

Chapter 10

Managing Configurations

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How the Configuration Is Stored

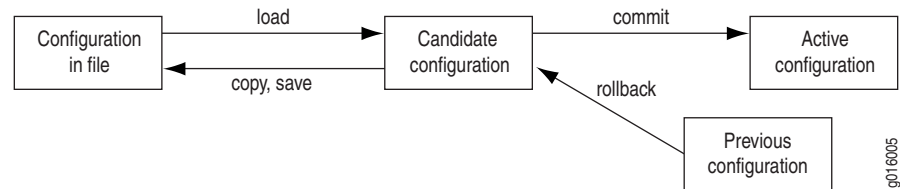
When you edit a configuration, you work in a copy of the current configuration to create a candidate configuration. The changes you make to the candidate configuration are visible in the CLI immediately, so if multiple users are editing the configuration at the same time, all users can see all changes.

To have a candidate configuration take effect, you *commit* the changes. At this point, the software verifies the candidate configuration for proper syntax. If multiple users are editing the configuration, when you commit the candidate configuration, all changes made by all the users take effect.

Slot (local) configuration is stored in files, and the remainder of the configuration is stored in the Juniper Networks Database or another directory that you have configured to store SRC configuration data.

Figure 10 illustrates the various configuration states and the configuration mode commands that you use to load, commit, copy, and save the configuration.

Figure 10: Commands for Storing and Modifying the Configuration



Updating the Configuration

You can update the SRC configuration to include configuration changes from a file or to revert to the configuration supplied with the SRC product. You can also retain the active configuration and discard changes not yet committed. After you load one of these configurations, you can commit it to activate the configuration on the C-series platform, or you can edit the configuration interactively using the CLI and commit it at a later time.

Before You Load a Configuration

Before you load a configuration, make a copy of the current configuration. This configuration contains the active configuration plus any configuration changes that have been made at the CLI.

For this release, you can save the configuration to a file only in XML format.

To make a backup copy of the configuration:

- From the [edit] hierarchy level of configuration mode, save the configuration. For example:

```
[edit]
user@host> save backupcfg.xml
```

Commands to Load a Configuration

You can use the following commands in configuration mode to make configuration changes:

- **load factory-default**—Replace the existing configuration with the configuration supplied with the SRC software.
- **load merge *filename* <relative>**—Combine the configuration that is currently shown in the CLI and the configuration in the specified XML file.
- **load override *filename***—Discard the entire configuration that is currently shown in the CLI, and load the entire configuration in the specified XML file.

- `load replace filename <relative>`—Look for replace tags in the specified file, delete the existing statements of the same name, and replace them with the configuration in the specified XML file.
- `load set filename <relative>`—Execute configuration mode commands such as `set`, `edit`, `exit`, and `top` from an ASCII file.

The `relative` option for the `load merge`, `load replace`, and `load set` commands lets you load the configuration at a specified hierarchy level.

Working with Configuration Files in XML Format

The `load merge`, `load override`, and `load replace` commands let you update configuration statements in the SRC configuration from an XML file. The structure of this file must conform to the structure for an SRC configuration file. For this reason, we recommend that you copy a configuration to an XML file and modify that file.

For a merge or replace operation, you can save a copy of the configuration at any level in the configuration hierarchy, then load the updated configuration at the same level.

Use the editor of your choice to modify a saved configuration file. When you edit an XML file that is to be loaded into the SRC configuration, you can add specified attributes to XML tags to specify actions to be taken.

About XML Format for Configuration Files

The XML structure follows the same hierarchy as the CLI. For example, in configuration mode the following statements are available at the `[edit system]` hierarchy level:

```
[edit system]
user@host# set ?
Possible completions:
+ authentication-order  Order in which authentication methods are invoked
+ domain-search        List of domain names to search
  host-name            Hostname for C-series platform
> ldap                 LDAP properties
> login                Login properties
+ name-server          DNS name servers
> ntp                  Configure NTP
> radius-server        RADIUS server configuration
> services             System services configuration
> syslog               System log configuration
> tacplus-server       TACACS+ server configuration
  time-zone            Time zone definition name
```

In an XML file, the tags within the `<system>` tags are the same as the statements in the `[edit system]` hierarchy. The tags under `<system>` can appear in any order.

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <authentication-order> </authentication-order>
    <domain-search> </domain-search>
    <host-name> </host-name>
```

```

<ldap> </ldap>
<login> </login>
<name-server> </name-server>
<ntp> </ntp>
<radius-server> </radius-server>
<services> </services>
<syslog> </syslog>
<tacplus-server> </tacplus-server>
<time-zone> </time-zone>
</system>
</configuration>

```

The following example shows parts of a configuration file for statements in the [edit system] hierarchy:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<configuration>
  <system>
    <time-zone>Canada/Eastern</time-zone>
    <services>
      <telnet/>
      <ssh>
        <root-login>allow</root-login>
      </ssh>
    </services>
    <host-name>myhost</host-name>
    <name-server>192.2.2.10</name-server>
    <name-server>192.2.2.20</name-server>
    <domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
    <domain-search>juniper.net</domain-search>
    <ntp>
      <server> <address>192.2.2.100</address>
      </server>
      <boot-server>192.2.2.100</boot-server>
    </ntp>
    <ldap>
      <server>
        <address>10.227.2.100</address>
        </server>
      <boot-server>10.227.2.100</boot-server>
    </ldap>
    <ldap>
      <server>
        <community>
          <primary-neighbors>neighbor1</primary-neighbors>
          <role>primary</role>
        </community>
      </server>
    </ldap>
    <ldap>
      <client>
        <connection-manager-id>CLI_DATA_MANAGER
        </connection-manager-id>
        . . .
      </client>
    </ldap>
  </system>
</configuration>

```

```

<class>
  <name>class-cfg</name>
  <allow-configuration>s.*m$|s.*m l.*n</allow-configuration>
  <permissions>configure</permissions>
  <permissions>interface</permissions>
</class>
<user>
  <user-name>admin</user-name>
  <class>super-user</class>
  <full-name>admin</full-name>
  <uid>500</uid>
  <gid>100</gid>
  <authentication>
    . . .
  </authentication>
  <level>normal</level>
  <complete-on-space>on</complete-on-space>
</user>
</login>
<syslog>
  . . .
</syslog>
</system>
</configuration>

```

Using Attributes When Editing an XML Configuration File

You can add the following attributes to XML tags in a configuration file to be loaded through the **load merge**, **load override**, and **load replace** commands. If you do not add any attribute tags, the software merges all changes.

- **operation="create"** —Create the specified configuration.

If you try to create a configuration object that already exists, the software does not create the new objects and generates an error message to that effect.

- **operation="delete"** —Delete the specified configuration.
- **operation="merge"** —Merge the specified configuration.
- **operation="replace"** —Replace a specified configuration with another defined configuration.

Do not use the **replace** attribute in a file to be loaded through the **load merge** command. If the **replace** attribute is in the file whose contents are merged, the command disregards the **replace** attribute.

You can modify a single value by inserting an attribute into one tag. For example, to delete the name server that has the IP address 192.2.2.20:

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <name-server operation="delete">192.2.2.20</name-server>
  </system>
</configuration>
```

You can also modify a number of values within a hierarchy by adding an attribute at a higher level in the hierarchy. For example, to replace permissions for the class named class-cfg in the following configuration:

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <class>
      <name>class-cfg</name>
      <allow-configuration>s.*m$|s.*m l.*n</allow-configuration>
      <permissions>configure</permissions>
      <permissions>interface</permissions>
    </class>
  </system>
</configuration>
```

Enter the **replace** attribute for the class:

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <login>
      <class operation="replace">
        <name>class-cfg</name>
        <allow-configuration>s.*m$|s.*m l.*n</allow-configuration>
        <permissions>control</permissions>
        <permissions>maintenance</permissions>
      </class>
    </login>
  </system>
</configuration>
```

Preparing an XML File to Be Loaded into the Current SRC Configuration

When you save your current configuration to an XML file, the file contains the configuration in its current form, including any uncommitted changes. If more than one user is modifying the configuration, all changes made by all users are saved.

When you save a configuration to a file, the contents of the current level of the statement hierarchy (and below) are saved, along with the statement hierarchy containing it. The software inserts a line in the saved file to indicate the level at which the file was saved; for example;

```
<configuration>
  <system>
    <services sdx:current="true">
      <ssh>
```

```

        <root-login>deny</root-login>
    </ssh>
    <editor>
        <password-encryption>sha</password-encryption>
    </editor>
</services>
</system>
</configuration>

```

The file is saved in the current working directory. When you load a file that was saved at a specific hierarchy level, use the **relative** option for a **load** command. If you do not use the relative option, the command disregards the **sdx:current="true"** text.

If you plan to copy a configuration file from the C-series platform to another system and back, make sure that you have SSH or Telnet enabled on the C-series platform.

For information about enabling SSH and Telnet on the C-series platform, see *SRC-PE Getting Started Guide, Chapter 10, Managing Configurations*.

To prepare a configuration file for loading into the SRC configuration:

1. In configuration mode, navigate to the level at or below which you want to save the configuration.
2. Run the **save** command.

For example:

```

[edit system]
user@host# save systemcfg.xml
172 lines written to systemcfg.xml
[edit system]

```

3. Edit the file.

On a C-series platform:

- a. Copy the file to a remote system, and then edit it. For example:

```

user@host> file copy /root/systemcfg.xml ftp://user@myserver/systemcfg.xml
Password:
user@host>

```

For information about specifying the filename, see *Chapter 5, Using CLI Operational Commands to Monitor the SRC Software*.

- b. Edit the file in the editor of your choice.
- c. Copy the edited file back to the C-series platform. For example:

```

user@host> file copy ftp://user@myserver/systemcfg.xml /root/systemcfg2.xml
Password:
user@host>

```

On a Solaris platform:

- Edit the file in the text editor of your choice.

About ASCII Files That Contain Configuration Mode Commands

You can create an ASCII file that includes configuration mode commands to be executed and then load this file through the **load set** command. Use the editor of your choice to create the ASCII file.

For example, to add a name server that has the IP address 192.2.2.30 and to delete the name server that has the IP address 192.2.2.20 add the following lines to an ASCII file:

```
edit system
set name-server 192.2.2.30
delete name-server 192.2.2.20
```

Loading a Configuration

You can use the load commands to perform the following tasks:

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Replacing the Current Configuration with the Default SRC Configuration

To restore the full default SRC configuration:

- In configuration mode, enter the **load factory-default** command.

```
[edit]
user@host# load factory-default
```

This command removes the active configuration and replaces it with the basic, default SRC configuration.

Merging the Active Configuration with Another Configuration

A merge operation is useful when you are adding a new section to an existing configuration. If the existing configuration and the incoming configuration contain conflicting statements, the statements in the incoming configuration override those in the existing configuration.

You can merge all of the configuration, or the configuration at a specified hierarchy level. For information about loading a configuration at a specified hierarchy level, see *Loading a Configuration at a Specified Hierarchy Level* on page 99.

To combine the active configuration and the configuration in a specified file:

- In configuration mode, specify the **load merge** command. For example:

```
[edit]
user@host# load merge newcfg.xml
```

The following example shows part of an existing configuration, the configuration in the file to be loaded, and the resulting configuration. In the resulting configuration, bold text indicates the configuration that changed.

Existing configuration:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
<host-name>myhost</host-name>
<name-server>192.2.2.10</name-server>
<name-server>192.2.2.20</name-server>
<domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
<domain-search>juniper.net</domain-search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Configuration in the file to be loaded:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
<host-name>myhost</host-name>
<name-server>192.2.2.30</name-server>
<domain-search>newdomain.juniper.net
</domain-search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Resulting configuration:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
<host-name>myhost</host-name>
<name-server>192.2.2.10</name-server>
<name-server>192.2.2.20</name-server>
<name-server>192.2.2.30</name-server>
<domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
<domain-search>juniper.net</domain-search>
<domain-search>newdomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Replacing the Configuration

To replace all of the active configuration with a full configuration in a specified file:

- In configuration mode, specify the **load override** command. For example:

```
[edit]
user@host# load override complete-newcfg.xml
```

When you use the **load override** command and commit the configuration, all system processes reparse the configuration.

The following example shows part of an existing configuration, the configuration in the file to be loaded, and the resulting configuration. In the resulting configuration, bold text indicates the configuration that changed.

Existing configuration:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
<host-name>myhost</host-name>
<name-server>192.2.2.10</name-server>
<name-server>192.2.2.20</name-server>
<domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
<domain-search>juniper.net</domain -search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Configuration in the file to be loaded:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
  <host-name>myhost</host-name>
  <name-server>192.2.2.30</name-server>
  <name-server>192.2.2.40</name-server>
  <domain-search>newdomain.juniper.net
  </domain-search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Resulting configuration:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
  <host-name>myhost</host-name>
  <name-server>192.2.2.30</name-server>
  <name-server>192.2.2.40</name-server>
  <domain-search>newdomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Replacing Parts of the Configuration

A replace operation searches for **replace** attributes in the specified XML file, deletes the existing statements of the same name, if any, and replaces them with the incoming configuration. If there is no existing statement of the same name, the replace operation adds to the configuration the statements marked with the **replace** tag. You can also use **create**, **delete**, and **merge** attributes in the file.

If you are performing a replace operation and the file you specify does not contain any **replace** tags, the replace operation is effectively equivalent to a merge operation. This type of operation might be useful if you are running automated scripts and cannot know in advance whether the scripts need to perform a replace or a merge operation. The scripts can use the replace operation to cover either case.

You can replace all of the configuration, or the configuration at a specified hierarchy level. For information about loading a configuration at a specified hierarchy level, see *Loading a Configuration at a Specified Hierarchy Level* on page 99.

To replace portions of a configuration:

1. Make sure that the incoming configuration file has **replace** attributes in place for each part of the configuration to be replaced.

See *Using Attributes When Editing an XML Configuration File* on page 91.

2. In configuration mode, specify the **load replace** command. For example:

```
user@host# load replace newcfg.xml
```

The following example shows part of the existing configuration, the configuration in the file to be loaded, and the resulting configuration. In the resulting configuration, bold text indicates the configuration that changed.

For an example of a file snippet that shows how to replace a number a values within a hierarchy, see *Using Attributes When Editing an XML Configuration File* on page 91.

Existing configuration:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
  <host-name>myhost</host-name>
  <name-server>192.2.2.10</name-server>
  <name-server>192.2.2.20</name-server>
  <domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
  <domain-search>juniper.net</domain -search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Configuration in the file to be loaded:

```
<configuration>
...
<system>
...
  <host-name>myhost</host-name>
  < name-server operation="replace">192.2.2.10</name-server>
  <name-server>192.2.2.30
</name-server>
  <domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
  <domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net
</domain-search>
  <domain-search>juniper.net</domain -search>
...
</system>
...
</configuration>
```

Resulting configuration:

```
<configuration>
. . .
<system>
. . .
  <host-name>myhost</host-name>
  <name-server>192.2.2.10</name-server>
  <name-server>192.2.2.30</name-server>
  <domain-search>mydomain.juniper.net</domain-search>
  <domain-search>juniper.net</domain -search>
  . . .
</system>
. . .
</configuration>
```

Adding a Configuration Through Configuration Mode Commands

When you use the **load set** command, it executes the configuration instructions line by line as they are stored in a file. The instructions can contain any configuration mode command, such as **set**, **edit**, **exit**, and **top**.

To load a configuration that contains configuration mode commands:

1. Create an ASCII file that includes **set** and other configuration mode commands. For example:

```
edit system login class name newclass permissions system
delete system login class name newclass permissions interface
set system login class name newclass permissions configure
```

2. In configuration mode, use the **load set** command.

```
user@host# load set newcfg2.txt
```

Loading a Configuration at a Specified Hierarchy Level

The **load merge**, **load replace**, and **load set** commands let you load the configuration at a specified hierarchy level by using the **relative** option.

To load a configuration at a hierarchy level:

1. In configuration mode, move to the hierarchy level at which you want to load a configuration.
2. At the hierarchy level, enter a **load merge**, **load replace**, or **load set** command. For example:

```
[edit system login class name newclass]
user@host# load merge mynewcfg.xml relative
```

Reverting to a Previous Configuration

You can revert to the active configuration and discard configuration changes not yet committed.

To revert to the full committed configuration:

- In configuration mode, at the [edit] hierarchy level enter the **rollback** command.

```
user@host> rollback
```

Cutting and Pasting Configuration Information at the CLI

You can also create a configuration by cutting and pasting existing portions of the configuration. You can copy configuration text from another source or from another part of the configuration to a new location. Use the cut and paste functions for your windowing system, such as X Windows.