

Extreme SLX-OS Software Upgrade Guide, 17s.1.01

Supporting the ExtremeSwitching SLX 9140 and SLX 9240 Switches

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Document conventions

The document conventions describe text formatting conventions, command syntax conventions, and important notice formats used in Extreme technical documentation.

Notes, cautions, and warnings

Notes, cautions, and warning statements may be used in this document. They are listed in the order of increasing severity of potential hazards.

NOTE

A Note provides a tip, guidance, or advice, emphasizes important information, or provides a reference to related information.

ATTENTION

An Attention statement indicates a stronger note, for example, to alert you when traffic might be interrupted or the device might reboot.



CAUTION

A Caution statement alerts you to situations that can be potentially hazardous to you or cause damage to hardware, firmware, software, or data.



DANGER

A Danger statement indicates conditions or situations that can be potentially lethal or extremely hazardous to you. Safety labels are also attached directly to products to warn of these conditions or situations.

Text formatting conventions

Text formatting conventions such as boldface, italic, or Courier font may be used to highlight specific words or phrases.

Format	Description
bold text	Identifies command names. Identifies keywords and operands. Identifies the names of GUI elements.
<i>italic text</i>	Identifies text to enter in the GUI. Identifies emphasis. Identifies variables.
Courier font	Identifies document titles. Identifies CLI output.

Format	Description
	Identifies command syntax examples.

Command syntax conventions

Bold and italic text identify command syntax components. Delimiters and operators define groupings of parameters and their logical relationships.

Convention	Description
bold text	Identifies command names, keywords, and command options.
<i>italic text</i>	Identifies a variable.
[]	Syntax components displayed within square brackets are optional. Default responses to system prompts are enclosed in square brackets.
{ x y z }	A choice of required parameters is enclosed in curly brackets separated by vertical bars. You must select one of the options.
x y	A vertical bar separates mutually exclusive elements.
< >	Nonprinting characters, for example, passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets.
...	Repeat the previous element, for example, <i>member[member...]</i> .
\	Indicates a "soft" line break in command examples. If a backslash separates two lines of a command input, enter the entire command at the prompt without the backslash.

Extreme resources

Visit the Extreme website to locate related documentation for your product and additional Extreme resources.

White papers, data sheets, and the most recent versions of Extreme software and hardware manuals are available at www.extremenetworks.com. Product documentation for all supported releases is available to registered users at www.extremenetworks.com/support/documentation.

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As an Extreme customer, you can contact Extreme Technical Support using one of the following methods: 24x7 online or by telephone. OEM customers should contact their OEM/solution provider.

If you require assistance, contact Extreme Networks using one of the following methods:

- [GTAC \(Global Technical Assistance Center\)](#) for immediate support
 - Phone: 1-800-998-2408 (toll-free in U.S. and Canada) or +1 408-579-2826. For the support phone number in your country, visit: www.extremenetworks.com/support/contact.
 - Email: support@extremenetworks.com. To expedite your message, enter the product name or model number in the subject line.
- [GTAC Knowledge](#) - Get on-demand and tested resolutions from the GTAC Knowledgebase, or create a help case if you need more guidance.
- [The Hub](#) - A forum for Extreme customers to connect with one another, get questions answered, share ideas and feedback, and get problems solved. This community is monitored by Extreme Networks employees, but is not intended to replace specific guidance from GTAC.
- [Support Portal](#) - Manage cases, downloads, service contracts, product licensing, and training and certifications.

Before contacting Extreme Networks for technical support, have the following information ready:

- Your Extreme Networks service contract number and/or serial numbers for all involved Extreme Networks products
- A description of the failure
- A description of any action(s) already taken to resolve the problem
- A description of your network environment (such as layout, cable type, other relevant environmental information)
- Network load at the time of trouble (if known)
- The device history (for example, if you have returned the device before, or if this is a recurring problem)
- Any related RMA (Return Material Authorization) numbers

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Supported hardware and software

In those instances in which procedures or parts of procedures documented here apply to some devices but not to others, this guide identifies exactly which devices are supported and which are not.

Although many different software and hardware configurations are tested and supported by Extreme Networks, Inc. for this SLX-OS release, documenting all possible configurations and scenarios is beyond the scope of this document.

The following hardware platforms are supported by this release:

- ExtremeSwitching SLX 9140
- ExtremeSwitching SLX 9240

NOTE

Some of the commands in this document use a slot/port designation. Because the SLX 9140 and the SLX 9240 do not contain line cards, the slot designation must always be "0" (for example, 0/1 for port 1).

What's new in this document

The following tables include descriptions of new information added to this guide for this release of Extreme SLX-OS.

This document is the first version of the *Extreme SLX-OS Software Upgrade Guide* for Extreme SLX-OS 17s.1.01.

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Firmware management overview

Extreme firmware upgrades consist of multiple firmware packages listed in a .plist file. The .plist file contains specific firmware information (time stamp, platform code, version, and so on) and the names of the firmware packages to be downloaded. These packages are made available periodically to add features or to remedy defects in the firmware. In SLX-OS, the firmware upgrade is performed incrementally. The **firmware download** command compares the new firmware packages against the current installation and only downloads the packages that contain new features or have been modified.

You can download the firmware from a remote server by means of the File Transfer Protocol (FTP), SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP), or Secure Copy Protocol (SCP). If you want to download firmware from a remote server, you must connect the management Ethernet port of the router to the server. In a modular chassis, both management Ethernet ports must be connected. Downloading from an Extreme proprietary USB drive is also supported.

If a firmware download session is interrupted by an unexpected reboot, SLX-OS attempts to recover the previously installed firmware. Success depends on the state of the firmware download. You must wait for the recovery to complete before initiating another firmware download.

Preserving the configuration

To preserve the configurations, back up the configuration using the **copy running-config filename** command before the firmware download. After the upgrade is completed, run the **copy filename running-config** command.

Automatic firmware synchronization

When you replace or insert a second management module into a chassis, the active management module automatically synchronizes the hot-plugged standby management module with the same firmware version. The standby management module restarts with the upgraded firmware. The automatic firmware synchronization takes place only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The standby management module is inserted while the chassis is already up (hot-plugged insert).
- There was no firmware download process running when the standby management module was inserted.
- The active and standby firmware versions must be different.

NOTE

Automatic firmware synchronization is intrinsic to SLX-OS and no corresponding **enable** or **disable** commands are associated with automatic firmware synchronization. As a result, the automatic firmware synchronization cannot be disabled.

Connecting to the device

When you upgrade firmware in default mode, you connect to the device through the management IP address.

Use the **show system** command to display the management IP address for the chassis.

```
device# show system
Stack MAC                : 60:9c:9f:b0:92:00

  -- UNIT 0 --
Unit Name                 : cedar-spine-2
Ethernet Port(s)         : 32
Up Time                   : up 17 days 0:33
Current Time              : 23:20:38 GMT
SLX-OS Version           : 17s.1.0017s.1.00_bld63
Jumbo Capable            : yes
Burned In MAC            : 60:9C:9F:B0:93:1A
Management IP            : 10.20.234.119 <- Chassis Management IP address
Management Port Status   : UP

  -- Power Supplies --
PS1 is faulty
PS2 is OK

  -- Fan Status --
Fan 1 is Ok, speed is 6409 RPM
Fan 2 is Ok, speed is 6225 RPM
Fan 3 is Ok, speed is 6225 RPM
Fan 4 is Ok, speed is 6409 RPM
Fan 5 is Ok, speed is 6409 RPM
Fan 6 is Ok, speed is 6409 RPM
```

NOTE

You must configure the gateway and default route that is pointing to the management interface within the management VRF and address-family unicast context.

Upgrading considerations and restrictions

Consider the following when upgrading your firmware version:

- Upgrading SLX-OS is automatically allowed because the Telnet server and SSH server status are enabled by default.
- Upgrading SLX-OS is a disruptive event and reboots the device.

Prerequisites for firmware download

To prepare for a firmware download, perform the following tasks. In the unlikely event of a failure or timeout, you will be able to provide your router support provider the information required to troubleshoot the firmware download.

1. Verify the current firmware version. Refer to [Obtaining the firmware version](#) on page 13.
2. Download the firmware package from the Extreme website to an FTP server.
3. Decompress the firmware archive. Refer to [Obtaining and decompressing firmware](#) on page 13.
4. Decide on a migration path. Check the connected devices to ensure firmware compatibility. Refer to the "SLX-OS Compatibility" section of the *SLX-OS Release Notes* for the recommended firmware version.
5. In a modular system, if you are to download firmware from a file server, verify that the management ports on both MMs are connected to the firmware file server.

6. Back up your router configuration using the **copy running-config filename** command before the firmware download.
7. For additional support, connect the router to a computer with a serial console cable. Ensure that all serial consoles and any open network connection sessions, such as Telnet, are logged and included with any trouble reports.
8. Enter the **copy support** command to collect all current core files prior to executing the firmware download. This information helps to troubleshoot the firmware download process in the event of a problem. Once the **copy support** command is issued collects the files, you can use the **clear support** command to remove the files from the list.
9. Enter the **clear logging raslog** command to erase all existing messages in addition to internal messages.

Obtaining the firmware version

Enter the **show version** command to obtain the firmware version for both primary and secondary partitions of each module.

```
device# show version

SLX-OS Operating System Software
SLX-OS Operating System Version: 17s.1.00
Copyright (c) 2014-2017 Brocade Communications, Inc.
Firmware name:      17s.1.00_bfd_fix
Build Time:         23:24:03 Mar  3, 2017
Install Time:       18:54:34 Mar  4, 2017
Kernel:             2.6.34.6
Host Version:       Ubuntu 14.04 LTS
Host Kernel:        Linux 3.14.17

Control Processor:  QEMU Virtual CPU version 2.0.0

System Uptime:     1days 19hrs 40mins 54secs

Slot   Name      Primary/Secondary Versions                               Status
-----
SW/0   SLX-OS    17s.1.00.x_maint_160819_1858
                               17s.1.00.x_maint_160819_1858
                               ACTIVE*
```

Obtaining and decompressing firmware

Firmware upgrades are available for customers with support service contracts and for partners on the Extreme Networks website at www.extremenetworks.com.

You must download the firmware package to an FTP or SCP variant server and decompress the package *before* you can use the **firmware download** command to upgrade the firmware on your equipment.

You may also download the firmware from a USB drive using the **firmware download usb** command.

When you unpack the downloaded firmware, it expands into a directory that is named according to the firmware version. When issued with the path to the directory where the firmware is stored, the **firmware download** command performs an automatic search for the correct package file type associated with the device.

Five **firmware download** command options are available:

- **coldboot**: Downloads the firmware to the system and reboots the device.
- **default-config**: Removes all configuration and is similar to an initial installation and configuration.
- **fullinstall**: Downloads a larger file selection to cover the differences between 32-bit and 64-bit firmware when upgrading or downgrading the device.
- **usb**: Downloads the firmware to the system without activating it, so the device is not automatically rebooted.
- **noactivate**: Downloads the firmware to the system without activating it, so the device is not automatically rebooted.

- `nocommit`: Disables auto-commit mode. When auto-commit mode is disabled, firmware is downloaded only to the primary partition.
- `noceboot`: Disables auto-reboot mode. When auto-reboot mode is disabled, you must reboot the device manually.

Refer to the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference* for complete information on all of the available options for the **firmware download** command.

NOTE

To be able to address the FTP or SCP server by its name, ensure that a Domain Name System (DNS) entry is established for the server.

NOTE

SLX-OS does not support the use of special characters (such as `&`, `!`, `%`, or `#`) in FTP, TFTP, SFTP, or SCP passwords. If your password contains special characters, the download fails.

Standard method for downloading firmware

The **firmware download** command has several options for downloading firmware for your device that help control the process. For complete information on the **firmware download** command options, refer to the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

By default, if you enter the **firmware download** command without any options, the command invokes ISSU to upgrade the entire system. ISSU involves a High Availability failover of the active management module and is non-disruptive. In contrast, both the **coldboot** and **default-config** options involve system reboots and are disruptive to traffic.

If the **firmware download** command is interrupted because of an unexpected reboot, such as the result of a software error or power failure, the command automatically recovers the corrupted secondary partition. Wait for the recovery to complete before beginning another firmware download.

The follow example shows a typical firmware download:

```
device# firmware download ftp directory /slxos/17r.1.00 host 10.31.2.27 user releaseuser password
releaseuser
```

```
Performing system sanity check...
```

```
This command will use the ISSU protocol to upgrade the system. It will cause a WARM reboot and will require
that existing telnet, secure telnet or SSH sessions be restarted.
```

```
Do you want to continue? [y/n]y
```

Once the process completes, log in to the device and enter the **show version** command. Both partitions on the device or on the modules should contain the new firmware.

```
device# show version
SLX-OS Operating System Software
SLX-OS Operating System Version: 17s.1.00
Copyright (c) 1995-2017 Extreme Networks, Inc.
Firmware name:      17s.1.0017s.1.00
Build Time:        21:24:13 Mar  7, 2017
Install Time:      21:46:10 Mar  9, 2017
Kernel:            2.6.34.6
Host Version:      Ubuntu 14.04 LTS
Host Kernel:       Linux 3.14.17
```

```
Control Processor:  QEMU Virtual CPU version 2.0.0
```

```
System Uptime:     16days 23hrs 48mins 7secs
```

Slot	Name	Primary/Secondary Versions	Status
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```
-----
SW/0    SLX-OS  17s.1.0017s.1.00                ACTIVE*
        17s.1.0017s.1.00
```

Downloading firmware using the default-config option

The **firmware download default-config** command allows you to download new firmware onto the router, clean up the configuration, and then force the router to perform a cold reboot.

This option is useful to prevent issues caused by incompatible configurations between the old and the new firmware.



CAUTION

When you use **firmware download default-config**, traffic is disrupted and the configuration is lost. You must save the configuration information before you execute the command and then restore it afterwards.

1. Download the firmware from the source directory with the default-config option.

```
device# firmware download default-config ftp host 10.xx.xx.3 user fvt password pray4green directory
dist file release.plist

Performing system sanity check...
This command will set the configuration to default.
This command will cause Cold reboot on both psrtitionss at the same time and will require that
existing telnet, secure telnet or SSH sessions be restarted.

Do you want to continue? [y/n]: y
```

2. Log back into the device.
3. Enter the **firmware commit** command to commit the new firmware. If you entered **y** after the prompt, the device will commit the firmware automatically upon booting up.

```
device# firmware commit
Validating primary partition...
Doing firmwarecommit now.
Please wait ...
Replicating kernel image
.....
FirmwareCommit completes successfully.
```

4. Enter the **show version** command. Both partitions on the device or on the modules should contain the new firmware.

```
device# show version
SLX-OS Operating System Software
SLX-OS Operating System Version: 17s.1.00
Copyright (c) 1995-2017 Extreme Networks, Inc.
Firmware name:      17s.1.0017s.1.00
Build Time:         21:24:13 Mar  7, 2017
Install Time:       21:46:10 Mar  9, 2017
Kernel:             2.6.34.6
Host Version:       Ubuntu 14.04 LTS
Host Kernel:        Linux 3.14.17

Control Processor:  QEMU Virtual CPU version 2.0.0

System Uptime:      16days 23hrs 48mins 7secs

Slot   Name      Primary/Secondary Versions                Status
-----
SW/0   SLX-OS    17s.1.0017s.1.00                ACTIVE*
        17s.1.0017s.1.00
```

Downloading firmware using the coldboot option

The **coldboot** option of the **firmware download** command allows you to download new firmware onto a device and forces the device to perform a cold reboot. For complete information on the **firmware download** command options, refer to the *Extreme SLX-OS Command Reference*.

After the firmware completes downloading, the device reboots. This ensures that both partitions reboot with the same firmware, and prevents any firmware compatibility issues that may exist between the old and the new firmware.



CAUTION

When you use **firmware download coldboot**, traffic is disrupted and the configuration is lost. You must save the configuration information before you execute the command and then restore it afterwards.

1. Download the firmware from the source directory with the **coldboot** option.

```
device# firmware download coldboot ftp host 10.xx.xx.3 user fvt password pray4green directory dist

Performing system sanity check...
This command will set the configuration to default.
This command will cause Cold reboot on both psrtitionss at the same time and will require that
existing telnet, secure telnet or SSH sessions be restarted.

Do you want to continue? [y/n]: y
```

2. Log back into the device.
3. Enter the **firmware commit** command to commit the new firmware. If you entered **y** after the prompt, the device will commit the firmware automatically upon booting up.

```
device# firmware commit
Validating primary partition...
Doing firmwarecommit now.
Please wait ...
Replicating kernel image
.....
FirmwareCommit completes successfully.
```

4. Enter the **show version** command. Both partitions on the device or on the modules should contain the new firmware.

```
device# show version
SLX-OS Operating System Software
SLX-OS Operating System Version: 17s.1.00
Copyright (c) 1995-2017 Extreme Networks, Inc.
Firmware name:      17s.1.0017s.1.00
Build Time:         21:24:13 Mar 7, 2017
Install Time:       21:46:10 Mar 9, 2017
Kernel:             2.6.34.6
Host Version:       Ubuntu 14.04 LTS
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Control Processor:  QEMU Virtual CPU version 2.0.0

System Uptime:      16days 23hrs 48mins 7secs

Slot   Name      Primary/Secondary Versions      Status
-----
SW/0   SLX-OS  17s.1.0017s.1.00
                17s.1.0017s.1.00                ACTIVE*
```


Downloading firmware from a USB device

Extreme Network devices support firmware download from a USB device. Before you can access the USB device, you must enable the device and mount it as a file system. The firmware images to be downloaded must be stored in the factory-configured firmware directory. Multiple images can be stored under this directory.

1. Ensure that the USB device is connected to the device.
2. Enter the **usb on** command in privileged EXEC mode.

```
device# usb on
Trying to enable USB device. Please wait...
USB storage enabled
```

3. Enter the **usb dir** command. In this sample output, the "SLX-OS_vX.X.X" refers to the current version number.

```
device# usb dir
firmwarekey\ 0B 2016 Dec 15 15:13
support\ 106MB 2016 Dec 24 05:36
config\ 0B 2016 Dec 15 15:13
firmware\ 380MB 2016 Dec 15 15:13
SLX-OS_vX.X.X\ 379MB 2016 Dec 15 15:31
Available space on usbstorage 74%
```

4. Enter the **firmware download usb** command followed by the relative path to the firmware directory, where the "SLX-OS_vX.X.X" refers to the current version number.

```
device# firmware download usb directory SLX-OS_vX.X.X
```

5. Enter the **usb off** command to unmount the USB storage device for safe removal.

```
device# usb off
Trying to disable USB device. Please wait...
USB storage disabled.
```

Downgrading considerations and restrictions

Consider the following when downgrading your firmware version:

- If a feature is new for the current version of your firmware, it does not function if you downgrade your firmware version.
- Firmware downgrades to previous versions are prohibited when security parameters are configured for HTTPS support.

Always refer to the release notes for compatibility information and take note of restrictions that may exist regarding upgrades and downgrades under particular circumstances.

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Viewing software capabilities

To display information about the software capabilities, enter the **show license** command. The command output displays the currently installed licenses for Extreme SLX-OS.

```
device# show license
Chassis:
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  Advanced Features license
  Feature name:ADVANCED_FEATURES
  License is Trust Based
  Eula date is Tue Mar 14 16:54:59 2017
```