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PicOS-V

PicOS-V is a free **Virtual Machine (VM)** from Pica8 that can help you get familiar with PicOS Software Switches. PicOS-V is used for validating the configuration of PicOS and testing L2 and L3 features at your own pace, with no costs associated. PicOS-V runs on **VMware**, **GNS3** and **VirtualBox hypervisors**, without the need for a bare-metal switch or specialized hardware..

PicOS-V Benefits

Following are benefits of PicOS-V:

- ✓ No need to wait for switching hardware
- ✓ Free and no license required
- ✓ Get familiar with PicOS Software Switches
- ✓ Validate configuration of PicOS switches
- ✓ Prototype network operations before you commit
- Test features without any risk L2, L3 and upgrade
- Test Automation with PicOS-V
- ✓ Simulate different switch hardware by simply changing models (and serial numbers)

PicOS-V Image Download

PicOS-V version 4.2.2 is now available for multiple virtual environments. Download the image that best suits your use case.

| Name | Format |
|------------|--------|
| ONIE | bin |
| VMware | ova |
| GNS3 | qcow2 |
| VirtualBox | vdi |

Download PicOS-V images for free on the Pica8 website

PicOS-V vs PicOS

The PicOS-V VM is the same as PicOS Network Operating System (NOS) software supported on bare metal switches and contains all the same software features but in a VM format. PicOS-V provides full data plane functionality with layer 2 and layer 3 capabilities. Due to hardware specific implementations, PicOS-V does not support certain features. Hardware centric features like PoE are not supported. The current release does not support OpenFlow, CrossFlow and EVPN but it will be supported in the next release.

PicOS-V Installation and Setup

This section describes how to install and set up PicOS-V in various hypervisors.



PicOS-V Installation and Setup in VMware vSphere ESXi

Create VMs

The following are steps to create a PicOS-V VM in a VMware vSphere ESXi hypervisor.

- 1. Download the OVA disk image for VMware.
- 2. Start the VMware vSphere Web client and connect to your ESXi server.
- 3. Click Create/Register VM as shown below.

| vmware [.] ESXi | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Navigator | 😚 vm222.pica8.local - Virtual Machines |
| ✓ ☐ Host Manage | 👘 Create / Register VM |
| Monitor | Virtual machine |
| 🔻 🚰 Virtual Machines 🛛 28 | 🗋 🔂 Ansible |

4. Select Deploy a virtual machine from an OVF or OVA file and click Next.

| The wirtual machine | | |
|--|--|---|
| Select creation type Select OVF and VMDK files Select storage | Select creation type How would you like to create a Virtual Machine? | |
| 4 License agreements 5 Deployment options 6 Additional settings 7 Ready to complete | Create a new virtual machine Dippoya virtual machine from an OVF or OVA tie Register an existing virtual machine | This option guides you through the process of creating a virtual machine from an OVP and VMDK files. |
| vm ware [.] | | |
| | | Back Next Finish Cancel |

5. Select OVA image file by entering the name of the PicOS-V VM and drag the PicOS-V OVA image file into the box highlighted in blue and then click Next. Click Next on the Select Storage part of the setup wizard.

| 1 New virtual machine - PicOS-V-23 | 2 |
|--|--|
| 1 Select creation type 2 Select OVF and VMDK files 3 Select storage 4 License agreements | Select OVF and VMDK files Select the OVF and VMDK files or OVA for the VM you would like to deploy |
| 5 Deployment options 6 Additional settings 7 Ready to complete | Enter a name for the virtual machine. PicOS-V-232 Virtual machine names can contain up to 80 characters and they must be unique within each ESXI instance. |
| | × 🖾 picos-4.2.1-019ad0ef74-x86x.ova |
| vm ware | |
| | Back Next Finish Cancel |



 Select Deployment options, select the appropriate network for the Out-Of-Band (OOB) port for the Virtual Switch, select Thin Disk provisioning and click Next.

| 12 New virtual machine - PicOS-V-2 | 1 | |
|---|---|---------------|
| 1 Select creation type | Deployment options | |
| 2 Select OVF and VMDK files 3 Select storage | Select deployment options | |
| ✓ 4 Deployment options | | |
| 5 Ready to complete | Network mappings VM Network SDN-Lab-Management-192.168.42.0 | Ŧ |
| | Disk provisioning Thin Thick | |
| | | |
| vm ware | <u>×</u> | |
| | Back Next | Finish Cancel |

7. Click *Finish* as shown below. If your goal is to only verify the PicOS configuration commands syntax, then you can stop with this step. If you want to test functionality of L2 and L3 features, you need to setup data ports in the VM provided in the following step.

| 1 New virtual machine - PicOS-V-232 | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 Select creation type 2 Select OVF and VMDK files 3 Select storage | Ready to complete Review your settings selection before fin | ishing the wizard |
| 4 Deployment options 5 Ready to complete | Product | picos-4.2.1-019ad0ef74-x86v |
| | VM Name | PicOS-V-232 |
| | Disks | picos-4.2.1-019ad0ef74-x86v-disk1.vmdk |
| | Datastore | datastore1 |
| | Provisioning type | Thin |
| | Network mappings | VM Network: SDN-Lab-Management-192.168.42.0 |
| | Guest OS Name | Unknown |
| | Do not refresh your brow | ser while this VM is being deployed. |
| vm ware | | ↓ · · · · |
| | | Back Next Finish Cancel |

8. Add four data ports to the newly created PicOS-V VM. Turn off the power to the VM and select the Virtual Machines menu, select the VM you just provisioned and select the Actions menu and click *Edit settings as shown below*. Limit the number of data ports to 4 as Hypervisor Servers do not have a large number of ports like bare metal switches.

| vmware: ESXi | | | n | of @ 172.16.0.222 - Hwj |
|--|---|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 🕞 Navigator 🗈 | 🗇 vm222.pica8.local - Virtual Machines | | | |
| * 🔓 Host Manage | 🛅 Create / Register VM 📔 👹 Console 📄 🕨 Power o | 🗮 Power off 🔢 Suspend 🛛 🤁 Ref | hesh Actions | |
| Monitor | Virtual machine | v Status v Used space | Guer PicOS-V-232 | Host CPU |
| Virtuel Machines | B anon-testing B Emmethanis Grateria CENTOS | Normal 5.11 GB | Ubu The Guest OS | 0 MHz |
| Monitor | B Ubuntu21 | Vormal 28.99 GB | Ubu G Snapshots | 0 MHz |
| Storage | Sushanshu-AmpCon-115 B GNS3-Pic05-V-231 | Normal 2.88 GB Normal 8.11 GB | Cent Console | demo-231 10 MHz |
| * 😥 Networking 📃 | | Normal 1.01 GB | Debi | 0 MHz |
| Montor | | | R Export | |
| Manitar | PicOS-V-232 | | EdR settings EdR settings | |
| SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 Montor | Guest OS Compatibility | Debtan GNU/Linux 8 (54-bit) ESX0 6.0 and later (VM version 11) | BdR notes | |
| More networks | CPUs | 1 4 GB | Bename | |
| | C | | B Unvegister | |
| | | | B Dolete | |



9. Add four data ports by clicking *Add* network adapter four times and select appropriate network for each adapter and click *Save* as shown below. Turn the power for the VM on.

| Artual Hardware VM Options | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 🔜 Add hard disk 🛛 🛤 Add networf | k adapter 🗧 Add other device | | |
| CPU | 1 ~ | | |
| Memory | 4096 MB ~ | | |
| Hard disk 1 | 10 GB ~ | | 0 |
| Network Adapter 1 | SDN-Lab-Management-192.168.42.0 | Connect | ۲ |
| Max New Network Adapter | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 V Connect | |
| New Network Adapter | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 V Connect O | |
| New Network Adapter | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 V Connect © | |
| New Network Adapter | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 | SDN-LAB-Pelican-113 V Connect O | |
| Floppy drive 1 | | ~ | 0 |

After creating PicOS-V VM, refer to the section Quick Start Steps to Setup PicOS-V.

PicOS-V Installation, Setup and Testing in GNS3

This section describes how to install and set-up PicOS-V with VMware and <u>GNS3</u> to create two spines and one leaf virtual switch topology shown below to test PicOS' L2 and L3 software features. In this example, we will test the <u>MLAG</u> feature. The following is a test topology in a GNS3 environment.





Leaf-01 switch accesses the network through *Spine-01* and *Spine-02* switches using LACP LAG. The peer link between the *Spine-01* and *Spine-02* switches is configured to carry MLAG related control traffic and is very critical to the operation of the MLAG function. Two Debian Linux servers are used in GNS3 to test MLAG.

Installation, setup and testing requires the following six major steps:

- 1. Install GNS3 VM
- 2. Import PicOS-V VM inside GNS3 environment
- 3. Import Debian Linux Server in GNS3 environment
- 4. Create MLAG test topology in GNS3 environment (similar to the one given in the above picture)
- 5. Configure PicOS-V virtual switches and Debian Linux servers to test MLAG
- 6. Test MLAG test topology in GNS3

Install GNS3 VM in VMware vSphere ESXi Hypervisor

The following are steps to create a GNS3 VM in a VMware vSphere ESXi hypervisor:

- 1. Download GNS3 VM to run in VMware vSphere ESXi hypervisor.
- Install the GNS3 VM on ESXi server: Follow the documentation given in this link to install GNS3.
 Please note: If you are using ESXi 6.0 or 6.5, you may run into the following bug when you import the GNS3 VM.



Click Reload and log back into vSphere Web client. Click Help and click Update as shown below:

| vmware" ESXi" | | root@192.168.42.122 - I Help - |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Navigator | Calhost.localdomain | About |
| ∽ 📱 Host | | 🌛 Help |
| Manage | 🕝 Get vCenter Server 🛛 🎦 Create/Register VM 🛛 🛅 Shut down 🔹 Reboot 🛛 🧭 Refresh 🛛 🌞 Actions 🥣 | 🐣 Update |
| Monitor | Iocalhost.localdomain Version: 6.0.0 Update 3 (Build 5050593) | Keedback |
| > 🗗 Virtual Machines 2 | State: Normal (not connected to any vCenter Server) | vm VMware.com |
| Storage | Uptime: 27.22 days | P Tools and links |

Enter the URL provided here in the box and click **Update** as shown below: <u>http://download3.vmware.com/software/vmw-tools/esxui/esxui-signed-12086396.vib</u>



| vmware [.] ESXi ^{°°} | | | го |
|--|--|---|----|
| Navigator | localhost.localdomain | | |
| Host Manage Monitor | Get vCenter Server 1 Coalhos Venion: State: Uptime: | CreaterRegister VM Sout down Sout Reboot Fieldesh Actions Localdomain Localdoma | |
| | Vou are running Dell Hardware Model GUU Model Model | Install update Enter the URL, or datastore path of the VIB below ///download3.vmeare.com/software/vme-tools/essu//essu/-signed-12085396.vb Use proxy server pdate Cancel | |

Click *Continue* to install the hot patch in the ESXi server. After the hot patch is installed in the GNS3 server, follow this link to Install the GNS3 VM on ESXi Server.

After you install the GNS3 VM, turn off the VM power, select *edit settings* and expand *CPU* to check the nested VM support in the ESXi server. Hardware Virtualization needs to be enabled in this case. In addition Set *Memory* to 8 GB and click *Save*.

| Edit settings - GNS3-PicOS-V-231 (ES Add hard disk Mark Add network ad | XI 5.1 virtual machine) apter 🗧 Add other device | |
|---|---|--|
| CPU | 1 ~ | |
| Cores per Socket | 1 V Sockets: 1 | |
| CPU Hot Plug | Enable CPU Hot Add | |
| Reservation | None ~ MHz ~ | |
| Limit | Unlimited V MHz V | |
| Shares | Normal V 1000 V | |
| Hardware virtualization | Expose hardware assisted virtualization to the guest OS | |
| Performance counters | Enable virtualized CPU performance counters | |
| Scheduling Affinity | Hyperthreading Status: Not active | |
| | Save Cancel | |

Power up the VM on the console of the VM and click **OK**. The GNS3 VM gets its **IP address** (192.168.42.34 in this example) from the DHCP server and it is displayed on the console. The credentials to login to the console are given: username is gns3 and password is gns3. The Web URL to access the GNS environment is given (http://192.168.42.34).





Install GNS3 Client on the Laptop and Setup GNS3 Environment for Testing PicOS-V Features

Following are steps to create a GNS3 client on the laptop and setup a GNS3 environment for testing PicOS-V features:

- 1. Install GNS3 client on your laptop. Follow the instruction provided below to install the GNS3 client.
 - a. Install GNS3 on Mac OS X environment.
 - b. Install GNS3 using a Windows environment.
- 2. Run GNS3 client on the laptop
- 3. Configure Main GNS3 server as follows in the GNS3 Application. Select GNS3->Preferences menu and enter remote GNS server parameters as shown below (use GNS3 VM info at the end of page 9) and click OK.



Import PicOS-V VM in GNS3 Environment

Following are steps to import PicOS-V VM in GNS3:

Import PicOS-V VM: Select GNS3->Preferences->QEMU->Qemu VMs menu and click New as shown below.





Enter the name of the QEMU VM as shown below and click Next.



Select the QEMU binary as shown below. Enter the 2048 MB for RAM and click Next as shown below.



Set the Console type to telnet and click Next as shown below.





Select New Image and select Disk image picos-4.2.2.2-a6e80f981c-x86v.qcow2 and click Finish.



Configure PicOS-V QEMU VM Template: Select GNS3->Preferences->QEMU->Qemu VMs->PicOSV-4.2.2 menu and click Edit as shown below.





Set the Symbol to :/symbols/classic/multilayer_switch.svg and Category to Switches as shown below.

| | QEMU VM template configuration |
|--------------------|---|
| PicOS-V-4.2.2 | |
| General settings | HDD CD/DVD Network Advanced Usage |
| Template name: | PicOS-V-4.2.2 |
| Default name forma | at: {name}-{0} |
| Symbol: | :/symbols/classic/multilayer_switch.svg |
| Category: | Switches 👻 |
| RAM: | 2048 MB 🗘 |
| vCPUs: | 1 |
| Qemu binary: | /bin/qemu-system-x86_64 (v4.2.1) - |
| Boot priority: | HDD * |
| On close: | Power off the VM |
| Console type: | teinet 🔹 🗸 Auto start console |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | Cancel OK |

Click the HDD tab and make sure Disk interface is set to sata as shown below:

| QEMU VM template configuration | |
|--|----------|
| PicOS-V-4.2.2 | |
| Assessing HDD OD/DUD Network Advanced Users | |
| General settings HDD CD/DVD Network Advanced Usage | |
| HDA (Primary Master) | |
| Disk image: icos-4.2.2.2-a6e80f981c-x86v.qcow2 Browse Ci | reate |
| Disk interface: sata | • |
| | |
| HDB (Primary Slave) | |
| Disk image: Browse Cr | reate |
| Disk interface: none | - |
| | |
| HDC (Secondary Master) | |
| Disk image: Browse Cr | reate |
| Disk interface: none | ~ |
| | |
| HDD (Secondary Slave) | |
| Automatically create a config disk on HDD | |
| Disk image: Browse Cr | reate |
| Disk interface: none | - |
| | |
| | |
| Cancel | ок |
| | |



Click the **Network** tab and set the value of **Adapters** to **5**, **port name** to **eth0**, **name format** to **swp{port1}** and **Type** to **Paravirtualized Network I/O (virtio-net-pci)** and then click **OK** as shown below. **eth0** is used as Out-Of-Band (OOB) management port, and **four more switch ports** are added for traffic testing.

| • • • | QEMU VM template configuration |
|-------------------------|--|
| PicOS-V-4.2.2 | |
| General settings HDD | CD/DVD Network Advanced Usage |
| | |
| Adapters: | 5 |
| First port name: | eth0 |
| Name format: | swp{port1} |
| Segment size: | 0 😂 |
| Base MAC: | |
| Туре: | Paravirtualized Network I/O (virtio-net-pci) |
| Custom adapters: | <u>C</u> onfigure custom adapters |
| ✓ Replicate network con | nection states in Qemu |
| Use the legacy netwo | rking mode |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | Cancel OK |

Import Debian Linux Server in GNS3 Environment

Provision Linux Server VM for generating traffic: Select File->New Template menu and select Install an appliance from the GNS3 server and click Next as shown below.



Click **Update from online registry** and search for **Debian** on the filter field as shown below. Click **Install** and select **install the appliance on the main server** for the Server type field, then click **Next** two times. If you find a **Missing** status for the server image, click **Download** to download both qcow2 and iso images under Debian version 11.2 to your laptop and click Import to **import** the server images you downloaded.



| ectories by default | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| | | | | |
| pliance version and files | Size | Status | | _ |
| Debian version 11.2 | 241.9 MB | Missing files | | |
| debian-cloud-init-data.iso | 366.0 KB | Missing | | |
| Debian version 10.11 | 241.5 MB | Missing Mission files | | |
| debian-cloud-init-data iso | 3660 KB | Mission | | |
| debian-10-genericcloud-amd64-20211011-792.gcow2 | 222.2 MB | Missing | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Import Download | | Allow custom files | <u>Create a new version</u> | Refrest |

Click Install to install the Debian Server in your GNS3 environment.



Create MLAG Test Topology in GNS3 Environment

We have already imported the PicOS-V virtual switch and Debian Linux server templates in GNS3.

Create the project: First create a new GNS3 Project by selecting *File-> New blank project menu*, as shown below. Enter the name of the new project as *PicOS-V MLAG Testing* and click *OK* as shown below.

Create a new project

First create a new GNS3 Project by selecting *File->New blank project* menu, enter the name of the new project as *PicOS-V MLAG Testing* and click *OK* as shown below.





Spin up 3 PicOS-V Switches and Connect Them

Select **PicOS-V** device from the Devices Menu on the left and drag three PicOS-V devices into the new project window as shown below. Also drag a Cloud device over each PicOS-V switch as shown below. Select **connector icon** from the **Devices Menu** on the right, then right click on each Cloud device and select **eth0 port** and connect it to the **eth0 port** of the PicOS switch as shown below. Click **Play** button on the top menu to activate the connection, and power up all the three switches.

Using GNS3 Cloud you can make a connection between your PicOS-V switch and your local network or with the internet. PicOS-V management interface eth0 will get an IP address from a DHCP server located in the local network.





Right click first PicOS-V switch and select console as shown below.



Login to the first PicOS-V switch using the default credentials with username **admin** and password **pica8**. It will prompt you to change the password for **admin** user. Change password for **admin** user.

Xorplus login: admin Password: You are required to change your password immediately (administrator enforced) Changing password for admin. Current password: New password: Retype new password:

Now check the management IP address assigned to the interface **eth0** by the DHCP server using the following CLI. Note down this management IP address. We will later need this IP address for importing this switch into PicOS-V.

```
admin@Xorplus> bash "ifconfig eth0"
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
inet 192.168.42.10 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.42.255
```

Verify whether ssh to this PicOS-V switch works from your laptop as shown below:

\$ ssh admin@192.168.42.10 The authenticity of host '192.168.42.10 (192.168.42.10)' can't be established. ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:yP06uqTcOY9T2Jo2F4EDyZpfV7CaLSC36UWqJTXfdfY. Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes Warning: Permanently added '192.168.42.10' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts. Debian GNU/Linux 10 admin@192.168.42.10's password: Synchronizing configuration...OK. Welcome to PICOS on Xorplus

Similarly note down the management IP address of second and third PicOS-V switches (Example: 192.168.42.37 and 192.168.42.14).



Make Connections Between the Three PicOS-V Switches

Following connections are made as shown in the topology below:

- 1. Connect port swp1of the first switch with port swp1 of the second switch
- 2. Connect port swp2 of the first switch with port swp2 of the second switch
- $\ensuremath{\textbf{3.}}$ Connect port swp3 of the first switch with port swp1 of the third switch
- 4. Connect port swp3 of the second switch with port swp2 of the third switch



We are planning to use AmpCon to configure the newly provisioned PicOS-V switches. AmpCon expects a unique **Serial Number** from each PicOS or PicOS-V switch. Following needs to be done to set the Serial Number in the first PicOS-V switch. Right click the first switch and select **Console** and login to the switch using **admin** user credentials. Execute the following command from the CLI. It sets the first PicOS-V switch's Serial Number to **62A544A8C505**

admin@Xorplus> bash "sudo /etc/reset-product.sh -s 62A544A8C505"
Reset serial-number '62A544A8C508' to '62A544A8C505'
Reset has beed done. Please reboot the virtual machine.

Execute the following command to reboot the PicOS-V switch and make the new Serial Number take effect. (Readability grammar?)

admin@Xorplus> bash "sudo reboot"

Similarly set the Serial Number of the second PicOS-V switch to 62A544A8C506 and third switch to 62A544A8C507.

Spin Up Two Debian Servers and Connect

Select **Debian Server** device from the Devices Menu on the left and drag two **Debian Server** devices into the new project window as shown below.

Following connections are made as shown in the topology below:

 Select connector icon from the Devices Menu on the left, then right click on the first Debian Server and select ens4 port and connect it to the swp4 port of the first PicOS-V switch as shown below.



 Select connector icon from the Devices Menu on the left, then right click on the second Debian Server and select ens4 port and connect it to the swp4 port of the first the third PicOS-V switch as shown below.

Click the *Play* icon on the top to power up the two Debian Servers.



Following are the steps to setup management IP for the first Debian Server.

- Right click on the first Debian Server and select Console. Login to the Debian server with the following default credentials: username: debian and password: debian
- 2. Execute the following command to backup the current interfaces file: sudo cp /etc/network/interfaces /etc/network/interface.bak
- 3. Setup IP address for the management interface as follows:
 - a. Execute the following command to edit the interfaces file:

```
sudo vim /etc/network/interfaces
Add the following lines to end of the file and save the file
auto ens4
iface ens4 inet static
address 192.168.15.99
netmask 255.255.255.0
gateway 192.168.15.1
dns-nameservers 8.8.8.8
Postat the networking using the following command:
```

- **b.** Restart the networking using the following command: sudo systemctl restart networking
- 4. Verify whether management IP is setup correctly using the following command:

```
debian@debian:~$ ip addr show ens4
2: ens4: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000
link/ether 0c:a4:6c:ae:00:00 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
altname enp0s4
inet 192.168.15.99/24 brd 192.168.15.255 scope global ens4
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
inet6 fe80::ea4:6cff:feae:0/64 scope link
valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
```



Similarly, setup the management IP for the second Debian Server to 192.168.15.100/24.

Configure MLAG in PicOS-V Virtual Switches

You may do this in one of two ways:

- 1. Use AmpCon to automate configuration of MLAG in PicOS-V switches and test. If you choose this option, please read <u>Using</u> <u>AmpCon to manage PicOS-V switches -Evaluation Guide</u>.
- 2. Manually configure MLAG in PicOS-V switches. Refer to the <u>Example for Configuring a Basic MLAG</u> document for configuring MLAG in three PicOS-V virtual switches. An example MLAG configuration used for testing MLAG functionality in the GNS3 environment is provided in Appendix A of this document.





Execute the following CLIs to verify the MLAG functionality.

| admin@spine-01> show mlag domain summary Domain ID: 10 Domain MAC: 48:6E:73:FF:00:0a Node ID: 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
| Peer Link | Peer I | Р | 1 | Peer V | lan Ne | ighbor | Status | Config | Matched | MAC S | Synced # | t of Links |
| ae2 | 10.10. | 0.2 | 4 | 1088 | ES | TABLISH | ED | Yes | | Yes | | 1 |
| admin@spin summary To | e-01> s tal Lin | show mla nks: 1 | g lin | nk | | | | | | | | |
| | Link | Local | LAG | Link | Status | Local | Status | Peer | Status | Config | Matched | Flood |
| | | 1 | ae1 | | FU | LL | | UP | | UP | | Yes No |

ae2 is the peer link between Spine-01 and Spine-02 to carry MLAG related control traffic. **ae1** is the LAG port in the Leaf-01 switch with two **directly connected** physical ports to guarantee reliable communication with peer devices. The above CLI commands verify that both Peer Link port **ae2** and LAG port **ae1** are up and functional.



Verify MLAG Functionality with Traffic Test

Log into the console of the **Debian11.2-1** Server from the GNS3 client Application and execute the following Linux shell command to send **100 packets from** the **Debian11.2-1 Server** connected to the Spine-01 switch to the **Debian11.2-2 Server** connected to the Leaf-01 switch.

```
debian@debian:~$ ping -c 100 192.168.15.100
PING 192.168.15.100 (192.168.15.100) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=6.73 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=40.9 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=3.06 ms
```

When the ICMP traffic is flowing, right click on the link between the **Spine-01** and the **Leaf-01**. Select **Suspend** to stop the traffic flowing through that link as shown below. MLAG will make the traffic flow **from** the **Spine-01** switch **to the Leaf-01** switch **via the Spine-02** switch.



The output of ping traffic verifies that there is no packet loss when the link between Spine-01 and Leaf-01 goes down. This verifies MLAG functionality.

```
<... output suppressed ...>
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=97 ttl=64 time=4.52 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=98 ttl=64 time=4.55 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=99 ttl=64 time=4.14 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.15.100: icmp_seq=100 ttl=64 time=4.22 ms
---- 192.168.15.100 ping statistics ----
100 packets transmitted, 100 received, 0% packet loss, time 99912ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 2.761/4.428/40.906/3.756 ms
```



PicOS-V Installation and Setup in VirtualBox

Create VMs

The following are steps to create a PicOS-V VM in VirtualBox.

In this example VirtualBox is installed on a MacOS laptop. VirtualBox can be downloaded from <u>Download VirtualBox</u>. Quit VirtualBox Software before starting the install instructions below:

1. Copy the PicOS-V VDI format image to your laptop



2. Start VirtualBox



3. Create a PicOS-V virtual machine by selecting Machine -> New





4. Give the new virtual machine a name and select the appropriate OS and version as shown below and click Continue

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5. Set Memory Size for PicOS-V VM to 2048 MB as required and click Continue

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6. Select Use an existing virtual hard drive file then click the folder icon

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7. Click Add

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8. Select the PicOS-V VDI image file you copied in step 1 and click **Open** as shown below:

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9. Select the VDI image and click *Choose* as shown below:

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10. Finish by clicking Create as shown below.



11. Click Start to start the PicOS-V VM as shown below:



After creating PicOS-V VM, refer to the section Quick Start Steps to Setup PicOS-V.

Quick Start Steps to Set-up PicOS-V

Following are steps to set-up the PicOS-V VM.

 Login via console: Once you import the PicOS-V VM into the hypervisor, from the VM console log into the PicOS-V VM with the default admin account and the default password is pica8. It will prompt you to change the password for the admin account first.

2. Set the hardware model of the bare metal switch you want to simulate: By default, the switch model of the PicOS-V VM is to the Edgecore AS5812_54X switch model. Run the following CLI to check the current simulated hardware model. set



admin@Xorplus> show version Copyright (C) 2009-2022 Pica8, Inc.

| Base ethernet MAC Address | : | 00:0c:29:32:54:88 |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Hardware Model | : | AS5812_54X |
| Linux System Version/Revision | : | 4.2.2.2/a6e80f981c |
| Linux System Released Date | : | 04/02/2022 |
| L2/L3 Version/Revision | : | 4.2.2.2/a6e80f981c |
| L2/L3 Released Date | : | 04/02/2022 |

To set the PicOS-V VM to the desired hardware model, execute the following command from the PicOS CLI prompt. In the following example we are setting the PicOS-V VM to simulate Dell's N3248P-ON switch.

```
admin@Xorplus> bash "sudo /etc/reset-product.sh -p N3248P-ON"
Reset product 'as5812_54x' to 'N3248P-ON'
Reset has been done. Please reboot the virtual machine.
```

When you change the hardware model, always delete the following files. It will erase the start-up config of old hardware model which includes specific interface names.

admin@Xorplus> bash "sudo rm /pica/config/*"
admin@Xorplus > bash "sudo rm /backup/pica/config/*"

Reboot the PicOS-V switch to change to the new hardware model, to take effect as follows from the console:

admin@Xorplus > request system reboot

3. Configure the Ethernet management port eth0 with a static IP address as show below in the console:

```
admin@Xorplus> configure
Entering configuration mode.
There are no other users in configuration mode.
admin@Xorplus# set system management-ethernet eth0 ip-address IPv4 "192.168.42.140/24"
admin@Xorplus# set system management-ethernet eth0 ip-gateway IPv4 192.168.42.1
admin@Xorplus# set system hostname PicOS-V-140
admin@Xorplus# commit
Commit OK.
Save done.
```

4. SSH to the newly created VM: After configuring the Ethernet management interface using the console, you will be able to SSH to the PicOS-V VM using admin account with the password you set in this step and start using it. You are not required to install any software license for PicOS-V to use it, and it is free.

```
$ ssh admin@192.168.42.140
The authenticity of host '192.168.42.140 (192.168.42.140)' can't be established.
ECDSA key fingerprint is SHA256:yP06uqTcOY9T2Jo2F4EDyZpfV7CaLSC36UWqJTXfdfY.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.42.140' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
Debian GNU/Linux 10
admin@192.168.42.140's password:
Synchronizing configuration...OK.
Welcome to PICOS on PicOS-V-140
```



To verify the hardware model change, ssh to the PicOS-V-140 virtual switch and run the following CLI:

5. Data ports: First four ports can be used for L2 and L3 feature functionality tests.

| admin@PicOS-V-140> show interface brief | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Interface | Management | Status | Flow Control | Duplex | Speed |
| | | | | | |
| ge-1/1/1 | Enabled | Up | Disabled | Full | 1Gb/s |
| ge-1/1/2 | Enabled | Up | Disabled | Full | 1Gb/s |
| ge-1/1/3 | Enabled | Up | Disabled | Full | 1Gb/s |
| ge-1/1/4 | Enabled | Up | Disabled | Full | 1Gb/s |

6. Anytime you want to erase the startup-config without changing the hardware model, you can run the following CLI:

```
admin@PicOS-V-140> configure
Entering configuration mode.
There are no other users in configuration mode
admin@PicOS-V-140 # rollback default
admin@PicOS-V-140 # commit
Commit OK.
Save done.
```

Upgrade PicOS-V

This section describes how to upgrade PicOS-V from one version to another.

Check the current version of PicOS-V using the following CLI command.



In this example we are going to upgrade PicOS-V from version 4.2.1 to version 4.2.2. Upgrade involves following two steps:

1. Copy the new image to /cftmp directory in the PicOS switch. Use scp to copy the image to /cftmp directory first in the PicOS-V switch. The following is an example.

admin@Spine-01> bash "sudo scp admin@192.168.42.114:/home/admin/onie-installer-picos-4.2.2.2a6e80f981c-x86v.bin /cftmp/onie-installer-picos-4.2.2.2-a6e80f981c-x86v.bin" admin@192.168.42.114's password:

onie-installer-picos-4.2.2.2-a6e80f981cx86v.bin 100% 209MB 73.5MB/s 00:02

 Execute upgrade2 CLI. Execute the following CLI to upgrade the PicOS-V switch from version 4.2.1 to 4.2.2. admin@ Spine-01> upgrade2 image-file onie-installer-picos-4.2.2.2-a6e80f981c-x86v.bin

Next Steps

Read the <u>PicOS Routing and Switching Configuration Guide</u> to learn about using the PicOS NOS and test the features on your virtual switches.

Reference

PicOS

The following are reference materials related to PicOS:

PicOS Routing and Switching Configuration Guide

GNS3

The following are reference materials related to GNS3:

• Getting Started with GNS3

AmpCon

The following are reference materials related to AmpCon:

AmpCon to manage PicOS-V switches - Evaluation Guide



Appendix-A - Example MLAG Configuration Used in GNS3 Environment

The following example configurations are used in the GNS3 environment to test MLAG functionality in PicOS-V virtual switches.

Spine-01 PicOS-V Switch Configuration

The configuration used in the Spine-01 PicOS-V switch is given below:

```
admin@spine-01> show running-config | display set"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael aggregated-ether-options lacp enable true
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching port-mode "trunk"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 15
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 16
set interface aggregate-ethernet ae2 family ethernet-switching native-vlan-id 4088
set interface aggregate-ethernet ae2 family ethernet-switching port-mode "trunk"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ae2 family ethernet-switching vlan members 15
set interface aggregate-ethernet ae2 family ethernet-switching vlan members 16
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/1 ether-options 802.3ad "ae2"
set interface qigabit-ethernet te-1/1/2 ether-options 802.3ad "ae2"
set interface qigabit-ethernet te-1/1/3 ether-options 802.3ad "ae1"
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/4 family ethernet-switching native-vlan-id 15
set ip routing enable true
set 13-interface vlan-interface vlan4088 address 10.10.0.1 prefix-length 24
set protocols lldp enable true
set protocols mlag domain 10 node 0
set protocols mlag domain 10 peer-ip 10.10.0.2 peer-link "ae2"
set protocols mlag domain 10 peer-ip 10.10.0.2 peer-vlan 4088
set protocols mlag domain 10 interface ael link 1
set system hostname "spine-01"
set vlans vlan-id 15
set vlans vlan-id 16
set vlans vlan-id 4088 13-interface "vlan4088"
```

Spine-02 PicOS-V Switch Configuration

The configuration used in the Spine-02 PicOS-V switch is given below.

```
admin@spine-02> show running-config | display set
```

```
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael aggregated-ether-options lacp enable true
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching port-mode "trunk"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 15
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 16
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching native-vlan-id 4088
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching port-mode "trunk"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching port-mode "trunk"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 15
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 15
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 16
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/1 ether-options 802.3ad "ael"
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/2 ether-options 802.3ad "ael"
```



```
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/3 ether-options 802.3ad "ael"
set ip routing enable true
set 13-interface vlan-interface vlan4088 address 10.10.0.2 prefix-length 24
set protocols 11dp enable true
set protocols mlag domain 10 node 1
set protocols mlag domain 10 peer-ip 10.10.0.1 peer-link "ae2"
set protocols mlag domain 10 peer-ip 10.10.0.1 peer-vlan 4088
set protocols mlag domain 10 interface ael link 1
set system hostname "spine-02"
set vlans vlan-id 15
set vlans vlan-id 16
set vlans vlan-id 4088 13-interface "vlan4088"
```

Leaf-01 PicOS-V Switch Configuration

The configuration used in the Leaf-01 PicOS-V switch is given below:

```
admin@Leaf-01> show running-config |display set
set alias s as "show|display set|no-more"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael aggregated-ether-options lacp enable true
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching port-mode "trunk"
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 15
set interface aggregate-ethernet ael family ethernet-switching vlan members 16
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/1 family ethernet-switching native-vlan-id 15
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/2 ether-options 802.3ad "ael"
set interface gigabit-ethernet te-1/1/2 ether-options 802.3ad "ael"
set ip routing enable true
set protocols lldp enable true
set system hostname "Leaf-01"
set vlans vlan-id 15
set vlans vlan-id 16
```