



# Configuring Ethernet Interfaces

This module describes the configuration of Ethernet interfaces.

The following distributed ethernet architecture delivers network scalability and performance, while enabling service providers to offer high-density, high-bandwidth networking solutions.

- 1-Gigabit
- 10-Gigabit
- 25-Gigabit
- 40-Gigabit
- 100-Gigabit



**Tip** You can programmatically configure and manage the Ethernet interfaces using `openconfig-ethernet-if.yang` and `openconfig-interfaces.yang` OpenConfig data models. To get started with using data models, see the *Programmability Configuration Guide for Cisco NCS 540 Series Routers*.

These solutions are designed to interconnect the router with other systems in point-of-presence (POP)s, including core and edge routers and Layer 2 and Layer 3 switches.

## Restrictions for Configuring Ethernet Interfaces

- Router does not support configuration of the static mac address.
- As per design, traffic logs for incoming CRC error packets don't display packets per second (PPS) and other packet-specific information, as highlighted below.

```
Router# show interface tenGigE 0/0/0/10 | include packets

5 minute input rate 541242000 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
5 minute output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
  0 packets input, 7718374402816 bytes, 0 total input drops
  Received 0 broadcast packets, 0 multicast packets
  2952 packets output, 389664 bytes, 0 total output drops
  Output 0 broadcast packets, 2952 multicast packets
```

- The router doesn't support connecting a 1Gig copper cable to a 25GbE or higher speed QSFP ports.

- For 1Gig fibre cable, the router doesn't support auto-negotiation for 25GbE or higher speed QSFP ports.
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## Configuring Physical Ethernet Interfaces

Use this procedure to create a basic Ethernet interface configuration.

### Procedure

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**Step 1** **show version****Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show version
```

(Optional) Displays the current software version, and can also be used to confirm that the router recognizes the line card.

**Step 2** **show interfaces [GigE | TenGigE | TwentyFiveGigE | FortyGigE | HundredGigE] interface-path-id****Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0
```

(Optional) Displays the configured interface and checks the status of each interface port.

**Step 3** **configure****Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure terminal
```

Enters global configuration mode.

**Step 4** **interface [GigE | TenGigE | TwentyFiveGigE | FortyGigE | HundredGigE] interface-path-id****Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0
```

Enters interface configuration mode and specifies the Ethernet interface name and notation *rack/slot/module/port*. Possible interface types for this procedure are:

- GigE
- 10GigE
- 25GigE

- 40GigE
- 100GigE

**Note** • The example indicates a 100-Gigabit Ethernet interface in the line card in slot 1.

The supported *interface-path-id* ranges are:

- **GigE** — 0/0/0/0 - 0/0/0/31
- **TenGigE** — 0/0/0/0 - 0/0/0/31
- **TwentyFiveGigE** — 0/0/0/24 - 0/0/0/31
- **FortyGigE** — 0/0/1/0 - 0/0/1/1
- **HundredGigE** — 0/0/1/0 - 0/0/1/1

**Step 5** **ipv4 address** *ip-address mask*

**Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# ipv4 address 172.18.189.38 255.255.255.224
```

Assigns an IP address and subnet mask to the interface.

- Replace *ip-address* with the primary IPv4 address for the interface.
- Replace *mask* with the mask for the associated IP subnet. The network mask can be specified in either of two ways:
  - The network mask can be a four-part dotted decimal address. For example, 255.0.0.0 indicates that each bit equal to 1 means that the corresponding address bit belongs to the network address.
  - The network mask can be indicated as a slash (/) and number. For example, /8 indicates that the first 8 bits of the mask are ones, and the corresponding bits of the address are network address.

**Step 6** **mtu** *bytes*

**Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# mtu 2000
```

(Optional) Sets the MTU value for the interface.

- The configurable range for MTU values is 1514 bytes to 9646 bytes.
- The default is 1514 bytes for normal frames and 1518 bytes for 802.1Q tagged frames.

**Step 7** **no shutdown**

**Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# no shutdown
```

Removes the shutdown configuration, which forces an interface administratively down.

**Step 8**     **show interfaces [GigE TenGigETwentyFiveGigE TwentyFiveGigE FortyGigE HundredGigE ]**  
*interface-path-id*

**Example:**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show interfaces HundredGigE
0/0/1/0
```

(Optional) Displays statistics for interfaces on the router.

**Example**

This example shows how to configure an interface for a 100-Gigabit Ethernet line card:

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# configure
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# ipv4 address 172.18.189.38 255.255.255.224

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# mtu 2000

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# no shutdown
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# end
Uncommitted changes found, commit them? [yes]: yes
```

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show interface HundredGigE 0/7/0/0
HundredGigE0/0/1/0 is up, line protocol is up
  Interface state transitions: 1
  Hardware is HundredGigE, address is 6219.8864.e330 (bia 6219.8864.e330)
  Internet address is 3.24.1.1/24
  MTU 9216 bytes, BW 100000000 Kbit (Max: 100000000 Kbit)
    reliability 255/255, txload 3/255, rxload 3/255
  Encapsulation ARPA,
  Full-duplex, 100000Mb/s, link type is force-up
  output flow control is off, input flow control is off
  Carrier delay (up) is 10 msec
  loopback not set,
  Last link flapped 10:05:07
  ARP type ARPA, ARP timeout 04:00:00
  Last input 00:08:56, output 00:00:00
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
  5 minute input rate 1258567000 bits/sec, 1484160 packets/sec
  5 minute output rate 1258584000 bits/sec, 1484160 packets/sec
    228290765840 packets input, 27293508436038 bytes, 0 total input drops
    0 drops for unrecognized upper-level protocol
    Received 15 broadcast packets, 45 multicast packets
      0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles, 0 parity
    0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
    212467849449 packets output, 25733664696650 bytes, 0 total output drops
    Output 23 broadcast packets, 15732 multicast packets
    39 output errors, 0 underruns, 0 applique, 0 resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
    0 carrier transitions

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show running-config interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0

interface HundredGigE 0/0/1/0
```

```
mtu 9216

ipv4 address 3.24.1.1 255.255.255.0
ipv6 address 3:24:1::1/64
flow ipv4 monitor perfv4 sampler fsm ingress
!
```

## Information About Configuring Ethernet

This section provides the following information sections:

### Default Configuration Values for 1-Gigabit, 10-Gigabit,100-Gigabit Ethernet

This table describes the default interface configuration parameters that are present when an interface is enabled on a 1-Gigabit, 10-Gigabit,10-Gigabit Ethernet or 100-Gigabit Ethernet line card.



**Note** You must use the **shutdown** command to bring an interface administratively down. The interface default is **no shutdown**. When a line card is first inserted into the router, if there is no established preconfiguration for it, the configuration manager adds a shutdown item to its configuration. This shutdown can be removed only by entering the **no shutdown** command.

**Table 1: 100-Gigabit Ethernet line card Default Configuration Values**

Parameter	Configuration File Entry	Default Value
MTU	<b>mtu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1514 bytes for normal frames</li><li>• 1518 bytes for 802.1Q tagged frames.</li><li>• 1522 bytes for Q-in-Q frames.</li></ul>
MAC address	<b>mac address</b>	Hardware burned-in address (BIA)

## Network Interface Speed

1Gig interfaces connected through copper or fiber cable can have interface speed of either 100 Mbps or 1000 Mbps. This is applicable on 1Gig interface with a 1000Base-T module (GLC-TE). By default 1G interface has following capabilities:

- Speed—1000 Mbps for fiber cable and autonegotiate for copper cable
- Duplex—Full
- Pause—Receive Part (RX) and Transmit Part (TX)

The copper and fiber cables have same default values as mentioned above but autonegotiation is default for copper cable.

The speed can either configured or set to autonegotiate with remote end interface. When in autonegotiation mode, an interface is capable of negotiating the speed of 100 Mbps or 1000 Mbps depending on the speed at the remote end interface; and other parameters such as full duplex and pause are also autonegotiated.

Autonegotiation is an optional function of the Fast Ethernet standard that enables devices to automatically exchange information over a link about speed and duplex abilities. Autonegotiation is very useful for ports where devices with different capabilities are connected and disconnected on a regular basis.



**Note** Autonegotiation is disabled by default, but it's mandatory on QSFP-100G-CUxM link. You must enable autonegotiation manually when you use 100GBASE-CR4 DAC cable.

## Configuring Network Interface Speed

You can configure the network interface speed by using on of the following methods:

- Using the **speed** command
- Using the **negotiation auto** command
- Using both **speed** and **negotiation auto** command



**Note** Cisco recommends configuring network interface speed in autonegotiation mode.

### Using the speed command

When you configure the speed of the network interface (1G) using the **speed** command, the interface speed is forced to the configured speed by limiting the speed value of the auto negotiated parameter to the configured speed.

This sample configuration forces the Gig interface speed to 100Mbps.



**Note** The interface speed at remote end is also set to 100Mbps.

```
#configuration
(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
(config-if)#speed 100
(config-if)#commit
(config-if)#end
```

Use the **show controller GigE** and **show interface GigE** commands to verify if the speed is configured to 100Mbps and autonegotiation is disabled:

```
#show controllers GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
Operational data for interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31:
State:
Administrative state: enabled
```

```

Operational state: Up
LED state: Green On
Phy:
Media type: Four-pair Category 5 UTP PHY, full duplex
Optics:
Vendor: CISCO
Part number: SBCU-5740ARZ-CS1
Serial number: AVC194525HW
Wavelength: 0 nm
Digital Optical Monitoring:
Transceiver Temp: 0.000 C
Transceiver Voltage: 0.000 V

Alarms key: (H) Alarm high, (h) Warning high
            (L) Alarm low, (l) Warning low

```

	Wavelength	Tx Power		Rx Power		Laser Bias
Lane	(nm)	(dBm)	(mW)	(dBm)	(mW)	(mA)
0	n/a	0.0	1.0000	0.0	1.0000	0.000

```

DOM alarms:
No alarms

Alarm
Thresholds
Alarm
High
Warning
High
Warning
Low
Alarm
Low
Transceiver Temp (C):
Transceiver Voltage (V):
Laser Bias (mA):
Transmit Power (mW):
Transmit Power (dBm):
Receive Power (mW):
Receive Power (dBm):
Statistics:
FEC:
Corrected Codeword Count: 0
Uncorrected Codeword Count: 0

MAC address information:
Operational address: 0035.1a00.e67c
Burnt-in address: 0035.1a00.e62c
Autonegotiation disabled.

Operational values:
Speed: 100Mbps /*Gig interface speed is set to 100Mbps */
Duplex: Full Duplex
Flowcontrol: None
Loopback: None (or external)
MTU: 1514
MRU: 1514
Forward error correction: Disabled

#show interfaces GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31 is up, line protocol is up
Interface state transitions: 7
Hardware is GigabitEthernet, address is 0035.1a00.e62c (bia 0035.1a00.e62c)
Internet address is Unknown
MTU 1514 bytes, BW 100000 Kbit (Max: 100000 Kbit)
reliability 255/255, txload 0/255, rxload 0/255
Encapsulation ARPA,
Full-duplex, 100Mb/s, TFD, link type is force-up
output flow control is off, input flow control is off

```

```

Carrier delay (up) is 10 msec
loopback not set,
Last link flapped 00:00:30
Last input 00:00:00, output 00:00:00
Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
30 second input rate 1000 bits/sec, 1 packets/sec
30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 1 packets/sec
 90943 packets input, 11680016 bytes, 0 total input drops
 0 drops for unrecognized upper-level protocol
Received 0 broadcast packets, 90943 multicast packets
 0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles, 0 parity
 0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
61279 packets output, 4347618 bytes, 0 total output drops
Output 0 broadcast packets, 8656 multicast packets
 0 output errors, 0 underruns, 0 applique, 0 resets
 0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
8 carrier transitions

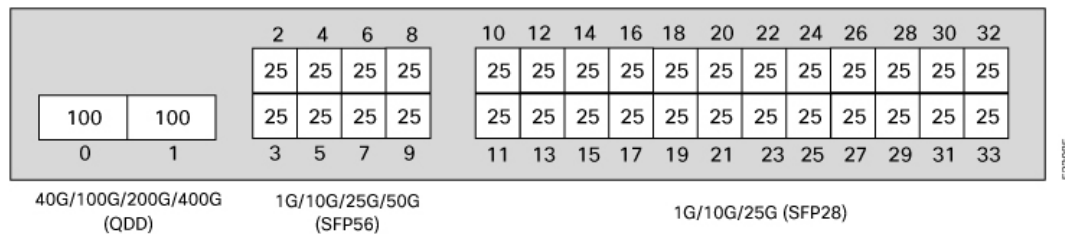
```

In the above show output you will observe that the state of the GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31 is up, and line protocol is up. This is because the speed at both ends is 100Mbps.

### Configuring Maximum Interface

By default, the N540-24Q8L2DD-SYS router supports up to 1Tbps speed with a combination of 2x100GE + 32x25GE interfaces enabled and allows support for lower speed transceivers. To support interfaces greater than 50GE or 100GE, you need to reconfigure the controllers so that the maximum speed is within 1Tbps.

**Figure 1: Default N540-24Q8L2DD-SYS Router Support**



```

Router(config)#controller optics 0/0/0/x
Router(config-Optics)#speed ?
WORD  1g | 10g | 25g | 40g | 50g | 100g | 200g | 300g | 400g | none

```

This sample configuration enables upto 1Tbps speed with a combination of 2x 400GE + 20x 10GE interfaces.

```

/* Configure speed 400g on ports 0 and 1 */
Router(config)#controller optics 0/0/0/0
Router(config-Optics)#speed 400g
Router(config-Optics)#controller optics 0/0/0/1
Router(config-Optics)#speed 400g

/* Configure speed 10g on ports from 2 to 21 */
Router(config-Optics)#controller optics 0/0/0/2
Router(config-Optics)#speed 10g
...
Router(config-Optics)#controller optics 0/0/0/21
Router(config-Optics)#speed 10g

/* Configure speed none on ports from 22 to 33 */
Router(config-Optics)#controller optics 0/0/0/22
Router(config-Optics)#speed none
...
Router(config-Optics)#controller optics 0/0/0/33

```



```
Router(config-Optics)#speed none

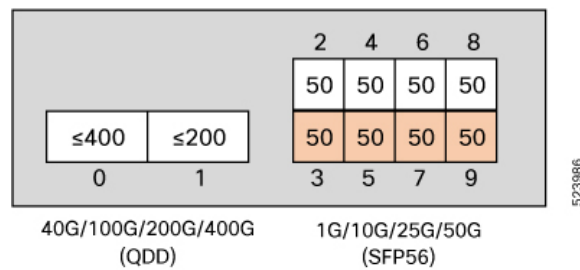
/* Commit all port configurations with single commit */
Router(config-Optics)#commit
```

### Restrictions and Limitations

There are certain restrictions in speed combinations while configuring 50GE interfaces on the N540-24Q8L2DD-SYS router:

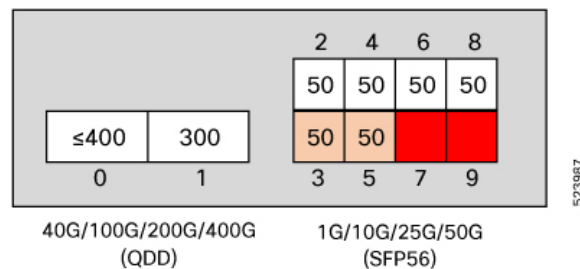
- If a maximum of 200GE is configured on port 1, then ports 3, 5, 7, and 9 supports only 50GE, when 50GE is configured on ports 2, 4, 6, and 8.

**Figure 2: Restricted 50GE Support on Ports 3,5,7, and 9**



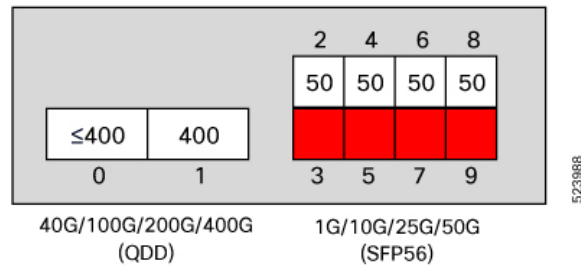
- If a maximum of 300GE is configured on port 1, then:
  - Port 7 is disabled if 50GE is configured on port 6
  - Port 9 is disabled if 50GE is configured on port 8

**Figure 3: No Support on Ports 7 and 9**



- If maximum of 400GE is configured on port 1, then:
  - Port 3 is disabled if 50GE is configured on port 2
  - Port 5 is disabled if 50GE is configured on port 4
  - Port 7 is disabled if 50GE is configured on port 6
  - Port 9 is disabled if 50GE is configured on port 8

Figure 4: No Support on Ports 3,5,7, and 9



## Using the negotiation auto command

When you configure the network interface speed using **negotiation auto** command, the speed is autonegotiated with the remote end interface. This command enhances the speed capability to 100M or 1G to be negotiated with the peer.

This sample configuration sets the interface speed to autonegotiate:



**Note** The interface speed at remote end is set to 100Mbps.



**Note** From Cisco IOS XR Software Release 7.3.2 onwards, autonegotiation is not enabled by default. Use the **negotiation auto** command to enable autonegotiation.

```
#configuration
(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
(config-if)#negotiation auto
(config-if)#commit
(config-if)#end
```

Use the **show controller GigE** and **show interface GigE** commands to verify if the speed is autonegotiated:

```
#show interfaces GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31 is up, line protocol is up
Interface state transitions: 10
Hardware is GigabitEthernet, address is 0035.1a00.e62c (bia 0035.1a00.e62c)
Internet address is Unknown
MTU 1514 bytes, BW 100000 Kbit (Max: 100000 Kbit)
  reliability 255/255, txload 0/255, rxload 0/255
Encapsulation ARPA,
Full-duplex, 100Mb/s, TFD, link type is autonegotiation
output flow control is off, input flow control is off
Carrier delay (up) is 10 msec
loopback not set,
Last link flapped 00:00:01
Last input 00:00:00, output 00:00:00
Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
30 second input rate 1000 bits/sec, 1 packets/sec
30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
  91005 packets input, 11687850 bytes, 0 total input drops
    0 drops for unrecognized upper-level protocol
  Received 0 broadcast packets, 91005 multicast packets
    0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles, 0 parity
```

```

0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
61307 packets output, 4350024 bytes, 0 total output drops
Output 0 broadcast packets, 8668 multicast packets
0 output errors, 0 underruns, 0 applique, 0 resets
0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
15 carrier transitions

```

In the above show output you see that GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31 is up, and line protocol is up.

```
#show controllers GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
```

Operational data for interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31:

State:

Administrative state: enabled

**Operational state: Up**

LED state: Green On

Phy:

Media type: Four-pair Category 5 UTP PHY, full duplex

Optics:

Vendor: CISCO

Part number: SBCU-5740ARZ-CS1

Serial number: AVC194525HW

Wavelength: 0 nm

Digital Optical Monitoring:

Transceiver Temp: 0.000 C

Transceiver Voltage: 0.000 V

Alarms key: (H) Alarm high, (h) Warning high

(L) Alarm low, (l) Warning low

	Wavelength	Tx Power		Rx Power		Laser Bias
Lane	(nm)	(dBm)	(mW)	(dBm)	(mW)	(mA)
0	n/a	0.0	1.0000	0.0	1.0000	0.000

DOM alarms:

No alarms

Alarm	Alarm	Warning	Warning	Alarm
Thresholds	High	High	Low	Low
Transceiver Temp (C):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Transceiver Voltage (V):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Laser Bias (mA):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Transmit Power (mW):	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Transmit Power (dBm):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Receive Power (mW):	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Receive Power (dBm):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Statistics:

FEC:

Corrected Codeword Count: 0

Uncorrected Codeword Count: 0

MAC address information:

Operational address: 0035.1a00.e67c

Burnt-in address: 0035.1a00.e62c

**Autonegotiation enabled:**

No restricted parameters

Operational values:

**Speed: 100Mbps**

Duplex: Full Duplex

Flowcontrol: None

```

Loopback: None (or external)
MTU: 1514
MRU: 1514
Forward error correction: Disabled

```

## Using speed and negotiation auto command

When you configure the speed of the network interface (1G) using the **speed** and **negotiation auto** command, the interface autonegotiates all the params (full-duplex and pause) except speed. The speed is forced to the configured value.

This sample shows how to configure Gig interface speed to 100Mbps and autonegotiate other parameters:




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**Note** The interface speed at remote end is set to 100Mbps.

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```

#configuration
(config)#interface GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
(config-if)#negotiation auto
(config-if)#speed 100
(config-if)#end

```

Use the **show controller GigE** and **show interface GigE** command to verify if the link is up, speed is forced to 100Mbps and autonegotiation is enabled:

```

#show interfaces GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31
GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31 is up, line protocol is up
  Interface state transitions: 9
  Hardware is GigabitEthernet, address is 0035.1a00.e62c (bia 0035.1a00.e62c)
  Internet address is Unknown
  MTU 1514 bytes, BW 100000 Kbit (Max: 100000 Kbit)
    reliability 255/255, txload 0/255, rxload 0/255
  Encapsulation ARPA,
  Full-duplex, 100Mb/s, TFD, link type is autonegotiation
  output flow control is off, input flow control is off
  Carrier delay (up) is 10 msec
  loopback not set,
  Last link flapped 00:00:03
  Last input 00:00:00, output 00:00:00
  Last clearing of "show interface" counters never
  30 second input rate 0 bits/sec, 1 packets/sec
  30 second output rate 0 bits/sec, 0 packets/sec
    90968 packets input, 11683189 bytes, 0 total input drops
    0 drops for unrecognized upper-level protocol
    Received 0 broadcast packets, 90968 multicast packets
      0 runts, 0 giants, 0 throttles, 0 parity
    0 input errors, 0 CRC, 0 frame, 0 overrun, 0 ignored, 0 abort
    61287 packets output, 4348541 bytes, 0 total output drops
    Output 0 broadcast packets, 8664 multicast packets
    0 output errors, 0 underruns, 0 applique, 0 resets
    0 output buffer failures, 0 output buffers swapped out
    12 carrier transitions

```

In the above show output you will observe that the GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31 is up, and line protocol is up. This is because the speed at both ends is 100Mbps.

## #show controllers GigabitEthernet 0/0/0/31

Operational data for interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/31:

## State:

Administrative state: enabled  
**Operational state: Up**  
 LED state: Green On

## Phy:

Media type: Four-pair Category 5 UTP PHY, full duplex

## Optics:

Vendor: CISCO  
 Part number: SBCU-5740ARZ-CS1  
 Serial number: AVC194525HW  
 Wavelength: 0 nm

## Digital Optical Monitoring:

Transceiver Temp: 0.000 C  
 Transceiver Voltage: 0.000 V

Alarms key: (H) Alarm high, (h) Warning high  
 (L) Alarm low, (l) Warning low

	Wavelength	Tx Power		Rx Power		Laser Bias
Lane	(nm)	(dBm)	(mW)	(dBm)	(mW)	(mA)
0	n/a	0.0	1.0000	0.0	1.0000	0.000

## DOM alarms:

No alarms

Alarm	Alarm	Warning	Warning	Alarm
Thresholds	High	High	Low	Low
Transceiver Temp (C):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Transceiver Voltage (V):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Laser Bias (mA):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Transmit Power (mW):	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Transmit Power (dBm):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Receive Power (mW):	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Receive Power (dBm):	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

## Statistics:

## FEC:

Corrected Codeword Count: 0  
 Uncorrected Codeword Count: 0

## MAC address information:

Operational address: 0035.1a00.e67c  
 Burnt-in address: 0035.1a00.e62c

## Autonegotiation enabled:

**Speed restricted to: 100Mbps** /\* autonegotiation is enabled and speed is forced to 100Mbps\*/

## Operational values:

Speed: 100Mbps  
 Duplex: Full Duplex  
 Flowcontrol: None  
 Loopback: None (or external)  
 MTU: 1514  
 MRU: 1514  
 Forward error correction: Disabled

## Ethernet MTU

The Ethernet maximum transmission unit (MTU) is the size of the largest frame, minus the 4-byte frame check sequence (FCS), that can be transmitted on the Ethernet network. Every physical network along the destination of a packet can have a different MTU.

Cisco IOS XR software supports two types of frame forwarding processes:

- Fragmentation for IPV4 packets—In this process, IPv4 packets are fragmented as necessary to fit within the MTU of the next-hop physical network.



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**Note** IPv6 does not support fragmentation.

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- MTU discovery process determines largest packet size—This process is available for all IPV6 devices, and for originating IPv4 devices. In this process, the originating IP device determines the size of the largest IPv6 or IPV4 packet that can be sent without being fragmented. The largest packet is equal to the smallest MTU of any network between the IP source and the IP destination devices. If a packet is larger than the smallest MTU of all the networks in its path, that packet will be fragmented as necessary. This process ensures that the originating device does not send an IP packet that is too large.



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**Note** To enable hashing for L3 header only when the majority of traffic is fragmented, use the **hw-module profile load-balance algorithm L3-Only** command.

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Jumbo frame support is automatically enable for frames that exceed the standard frame size. The default value is 1514 for standard frames and 1518 for 802.1Q tagged frames. These numbers exclude the 4-byte frame check sequence (FCS).

The following list describes the properties of MTUs:

- Each physical port can have a different MTU.
- Main interface of each bundle can have one MTU value.
- L3 sub-interface (bundle or physical) shares MTU profiles and can have a maximum of 3 unique configured MTUs per NPU.



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**Note** L2 sub-interface MTU is not supported.

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## Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP)

Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) is a device discovery protocol that runs over Layer 2. Layer 2 is also known as the data link layer that runs on all Cisco-manufactured devices, such as routers, bridges, access servers, and switches. CDP allows the network management applications to automatically discover and learn about other Cisco devices that connect to the network.

To support non-Cisco devices and to allow for interoperability between other devices, it also supports the IEEE 802.1AB LLDP. LLDP is also a neighbor discovery protocol that is used for network devices to advertise information about themselves to other devices on the network. This protocol runs over the data link layer, which allows two systems running different network layer protocols to learn about each other.

With LLDP, you can also access the information about a particular physical network connection. If you use a non-Cisco monitoring tool (via SNMP,) LLDP helps you identify the Object Identifiers (OIDs) that the system supports. The following are the supported OIDs:

- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.4
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.5
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.6
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.7
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.8
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.9
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.10
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.11
- 1.0.8802.1.1.2.1.4.1.1.12

## Enabling LLDP Globally

To run LLDP on the router, you must enable it globally. When you enable LLDP globally, all interfaces that support LLDP are automatically enabled for both transmit and receive operations.

You can override this default operation at the interface to disable receive or transmit operations.

The following table describes the global attributes that you can configure:

Attribute	Default	Range	Description
Holdtime	120	0-65535	Specifies the holdtime (in sec) that are sent in packets
Reinit	2	2-5	Delay (in sec) for LLDP initialization on any interface
Timer	30	5-65534	Specifies the rate at which LLDP packets are sent (in sec)

To enable LLDP globally, complete the following steps:

1. `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router # configure`
2. `RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config) #lldp`
3. `end or commit`

**Running configuration**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router-5#show run lldp
Fri Dec 15 20:36:49.132 UTC
lldp
!

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show lldp neighbors
Fri Dec 15 20:29:53.763 UTC
Capability codes:
  (R) Router, (B) Bridge, (T) Telephone, (C) DOCSIS Cable Device
  (W) WLAN Access Point, (P) Repeater, (S) Station, (O) Other

Device ID           Local Intf           Hold-time  Capability    Port ID
SW-NOSTG-I11-PUB.cis Mg0/RP0/CPU0/0      120        N/A           Fa0/28

Total entries displayed: 1

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#show lldp neighbors mgmtEth 0/RP0/CPU0/0
Fri Dec 15 20:30:54.736 UTC
Capability codes:
  (R) Router, (B) Bridge, (T) Telephone, (C) DOCSIS Cable Device
  (W) WLAN Access Point, (P) Repeater, (S) Station, (O) Other

Device ID           Local Intf           Hold-time  Capability    Port ID
SW-NOSTG-I11-PUB.cis Mg0/RP0/CPU0/0      120        N/A           Fa0/28

Total entries displayed: 1
```

## Enabling LLDP Per Interface

When you enable LLDP globally, all interfaces that support LLDP are automatically enabled for both transmit and receive operations. However, if you want to enable LLDP per interface, perform the following configuration steps:

1. RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config)# int gigabitEthernet 0/2/0/0
2. RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)# no sh
3. RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#commit
4. RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#lldp ?
5. RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#lldp enable
6. RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router(config-if)#commit

**Running configuration**

```
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#sh running-config
Wed Jun 27 12:40:21.274 IST
Building configuration...
!! IOS XR Configuration 0.0.0
!! Last configuration change at Wed Jun 27 00:59:29 2018 by UNKNOWN
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/0
 shutdown
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/1
 shutdown
!
```



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interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/2
 shutdown
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/3
 Shutdown
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/4
 shutdown
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0/5
 shutdown
!
end

```

### Verification

Verifying the config

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```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#sh lldp interface <===== LLDP enabled only on GigEth0/0/0/3
Wed Jun 27 12:43:26.252 IST

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GigabitEthernet0/0/0/3:
    Tx: enabled
    Rx: enabled
    Tx state: IDLE
    Rx state: WAIT FOR FRAME
RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#

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RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router# show lldp neighbors

```

Wed Jun 27 12:44:38.977 IST

Capability codes:

(R) Router, (B) Bridge, (T) Telephone, (C) DOCSIS Cable Device  
(W) WLAN Access Point, (P) Repeater, (S) Station, (O) Other

Device ID	Local Intf	Hold-time	Capability	Port ID	
ios	Gi0/0/0/3	120	R	Gi0/0/0/3	<===== LLDP
enabled only on GigEth0/0/0/3 and neighborhood seen for the same.					

Total entries displayed: 1

```

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:router#

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