

Lenovo RackSwitch G8296

Release Notes

For Lenovo Cloud Network Operating System 10.9

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Note: Before using this information and the product it supports, read the general information in the *Safety information and Environmental Notices* and *User Guide* documents on the *Lenovo Documentation CD* and the *Warranty Information* document that comes with the product.

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This release supplement provides the latest information regarding Lenovo Cloud Network Operating System 10.9 for the Lenovo RackSwitch G8296 (referred to as G8296 throughout this document).

This supplement modifies and extends the following Cloud NOS documentation for use with CNOS 10.9:

- *Lenovo Network Application Guide for Lenovo Cloud Network Operating System 10.9*
- *Lenovo Network Command Reference for Lenovo Cloud Network Operating System 10.9*
- *Lenovo Network Python Programming Guide for Lenovo Cloud Network Operating System 10.9*
- *Lenovo Network REST API Programming Guide for Lenovo Cloud Network Operating System 10.9*
- *Lenovo RackSwitch G8296 Installation Guide for Lenovo Network Operating System*

These publications are available from the following website:

http://systemx.lenovofiles.com/help/topic/com.lenovo.systemx.common.nav.doc/overview_rack_switches.html

Please keep these release notes with your product manuals.

Note: The Lenovo Cloud Network OS is based on the Embedded Linux Integration Environment (ELIE). To obtain open source code licenses, go to <https://github.com/lenovo/ELIE/tree/master/eli-1.7.1/licenses/>. For details on how to obtain open source code, please contact Lenovo Support.

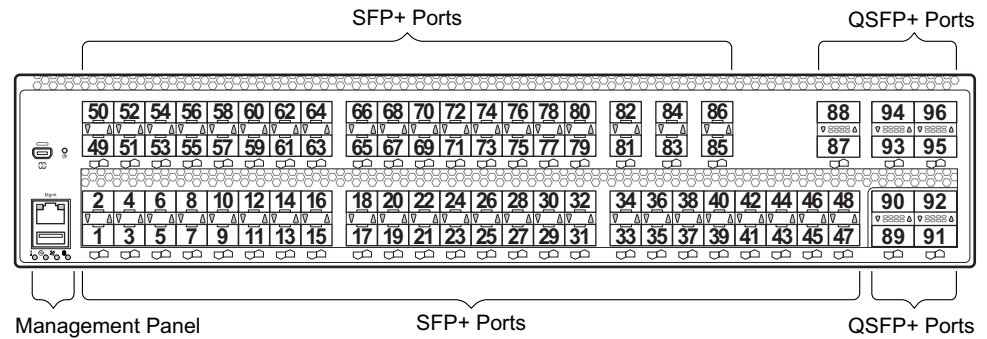
Hardware Support

CNOS 10.9 software is supported on the G8296 high performance Layer 2-3 network switches.

The G8296 is a 2U rack-mountable aggregation switch. The G8296 uses a wire-speed, non-blocking switching fabric that provides simultaneous wire-speed transport of multiple packets at low latency on all ports.

- Eighty-six 10 Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) Small Form Pluggable Plus (SFP+) ports which also support legacy 1 GbE connections
- Ten 40 GbE Quad Small Form Pluggable Plus (QSFP+) ports, two of which (Ethernet 1/87 and Ethernet 1/88) can optionally be used as four 10 GbE SFP+ ports

Figure 1. G8296 front panel



Converting the Switch Software Image from CNOS to ENOS

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To download all necessary software images, go to the following website:

<http://support.lenovo.com>

1. Download the ENOS boot image to the switch and enter **y** to confirm the download operation.

```
G8296> enable
G8296# copy tftp tftp://<tftp server IP>/G8296-8.4.1.0_Boot.imgs system-image
boot vrf management
Confirm download operation? (y/n) [n] y
Download in progress
.....
Copy Success

Install image...This takes about 90 seconds. Please wait
Check image signature succeeded
Extracting image: 100%
Installing eNOS RFS:
Updating flash: 100%
Extracting image: 100%
Installing eNOS Kernel:
Updating flash: 100%
Extracting image: 100%
Installing eNOS DFT:
Updating flash: 100%
Extracting image: 100%
Installing uboot:
Updating flash: 100%
Boot image installation succeeded.
```

2. Download the ENOS system image to the switch and enter **y** to confirm the download operation.

```
G8296# copy tftp tftp://<tftp server IP>/G8272-8.4.1.0_OS.imgs system-image os
vrf management
Confirm download operation? (y/n) [n] y
Download in progress
.....
Copy Success
Install image...This takes about 90 seconds. Please wait
Check image signature succeeded
Extracting image: 100%
Installing E-NOS image to image1
Installing image to E-NOS image1: 100%
Boot image installation failed.
OS image installation succeeded.
```

3. Reload the switch, confirming the operation when prompted.

```
G8296# reload
reboot system (y/n) ? y
```

4. After the switch reloads, log in and verify that the switch is running the ENOS 8.x image.

```
G8296# show boot
Current running image version: 8.4.1.0
Currently set to boot software image1, unknown config block.
NetBoot: disabled, NetBoot tftp server: , NetBoot cfgfile:
Current boot Openflow protocol version: 1.0
USB Boot: disabled
Currently profile is default, set to boot with default profile next time.
Current FLASH software:
  image1: version 8.4.1.0 downloaded 10:29:59 Wed Nov 23, 2016, Mode
Stand-alone
  image2: version 8.4.1.0 downloaded 10:32:19 Wed Nov 23, 2016, Mode
Stand-alone
  boot kernel: version 8.4.1.0
Currently scheduled reboot time: none
```

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1. Connect to the switch through the console terminal. Make sure you are running Lenovo NOS 8.4.1 or later.

To determine the software version currently used on the switch, use the following switch command:

```
G8296> show version [brief]
```

If you are running a version of Lenovo ENOS earlier than 8.4.1, download and install a more recent version of the Lenovo NOS image before going to the next step.

2. From the 8.4.1 or later image, download the Cloud NOS image:

```
G8296> enable
G8296# copy tftp image1 address <TFTP server address> filename <location on TFTP
server relative to tftpboot location>/G8296-CNOS-10.9.2.0.imgs mgt-port
```

Note: CNOS consists of a single image to install that contains all components, including boot and operating system.

During the download, you are presented with the following message:

```
WARNING: This is the ONLY region with valid bootable image.
          If download fails, switch will not be able to boot.
          Please download into image2 to prevent potential fatal error!

Confirm overwriting the ONLY bootable image (y/n) ?
```

Enter **y** to continue.

```
Confirm overwriting the ONLY bootable image (y/n) ? y
Image download started to image1
File appears valid
Download in progress
.....
```

- When the image is successfully downloaded, the switch will ask you to confirm the update:

```
Download Complete
Valid image detected.
Processing 10.x upgrade image - all data in /user will be lost, including
configuration
Confirm upgrade (y/n) ?
```

Enter **y** to continue.

```
Confirm upgrade (y/n) ? y
```

- When the download has completed, reset the switch:

```
G8296# reload
Reset will use software "image1" and the active config block.
>> Note that this will RESTART the Spanning Tree,
>> which will likely cause an interruption in network service.
Confirm reload (y/n) ?
```

Enter **y** to continue the reload.

- When the switch finishes rebooting, log in and verify the image to make sure it is the correct image running the correct version of the software:

```
G8296> enable
G8296# display boot
Current ZTP State: Enable
Current FLASH software:
  active image: version 10.9.2.0, downloaded 08:56:56 UTC Tue Feb 7 2017
  standby image: version 10.9.2.0, downloaded 10:56:42 UTC Tue Feb 7 2017
  Uboot: version 10.9.2.0, downloaded 08:56:58 UTC Tue Feb 7 2017
  ONIE: version 10.9.2.0, downloaded 14:48:08 UTC Tue Feb 7 2017
Currently set to boot software active image
Current port mode: default mode
```

Note: If this is first time switching NOS versions the image version may appear as unknown. To fix this:

- Reinstall the CNOS image again following standard image install methods:

```
G8296# copy tftp tftp://<TFTP server address>/G8296-CNOS-10.9.2.0.imgs
system-image all vrf management
Confirm download operation? (y/n) [n] y
```

- When prompted to change the active boot image to the standby image, enter **y** to confirm:

```
Boot loader now contains Software Version 10.9.2.0
Standby image now contains Software Version 10.9.2.0
Switch is currently set to boot active image.
Do you want to change that to the standby image? (y/n) [n] y
Switch is to be booted with standby image.
```

Note: After this step, reloading the switch is not mandatory.

Supplemental Information

This section provides additional information about configuring and operating the G8296 and CNOS.

The Boot Management Menu

The Boot Management menu allows you to switch the software image or to recover from a failed software download.

You can interrupt the boot process and enter the Boot Management menu from the serial console port. When the system displays Memory Test, press **Shift + B**. The Boot Management menu appears.

```
The system is going down for reboot NOW!
INIT: reboot: Restarting system
...

Press shift-B for startup menu or shift-R for recovery mode: ..
Running Startup Menu
...

Boot Management Menu
  I - Change booting image
  C - Change configuration to factory default
  R - Boot in recovery mode (tftp and xmodem download of images to
recover switch)
  P - Reset the Network Administrator (admin) password
  B - Reset the password required to enter privileged exec mode
  Q - Reboot
  E - Exit
Please choose your menu option:
```

The Boot Management menu allows you to perform the following actions:

- To change the booting image, press **I** and follow the screen prompts.
- To reset the switch configuration to factory defaults, press **C** and follow the screen prompts.
- To boot in recovery mode, press **R**.
- To reset the Network Administrator account (admin) password, press **P** and follow the screen prompts.
- To reset the password required to enter Privileged EXEC configuration mode, press **B** and follow the screen prompts.
- To reload the switch, press **Q**. The reloading process will start again.
- To exit the Boot Management menu, press **E**. The reloading process continues.

Recovering from a Failed Software Upgrade

Use the following procedure to recover from a failed software upgrade.

1. Connect a PC to the serial port of the switch.
2. Open a terminal emulator program that supports TFTP (preferred) or Xmodem download (for example, HyperTerminal, SecureCRT, PuTTY). If using Xmodem, make sure the following settings are in effect:
 - Speed: 9,600 bps
 - Data Bits: 8
 - Stop Bits: 1
 - Parity: None
 - Flow Control: None
3. To access the Rescue Mode menu, you must interrupt the boot process from the Console port. Boot the G8296, and when the system begins displaying Memory Test progress (a series of dots), press **Shift + R**. The Rescue Mode menu will be displayed:

```
Entering Rescue Mode.
Please select one of the following options:
  T) Configure networking and tftp download an image
  U) Install image from USB stick
  P) Physical presence test (low security mode)
  F) Run filesystem check
  I) Select which image to boot
  C) Reset configuration to factory default
  R) Reboot
  E) Exit

Option?:
```

- If you choose option **T** (TFTP download), go to step [4](#).

4. **TFTP download:** The switch prompts you to enter the following information:

```
Performing TFTP rescue. Please answer the following questions (enter 'q'
to quit):
IP addr   :
Server addr:
Netmask   :
Gateway   :
Image Filename:
```

- a. Enter the required information and press **Enter**.
- b. You will see a display similar to the following:

```
Host IP    : 10.10.98.110
Server IP  : 10.10.98.100
Netmask    : 255.255.255.0
Broadcast  : 10.10.98.255
Gateway    : 10.10.98.254
Installing image G8296-CNOS-10.9.2.0_OS.imgs from TFTP server
10.10.98.100
```

- c. When you see the following prompt, enter the image number where you want to install the new software and press **Enter**.

```
Install image as image 1 or 2 (hit return to just boot image): 1
```

- d. The following message is displayed when the image download is complete. Continue to step 7.

```
Entering Rescue Mode.
Please select one of the following options:
  T) Configure networking and tftp download an image
  U) Install image from USB stick
  P) Physical presence test (low security mode)
  F) Run filesystem check
  I) Select which image to boot
  C) Reset configuration to factory default
  R) Reboot
  E) Exit

Option?:
```

5. Image recovery is complete. Perform one of the following steps:

- Press **R** to reboot the switch
- Press **E** to exit the Boot Management menu
- Press **Esc** to re-display the Boot Management menu

New Features in This Release

This release of Lenovo Cloud Network OS contains the following significant enhancements.

Management ACLs

Management ACLs allow you to add an access list to incoming VTY (Virtual Teletype) lines. This way, you can control who can access the switch. The Management ACL attached to VTY lines applies to all the packet destined to the switch CPU, coming from interfaces that are part of VRFs where MACLS are attached.

VRF Enhancement

This feature adds support to increase non-management VRF (VPN Routing/Forwarding instance) from 8 to 64.

SLP over non-default VRF support

This enhancement added support for SLP over non-default VRFs.

Known Issues

This section describes known issues for CNOS 10.9 on the Lenovo RackSwitch G8296.

Note: Please check the Change History documentation posted with the Switch Firmware to check if any of these issues have been fixed in the latest release.

BGP

When the switch detects that it cannot reach the next-hop in a route, the BGP instance does not deactivate the route from its routing table. The route is deactivated only when the BGP session with the next-hop times out. (ID: 135910)

Copying Configuration Files

When copying a new configuration file over the switch's current running configuration, CNOS does not overwrite the old configuration. Instead, it appends the new configuration over the old one, leaving settings that are not present in the new configuration intact. It only overwrites settings present in both configurations. (ID: 133055)

LACP

The default behavior of Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) Individual has been changed. Now, by default, LACP enabled ports transition to suspend.

When upgrading the firmware to CNOS 10.9 from 10.7 or an earlier version, the following LACP behavior occurs:

- For Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) with default configuration, before the upgrade, LACP enabled ports transition to individual state when not receiving Link Aggregation Control Protocol Data Units (LACPDU)s. After the firmware upgrade, the LACP configuration remains the same, but LACP enabled ports now transition to suspended state when no LACPDU)s are received.

To configure the LACP enabled ports as individual, use the following command on a LAG:

```
G8296(config)# interface port-channel <LAG number (1-4096)>
G8296(config-if)# no lacp suspend-individual
```

- For LAGs with non-default configuration, if before the upgrade LACP enabled ports transition to suspended state when not receiving LACPDU)s, then after the firmware upgrade this behavior remains the same. However, the LACP configuration is changed to reflect the new default behavior: the LACP individual setting for LAGs is removed from the switch's running configuration. (ID: 132111)

Network Virtualization Gateway

The following limitations exist:

- For optimal performance, we recommend that the number of VLAN-VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI) mappings does not exceed 1,000 entries. Going above this limit leads to longer convergence times when attaching or detaching the Lenovo hardware Layer 2 gateway to or from NSX logical switches. (ID: 99467)
- For optimal Equal Cost Multiple Paths (ECMP) load balancing, we recommend that only Layer 3 routed ports are used for connecting to spine switches. (ID: 123627)
- When broadcast, unknown unicast, and multicast (BUM) traffic is received on the switch, it is replicated on all member ports of the same VXLAN Network, except the port that is the source port of the BUM traffic. This is displayed in the source port statistics as dropped packets. (ID: 95658)
- Throughput statistics of the southbound interface of the VXLAN gateway do not display on the NSX GUI. (ID: 113832)
- After Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) failover, when using the default value for the probe interval of 300 ms, the active service node election takes approximately three seconds to occur. (ID: 116882)
- The VLAN used in VLAN-VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI) mapping must be used exclusively for switching within the associated VNI domain. Different access vPorts belonging to the same VLAN must be mapped to the same VNI. Hence, only one-to-one VLAN-VNI bindings are supported. (ID: 100606, 123143)
- In case all network ports go down on one of the vLAG switches, all ingress traffic received on the local access ports is flooded to all other local access ports from the same VXLAN Network Identifier (VNI). Flooding stops when the network ports are back up. (ID: 110732)
- In High Availability (HA) mode, the recommended maximum number of local unicast MAC addresses is 32,000. If this limit is exceeded, MAC address synchronization between the vLAG switches might not work properly. More than 32,000 unicast MAC addresses can be used, but the synchronization process fails to function normally. (ID: 113145)

REST API

VMware vSphere Distributed Switch (vDS) information retrieval is not supported using REST API. (ID: 138329)

SolarWinds

After setting up a SFTP/SCP server using SolarWinds, the switch fails most times to establish a connection to the server. We recommend using other SFTP/SCP servers. (ID: 135539)

Telemetry

Sometimes, when the egress CPU queue is full, Buffer Statistics Tracking (BST) gets disabled and telemetry messages are no longer sent to remote monitoring servers. Use REST to re-enable BST. (ID: 139654)

vLAG

- When upgrading the firmware of vLAG peer switches one by one to CNOS 10.9 from 10.7 or an earlier version, vLAG configuration consistency checks fail on both vLAG peer switches until the upgrade process is complete for both. (ID: 131917)

vNIC Statistics

When rebooting the switch, vNIC statistics can be quickly retrieved by toggling vnic-stats state. (ID: 131081)

QLogic Firmware

QLogic QL41262 does not establish 25G link with passive SFP28 DAC cable when QL41262 is set to auto negotiation. (ID: 148199)

Management Port Traffic

When upgrading from 10.8 to 10.9, make sure both the software image and the boot image are updated. Otherwise, all management port traffic will be affected. (ID: 143713)

DCI MP-BGP L2VPN

DCI MP-BGP L2VPN interoperability with other vendors will be supported in CNOS 10.9.3 release. (ID: 149342)

Lenovo HCI Solution with Nutanix

ThinkAgile Network Orchestrator is broken with Nutanix Prism v5.9.1 release. Fix expected in future release.

