



Switch Engine™ v33.5.1 Licensing Guide

Comprehensive Licensing Features and Installation

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Abstract

The Switch Engine™ v33.5.1 Licensing Guide by Extreme Networks, Inc., released in October 2025, details comprehensive licensing features and installation procedures for universal hardware switches. It covers the Base and Premier license levels, each providing a set of features such as L2 switching, L3 routing, VLANs, dynamic routing protocols, and advanced security settings, and Extreme Platform ONE Networking licensing. Version 33.5.1 updates license features for 4120 and 4220 Series switches. Instructions for obtaining, installing, and uninstalling licenses, displaying installed license levels, and transferring licenses are included. Additional feature licenses MACsec are also discussed, along with their specific functionalities and platform support. This guide serves as an essential resource for network administrators managing licensing and feature activation on Extreme Networks switches.



Preface

Read the following topics to learn about:

- The meanings of text formats used in this document.
- Where you can find additional information and help.
- How to reach us with questions and comments.

Text Conventions

Unless otherwise noted, information in this document applies to all supported environments for the products in question. Exceptions, like command keywords associated with a specific software version, are identified in the text.

When a feature, function, or operation pertains to a specific hardware product, the product name is used. When features, functions, and operations are the same across an entire product family, such as Extreme Networks switches, the product is referred to as *the switch*.

Table 1: Notes and warnings






Icon	Notice type	Alerts you to...
	Tip	Helpful tips and notices for using the product
	Note	Useful information or instructions
	Important	Important features or instructions
	Caution	Risk of personal injury, system damage, or loss of data
	Warning	Risk of severe personal injury

Table 2: Text

Convention	Description
screen displays	This typeface indicates command syntax, or represents information as it is displayed on the screen.
The words <i>enter</i> and <i>type</i>	When you see the word <i>enter</i> in this guide, you must type something, and then press the Return or Enter key. Do not press the Return or Enter key when an instruction simply says <i>type</i> .
Key names	Key names are written in boldface, for example Ctrl or Esc . If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+). Example: Press Ctrl+Alt+Del
<i>Words in italicized type</i>	Italics emphasize a point or denote new terms at the place where they are defined in the text. Italics are also used when referring to publication titles.
NEW!	New information. In a PDF, this is searchable text.

Table 3: Command syntax

Convention	Description
bold text	Bold text indicates command names, keywords, and command options.
<i>italic</i> text	Italic text indicates variable content.
[]	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, such as passwords, are enclosed in angle brackets.
...	Repeat the previous element, for example, <i>member[member...]</i> .
\	In command examples, the backslash indicates a “soft” line break. When a backslash separates two lines of a command input, enter the entire command at the prompt without the backslash.

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- A description of any actions already taken to resolve the problem
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- 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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License Overview

The following figure illustrates that the Premier license level builds on the features of the Base license, or the Base license is the only license level available.

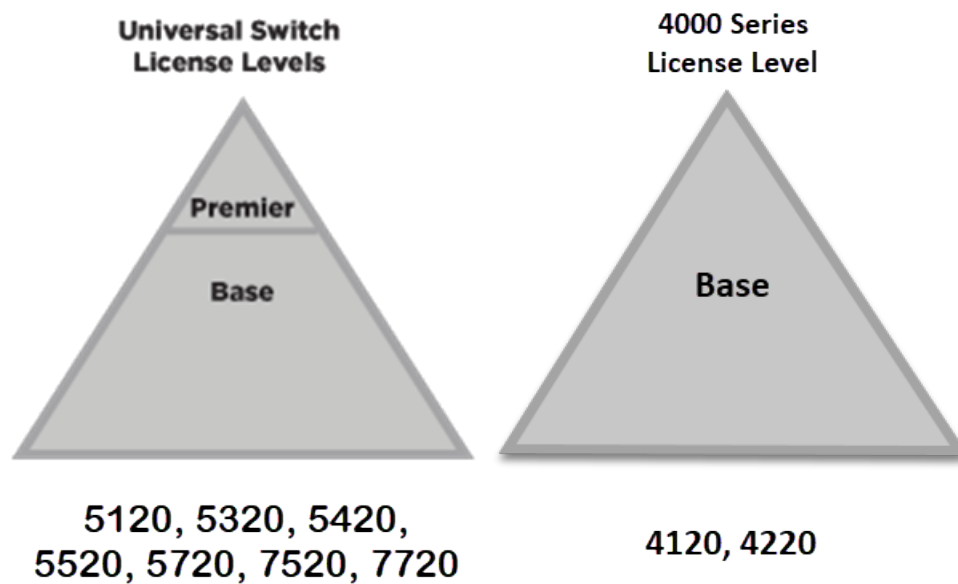


Figure 1: License Levels for Switches Supported on Switch Engine

With Extreme Platform ONE Networking licensing, operating system-level features are combined into a single license.

Switch Engine enables the Premier level features on the applicable switch models when a validated Extreme Platform ONE Networking or Pilot license is applied to the device. Version 33.5.1 adds additional feature support for the 4000 Series, which is available exclusively using Extreme Platform ONE Networking licensing.

Extreme Platform ONE Networking includes three license levels: Standard, Advanced, and Premium. A Standard license is required to manage devices from ExtremeCloud IQ.

The following figure illustrates the Extreme Platform ONE Networking license levels:

Extreme Platform ONE Networking License Levels

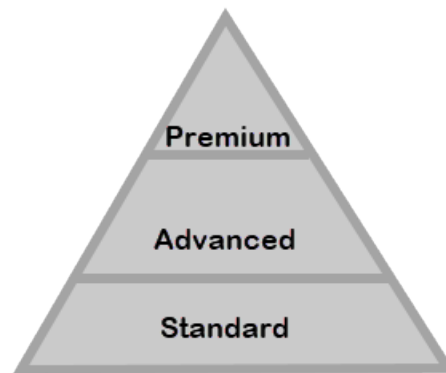


Figure 2: Extreme Platform ONE Networking License Levels

Each license level is purchased based on four tiers, depending on device type:

- A - 4120, 4220, 5120, 5320
- B - 5420
- C - 5520
- D - 5720, 7520, 7720



Overview for Universal Hardware Switches

[Installing and Uninstalling Licenses on Universal Switches](#) on page 12

[Displaying the Installed License Levels and Feature Licenses](#) on page 14

[Factory Default \(Evaluation\) License for Universal Hardware Switches](#) on page 14

This document explains the license levels and feature licenses available for universal hardware switches, and lists the features that they support.

Switch Engine software supports the following license levels for the universal hardware switches:

- **Base**—included as standard (see [Base License Features](#) on page 15)
- **Premier** (see [Premier License Features](#) on page 18)

The Base license provides a basic feature set and the Premier license adds additional functionality.

Table 4: Included and Upgrade Licenses for Universal Hardware Switches

Switch platform	Base	Premier
4120 Series	Included	N/A
4220 Series	Included	N/A
5120 Series	Included	Upgrade
5320 Series	Included	Upgrade
5420 Series	Included	Upgrade
5520 Series	Included	Upgrade
5720 Series	Included	Upgrade
7520 Series	Included	Upgrade
7720 Series	Included	Upgrade

Feature Licenses

To supplement the license levels, additional capabilities can be added by purchasing feature licenses (see [Feature Licenses](#) on page 20).

Additional General License Information

Software licenses are stored in the EEPROM and, after enabled, persist through reboots, software upgrades, power outages, and reconfigurations. The keys are unique to the switch, but can be transferred (see [Transferring Licenses](#) on page 13).

If you attempt to execute a command and you either do not have the required license or have reached the limits defined by the current license level, the system displays one of the following messages:

```
Error: This command cannot be executed at the current license level.
Error: You have reached the maximum limit for this feature at this license level.
```

Installing and Uninstalling Licenses on Universal Switches

This section explains how to obtain and install/uninstall licenses on universal hardware switches.

Obtaining and Installing Licenses

For universal hardware switches, you can activate a license on the switch using either of the following methods:

1. Manual activation by obtaining the license activation file from the Support Portal.
2. Automated activation using ExtremeCloud IQ. For information about using ExtremeCloud IQ for bulk automated license activation, go to <https://www.extremenetworks.com/support/documentation/extremeccloud-iq/>.

For manual license generation and installation:

1. Follow manual activation instructions for license generation available on the [Extreme Portal](#): **Products > Products Home > ExtremeSwitching > Universal > EXOS (for your switch) > Activation Instructions**.
2. Load the license file onto the switch using either of the following commands:

```
download [url url {vr vrname} | image [active | inactive] [[hostname |
ipaddress] filename {{vr} vrname} {block-size block_size}] {partition}
{install {reboot}}
```

```
tftp get [ ip-address | host-name] { vr vr_name } { block-size
block_size } remote-file local-file} {force-overwrite}
```

To copy from a USB: `cp old_name new_name` specifying `/usr/local/ext`. For example: `cp /usr/local/ext/old_name /usr/local/cfg/new_name`.

You can place the license file anywhere within the user-visible file system (for example: `/usr/local/*`).

3. To install the license, use the following command:

```
install license file filename {slot slot}
```

This command installs all of the license features contained in the selected license file to the specified slot (node).

Uninstalling Licenses Temporarily

You can temporarily uninstall a license from a switch. This enables you to retain the license entitlement on the switch, and thus, the original license can be used to reinstall the license. You can use this option to temporarily disable a license.

To uninstall a license temporarily from a universal hardware switch, use the following command:

```
uninstall license file filename [{revoke revocation_file} | withhold ]  
{slot slot}
```

 using the withhold option.

To temporarily uninstall a specific license feature, such as MAC Security (MACsec), from a universal hardware switch, use the following command:

```
uninstall license product product_name [revoke revocation_file |  
withhold] {slot slot}
```

 using the withhold option.

Transferring Licenses

You can permanently remove a license, which enables you to transfer the license to another switch. This should only be done when preparing to return a defective switch for a replacement switch (RMA).

The `uninstall license file filename` command accepts *filename* as a `.lic` file that contains one or more licenses to be uninstalled. This is the license file that was used to install license.

The `uninstall license product product_name` command accepts *product_name* as the name of the license product to be uninstalled. This is the product name as it appears with the `show licenses` command.

- To uninstall a license permanently from a universal hardware switch, use the following command:

```
uninstall license product product_name [revoke revocation_file |  
withhold] {slot slot}
```

 using the revoke option.

- To permanently uninstall a specific license product, such as PRD-5000-MACSEC, from a universal hardware switch, use the following command:

```
uninstall license product product_name [revoke revocation_file |  
withhold] {slot slot}
```

 using the revoke option.

The revoke option invalidates the feature license and generates a revocation certificate, which is the first step to release the license entitlement back to the license entitlement manager (LEM). If the specified file name (for *revocation_file*) does not have an `.rvk` extension, it is automatically appended.

To transfer a license from a defective unit to a working unit:

1. Go to the [Extreme Portal](#).
2. Select **Asset > Licenses Home**.
3. Select **License Transfer**.
4. Enter the serial numbers of the defective unit and the replacement unit, and the RMA/case number.

Displaying the Installed License Levels and Feature Licenses

You can display the switch license level, Extreme Platform ONE Networking license, and feature licenses installed on your switch by using the `show licenses {[slot slot |all]} {detail}` command.

Factory Default (Evaluation) License for Universal Hardware Switches

Universal switches come with a Base license. To evaluate the functionality provided by a Premier license, you can use the **enable license trial**. This allows you to configure all features, except MACsec, without restrictions, and allows the configuration to be saved. The evaluation period is 30 days. If after 30 days a Premier or Extreme Platform ONE Networking license is not installed (see [Obtaining and Installing Licenses](#) on page 12), the Trial license will be removed and will revert to Base license capabilities (see [Table 4](#) on page 11) after the next restart. After the Trial license has expired, it can be renewed three more times using the **enable license trial** command (except on 4000 Series switches, which do not have the Premier license).

Installing a Premier or Extreme Platform ONE Networking license clears the Trial license automatically and does not require the switch to be restarted. To manually clear or remove the Trial license, use the **clear license trial** command followed by a switch restart.



Switch License Features

[Base License Features](#) on page 15

[Premier License Features](#) on page 18

Base License Features

The Base License includes the features in the following table:

Table 5: Base License Features

Software Feature	Supported Platforms
AVB <ul style="list-style-type: none">Generalized Precision Time Protocol (GPTP)Multiple VLAN Registration Protocol (MVRP)Multiple Stream Registration Protocol (MSRP)Platform Support	4220, 5120, 5320, 5420, 5520, 5720, 7520. Universal platforms have the AVB Feature License included in the Base License. You do not need to separately purchase and install the AVB Feature License for these switches.
BGP Auto-peering	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
BGP peers—Switches are allowed up to 2 manually configured BGP peers on the default VR with a base license.	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
CLEARFlow	All platforms
Convergence End Point (CEP) detection	All platforms
DHCPv4: <ul style="list-style-type: none">DHCPv4 serverDHCv4 clientDHCPv4 relayDHCPv4 smart relay	All platforms
DHCPv6: <ul style="list-style-type: none">DHCPv6 relayDHCPv6 prefix delegation snoopingDHCPv6 clientDHCPv6 smart relayDHCPv6 remote ID	All platforms

Table 5: Base License Features (continued)

Software Feature	Supported Platforms
Direct Attach—based on the IEEE version of VEPA, eliminates the virtual switch layer, simplifying the network and improving performance. Direct Attach enables data center simplification by reducing network tiers from four or five tiers to just two or three tiers, depending on the size of the data center.	All platforms
EAPS Advanced Edge—multiple physical rings, and "common links", also known as "shared port".	All platforms
ERPS-more domains (allows 32 rings with matching ring ports) and multi-ring support	All platforms
ESRP-Full	All platforms
ESRP-Virtual MAC	All platforms
Extended Edge Switching	5420, 5520, and 7520-48Y
Extreme Network Virtualization (XNV)	All platforms except 4120, 4220, 5120, and 5320
Fabric Attach—uses the IEEE802.1ab Link Layer Discovery Protocol (LLDP) extensions to automatically attach network devices to individual services in an IEEE 802.1aq Shortest Path Bridging (SPB) network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabric Attach Proxy • Fabric Attach Client • Fabric Attach Server • Standalone Proxy 	All platforms
GRE tunneling	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
IP address security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHCP snooping • Trusted DHCP server • Source IP lockdown • ARP validation 	All platforms
IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX)	5420, 5520, 5720
IP NAT	7520, 7720
IP security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHCP Option 82—L3 mode • DHCP Option 82—L3 mode VLAN ID • Disable ARP learning • Gratuitous ARP protection • DHCP secured ARP / ARP validation • Source IP lockdown 	All platforms
IPv4 unicast routing, including static routes	All platforms

Table 5: Base License Features (continued)

Software Feature	Supported Platforms
IPv4 multicast routing, including static routes Note: This feature has limitations in the Edge and Advanced Edge licenses. See the user guide.	All platforms
IPv4 Duplicate Address Detection (DAD)	All platforms
IPv6 unicast routing, including static routes	All platforms
IPv6 interworking—IPv6-to-IPv4 and IPv6-in-IPv4 configured tunnels	All platforms except 4120 and 5120
IPv6 DAD without CLI management	All platforms
IPv6 DAD with CLI management	All platforms
Keychain Manager	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
Local-only, user-created virtual routers (VR)	4120, 4220, 5120, 5320-16P, 5320-24T/24P
Multi-Switch Link Aggregation Group (MLAG)	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
Multinetting for forwarding	All platforms
ONEPolicy	All platforms
OSPFv2-Edge (limited to max of 4 active interfaces)	All platforms
OSPFv2 Auto-peering	All platforms
OSPFv3-Edge (limited to max of 4 active interfaces)	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
PIM—Universal switches, except 4120 and 4220, are not subject to the maximum number of PIM IPv4 interfaces (4) that pertains to other switch models.	All platforms
PIM-SM-Edge (No CRP/CBSR support)	All platforms
PIM snooping Note: This feature has limitations in the Base license. See the user guide.	All platforms
Policy based routing (PBR) for IPv4	All platforms
Policy based routing (PBR) for IPv6	All platforms
Protocol-based VLANs	All platforms
PSTag	5520, 5720, 7520, and 7720
Python scripting	All platforms
RIP v1/v2	All platforms
RIPng	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
Routing access policies	All platforms

Table 5: Base License Features (continued)

Software Feature	Supported Platforms
Route maps	All platforms
SummitStack (switch stacking using native or dedicated ports)	Not supported
SummitStack-V (switch stacking using dual-purpose data ports)	All platforms. See the specific models listed in the "Support for Alternate Stacking Ports" section of the user guide.
System virtual routers (VRs)	All platforms
UDP Forwarding	All platforms
UDP BootP relay forwarding	All platforms
User-created virtual routers (VRs) Virtual router and forwarding (VRF)	5320-48T/48P, 5420, 5520, 5720, 7520, and 7720
VLAN aggregation	All platforms
VRRP	All platforms
VXLAN	All platforms except 4120 and 4220

Premier License Features

The Premier License includes the features in the following table:

Table 6: Premier License Features

software feature	Supported platforms
Anycast RP	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
Anycast RP Using PIM (RFC 4610)	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
BGP4 and MBGP (BGP4+) for IPv4 ECMP	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
BGP4 and MBGP (BGP4+) for IPv6	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
EVPN	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
Integrated Application Hosting (IAH)	5720, 7520, and 7720
IS-IS for IPv4	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
IS-IS for IPv6	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
MSDP	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
OSPFv2 "Full" (not limited to 4 active interfaces)	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
OSPFv3 "Full" (not limited to 4 active interfaces)	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
PIM DM "Full"	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
PIM SM "Full"	All platforms except 4120 and 4220
PIM SSM "Full"	All platforms except 4120 and 4220

Table 6: Premier License Features (continued)

software feature	Supported platforms
PTPv2 Boundary/Ordinary Clock	7520-48Y and 7720
PTPv2 End-to-End Transparent Clock	5420, 5520, 5720, 7520-48Y, and 7720



Feature Licenses

[MAC Security Feature License](#) on page 24

The software features are listed in the following table are managed as feature licenses. Feature licenses are distributed in one of the following forms:

- **In Switch Engine software** (standard software component)—You must purchase a license to use the feature.
- **Modular software package** (XMOD file, so named because of its .xmod file extension)
—You must request the XMOD file from your supplier and install it.

For feature license and installation instructions, see *Installing a Modular Software Package* in the user guide.



Note

Secure Shell 2 (SSH2) is not provided as a feature license. It is incorporated into the main software image and is not provided as an XMOD. However, SSH2 contains strong encryption algorithms that heighten the export controls required in the US and other countries. When downloading the software image, you are required to verify that you meet the export clearance requirements. For more information, see *Software Upgrade and Boot Options* in the user guide.

For more information on SSH2, see *Using Secure Shell 2* in the user guide.

Table 7: Switch Engine Feature Licenses

Feature License	Feature	Platform support	XMOD Required
MPLS Feature The MPLS Feature is available as part of the Premier license under the Platform Support column.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPLS • LDP • Static LSPs • OSPF-TE • MPLS label • EXP bit replacement and classification • RSVP-TE • VPLS / H-VPLS for VLANs • VPLS STP redundancy • VPLS with ESRP redundancy • VPLS with EAPS redundancy • Fast Reroute (FRR) • Support for PW counters • User Virtual Routers • L3VPN 	5520, 7520, and 7720. The MPLS Feature is available as part of the Premier License.	No
AVB Feature License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generalized Precision Time Protocol (GPTP) • Multiple VLAN Registration Protocol (MVRP) 	4220, 5120, 5320 (except 5320-XT, 5320-16P-2MXT-2X), 5420, 5520, 5720, 7520. All Universal Hardware platforms have the AVB Feature License included in the Base License. You do not need to separately purchase and install the AVB Feature License for supported Universal platforms.	No

Table 7: Switch Engine Feature Licenses (continued)

Feature License	Feature	Platform support	XMOD Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Stream Registration Protocol (MSRP) Platform Support 		
MAC Security License See MAC Security Feature License on page 24.	MAC Security licensing.	See MACsec Platform Support on page 22	No
ExtremeCloud™ IQ Agent	ExtremeCloud IQ provides device discovery, basic monitoring, visibility into homogenous stacking, ability to configure an optional user-defined VR, and address of the server to connect to. For more information about ExtremeCloud IQ, go to https://www.extremenetworks.com/extremecloud-iq/ .	See ExtremeCloud IQ Platform Support on page 23.	Yes

MACsec Platform Support

Table 8: MACsec Supported Platforms

Platform	Ports	LRM/MACsec Adapter Required ?
5320 Series	Supported on all front-panel ports except stacking ports. Not supported on model 5320-24T-4X-XT.	No
5420 Series	Supported on all front-panel ports except stacking ports.	No
5520 Series	Supported on all front-panel ports. Not supported on 5520-VIM-4X and 24X 10G ports.	No

Table 8: MACsec Supported Platforms (continued)

Platform	Ports	LRM/ MACsec Adapter Required ?
5720 Series	Supported on all front-panel ports except stacking ports.	No
7520-48YE-8CE	Supported on all front-panel ports.	No

ExtremeCloud IQ Platform Support

Table 9: Supported Platforms

Switch Series	Switch Models
4120	4120-24MW-4Y 4120-48MW-4Y
4220	4220-8X 4220-12P-4X 4220-12T-4X 4220-24P-4X 4220-24T-4X 4220-48P-4X 4220-48T-4X 4220-4MW-8P-4X 4220-4MW-20P-4X 4220-8MW-40P-4X
5120	5120-24X-4Y 5120-24XT-4Y 5120-44X-4Y-2C
5320	5320-48T-8XE 5320-48P-8XE 5320-24T-8XE 5320-24P-8XE 5320-16P-2MXT-2X 5320-16P-4XE 5320-16P-4XE-DC 5320-24T-4X-XT 5320-24T-24S-4XE-XT

Table 9: Supported Platforms (continued)

Switch Series	Switch Models
5420	5420F-8W-16P-4XE 5420F-24P-4XE 5420F-24S-4XE 5420F-24T-4XE 5420F-16MW-32P-4XE 5420F-16W-32P-4XE 5420F-48P-4XE 5420F-48P-4XL 5420F-48T-4XE 5420M-24T-4YE 5420M-24W-4YE 5420M-16MW-32P-4YE 5420M-24W-24S-4YE 5420M-48T-4YE 5420M-48W-4YE
5520	5520-24T 5520-24W 5520-48T 5520-48W 5520-12MW-36W 5520-24X 5520-48SE 5520-24T-ACDC-BASE 5520-48T-ACDC-BASE 5520-24X-ACDC-BASE 5520-48SE-ACDC-BASE
5720	5720-24MW 5720-24MXW 5720-48MW 5720-48MXW
7520	7520-48Y-8C 7520-48XT-6C 7520-48YE-8CE
7720	7720-32C

MAC Security Feature License

Use of the MAC Security (MACsec) feature requires a slot-based MACsec Feature License.

Slot-based MACsec licenses have the following behaviors:

Table 10: MACsec License Behavior

	No License	License Installed
Standalone Switch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The command <code>show macsec</code> is the only available command.• MACsec cannot be configured or enabled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All MACsec commands are available.• MACsec can be configured and enabled.
Stack	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All MACsec commands are available.• MACsec can be configured on MACsec-capable slots.• If configured, MACsec cannot be enabled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All MACsec commands are available.• MACsec can be configured and enabled on licensed slots.



Note

In a stack, any slot configured with a MACsec-capable module (with `configure slot slot module module_type`) can be configured for MACsec, even if the slot is not physically present, or if the slot is present, but does not have a valid MACsec license installed.