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Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 Software Belease 4.1.2.0

1. Release Summary

Release Date:16 January 2009Purpose:Software maintenance release to address customer found software issues.

2. Important Notes before Upgrading to This Release

None.

3. Platforms Supported

Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 modules in 8010 and 8006 chassis. Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 modules in 8306 and 8310 chassis.

4. Notes for Upgrade

Please see the Nortel Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 Release Notes - Software Release 4.1 and Nortel Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 Upgrades - Software Release 4.1 (Part No : NN46200-401 and Part No : NN46200-400) available at http://www.nortel.com/support , (select Ethernet Routing Switch family) for details on how to upgrade your Ethernet Routing Switch 8300.

File Names for This Release

| File Name | Module or File Type | File Size (bytes) |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| p83b4120.img | Boot monitor image | 1089493 |
| p83a4120.img | Runtime image | 8907482 |
| p83f4120.img | Pre-Boot monitor image "See IMPORTANT Note below | 230786 |

^{**} Nortel recommends that the Pre-Boot Image ONLY be upgraded if the system is currently running a Pre-Boot Monitor Software Rel 3.6. Systems running a Pre-Boot image Rel 3.7 should not be upgraded as there have been no changes to the Pre Boot Image for this release. Please use the CLI command **'show sys sw'** to know the Pre-Boot Monitor Software version.

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| p83r4120.dld | Ethernet module image (Required for I/O) cards | 2290852 |
|------------------|--|---------|
| p83c4120.aes | Encryption module for SNMPv3 (DES) | 26960 |
| p83c4120.img | Encryption module for SSH (3DES) | 52424 |
| p83a4120.mib | MIB file (Private) | 3498747 |
| p83a4120.mib.zip | MIB (zip file) | 554909 |
| p83a4120.md5 | md5 checksum file | 477 |

5. Version of Previous Release

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6. Compatibility

This software release is managed with Java Device Manager (JDM) release 6.0.13.0.

7. Changes in This Release

New SW Features in This Release

This section describes the new software features for the Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 Software Release 4.1.2.0.

| CR Reference | Description |
|--------------|---|
| Q01941996-01 | Add localized flow control feature on 8348GTX |

Enhanced Local Flow Control

This enhancement improves the traffic forwarding performance of 8348GTX especially where the egress speed of the receiving machine is lower than the ingress speed of the transmitting device. An example of such would be 1G servers sending traffic to 100M clients. This operation can now be improved by enabling internal flow control for the 8348GTX module.

Syntax -- CLI

config qos local-flow-control <s/ot-list> {enable|disable}
where

<slot-list> is the slot which the 8348GTX card is inserted in. { enable | disable} is the key word to enable/disable the feature.

Syntax – NNCLI

[no] qos local-flow-control <slot-list>

where

<slot-list> is the slot which the 8348GTX card is inserted in. [no] is the key word to disable the feature.

The general usage of this enhancement includes:

The default status of this feature is disabled.

If the card type on specific slot is not 8348GTX, the following message will be generated:

"Slot N error: local-flow-control is ONLY applicable to 8348GTX/8348GTX-PWR".

The configuration for this slot will not take effect.

To show the configuration of the feature, use the command "show config" on CLI or "show running-config" on NNCLI.

This feature can be configured only by using CLI or NNCLI JDM support is not available.

Note:

- 1. The feature is only designed for 8348GTX/8348GTX-PWR card.
- This feature can be used with or without the prior buffer parameter change configured via config bootconfig qos <true|false>. For additional information regarding this change reference CR 1693903-01 in this document (page 6). The recommendation is for enabling the qos true flag first, and if additional improvement is required, to then enable the flow-control parameter.
- 3. If changing your switch to any prior releases where this feature was not supported previously, one must use a saved configuration based upon the prior release. Config files are not always backwards compatible between releases.

New HW Features in This Release

This section describes the new SFPs supported in Release 4.1.2.0.

| SFP order number | SFP type | Reach |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| AA1419013 LC type | 1000BASE-SX | Up to 550 m |
| AA1419014 MT-RJ type | 1000BASE-SX | Up to 550 m |
| AA1419015 LC type | 1000BASE-LX | Up to 5 km |
| AA1419025 1470nm/Gray | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419026 1490nm/Viole | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419027 1510nm/Blue | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419028 1530nm/Green | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419029 1550nm/Yellow | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419030 1570nm/Orange | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419031 1590nm/Red | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419032 1610nm/Brown | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 40 km |
| AA1419034 1490nm/Violet | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |
| AA1419035 1510nm/Blue | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |
| AA1419036 1530nm/Green | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |
| AA1419037 1550nm/Yellow | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |
| AA1419038 1570nm/Orange | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |
| AA1419039 1590nm/Red | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |

| AA1419040 1610nm/Brown | 1000BASE CWDM | Up to 70 km |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| AA1419043 RJ-45 Type | 1000BASE-T | Up to 100 m |
| AA1419069 | 1-port 1000BASE-BX Small Form Factor Pluggable GBIC (mini-GBIC, connector type: LC) - 1310nm Wavelength. Must be paired with AA1419070 | Up to 10 km |
| AA1419070 | 1-port 1000BASE-BX Small Form Factor Pluggable GBIC (mini-GBIC, connector type: LC) - 1490nm Wavelength. Must be paired with AA1419069 | Up to 10 km |

Old Features Removed From This Release

None

Problems Resolved in This Release

Software Platform

General

The command udpsrc-by-vip now works properly and will no longer cause the output of erroneous HW WARNING log messages. The updsrc-by-vip command now functions properly as expected. (Q01910817)

Switch Management

Security

When the 8300 is configured to use EAPoL and the client uses certificates, the 8300 will properly increment the IDs for Access Requests and NAS Port Type is also now supported. (Q01965961)

Crash/Lockup

When ports leave a multicast group, the memory used by the associated internal node entry will now be properly freed and will no longer cause high DRAM utilization and potential for system instability. (Q01927087-01)

CLI/NNCLI

When NNCLI is used on an 8300 to configure spanning-tree faststart, the configuration will now be saved and restored after a switch reboot. (Q01931784)

Changing the default SNMP community names for either SNMPv1/v2 or SNMPv3 previously was not allowed under NNCLI configuration mode. This operation now functions properly. See also Section 10 on page 8 (Q01952577)

NetMgmt-MIB/SNMP

ERS8300 can now be accessed by JDM with SNMPv3 when system access policies are enabled._ (Q01960564)

Layer 2 switching

General

Protocol performance for communication between a 1G ingress device to either a 10/100M egress device using the 8348GTX maybe improved by using a different buffer allocation scheme. The different buffer allocation scheme is invoked using the boot config command below. The command is invisible under both boot monitor mode and/or run-time mode but can be saved to the bootconfig. To take effect, the bootconfig change must be saved and the system must also be restarted/rebooted. (Q01693903-01)

Syntax

config bootconfig flags qos {true | false}

where

When TRUE is set, the ingress buffers and egress buffer are adjusted on switch to improve protocol performance for the situation noted above. When FALSE is set, the ingress buffers and egress buffer default value are used.

The default value for this flag is FALSE.

To make the configuration effective:

First execute the command "config bootconfig flags qos true" on the run-time CLI mode, or "flags qos true" on boot monitor mode.

Then, save the bootconfig by command "save bootconfig" on the run-time CLI mode, or "save" on boot monitor mode.

Finally, reboot the system by command "boot".

To cancel the feature, set the flags to FALSE. A reboot is also needed for such a change to take affect.

Note:

- 1. After executing the command, saving the bootconfig and rebooting the system are absolutely necessary to make the feature take effect.
- 2. To show the configuration, execute "show bootconfig config" on the run-time CLI mode, or "show config" on boot monitor mode, and the result will be showed.
- 3. When updating this system to any other release which does not supported this feature, please set the flag to FALSE and then save the bootconfig before upgrading your system.
- 4. The feature is only designed for use with the 8348GTX card, and only affects the operation of this module.

MLT/SMLT

ARP/MAC entries for any device that moves within a SMLT network will now point to their correct port where previously they might not. Previously improper traffic passing might be seen because of this. (Q01919399-01,Q01971823)

STP/MSTP

CIST port status in a MSTP configuration will now be saved and restored after a switch reboot or the SF/CPU switches over from master to slave. (Q01939484)

Port status in MSTI now will be properly synchronized with the port status in CIST. (Q01933051)

IP

General

Super net and subnet address of VLAN IP address can now be configured as part of a static route configuration.(Q01918889)

Packets will no longer be routed through the management port when a VRF is configured with no specific external route identified. (Q01931672)

8. Outstanding Issues

When NNCLI is used on an 8300 to configure default routes, this operation will only work properly when the default preference for the default route is configured with a value larger than zero. The reason for this is that the default preference will be filled with 0 if it is not configured. Then, after the switch reboots, the default route will be lost since zero is not a valid number. Workarounds are to configure properly, or else use JDM for configuration. This issue does not apply to systems using [PP]CLI versus NNCLI._(Q01962929)

The Configuration qos - action - permit trust_dscp is currently not saved to config file and will be lost after the switch reboots. In reality this parameter also has no affect on system operation, and therefore should not be set. See CR Q01971443-01 below for more details. (Q01973534)

With prior releases of code when the qos parameter trust-dscp (config ethernet <slot/port> qos trust-dscp [enable|disable]) was set to enable, for certain module types the following inaccurate message would be returned:

Error: trust-dscp is applicable only to ports in 8348GTX and 8348GTX-PWR.

With this release that inaccurate error message will no longer be generated, but at the same time the parameter setting itself is currently completely useless; the parameter currently has no affect for any module type. In order to set trust-dscp operation a filter MUST be used instead. The filter configuration should look like the following:

filter acl 3 ace 100 action permit trust-dscp enable "trust dscp" precedence 1

In the upcoming 4.2 release the 8300 switch operation in this area will be changed such that the qos trust-dscp parameter has meaning, and that a filter configuration is no longer required. Instead the trust-dscp parameter will automatically create and enable the filter for the user. (Q01971443-01)

9. Known Limitations

Only 1 NLB cluster can be supported in each NLB VLAN, if the VLAN is configured with either nlb-mode of multicast or igmp multicast. To support multiple different NLB clusters within the same VLAN, config ip arp multicast-mac-flooding to enabled. (Q01940747).

10. Documentation Corrections

The following is a list of NNCLI commands and their supported formats in 4.0 code:

[no] snmp-server authentication-trap snmp-server bootstrap { min-secure | semi-secure | very-secure } snmp-server community <comm ldx> <name> <security> snmp-server community name <comm ldx> <new-name> snmp-server community security <comm ldx> <security> no snmp-server community <comm Idx> snmp-server contact <contact> [no] snmp-server group <group name> <prefix> <model> <level> snmp-server host <ipaddr> <v1|v2c> <commstr> no snmp-server host <ipaddr> snmp-server location <location> snmp-server member <user name> <model> [<group name>] no snmp-server member <user name> <model> snmp-server name <prompt> snmp-server user <UserName> [<auth protocol>] [auth <password>] [priv <password>] no snmp-server user <user name> snmp-server view <View Name> <subtree oid> [mask <value>] [type <value>] snmp-server view { mask <value> | type <value> } <View Name> <subtree oid>

no snmp-server view <view name> <subtree oid>

In Release 4.1 the formats for each of these commands above have changed to:

[no] snmp-server agnet-conformance enable snmp-server authentication-trap {enable | disable} no snmp-server authentication-trap snmp-server bootstrap { min-secure | semi-secure | very-secure } snmp-server community <community-name> index <index> secname <secname> snmp-server community <community-name> group <groupname> [index <index> secname <secname> | secname <secname>] snmp-server community <community-name> secname <secname> no snmp-server community <community-name> snmp-server contact <contact> [no] snmp-server force-iphdr-sender enable [no] snmp-server force-trap-sender enable snmp-server group <group name> <prefix> {auth-no-priv | auth-priv | no-auth-no-priv | <model> <level>} no snmp-server group <group name> <prefix> snmp-server host <ipaddr> <port|v1|v2c|v3> <commstr> no snmp-server host <ipaddr> snmp-server location <location> snmp-server name <prompt> snmp-server notify-filter <filtername> <Subtree oid> [mask <mask>] snmp-server sender-ip <ipaddress> <ipaddress> snmp-server user engine-id <id> <username> [md5 <password> [aes <password>] des <password>]| sha <password> [aes <password> | des <password>]] no snmp-server user engine-id <id> <username> snmp-server user <UserName> [group <name> [md5 <password>| sha <password>]] snmp-server user <UserName> [notify-view <name>] snmp-server user <UserName> read-view [notify-view <name> | write-view <viewname>] snmp-server user <UserName> write-view [notify-view <name>] no snmp-server user <UserName> snmp-server view <View Name> <subtree oid> [mask <value>] [type <value>] no snmp-server view <view name> <subtree oid> [mask <value> | type {include | exclude}] no snmp-server view <view name> <subtree oid>

This therefore makes the NNCLI section of multiple user manuals inaccurate. This will be cleaned-up with the next release (4.2) documentation set.

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Ethernet Routing Switch 8300

Software Release 4.1.1.0

1. Release Summary

Release Date: 8 July 2008

Purpose: Software maintenance release to provide proper license capability for VLACP and SLPP features. These features are being moved under the Base License from Advanced.

2. Important Notes before Upgrading to This Release

None.

3. Platforms Supported

Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 modules in 8010 and 8006 chassis. Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 modules in 8306 and 8310 chassis.

4. Notes for Upgrade

Please see the Nortel Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 Release Notes - Software Release 4.1 and Nortel Ethernet Routing Switch 8300 Upgrades - Software Release 4.1 (Part No : NN46200-401 and Part No : NN46200-400) available at http://www.nortel.com/support , (select Ethernet Routing Switch family) for details on how to upgrade your Ethernet Routing Switch 8300.

File Names for This Release

| File Name | Module or File Type | File Size (bytes) |
|--------------|--|-------------------|
| p83b4110.img | Boot monitor image | 1089642 |
| p83a4110.img | Runtime image | 8909101 |
| p83f4110.img | Pre-Boot monitor image "See IMPORTANT Note below | 230786 |

^{**} Nortel recommends that the Pre-Boot Image ONLY be upgraded if the system is currently running a Pre-Boot Monitor Software Rel 3.6. Systems running a Pre-Boot image Rel 3.7 should not be upgraded as there have been no changes to the Pre Boot Image for this release. Please use the CLI command **'show sys sw'** to know the Pre-Boot Monitor Software version.

| p83r4110.dld | Ethernet module image (Required for I/O) cards | 2290232 |
|------------------|--|---------|
| p83c4110.aes | Encryption module for SNMPv3 (DES) | 26960 |
| p83c4110.img | Encryption module for SSH (3DES) | 52424 |
| p83a4110.mib | MIB file (Private) | 3498747 |
| p83a4110.mib.zip | MIB (zip file) | 554909 |
| p83a4110.md5 | md5 checksum file | 745 |

5. Version of Previous Release

Software Version **4.1.0.0**

6. Compatibility

This software release is managed with Java Device Manager (JDM) release 6.0.13.0.

7. Changes in This Release

New Features in This Release

License operation in this code release provides support for both the VLACP feature and SLPP feature under the Base License and therefore an Advanced License is no longer required to use these features. Users with either an Advanced or Premier License can use these features with any code, and therefore may wish to not want to move to this new code release for support. For any user wishing to use either VLACP and/or SLPP without the need to purchase an Advanced License, those users must move to this code release.

Old Features Removed From This Release

None

Problems Resolved in This Release

None

8. Outstanding Issues

None

9. Known Limitations

None

10. Documentation Corrections

The new support for VLACP and SLPP under the base license with only 4.1.1.0 code or beyond is already correctly documented in various places of the documentation set, including 4.1.0.0 RN.

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