in the configuration. Syntax: copy <i>existing-statement</i> to <i>new-statement</i>
deactivate	Add the inactive: tag to a statement, effectively commenting out the statement or identifier from the configuration. Statements or identifiers marked as inactive do not take effect when you issue the commit command. Syntax: deactivate (<i>statement</i> <i>identifier</i>)
delete	Delete a statement or identifier. All subordinate statements and identifiers contained within the specified statement path are deleted with it. Syntax: delete < <i>statement-path</i> > < <i>identifier</i> >
edit	Move inside the specified statement hierarchy. If the statement does not exist, it is created. Syntax: edit <i>statement-path</i>
exit	Exit the current level of the statement hierarchy, returning to the level prior to the last edit command, or exit from configuration mode. The quit and exit commands are synonyms. Syntax: exit < <i>configuration-mode</i> >
help	Display help about available configuration statements. Syntax: help (apropos topic reference) < <i>string</i> >
insert	Insert an identifier into an existing hierarchy. Syntax: insert < <i>statement-path</i> > <i>identifier1</i> (before after) <i>identifier2</i>
load	Load a configuration from an ASCII configuration file or from terminal input. Your current location in the configuration hierarchy is ignored when the load operation occurs. Syntax: load (replace merge override) (<i>filename</i> <i>terminal</i>)

Command	Description
quit	Exit the current level of the statement hierarchy, returning to the level prior to the last edit command, or exit from configuration mode. The quit and exit commands are synonyms. Syntax: quit <i><configuration-mode></i>
rename	Rename an existing configuration statement or identifier. Syntax: rename <i><statement-path></i> <i>identifier1</i> to <i>identifier2</i>
rollback	Return to a previously committed configuration. The software saves the last 10 committed configurations, including the rollback number, date, time, and name of the user who issued the commit configuration command. The currently operational JUNOS software configuration is stored in the file <code>juniper.conf</code> , and the last three committed configurations are stored in the files <code>juniper.conf.1</code> , <code>juniper.conf.2</code> , and <code>juniper.conf.3</code> . These four files are located in the directory <code>/config</code> , which is on the router's flash drive. The remaining six previous committed configurations, the files <code>juniper.conf.4</code> through <code>juniper.conf.9</code> , are stored in the directory <code>/var/db/config</code> , which is on the router's hard disk. Syntax: rollback <i><number></i>
run	Run a top-level CLI command without exiting from configuration mode. Syntax: run <i>command</i>
save	Save the configuration to an ASCII file. The contents of the current level of the statement hierarchy (and below) are saved, along with the statement hierarchy containing it. This allows a section of the configuration to be saved, while fully specifying the statement hierarchy. Syntax: save <i>filename</i>
set	Create a statement hierarchy and set identifier values. This is similar to edit except that your current level in the hierarchy does not change. Syntax: set <i><statement-path></i> <i>identifier</i>
show	Display the current configuration. Syntax: show <i><statement-path></i> <i><identifier></i>
status	Display the users currently editing the configuration.
top	Return to the top level of configuration command mode, which is indicated by the [edit] banner. Syntax: top <i><configuration-command></i>
up	Move up one level in the statement hierarchy. Syntax: up <i><number></i> <i><configuration-command></i>
update	Update a private database.

Configuration Statements and Identifiers

You configure all router properties by including statements in the configuration. A statement consists of a keyword, which is fixed text, and, optionally, an identifier. An identifier is an identifying name that you define, such as the name of an interface, or a username, which allows you and the CLI to discriminate among a collection of statements.

The following list shows the statements available at the top level of the configuration mode (that is, the trunk of the hierarchy tree). Table 63 on page 336 describes each statement.

```

user@host# set ?
Possible completions:
> accounting-options  Accounting data configuration
+ apply-groups        Groups from which to inherit configuration data
> chassis             Chassis configuration
> class-of-service    Class-of-service configuration
> firewall            Define a firewall configuration
> forwarding-options  Configure options to control packet sampling
> groups              Configuration groups
> interfaces          Interface configuration
> policy-options       Routing policy option configuration
> protocols           Routing protocol configuration
> routing-instances   Routing instance configuration
> routing-options     Protocol-independent routing option configuration
> snmp                Simple Network Management Protocol
> system              System parameters

```

An angle bracket (>) before the statement name indicates that it is a container statement and you can define other statements at levels below it.

If there is no angle bracket (>) before the statement name, the statement is a leaf statement; you cannot define other statements at hierarchy levels below it.

A plus sign (+) before the statement name indicates that it can contain a set of values. To specify a set, include the values in brackets. For example:

```

[edit]
user@host# set policy-options community my-as1-transit members [65535:10
65535:11]

```

In some statements, you can include an identifier. For some identifiers, such as interface names, you must specify the identifier in a precise format. For example, the interface name so-0/0/0 refers to a SONET/SDH interface that is on the Flexible PIC Concentrator (FPC) in slot 0, in the first Physical Interface Card (PIC) location, and in the first port on the PIC. For other identifiers, such as interface descriptive text, policy, and firewall term names, you can specify any name, including special characters, spaces, and tabs.

You must enclose in quotation marks (double quotes) identifiers and any strings that include the following characters: space tab () [] { } ! @ # \$ % ^ & | ' = ?

Table 63 describes each top-level CLI configuration mode statement.

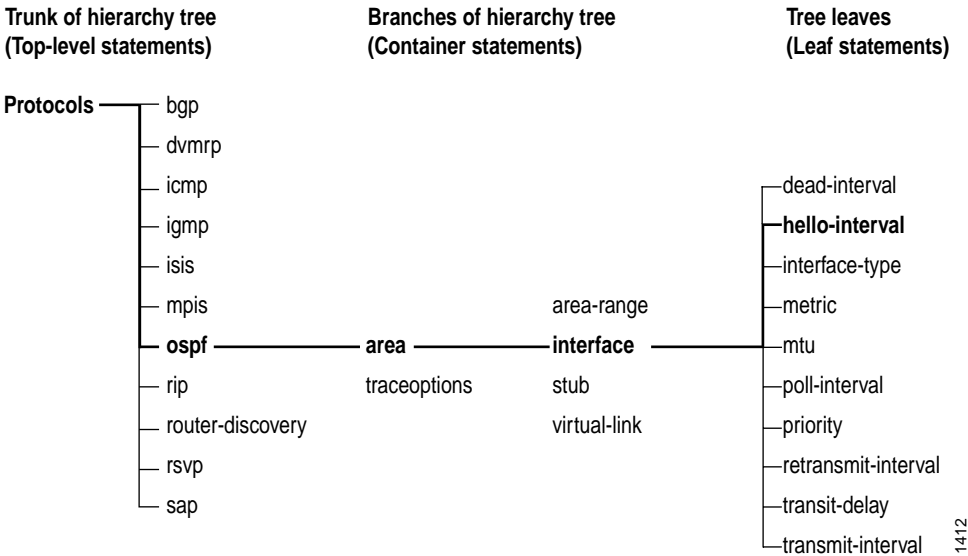
Table 63: Configuration Mode Top-Level Statements

Statement	Description
accounting-options	Configure accounting statistics data collection for interfaces and firewall filters. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Network Management Configuration Guide</i> .
chassis	Configure properties of the router chassis, including the clock source, conditions that activate alarms, and SONET/SDH framing and concatenation properties. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Network Interfaces and Class of Service Configuration Guide</i> .
class-of-service	Configure class-of-service parameters. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Network Interfaces and Class of Service Configuration Guide</i> .
firewall	Define filters that select packets based on their contents. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Policy Framework Configuration Guide</i> .
forwarding-options	Define forwarding options, including traffic sampling options. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Network Interfaces and Class of Service Configuration Guide</i> .
groups	Configure configuration groups.
interfaces	Configure interface information, such as encapsulation, interfaces, virtual channel identifiers (VCIs), and data-link channel identifiers (DLCIs). For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Network Interfaces and Class of Service Configuration Guide</i> .
policy-options	Define routing policies, which allow you to filter and set properties in incoming and outgoing routes. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Routing Protocols Configuration Guide</i> .
protocols	Configure routing protocols, including Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), Intermediate System-to-Intermediate System (IS-IS), Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), Routing Information Protocol (RIP), Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), Label Distribution Protocol (LDP), and Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP). For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the chapters that discuss how to configure the individual routing protocols in the <i>JUNOS Routing Protocols Configuration Guide</i> and the <i>JUNOS MPLS Applications Configuration Guide</i> .
routing-instances	Configure multiple routing instances. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Routing Protocols Configuration Guide</i> .
routing-options	Configure protocol-independent routing options, such as static routes, autonomous system (AS) numbers, confederation members, and global tracing (debugging) operations to log. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Routing Protocols Configuration Guide</i> .
snmp	Configure Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) community strings, interfaces, traps, and notifications. For information about the statements in this hierarchy, see the <i>JUNOS Network Management Configuration Guide</i> .
system	Configure systemwide properties, including the hostname, domain name, Domain Name System (DNS) server, user logins and permissions, mappings between hostnames and addresses, and software processes.

Configuration Statement Hierarchy

The JUNOS software configuration consists of a hierarchy of *statements* . There are two types of statements: *container statements* , which are statements that contain other statements, and *leaf statements* , which do not contain other statements (see Figure 25). All of the container and leaf statements together form the *configuration hierarchy*.

Figure 25: Configuration Mode Hierarchy of Statements



Each statement at the top level of the configuration hierarchy resides at the trunk (or root level) of a hierarchy tree. The top-level statements are container statements, containing other statements that form the tree branches. The leaf statements are the leaves of the hierarchy tree. An individual hierarchy of statements, which starts at the trunk of the hierarchy tree, is called a *statement path*. Figure 25 illustrates the hierarchy tree, showing a statement path for the portion of the protocol configuration hierarchy that configures the hello interval on an interface in an OSPF area.

The protocols statement is a top-level statement at the trunk of the configuration tree. The ospf, area, and interface statements are all subordinate container statements of a higher statement (they are branches of the hierarchy tree), and the hello-interval statement is a leaf on the tree, which, in this case, contains a data value: the length of the hello interval in seconds.

The CLI represents the statement path shown in Figure 25 on page 337 as [protocols ospf area *area-number* interface *interface-name*], and displays the configuration as follows:

```

protocols {
  ospf {
    area 0.0.0.0 {
      interface so-0/0/0 {
        hello-interval 5;
      }
      interface so-0/0/1 {
        hello-interval 5;
      }
    }
  }
}

```

The CLI indents each level in the hierarchy to indicate each statement's relative position in the hierarchy and generally sets off each level with braces, using an open brace at the beginning of each hierarchy level and a closing brace at the end. If the statement at a hierarchy level is empty, the braces are not printed. Each leaf statement ends with a semicolon. If the hierarchy does not extend as far as a leaf statement, the last statement in the hierarchy ends with a semicolon.

The CLI uses this indented representation when it displays the current system configuration, and you use this format when creating ASCII files that contain the software configuration. However, the format of ASCII configuration files is not as strict as the CLI output of the configuration. Although the braces and semicolons are required, the indentation and use of new lines, as shown above, are not required in ASCII configuration files.

Use the CLI Configuration Mode

This section describes how to use the CLI configuration mode. You can do the following:

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Enter Configuration Mode

If many users enter configuration mode at the same time, everyone can make configuration changes and commit all changes. If one user enters configuration mode when another user is also in configuration mode, a message indicates who the user is and what portion of the configuration that user is viewing or editing. To enter configuration mode, use the following CLI command:

```
user@host> configure
```

Entering configuration mode

Current configuration users:

```
root terminal p3 (pid 1088) on since 1999-05-13 01:03:27 EDT
```

```
[edit interfaces so-3/0/0 unit 0 family inet]
```

The configuration has been changed but not committed

If, when you enter configuration mode, the configuration contains changes that have not been committed, a message appears:

```
user@host> configure
```

Entering configuration mode

The configuration has been changed but not committed

If, while in configuration mode, you try to make a change while the configuration is locked by another user, a message indicates that the configuration database is locked, who the user is, and what portion of the configuration the user is viewing or editing:

```
user@host# set system host-name ipswitch
```

error: configuration database locked by:

```
user2 terminal d0 (pid 1828) on since 19:47:58 EDT, idle 00:02:11
```

```
exclusive [edit protocols]
```

If you enter configuration mode with the `configure exclusive` command, you lock the candidate configuration for as long as you remain in configuration mode, allowing you to make changes without interference from other users. If another user is also in configuration mode and has the configuration locked, a message indicates who the user is and what portion of the configuration the user is viewing or editing:

```
user@host> configure exclusive
```

```
Entering configuration mode
```

```
Users currently editing the configuration:
```

```
root terminal p3 (pid 1088) on since 2000-10-30 19:47:58 EDT, idle 00:00:44
exclusive [edit interfaces so-3/0/0 unit 0 family inet]
```

Exit Configuration Mode

To exit configuration mode, use the `exit configuration-mode` configuration mode command from any level or use the `exit` command from the top level. If you try to exit from configuration mode using the `exit` command and the configuration contains changes that have not been committed, you see a message and prompt:

```
[edit]
user@host# exit
```

```
The configuration has been changed but not committed
```

```
Exit with uncommitted changes? [yes,no] (yes) <Enter>
```

```
Exiting configuration mode
```

```
user@host>
```

To exit with uncommitted changes without having to respond to a prompt, use the `exit configuration-mode` command.

Move among Levels of the Hierarchy

The CLI commands in Table 64 help you navigate the levels of the configuration statement hierarchy.

Table 64: CLI Configuration Mode Navigation Commands

Command	Description
<code>edit</code>	To move down through an existing configuration command hierarchy, or to create a hierarchy and move down to that level, use the <code>edit</code> configuration mode command, specifying the hierarchy level at which you want to be.
<code>exit</code>	To move up the hierarchy, use the <code>exit configuration mode</code> command. This command is, in effect, the opposite of the <code>edit</code> command.
<code>up</code>	To move up the hierarchy one level at a time, use the <code>up</code> configuration mode command.
<code>top</code>	To move directly to the top level, use the <code>top</code> configuration mode command.

Display the Current Configuration

You can display the following information about the current configuration:

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Display the Configuration at the Current Hierarchy Level

To display the configuration at the current hierarchy level or at the specified level, use the show configuration mode command.

```
user@host> show <statement-path>
```

The configuration statements appear in a fixed order. The CLI indents each level in the hierarchy to indicate each statement's relative position in the hierarchy and generally sets off each level with braces, using an open brace at the beginning of each hierarchy level and a closing brace at the end. If the statement at a hierarchy level is empty, the braces are not printed. Each leaf statement ends with a semicolon. If the hierarchy does not extend as far as a leaf statement, the last statement in the hierarchy ends with a semicolon. Interfaces appear alphabetically by type, and then in numerical order by slot number, PIC number, and port number.

Display the Last Committed Current Configuration

You also can use the CLI operational mode show configuration command to display the last committed current configuration, which is the configuration currently running on the router:

```
user@host> show configuration
```

Display Users Currently Editing the Configuration

To display the users currently editing the configuration, use the status configuration mode command:

```
user@host# status
```

Current configuration users:

```
user terminal p0 (pid 518) on since 2002-03-12 18:24:27 PST
[edit protocols]
```

The system displays who is editing the configuration (user), how the user is logged in (terminal p0), the date and time the user logged in (2002-03-12 18:24:27 PST), and what level of the hierarchy the user is editing ([edit protocols]).

Modify the Configuration

To configure the router or to modify an existing router configuration, you add statements to the configuration. For each statement hierarchy, you create the hierarchy starting with a statement at the top level and continuing with statements that move progressively lower in the hierarchy.

To modify the hierarchy, you use two configuration mode commands:

set—Creates a statement hierarchy and sets identifier values. After you issue a set command, you remain at the same level in the hierarchy. The set command has the following syntax:

```
set <statement-path> statement <identifier>
```

statement-path is the hierarchy to the configuration statement and the statement itself. If you have already moved to the statement's hierarchy level, you omit this. *statement* is the configuration statement itself. *identifier* is a string that identifies an instance of a statement.

edit—Moves to a particular hierarchy level. If that hierarchy level does not exist, the edit command creates it and then moves to it. The edit command has the following syntax:

```
edit <statement-path> statement <identifier>
```

Remove a Statement

To delete a statement or identifier, use the delete configuration mode command. Deleting a statement or an identifier effectively “unconfigures” the functionality associated with that statement or identifier, returning that functionality to its default condition. When you delete a statement, the statement and all its subordinate statements and identifiers are removed from the configuration.

```
delete <statement-path> <identifier>
```

To delete the entire hierarchy starting at the current hierarchy level, do not specify a statement or an identifier in the delete command:

```
[edit]
user@host# delete
```

Delete everything under this level? [yes, no] (no) ?

Possible completions:

no	Don't delete everything under this level
yes	Delete everything under this level

Delete everything under this level? [yes, no] (no)

Run Operational Mode CLI Commands from Configuration Mode

To display the output of an operational mode show or other command while configuring the software, you can execute a single operational mode command by issuing the run configuration mode command and specifying the operational mode command:

```
[edit]
user@host# run operational-mode-command
```

Display Configuration Mode Command History

To display a list of the recent commands you issued while in configuration mode, use the run show cli history command. By default, this command displays the last 100 commands issued in the CLI.

```
user@host# run show cli history
```

```
12:40:08 -- show
12:40:17 -- edit protocols
12:40:27 -- set isis
12:40:29 -- edit isis
12:40:40 -- run show cli history
```


Commit a Configuration

To commit a configuration, you can do the following:

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Save Configuration Changes and Activate the Configuration

To save software configuration changes to the configuration database and activate the configuration on the router, use the commit configuration mode command:

```
user@host# commit
```

```
commit complete
```

The configuration is checked for syntax errors. If the syntax is correct, the configuration is activated and becomes the current, operational router configuration. If the configuration contains syntax errors, a message indicates the location of the error and the configuration is not activated. You must correct the error before recommitting the configuration.

Save Configuration Changes, Activate the Configuration, and Exit Configuration Mode

To save software configuration changes, activate the configuration on the router, and exit configuration mode, use the commit and-quit configuration mode command. This command succeeds only if the configuration contains no errors.

```
[edit]
user@host# commit and-quit
```

```
commit complete
exiting configuration mode
user@host>
```

Save a Configuration to a File

To save the configuration to a text (ASCII) file so that you can edit it with a text editor of your choice, use the save configuration mode command. By default, the configuration is saved to that file in your home directory, which is on the flash disk.

```
[edit]
user@host# save filename
```

Return to a Previously Committed Configuration

To return to a previously committed configuration, you can do the following:

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Return to the Most Recent Committed Configuration

To return to the most recently committed configuration and load it into configuration mode without activating it, use the rollback configuration mode command:

```
[edit]
user@host# rollback
```

```
load complete
```

Activate the Configuration You Loaded

To activate the configuration that you loaded, use the commit command:

```
[edit]
user@host# rollback
load complete
[edit]
user@host# commit
```

Return to a Configuration Prior to the Most Recently Committed One

To return to a configuration prior to the most recently committed one, include the number in the rollback command. *number* can be a number in the range 0 through 9. The most recently saved configuration is number 0 (which is the default configuration to which the system returns), and the oldest saved configuration is number 9.

```
[edit]
user@host# rollback number
load complete
```

Display Previous Configurations

To display previous configurations, including the rollback number, date, time, the name of the user who committed changes, and the method of commit, use the rollback ? command.

```
[edit]
user@host# rollback ?
```

```
Possible completions:
<[Enter]> Execute this command
<number> Numeric argument
0 2001-02-27 12:52:10 PST by abc via cli
1 2001-02-26 14:47:42 PST by cde via cli
2 2001-02-14 21:55:45 PST by fgh via cli
3 2001-02-10 16:11:30 PST by hij via cli
4 2001-02-10 16:02:35 PST by klm via cli
|      Pipe through a command
[edit]
```

Get Help about Statements

In configuration mode, you can use the help command to display help based on a text string contained in a statement name. This command displays help for statements at the current hierarchy level and below.

```
user@host# help string
```

You can also display help based on a text string contained in a statement name using the help topic and help reference commands. The help topic command displays usage guidelines for the statement, whereas the help reference command displays summary information about the statement.

```
user@host# help topic string
user@host# help reference string
```

If you do not type an option for a statement that requires one, a message indicates the type of information expected. In this example, you need to type an area number to complete the command:

```
[edit]
user@host# set protocols ospf area<Enter>

syntax error, expecting <identifier>.
```

In this example, you need to type a value for the hello interval to complete the command:

```
[edit]
user@host# set protocols ospf area 45 interface so-0/0/0
             hello-interval<Enter>

syntax error, expecting <data>
```

If you have omitted a required statement at a particular hierarchy level, when you attempt to move from that hierarchy level or when you issue the show command in configuration mode, a message indicates which statement is missing. For example:

```
[edit protocols pim interface so-0/0/0]
user@host# top
Warning: missing mandatory statement: 'mode'
[edit]
user@host# show
protocols {
  pim {
    interface so-0/0/0 {
      priority 4;
      version 2;
      # Warning: missing mandatory statement(s): 'mode'
    }
  }
}
```

