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I Commands

This chapter describes the Cisco NX-OS routing commands that begin with I.

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interface ethernet (Layer 3)

To configure a Layer 3 Ethernet IEEE 802.3 routed interface, use the **interface ethernet** command.

interface ethernet [*chassis_ID*/] *slot*/*port*[.*subintf-port-no*]

Syntax Description

chassis_ID	(Optional) Specifies the Fabric Extender chassis ID. The chassis ID is from 100 to 199. **Note** This argument is not optional when addressing the host interfaces of a Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extender.
slot	Slot from 1 to 3. The following list defines the slots available: • Slot 1 includes all the fixed ports. A Fabric Extender only has one slot. • Slot 2 includes the ports on the upper expansion module (if populated). • Slot 3 includes the ports on the lower expansion module (if populated).
port	Port number within a particular slot. The port number is from 1 to 128.
.	(Optional) Specifies the subinterface separator.
subintf-port-no	(Optional) Port number for the subinterface. The range is from 1 to 48.

Command Default

None

Command Modes

Global configuration mode
Interface configuration mode

Command History

Release	Modification
5.0(3)N1(1)	This command was introduced.

Usage Guidelines

You must use the **no switchport** command in the interface configuration mode to configure the interface as a Layer 3 routed interface. When you configure the interface as a Layer 3 interface, all Layer 2 specific configurations on this interface are deleted.

Use the **switchport** command to convert a Layer 3 interface into a Layer 2 interface. When you configure the interface as a Layer 2 interface, all Layer 3 specific configurations on this interface are deleted.

Examples

This example shows how to enter configuration mode for a Layer 3 Ethernet interface 1/5:

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/5
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1/24
switch(config-if)#
```

This example shows how to enter configuration mode for a host interface on a Fabric Extender:

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 101/1/1
```

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```
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1/24
switch(config-if)#
```

This example shows how to configure a Layer 3 subinterface for Ethernet interface 1/5 in the global configuration mode:

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/5.2
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-subif)# ip address 10.1.1.1/24
switch(config-subif)#
```

This example shows how to configure a Layer 3 subinterface in interface configuration mode:

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/5
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# interface ethernet 1/5.1
switch(config-subif)# ip address 10.1.1.1/24
switch(config-subif)#
```

This example shows how to convert a Layer 3 interface to a Layer 2 interface:

```
switch(config)# interface ethernet 1/5
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1/24
switch(config-if)# switchport
switch(config-if)#
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
bandwidth	Sets the bandwidth parameters for an interface.
delay	Configures the interface throughput delay value.
encapsulation	Sets the encapsulation type for an interface.
ip address	Sets a primary or secondary IP address for an interface.
inherit	Assigns a port profile to an interface.
interface vethernet	Configures a virtual Ethernet interface.
no switchport	Configures an interface as a Layer 3 interface.
service-policy	Configures a service policy for an interface.
show fex	Displays all configured Fabric Extender chassis connected to the switch.
show interface ethernet	Displays various parameters of an Ethernet IEEE 802.3 interface.

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interface loopback

To create a loopback interface and enter interface configuration mode, use the **interface loopback** command. To remove a loopback interface, use the **no** form of this command.

interface loopback *number*

no interface loopback *number*

Syntax Description

number	Interface number; valid values are from 0 to 1023.

Command Default

None

Command Modes

Global configuration mode

Command History

Release	Modification
5.0(3)N1(1)	This command was introduced.

Usage Guidelines

Use the **interface loopback** command to create or modify loopback interfaces.

From the loopback interface configuration mode, the following parameters are available:

- **description**—Provides a description of the purpose of the interface.
- **ip**—Configures IP features, such as the IP address for the interface, Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) attributes, load balancing, Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (RPF) or IP Source Guard.
- **logging**—Configure logging of events.
- **shutdown**—Shut down traffic on the interface.

This command does not require a license.

Examples

This example shows how to create a loopback interface:

```
switch(config)# interface loopback 50
switch(config-if)# ip address 10.1.1.1/24
switch(config-if)#
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
show interface loopback	Displays information about the traffic on the specified loopback interface.

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interface port-channel

To create an EtherChannel interface and enter interface configuration mode, use the **interface port-channel** command. To remove an EtherChannel interface, use the **no** form of this command.

interface port-channel *channel-number*[*.subintf-channel-no*]

no interface port-channel *channel-number*[*.subintf-channel-no*]

Syntax Description

channel-number	Channel number that is assigned to this EtherChannel logical interface. The range is from 1 to 4096.
.	(Optional) Specifies the subinterface separator. **Note** Applies to Layer 3 interfaces.
subintf-channel-no	(Optional) Port number of the EtherChannel subinterface. The range is from 1 to 4093. **Note** Applies to Layer 3 interfaces.

Command Default

None

Command Modes

Global configuration mode
Interface configuration mode

Command History

Release	Modification
4.0(0)N1(1a)	This command was introduced.
5.0(3)N1(1)	Support for Layer 3 interfaces and subinterfaces was added.

Usage Guidelines

A port can belong to only one channel group.

When you use the **interface port-channel** command for Layer 2 interfaces, follow these guidelines:

- If you are using CDP, you must configure it only on the physical interface and not on the EtherChannel interface.
- If you do not assign a static MAC address on the EtherChannel interface, a MAC address is automatically assigned. If you assign a static MAC address and then later remove it, the MAC address is automatically assigned.
- The MAC address of the EtherChannel is the address of the first operational port added to the channel group. If this first-added port is removed from the channel, the MAC address comes from the next operational port added, if there is one.

You must use the **no switchport** command in the interface configuration mode to configure the EtherChannel interface as a Layer 3 interface. When you configure the interface as a Layer 3 interface, all Layer 2 specific configurations on this interface are deleted.

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Use the **switchport** command to convert a Layer 3 EtherChannel interface into a Layer 2 interface. When you configure the interface as a Layer 2 interface, all Layer 3 specific configurations on this interface are deleted.

You can configure one or more subinterfaces on a port channel made from routed interfaces.

Examples

This example shows how to create an EtherChannel group interface with channel-group number 50:

```
switch(config)# interface port-channel 50
switch(config-if)#
```

This example shows how to create a Layer 3 EtherChannel group interface with channel-group number 10:

```
switch(config)# interface port-channel 10
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# ip address 192.0.2.1/24
switch(config-if)#
```

This example shows how to configure a Layer 3 EtherChannel subinterface with channel-group number 1 in interface configuration mode:

```
switch(config)# interface port-channel 10
switch(config-if)# no switchport
switch(config-if)# interface port-channel 10.1
switch(config-subif)# ip address 192.0.2.2/24
switch(config-subif)#
```

This example shows how to configure a Layer 3 EtherChannel subinterface with channel-group number 20.1 in global configuration mode:

```
switch(config)# interface port-channel 20.1
switch(config-subif)# ip address 192.0.2.3/24
switch(config-subif)#
```

Related Commands

Command	Description
encapsulation	(Layer 3 interfaces) Sets the encapsulation type for an interface.
ip address	(Layer 3 interfaces) Sets a primary or secondary IP address for an interface.
no switchport	(Layer 3 interfaces) Configures an interface as a Layer 3 interface.
show interface	Displays configuration information about interfaces.
show lacp	Displays LACP information.
show port-channel summary	Displays information on the EtherChannels.
vtp (interface)	Enables VLAN Trunking Protocol (VTP) on an interface.