# cloudSwXtch

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## **Quick Start Guide**

#### Introduction

swXtch.io implements a software-based network switch called cloudSwXtch. cloudSwXtch consists of a software network switch and virtual NIC service called xNIC. Together, these components create an overlay network on top of a standard cloud network. This overlay network adds many valuable network features, one of which is a seamless IP multicast experience. With cloudSwXtch, existing user applications and services, that expect standards-based IP multicast, will work on any cloud without requiring any code changes. This enables performance to approach that of bare metal.

## Installing cloudSwXtch

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this section, users will be able to learn more about installing cloudSwXtch on AWS, Azure, GCP and OCI.

Before you install cloudSwXtch, please review the System Requirements.

AWS cloudSwXtch Installation Guide

**Azure cloudSwXtch Installation Guide** 

GCP cloudSwXtch Installation Guide

OCI cloudSwXtch Installation Guide

## Installing xNIC

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this section, users will be able to learn more about installing the xNIC for Windows, Linux, and Kubernetes. Users **must** install an xNIC on every VM that needs to send or receive cloudSwXtch multicast or broadcast traffic.

Before you install the xNIC, please review xNIC System Requirements.

xNIC Installation Guide for Windows and Linux

xNIC Installation Guide for Kubernetes

## wXcked Eye for Monitoring and Orchestration

wXcked Eye is a web-based monitoring and orchestration tool for cloudSwXtch. It presents users with a high-level view of their cloudSwXtch environment with an interactive network graph detailing connections to different endpoints. With an expansive look at performance metrics, users can ensure that their data is flowing as expected.

In addition, wXcked Eye unlocks the ability to configure Mesh, High Availability, Protocol Fanout, and Precision Time Protocol (PTP) from the comfort of a user's web browser.

For more information, see Using wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch.

## **Testing**

The xNIC installation includes the following utilities that can be used to verify both the functionality and performance of the network:

- swxtch-top: This utility shows detailed cloudSwXtch statistics in the console. For more information click here.
- swxtch-perf: This utility can be used to produce and consume multicast traffic for testing. For more information, click here.
- swxtch-tcpdump: This utility helps capture multicast packets sent to and from the cloudSwXtch with logic to decode our own head and display the original MC payload. For more information, click here.
- swxtch-where: This utility allows users to call for hardware information regarding their cloudSwXtch VM. For more information, click here.

Each of the utilities can be run from a VM that has the xNIC software installed. Detailed usage information can be found for each by entering in the -help command-line argument.

## **Multicast Examples**

Users can find examples of the multicast by scrolling down to the Multicast Example section in the swxtch-perf article.

## What is cloudSwXtch?

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will get a deeper understanding of **cloudSwXtch** and how it can improve their networking capabilities. This article also gives users a preliminary introduction to the main features available while using cloudSwXtch.

#### Meet cloudSwXtch

cloudSwXtch creates a virtual overlay network that lets users add high performance networking to their cloud or edge applications with the touch of a button, requiring no code changes!

cloudSwXtch is available on AWS, Azure, GCP and OCI. It can be instantiated via their respective Marketplaces. cloudSwXtch is also available as a BYOL software install.

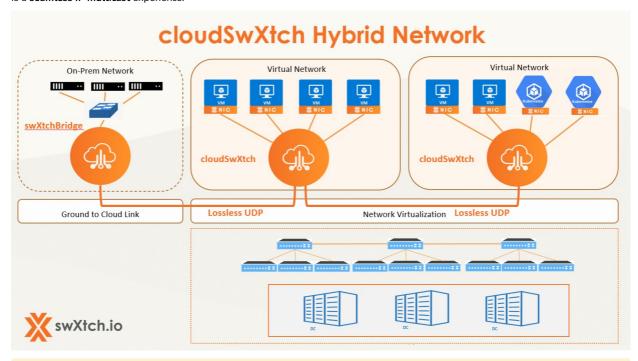
#### **Supported Environments**

- Microsoft's <u>Azure</u>
- Amazon's <u>AWS</u>
- Google's GCP
- Oracle's OCI
- On-Premises with cloudSwXtch Bridge

## What is a Virtual Overlay Network?

swXtch.io provides an application that implements a **Cloud Based Virtual Switch - cloudSwXtch**. It consists of a software-based network switch and a virtual NIC service (xNIC). Together, these components create an overlay network on top of the standard cloud network

This overlay network adds many valuable, high-performance network features that aren't traditionally available in the cloud; one of which is a **seamless IP multicast** experience.



#### cloudSwXtch Instance

A cloudSwXtch instance running on a user's virtual machines will provide extremely low latency ( $< 3\mu s$ ), high determinism, and elastic scalability. A user can build a 1,000-port switch or create a cloudSwXtch mesh of switches to optimize network reliability.

With cloudSwXtch, existing user applications and services that expect standards-based IP multicast will work in the cloud without requiring any code changes. This enables performance to approach that of bare metal.

## Benefits of cloudSwXtch

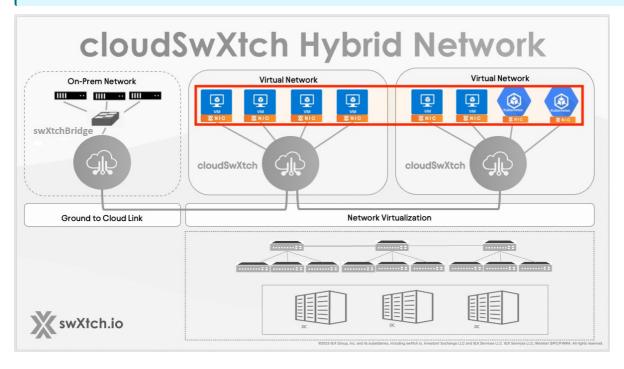
• Unblock Cloud Migrations – Migrate critical workloads that couldn't move to the cloud because of missing network features or performance limitations.

- Extend On-Prem Networks to the Cloud Create a single data plane across private networks and the cloud, traversing virtual networks, availability zones, and regions.
- Massive Scale Extended networks with unlimited endpoints share identical features and sub-millisecond performance.
- Enhanced Packet Monitoring The cloudSwXtch architecture provides a unique view into low level network traffic across the entire extended network.
- Simplified and Flexible Network Configuration Add and remove endpoints dynamically from global networks as conditions dictate. Eliminate the need to reconfigure individual workloads.

## What is an xNIC?

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, you will learn how the xNIC, our virtual NIC, fits into the cloudSwXtch infrastructure.



## A Fully Virtualized NIC

The **xNIC** is a software service deployed by swXtch.io that creates a fully virtualized **Network Interface Controller (NIC)** within a virtual machine's (VM) operating system. In tandem with the cloudSwXtch, the xNIC provides users with wXcked fast network connectivity and enables applications running on the VM to send and receive IP multicast traffic. It is seamless and transparent to all workloads, requiring no code changes.

xNIC installation for cloudSwXtch is <u>required</u> for multicast to work across all major clouds — **AWS**, **Azure**, **GCP**, **OCI**. It is available on both Linux and Windows machines as well as Kubernetes. You can find a more detailed list of **xNIC** system requirements, here.

In addition to multicast, the xNIC can be configured to perform high availability. At an endpoint, the xNIC compares packet reception from the multiple paths, detects dropped packets, and reconstructs the output stream in the correct order. For more information, see Configuring xNIC for High Availability.

#### Q: Can xNIC work on any IP within the multicast address space?

A: We recommend referring to the IANA <u>IPv4 Multicast Address Space Registry</u>. Currently, the xNIC can't join a multicast stream if it's on 224.0.0.1.

## xNIC Type 1 vs. xNIC Type 2

**xNIC Type 2** is the default **xNIC**. When running the xNIC installer script, xNIC Type 2 will automatically install. Type 2 should always be used unless kernel bypass interferes with the function of the application. In this case, use Type 1. For example, if a program requires packet captures, we would recommend using the TAP interfaces since it would expose packets earlier in the network. Another example would be a video multi-viewer as these applications typically require more information than just the video packets themselves.

Please note: For Windows machines, TAP/TUN interfaces are only supported in xNIC Type 1.

If a user would like to use xNIC Type 1, they will need to specify that argument during installation. For a complete list of available arguments, see Install xNIC on Linux or Install xNIC on Windows.

#### cloudSwXtch Liscensable Features

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

The following section gives a preliminary introduction to the main features available while using a cloudSwXtch.

## Licensing cloudSwXtch Features

In addition to Multicast and wXcked Eye, users can license the following features for their cloudSwXtch:

| Protocol Fanout               | Protocol Conversion<br>(e.g. SRT to<br>Multicast) | Ground to Cloud/Cloud to Ground       | SMPTE ST 2022-7 & High<br>Availability |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Precision Time Protocol (PTP) | Tachyon LIVE!                                     | Increase Bandwidth Capacity (Ingress) | Additional Endpoint Connections        |

#### Multicast

cloudSwXtch enables true and seamless IP-multicast. Using **multicast**, instead of unicast, optimizes a user's network configuration, reducing their cloud distribution and egress costs. In addition, receivers can dynamically subscribe and unsubscribe to a user's streams as workflows dictate. cloudSwXtch alleviates the need to have to constantly reconfigure unicast streams to accommodate downstream receivers. cloudSwXtch uses the industry standard IGMPv2/v3 for its management of multicast group membership.

For more information, check out the Multicast feature article.

#### Single Source Multicast (SSM)

Traditionally, Single Source Multicast (SSM) is a method for delivering multicast packets in which the only packets that are delivered to the receiver are those originating from a specific source address requested by the receiver. This can be accomplished as either a consumer command for swxtch-perf, the cloudSwXtch-based tool for simulating traffic movement, or via an external application.

#### **Protocol Conversion and Fanout**

cloudSwXtch supports a unique feature called **protocol conversion and fanout**. This feature is useful when a user's multicast application needs to stream to an endpoint that does not support multicast or it is not possible to install an xNIC in the endpoint. cloudSwXtch can map a multicast group address to a unicast address. Similarily, a unicast input to cloudSwXtch can be mapped to a multicast group enabling multiple endpoints to consume the original unicast input stream. Protocol Fanout converts many packet protocols and distributes them out as if they were multicast; freely integrating multicast, unicast and Secure Reliable Transport (SRT) streams while making the network more efficient and reducing egress costs.

For more information, check out the Protocol Conversion and Fanout feature article.

## SMPTE 2022-7 and High Availability (HA)

High Availability (HA) protects users against data path errors by sending the same stream through as many as eight different distributed data paths. It compares packet reception from the multiple paths, detects dropped packets and reconstructs the output stream in the correct order. This feature is compliant with SMPTE 2022-7 for media workflows.

For more information, check out the High Availability feature article.

#### Ground to Cloud <==> Cloud to Ground

A user can connect their On-Prem network to their cloudSwXtches in the Cloud via the bridge application.

For more information, check out the Installing cloudSwXtch Bridge guide.

#### wXcked Eye for Monitoring and Configuration

cloudSwXtch also provides its users with visibility down to the packet level for enhanced Monitoring and Quality of Service (QoS). **wXcked Eye** is the cloudSwXtch monitoring UI tool that enables users to deeply audit the performance of their cloudSwXtch network. Each cloudSwXtch performs complete packet capture.

In addition, wXcked Eye also provides users with an additional avenue to configure their cloudSwXtch environment for mesh, high availability, protocol conversion and fanout, and precision time protocol.

A REST API is provided to help users manage and control their network in their own way.

For more information, please see the Using wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch article.

## Precision Time Protocol (PTP)

Precision Time Protocol (PTP) is a cloudSwXtch feature that facilitates clock synchronization between agents connected to the network. The cloudSwXtch acts as the **Master Node**, passing on the information gained from the true clock source to the **Follower Nodes** or agent end points.

For more information, please see the Precision Time Protocol (PTP) feature article.

#### Tachyon LIVE!

Tachyon LIVE! is a live, high-quality standards, format, and frame rate converter software stack that maximizes video quality across all conversions. It performs standards conversion including PAL/NTSC frame rate and format conversions, high-quality deinterlacing, and up/down rescaling from SD through HD, and it can process the highest-quality conversions for HD 59.97p to HD 50p, faster than real time in a VM with NVIDIA GPU-accelerated infrastructure.

This feature is an exclusive offer for cloudSwXtch from Cinnafilm and available as either an HD or UHD add-on.

For more information, please see the Tachyon LIVE feature article.

## Multicast

#### Multicast

Software defined multicast (SDMC<sup>TM</sup>) is a feature of the **cloudSwXtch** overlay network. With SDMC, existing applications and services that expect standards-based, IP multicast will work **without requiring any code changes** and with performance that approaches that of bare metal.

At a high level, **cloudSwXtch** implements a **software switch** that serves the same role as a hardware switch. **cloudSwXtch** receives multicast packets from producers and sends a copy of each packet to every destination VM. The **cloudSwXtch** control plane uses the industry standard IGMPv2/3 specification for the management of group membership.

The **xNIC** service handles multicast traffic between the switch and the VM operating system. The xNIC service must be installed on every VM that needs to send or receive multicast traffic.

#### SUMMARY

The **cloudSwXtch** system consists of a software switch instantiated within a virtual network and a set of virtual machines that have an xNIC virtual interface.

Applications can send and receive IP multicast by targeting the virtual network interface. IGMP control packets are generated by the local operating system and the xNIC virtual interface seamlessly picks these up and sends them to the **cloudSwXtch** instance. Local applications will work in this environment just as they would on a similar bare-metal network.

# Source Specific Multicast

## WHAT TO EXPECT

In this section, we will go into detail about Source Specific Multicast, or SSM, and how it improves security when sending/receiving multicast packets.

Source Specific Multicast, or SSM, as defined by IGMPv3, is a method for delivering multicast packets in which the only packets that are delivered to the receiver are those originating from a specific source address requested by the receiver. Not only does this improve security within the cloudSwXtch but it also alleviates strain on the network since the sender will know to only send a multicast stream from the specified single source and not via other source addresses.

This feature can be tested using swxtch-perf, a cloudSwXtch-based tool for simulating consumer and producer traffic, as well as external applications that support SSM. For more information on using it for SSM, please see the <a href="https://swxtch-perf">swxtch-perf</a> article under Testing cloudSwXtch.

## **Broadcast**

Broadcast is a feature of the cloudSwXtch overlay network. With Broadcast, existing applications and services that expect standards-based broadcast will work without requiring any code changes and with performance that approaches that of bare metal.

At a high level, cloudSwXtch implements a software switch that serves the same role as a hardware switch. cloudSwXtch receives broadcast packets from producers and sends a copy of each packet to every destination VM.

The xNIC 2 service handles tunneling broadcast traffic between the cloudSwXtch and the VM operating system. The xNIC 2 service must be installed on every VM that needs to send or receive broadcast traffic.

#### SUMMARY

The cloudSwXtch system consists of a software switch instantiated within a virtual network and a set of virtual machines that have an xNIC 2 virtual interface.

Applications can send and receive broadcast by targeting the virtual network interface. Broadcast packets are generated by the local operating system and the xNIC 2 virtual interface seamlessly picks these up and sends them to the cloudSwXtch instance. Local applications will work unchanged in this environment just as they would on a similar bare-metal network.

## **High Availability**

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

High Availability (HA) is an implementation of data path redundancy and stream duplication. It protects users from data loss by replicating and sending packets through multiple network paths. xNIC compares packets received from those multiple paths and automatically reconstructs the original stream.

In this section, users will learn more about the benefits of implementing the High Availability feature in their cloudSwXtch and understand how to leverage it for their future needs.

## Creating A More Resilient Network

With High Availability, critical workloads can be configured to be more resilient, stretching across regions or availability zones in a single cloud. In addition, it can be used across multiple cloud providers. Although there can only be up to eight redundant paths, there are no limits to the number of consumers that can receive the HA stream, other than bandwidth constraints.

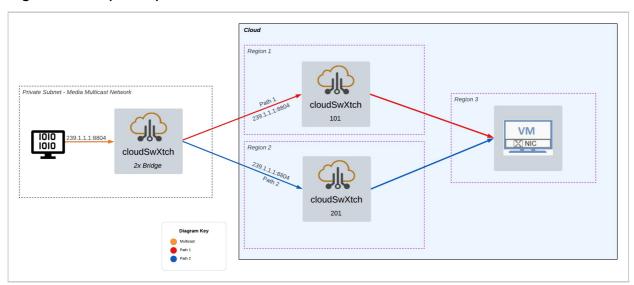
In addition, there is no limit to the number of multicast groups per data path. If one cloud, availability zone or region should go down, then the data is still sent in the other 2-8 paths, ensuring that the consumer gets the necessary data. Consumers can also be put into different clouds, availability zones or regions so that if a consumer becomes unavailable, users can still sign into a different cloud, availability zone or region and get the data desired.

The HA feature forwards packets to the receiving application from any of the configured paths as soon as the "next" expected packet is received. Redundant packets from other paths are discarded. There is no additional latency imposed by the HA feature.

#### IMPORTANT

A cloudSwXtch configured in a HA path cannot be used in a cloudSwXtch mesh. They are mutually exclusive.

## High Availability Example



The simple diagram above shows high availability with one multicast group 239.1.1.1:8804 originating from an on prem source. From the bridge, two paths are created with redundant packets being sent to alternate cloudSwXtches in different regions. The number of regions and cloud providers needed for High Availability will vary depending upon the customer's environment.

Independent path redundancy ensures no packet loss if every packet arrives at the consumer from at least one path. For example:

- In the event that cloudSwXtch101 goes offline, the consumer will still get the multicast traffic via cloudSwXtch201 (or vice versa).
- In the event that there are network issues in Region 1 where some of the packets are lost in path one, the consumer can still get the multicast traffic with High Availability pulling data from Region 2 in path two.
- In the event that there are network issues in Region 1 and 2 where some of the packets are lost in both paths, both consumers can still get the multicast since the high availability function will take the valid packets and reconstruct the multicast stream from Region 1 and 2.

In each example, despite losing paths, multicast data was still able to get to the end point using high availability with no packet loss. Configuring more paths will ensure higher availability of the multicast group.

HA can be monitored via swxtch-top, see swxtch-top section 4-6.

 $To configure the system for high availability, refer to: \\ High Availability Configuration.$ 

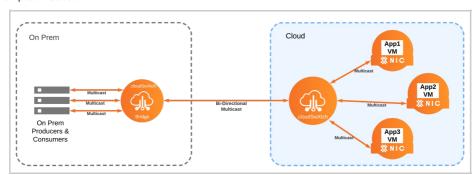
Installing cloudSwXtch - Firewall Exceptions

When installing the cloudSwXtch, high availability requires special firewall exceptions. To learn more, see <a href="cloudSwXtch System Requirements">cloudSwXtch System Requirements</a>.

# **Bridge**

## cloudSwXtch Bridge

The **cloudSwXtch Bridge** application enables bi-directional multicast traffic between a non-cloud and cloud network. The source network can be bare-metal and on-premises. The destination network can be a cloud virtual network with a **cloudSwXtch** instance deployed. With **cloudSwXtch**, multicast traffic generated from the on-prem network can be received and processed in the cloud which then in turn can be sent back to the on-prem network.



The cloudSwXtch Bridge is bi-directional. It sends multicast traffic from the on-premises network to the cloud and from the cloud to on-premises.

From on-prem to the cloud, the bridge is dynamic. This means that users in the cloud can subscribe to a multicast group via IGMP joins. Then, the bridge will allow that traffic through. This ensures that only necessary traffic goes through the VPN or Express Route/Gateway into the cloud. It guarantees the best use of the gateway and incurs less ingress bandwidth into the cloud.

#### Operation

The operation of the cloudSwXtch Bridge varies based on direction.

#### Ground-->Cloud

For Ground to Cloud, a mesh must be configured between the cloudSwXtch and the cloudSwXtch Bridge at the ground. From then on, the operation is dynamic, meaning the user does not need to map multicast addresses to go into the cloud. Instead, when a user is in an application and use an IGMP join then a message is sent to the cloudSwXtch Bridge via the cloudSwXtch through the mesh and then the Bridge allows that traffic through. When the user stops using multicast group and does an IGMP leave, then the bridge stops sending multicast data.

#### Cloud-->Ground

For Cloud to ground there is no current support to propagate IGMP joins and leaves from cloudSwXtch to on-prem. In this case, multicast groups must be explicitly configured to let the bridge know what traffic is allowed.

See Bridge Installation on how to install the Bridge and the differences between Bridge Type 1 and Type 2. See our configuration pages for Bridge Type 1 and Bridge Type 2.

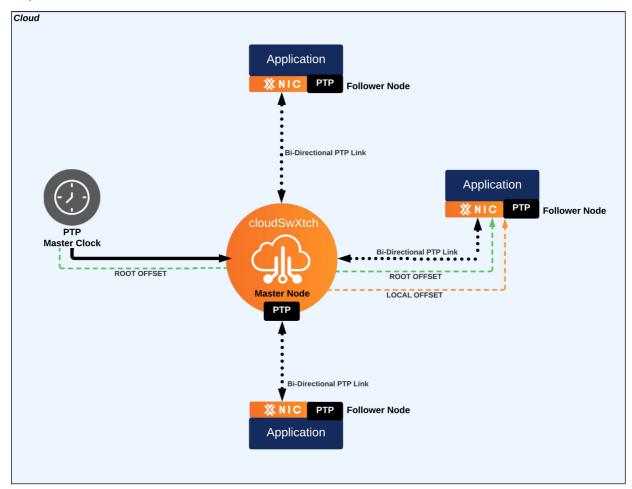
## **Precision Time Protocol**

WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how Precision Time Protocol (PTP) works in a cloudSwXtch environment when the feature is activated.

## What is Precision Time Protocol?

Precision Time Protocol (PTP) is a cloudSwXtch feature that facilitates clock synchronization between agents connected to the network. The cloudSwXtch acts as the **Master Node**, passing on the information gained from the true clock source to the **Follower Nodes** or agent end points.



Information regarding PTP will display in both swXtch-top under the PTP page and wXcked Eye under Timing Nodes. Both cloudSwXtch tools will show the local and root offset. The **local offset** denotes the offset in time from the cloudSwXtch to the xNIC. The **root offset** denotes the offset in time from the True Clock Source and the cloudSwXtch's follower nodes (xNICs). The root value will always be larger than the local since the distance between the follower node and the True Clock Source is greater than the offset between a cloudSwXtch and xNIC.

## **Protocol Conversion and Fanout**

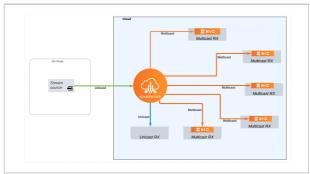
#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Protocol Conversion and Fanout allows users to send copies of a single input stream in any supported protocol to multiple destinations. This gives each destination the option of being a different protocol from the input stream. An example would be a UDP input being sent to a set of multicast destination and, additionally, to one using SRT.

In this section, users will become more familiar with how Protocol Conversion and Fanout works in a cloudSwXtch-enabled environment

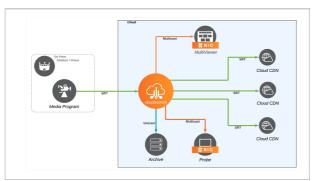
## What is Protocol Conversion and Fanout?

It is not usual for workflows to have many endpoints with each having their own protocols: SRT, Unicast and Multicast. Configuring each device can be a difficult and time consuming endeavor and up until now, impossible in the cloud. However, with cloudSwXtch, that is no longer the case. Users can convert protocols and send out multiple copies of payloads to different receivers regardless of protocol type without the need to add custom software or hardware.



This is a generic depiction of a Protocol Conversion and Fanout configuration.

In the above example, unicast data flows from the stream source into the cloudSwXtch. With Protocol Conversion and Fanout enabled, the cloudSwXtch can convert the unicast stream into multicast and fan it out to multiple receivers. In addition, the cloudSwXtch is sending out the stream to a unicast receiver. **Please note**: While it is not depicted in the above example, the cloudSwXtch can send the stream out to multiple unicast receivers.



This is a media depiction of a Protocol Fanout configuration.

In the alternative example, SRT data flows from the stream source into the cloudSwXtch. With Protocol Fanout enabled, the cloudSwXtch can convert the SRT stream into multicast and fan it out to multiple receivers. In addition, the cloudSwXtch is sending out the stream to a unicast receiver and to multiple SRT receivers. **Please note**: While it is not depicted in the above example, the cloudSwXtch can send the stream out to multiple unicast receivers.

## **Understanding Endpoints**

Workflows often have many endpoints: some requiring unicast, and some requiring multicast. Configuring for each device can be difficult and supporting both unicast and multicast for the same stream requires custom software or hardware. cloudSwXtch has the ability to map multicast streams to unicast streams and unicast streams to multicast streams allowing non-xNIC endpoints to participate in the cloudSwXtch network. This feature actualizes two different scenarios:

- 1. Non-xNIC producers, such as, those external to the cloud can send traffic to the cloudSwXtch, via unicast or SRT. The cloudSwXtch, then, can map that unicast or SRT stream to a multicast group for consumption within the cloudSwXtch network.
- 2. **Non-xNIC** consumers can receive traffic from a cloudSwXtch, as multicast streams can be mapped to unicast or SRT endpoints. This implies that non-xNIC consumers can receive packets created from a xNIC producer.

**xNIC** consumers and producers can consume SRT, unicast, and/or multicast based on consumer/producer workflow. For example, a VM may have 3 applications installed with each requiring a different protocol. The cloudSwXtch can send all three in the event that all three are needed.

## Configuring Protocol Conversion and Fanout for cloudSwXtch

Users can configure Protocol Conversion and Fanout using two methods:

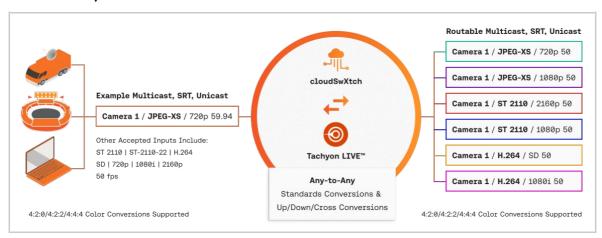
- Via wXcked Eye
- Via API Please see the section on Protocol Fanout.

# Tachyon LIVE on cloudSwXtch

## WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the various video transformations available with Tachyon LIVE on cloudSwXtch.

## What is Tachyon LIVE?



**Tachyon LIVE** is a live, high-quality standards, format, and frame rate converter software stack that maximizes video quality across all conversions. It performs standards conversion including PAL/NTSC frame rate and format conversions, high-quality deinterlacing, and up/down rescaling from SD through HD. It can process the highest-quality conversions for HD 59.97p to HD 50p, faster than real time in a VM with NVIDIA GPU-accelerated infrastructure.

With cloudSwXtch, this combined solution can take in LIVE multicast, RTP, UDP, NDI, SRT, and SMPTE 2110 flows for conversion and output them to multiple destinations in any of the supported network protocols. This enables simple integration into existing broadcast workflows both on public cloud or on-premises.

## Supported Media Formats and Stream Capacity

| Protocol | Supported Input Codecs & Formats  | Supported Output Video Codecs & Formats  | Supported Output Audio Codecs<br>& Formats       |
|----------|---|--|--|
| SRT      | H.264 & HEVC 4:2:0/4:2:2/4:4:4 SD to UHD resolutions to 60 FPS Uncompressed & AAC Audio | H.264 SD & HD to 60fps, 4:2:0/4:2:2/4:4:4<br>H.264 UHD 4:2:0 to 60fps<br>HEVC SD to UHD 4:2:0 to 60fps | AAC and Uncompressed Audio (Stereo or 5.1 – TBC) |
| NDI      | All supported video formats SD to UHD resolutions to 60 FPS All Supported Audio Formats | All supported video formats SD to UHD resolutions to 60 FPS  | All Supported Audio Formats                      |
| 2110     | Uncompressed or JpegXS Video SD to UHD resolutions to 60 FPS Uncompressed Audio         | Uncompressed or JpegXS Video SD to UHD resolutions to 60 FPS   | Uncompressed Audio                               |

## Installing Tachyon LIVE for cloudSwXtch.

To learn more about how to install Tachyon LIVE for your cloudSwXtch, please contact support@swxtch.io for more information.

## cloudSwXtch System Requirements

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the system requirements needed to successfully deploy a cloudSwXtch. It is recommended for a user to review this page before installing a cloudSwXtch any of the four cloud platforms.

## cloudSwXtch Sizing Guidelines

#### Sizing and Feature Selection For Your cloudSwXtch

The number of endpoints and bandwidth dictate cloudSwXtch sizing requirements. It is recommended for users **to contact a swXtch.io sales representative** to discuss cloudSwXtch sizing and additional features so that the appropriate license can be distributed. **Please note**: A cloudSwXtch BYOL offering will not work without a license.

- Sizing: For bandwidth greater than 2 Gb/s and endpoints greater than 100, you will need different virtual CPUs/NIC sizing.
- Adding Features: Many additional licensable features are available for cloudSwXtch. For more information, see <u>cloudSwXtch</u> <u>Features</u>.

To contact sales, please visit swXtch.io/contact.

#### cloudSwXtch BYOL (Marketplace)

| # Endpoints | Bandwidth       | Core | Memory   | Hard Drive |
|-------------|-----------------|------|----------|------------|
| Up to 100   | 2 Gb/s (max)    | 16+  | 16GB DDR | 64GB SSD   |
| Up to 200   | More than 2Gb/s | 64+  | 16GB DDR | 64GB SSD   |

#### cloudSwXtch PAYG for POCs/Trial

| # Endpoints | Bandwidth | Core | Memory   | Hard Drive |
|-------------|-----------|------|----------|------------|
| Unlimited   | Unlimited | 12+  | 48GB DDR | *          |

<sup>\*</sup>Hard Drive is dependent on the user's needs. Note: cloudSwXtch Pay As You Go (PAYG) is a \$30/hr offering.

#### **Internet Connection**

Installing and upgrading cloudSwXtch requires internet connection. Alternatively, if a user does not have access to the internet, they can use the Air-Gapped installation guide for Azure.

## **Supported Cloud Environments**

- Amazon's AWS Cloud
- Microsoft's Azure Cloud
- Google's GCP Cloud
- Oracle's OCI Cloud

## Virtual Network

A cloudSwXtch instance **must have 2 NICs**. However, both NICs can share a single subnet for control and data plane communications. This is the preferred method.

In the event that a user needs higher performance, a user can separate their subnets as described below.

- Contain a subnet for control plane traffic (referred to as the ctrl-subnet from here on).
- Contain a subnet for data plane traffic (referred to as the data-subnet from here on).

Please note: GCP does not allow for single subnet configuration. A user must have 2 separate subnets for their data and control NICs.

## Subnet Selection

The subnets must be the same subnets used for the xNIC installations.

The virtual network and subnets may be shared with other services in addition to the **cloudSwXtch**. The size of each subnet should include at least 32 addresses.

## Minimum CPU and Memory

## Firewall and Security Group Rules

The xNIC software and the cloudSwXtch communicate with each other using the following protocols and ports. These firewall exceptions must be allowed in the xNIC VMs and the cloudSwXtch VM.

| Subnet      | Protocol | Ports       | VM  |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-----|
| ctrl-subnet | http     | 80          | all |
| ctrl-subnet | udp      | 10800-10803 | all |
| data-subnet | udp      | 9999        | all |

## Mesh and High Availability

Both Mesh and High Availability need special firewall exceptions in order to properly work in a user's cloudSwXtchenvironment. If you plan on using either features, please allow the following:

#### Mesh

| Subnet      | Protocol | Ports | VM          |
|-------------|----------|-------|-------------|
| ctrl-subnet | tcp+udp  | 37856 | cloudSwXtch |

## High Availability

| Subnet      | Protocol | Ports | VM          |
|-------------|----------|-------|-------------|
| ctrl-subnet | tcp+udp  | 37856 | cloudSwXtch |

Reminder: HA Mesh are mutually exclusive and cannot be used together.

#### PTP

PTP needs special firewall exceptions in order to properly work in a user's cloudSwXtch environment. If you plan on using the feature, please allow the following:

| Subnet      | Protocol | Ports       | VM          |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| ctrl-subnet | http     | 80          | cloudSwXtch |
| ctrl-subnet | udp      | 10800-10803 | all         |
| data-subnet | udp      | 9999        | all         |

## cloudSwXtch on AWS

#### **Pre-Creation Steps**

Before creating an EC2 instance with cloudSwXtch installed for AWS, users must already have an AWS account **and** a VPC (Virtual Private Cloud) already created.

#### Installation Method:

- 1. Review system requirements
- 2. Validate subnets on AWS
- 3. Verify security groups *Optional*
- 4. Create SSH key pair
- 5. Install cloudSwXtch on AWS

#### Disclaimers

- swxtch.io does not handle any policy access rights for deployment nor does it have any special IAM roles or policies that are needed. That being said, swxtch.io suggests using a policy of least privilege for all access granted as part of the deployment. Please refer to AWS for best practices for policy rights and IAM roles and policies: AWS Identity
- swxtch.io does not require any public resources for deployment such as Amazon S3 buckets.
- swxtch.io cloudSwXtch installation does not use any AWS Secrets in Secret Manager as swxtch.io does not natively store any customer sensitive data. Customers can encrypt their traffic and the cloudSwXtch will still be able to handle the network traffic
- swxtch.io does not encrypt data. It pass through any data sent in the multicast which may be encrypted.

## Validate Subnets on AWS

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

A virtual network must be created before deploying a cloudSwXtch EC2 instance.

- It must contain at least one subnet that's used for both the control and data plane communication.
  - It is recommended that it is private facing and does not auto-assign public IPs.
  - This single subnet will be used for xNIC installation.

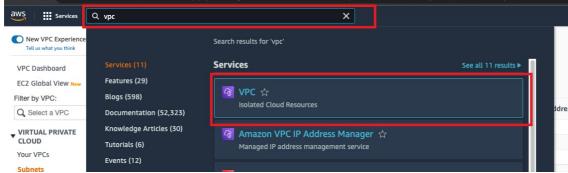
In this section, users will learn how to validate whether a subnet exists to be used as both the control and the data plane for their virtual network. This is in preparation for cloudSwXtch installation on AWS. We will also walk through an alternative method of using 2 subnets, separating the control and data plane.

## Method #1: Single-subnet

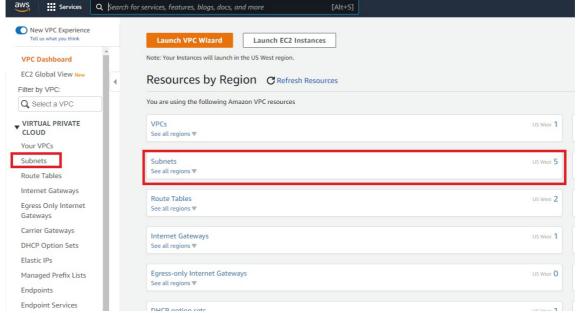
Typically, when deploying a VPC, a user will automatically create a subnet. During the main installation process, this subnet can be used for both control and data plane communications. This is the **preferred** method and will be used by a majority of users. Before installing cloudSwXtch, users should validate that the control subnet exists.

#### To validate

1. Navigate to the VPC Console in AWS. In the example below, the user entered VPC in search field to find it under Services.



2. Select "Subnets" under the Virtual Private Cloud tab or under Resources by Region in the VPC Dashboard.



3. Check that the subnet you wish to use for the cloudSwXtch is listed. In addition to the cloudSwXtch installation, this single subnet will be used during xNIC installation.

#### Method #2: Two Subnets

Alternatively, a user may decide that they want to have two separate subnets for their cloudSwXtch: one for the control plane and another for data. In addition, the same subnets must be used for the xNIC installations. This method is recommended for individuals who want higher performance.

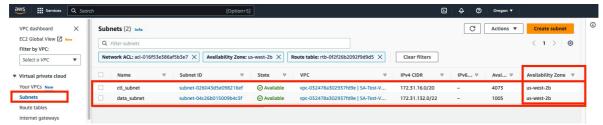
To accomplish this:

- 1. Navigate to the VPC Console in AWS.
- 2. Select Subnets under the Virtual Private Cloud tab or under Resources by Region in the VPC Dashboard.

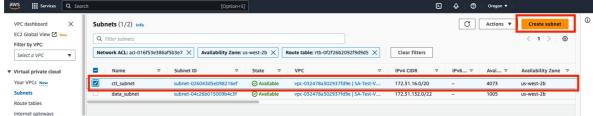
3. Check that 2 subnets exists: one for the data and another for the control plane. Ensure that both subnets are in the same **Availability Zone**. This allows both NICs to be connected on the EC2 instance at the same time.

#### Naming your subnets

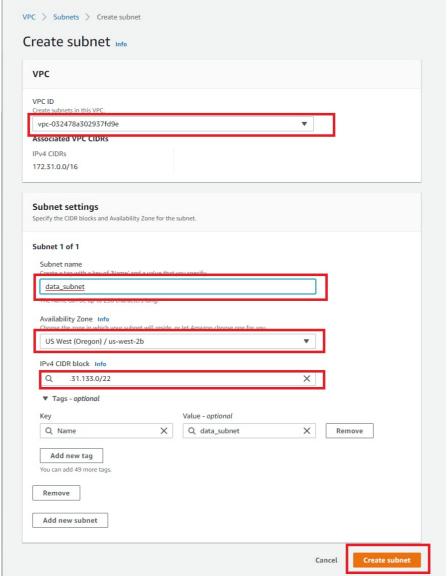
For ease of use, name the subnets are ctrl-subnet and data-subnet to distinguish between them when creating an EC2 instance with cloudSwXtch installed.



4. If a second subnet does not exist, select the orange Create Subnet button in the top right corner of the page.



5. Fill in the **Create Subnet** form like the example shown below, ensuring that the subnet is in the same **VPC ID** and **Availability Zone** as your other subnet. In the example below, the user is creating their data subnet.



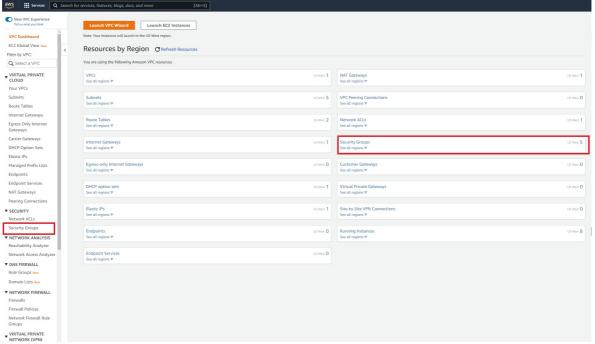
6. Click "Create Subnet." You should now have a new subnet on your list.

# **Verify Security Groups**

The security group contains the firewall settings for EC2 instances and interfaces (xNICs).

To ensure security groups are set up properly for cloudSwXtch:

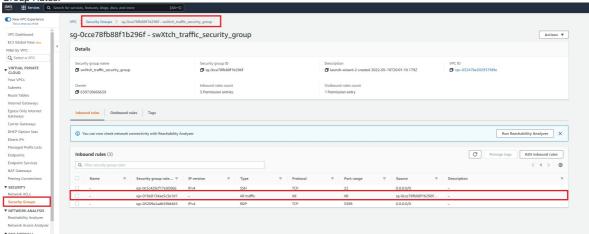
- 1. Navigate to the VPC console.
- 2. Select the "Security Groups" link as shown below. (Note: There are multiple ways to get to the "Security Groups" page.)



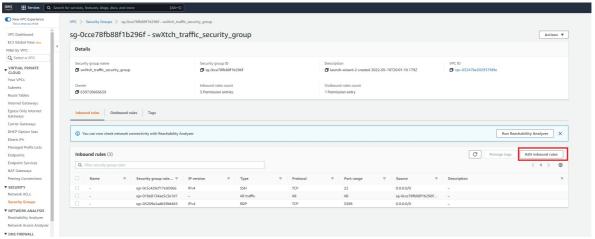
3. Select the Security Group that is normally used to create your EC2 instances for your application. (Note: The names in the example will be different in your environment.)



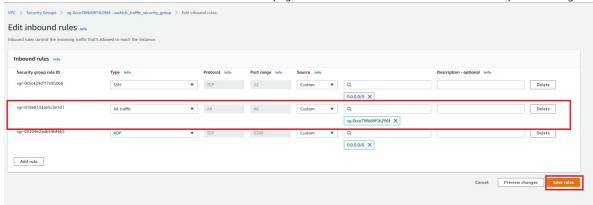
4. In order for certain features to work in your cloudSwXtch, you will need to add inbound rules to open specific ports originating from that security group. You can find the ports outlined in the cloudSwXtch System Requirements article under "Firewall and Security Group Rules."



5. If an inbound rule does not exist, create it by selecting "Edit inbound rules."

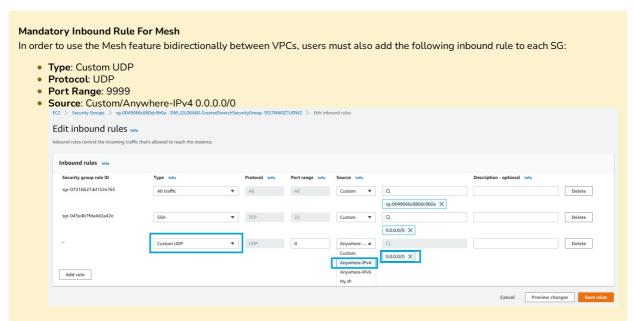


- 6. Select "Add Rule."
- 7. Enter the information like the screenshot shown below verifying that the ID of the SG on Source matches the SG you are editing.



8. Save the rule.

## **Additional Rules**



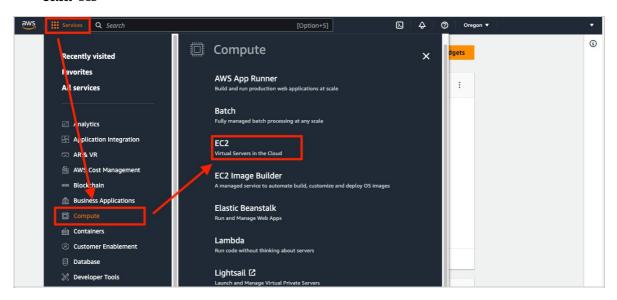
## Create SSH Key Pair

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

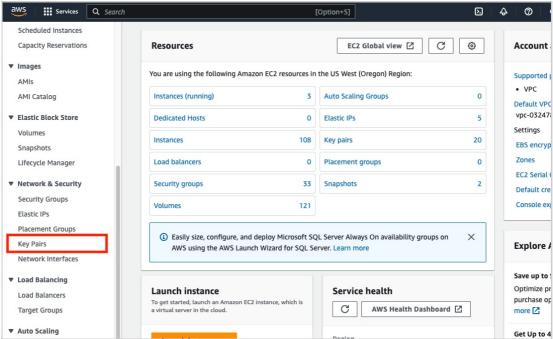
An SSH key pair is necessary when accessing a cloudSwXtch EC2 instance. If you do not already have one imported, please create an SSH key pair before beginning the cloudSwXtch on AWS creation process.

In the AWS Management Console, make sure you are in the region where you plan to use the cloudSwXtch instance.

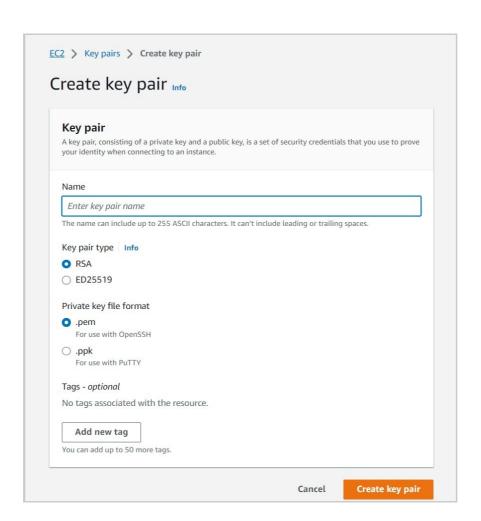
- 1. Navigate to EC2
  - Select the "Services" menu in the AWS Management Console.
  - Click "Compute"
  - Select "EC2"



2. In EC2, click "Key Pairs" under the "Network & Security" tab in the menu on the left-hand side.



- 3. Click "Create Key Pair". A new window should open.
- 4. Under Name, enter something meaningful and descriptive for the key.
- 5. Depending on your needs, you have to choose **RSA** or **ED25519**, and **.pem** or **.ppk** (OpenSSH or PuTTY access).
- 6. Click on **Create Key Pair**.
  - a. A file with the chosen extension will be downloaded to your computer (secret private key), and the other half of the pair will be store on AWS for later use (public key, used in conjunction with your private key to validate the access).



## Install cloudSwXtch on AWS

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Deployment of a cloudSwXtch consists of two parts: the creation of an EC2 instance containing cloudSwXtch and the installation of the xNIC software. The cloudSwXtch is considered "installed" once while the xNIC is installed on each agent instance that is a part of the network.

In this section, users will learn how to deploy cloudSwXtch for their AWS environment.

#### NOTE:

Root privileges are not required for deployment or operation. Our CloudFormation template allows an automated mechanism to update the installed cloudSwXtch version. This will deploy the latest version of the cloudSwXtch instead of the one packaged in the AMI, which requires root privileges to trigger the update from the product side. For upgrades, please see <a href="Upgrade cloudSwXtch on an upgrade cloudSwXtch on an upgrade from the client side">Upgrade cloudSwXtch on an upgrade from the client side</a>. An upgrade from the client side does not require root privileges.

## Creating a cloudSwXtch EC2 Instance

#### **Prerequisites**

Before starting, a user must do the following:

- 1. Review cloudSwXtch System Requirements.
- 2. Ensure that you already have an AWS account.
- 3. Create a virtual network (VPC). This must be created before deploying a cloudSwXtch.
- 4. Validate you have at least one subnet for your virtual network. A single subnet can be used for the control and data plane.
- 5. Verify a Security Group that allows access to all traffic inside the VPC. If one is not created, use default when creating a cloudSwXtch.
- 6. Create an SSH Key Pair.

#### Post-Installation

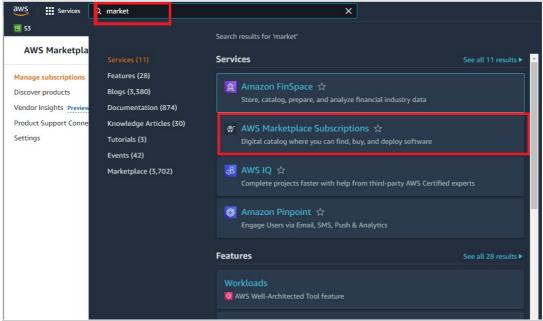
The following instructions detail how to deploy a cloudSwXtch BYOL instance. If a user decides to deploy a BYOL instance, they will need to complete the additional step of licensing their cloudSwXtch.

If all prerequisites are met, a cloudSwXtch can be created via the Marketplace in any region in approximately 10 minutes. If multi-AZ or multi-region is required then see Mesh for details. The installer will create a CloudFormation Stack to include the following resources:

- ControlEni Networking Interface for control data
- DataENI Networking Interface for data such as Multicast
- EC2Instance in Linux for the cloudSwxtch to run on

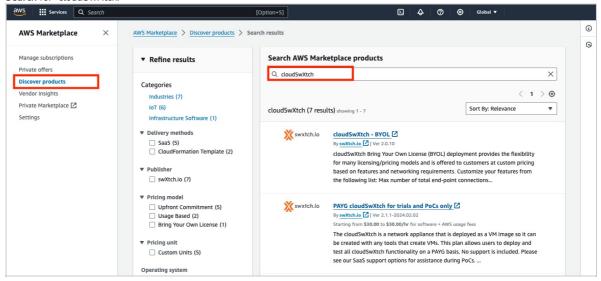
In order to create a cloudSwXtch, please do the following steps.

- 1. Sign into AWS.
- 2. From the AWS console, search "Market" and select "AWS Marketplace Subscriptions" from the search results.



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- 3. Select "Discover Products" in the AWS Marketplace menu on the left hand side.
- 4. Search for "cloudSwXtch."



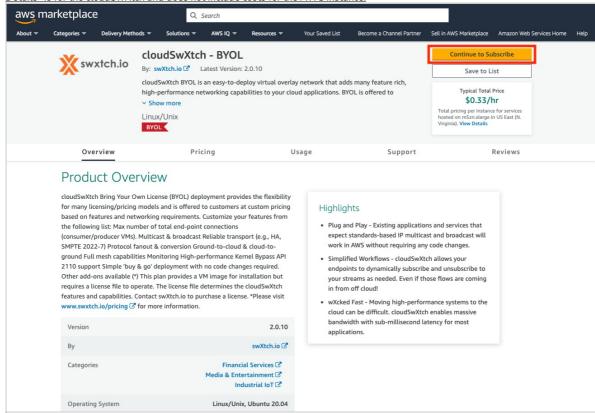
- 5. Select a Tier (cloudSwXtch BYOL or cloudSwXtch PAYG) based on your usage requirements and features needed.
  - a. Please read the cloudSwXtch System Requirements article for more information regarding cloudSwXtch sizing.
  - b. For the purpose of this guide, the next screenshots will be for a cloudSwXtch BYOL deployment.

## **Endpoint Connections Limit**

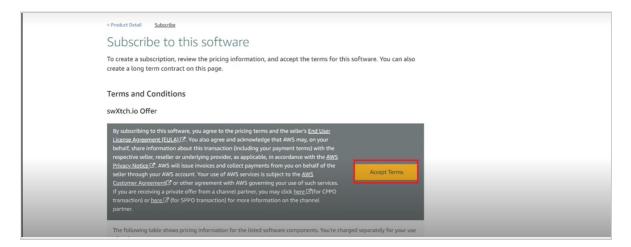
Be mindful of the number of endpoints you connect to your cloudSwXtch after creation. For cloudSwXtch BYOL, you are limited to the number of endpoints allowed in your license.

If you need to increase the number of endpoints, please view the AWS instructions <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. Note that if your new instance type exceeds the size of your tier, you must contact <a href="mailto:support@swxtch.io">support@swxtch.io</a> to update your license.

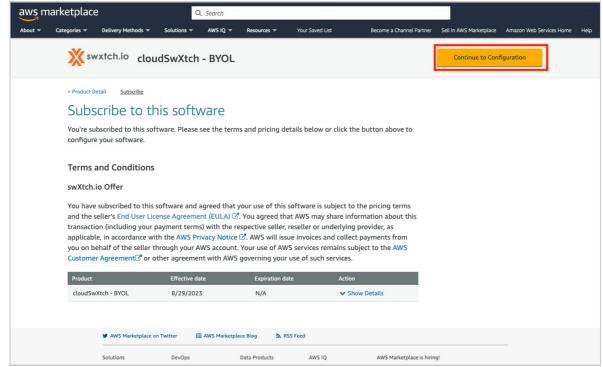
6. **Select** "Continue to Subscribe" after reviewing the product information. Note: The "Typical Total Price" is calculated with the recommended instance size included in the final monthly value and a utilization of 24x7. **Please note**: The cost in "Software Pricing Details" is for the cloudSwXtch and does not include costs for the AWS instance.



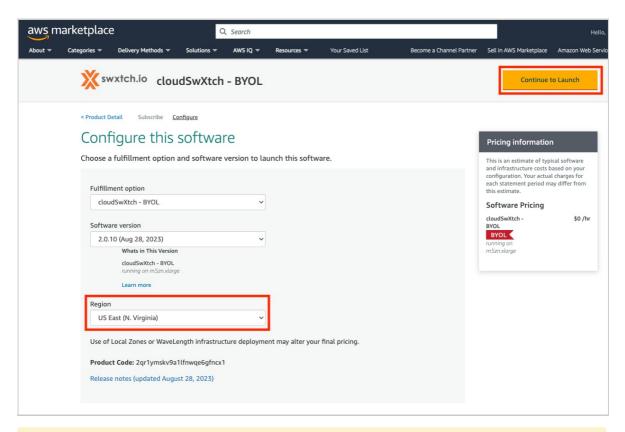
- 7. Review the Terms and Conditions.
- 8. **Select** "Accept Terms" if they are acceptable.



9. Select "Continue to Configuration" after reading the subscription and license management.



10. **Select** the desired "Region" and then **select** "Continue to Launch". (Note: If you select a region that does not match the region you began with, then it may not work even if selected here.)

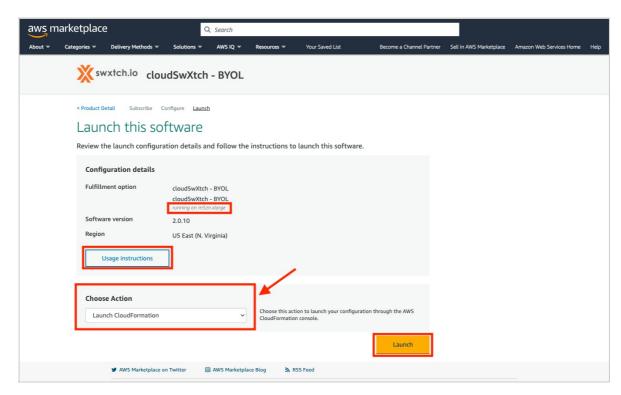


#### **INSTANCE TYPES**

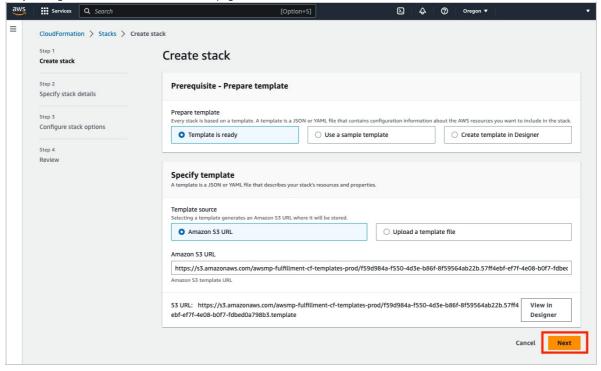
It is recommended to use an instance type in the **c6in** or **m6in** families. Remember that a cloudSwXtch requires a minimum of 8 cores. Note how the cloudSwXtch Marketplace install selects the appropriate VM size in the Fulfillment section based on the cloudSwXtch tier.

Please ensure that the instance type matches one of the options below:

- c6in.2xlarge
- c6in.4xlarge
- c6in.8xlarge
- c6in.12xlarge
- c6in.16xlarge
- c6in.24xlargec6in.32xlarge
- m6in.2xlarge
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- m6in.8xlarge
- m6in.12xlarge
- m6in.16xlarge
- m6in.24xlarge
- m6in.32xlarge
- 11. Read "Usage Instructions" if you desire.
- 12. Use the "Choose Action" dropdown menu and select "Launch CloudFormation".
- 13. Click "Launch".

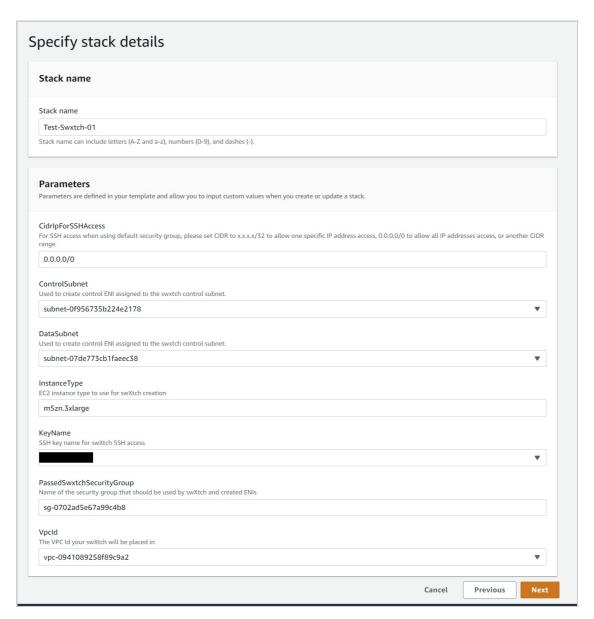


14. Keep Settings on default on the "Create Stack" page and select "Next."

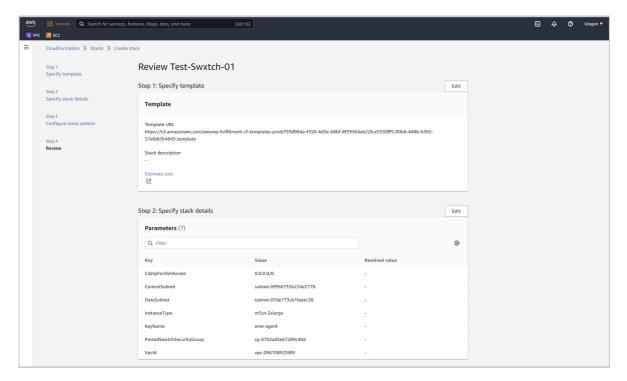


#### 15. On the Specify stack details page, complete the following:

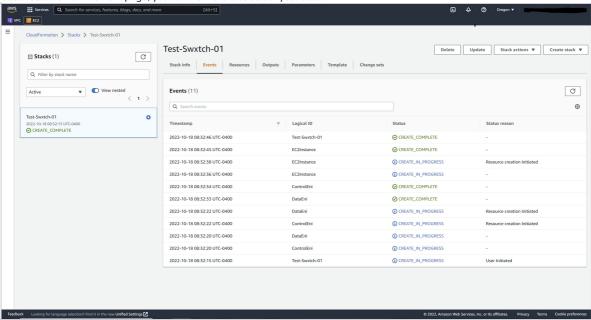
- a. Under "Stack name," **enter** your desired name. Keep in mind that this will be used for everything added to the stack. For example: "resource name," "security groups," "EC2 instance name," etc.
- b. Under "CidrlpForInboundOutboundTraffic," use 0.0.0.0/0 so that you can SSH to the virtual machine from any IP address. You can also pick a more restrictive range if desired.
- c. Under "ControlSubnet," use the dropdown to find the control subnet you created (recommended: ctrl-subnet).
- d. Under "DataSubnet," **use** the dropdown to find the control subnet you created. Both control and data can share the same subnet.
  - i. Alternatively, for better performance, a user can assign a separate subnet for their data subnet.
- e. For "InstanceType," there should be "Fulfillment" data from the earlier step.
- f. Under "KeyName," **use** the dropdown to find your previously created or imported SSH key.
- g. In "PassedSwxtchSecruityGroup," **use** "default" and one will be created during the installation process. Alternatively, you can enter the ID of an already created security group. It will be something similar to "sg-009273855418af38d."
- h. Under "VpcId," select from the dropdown to find the already created VPC id.
- i. Here is an example of how your template would look like:



- 16. Click "Next."
- 17. **The "Configuring stack options" page is completely optional.** You can assign tags for your stack, set additional IAM permissions, stack failure options, etc.
- 18. Click "Next" if you don't need to make any changes.
- 19. Verify that your parameters are accurate on the final "Review" page. If you need to change anything, select "Edit."



20. Click "Submit." On the next page, you can view the creation of your stack.



Your EC2 instance has now been created. You can view it on the EC2/Instances list and connect to your cloudSwXtch from there.

21. Once you have connected with SSH to your cloudSwXtch as root user (sudo su), navigate to the cloudSwXtch directory (cd /swxtch) then run the following command:



#### NOTE

Use the cloudSwXtch-name in place of the IP address if DNS resolution is setup or "localhost."

This will display the cloudSwXtch's swxtch-top dashboard. In "Status," you should see "OK." This will let you know that your cloudSwXtch has been successfully deployed. You can review more information regarding swxtch-top in the swxtch-top article.

### **INSTALLING AN XNIC**

If this is a new installation, then each client that is expected to receive or transmit to the cloudSwXtch will need an xNIC installed.

If this is an existing cloudSwXtch replacement, then each client with an xNIC already installed will need to be upgraded to match the current cloudSwXtch version.

You can find more information about xNIC installation, here.

### Required Step for BYOL: Contact swXtch.io for a license

Users deploying a BYOL instance of cloudSwXtch will need to contact swXtch.io for a license file. For more information, see How to License a cloudSwXtch.

# Checking the Health of Your cloudSwXtch Instance

It is important to ensure your AWS system is healthy. AWS provides AWS CloudWatch as a way to check on the health of your system. To check on the cloudSwXtch EC2 instance, read more here.

# Upgrading cloudSwXtch on AWS

It is important that your cloudSwXtch instance is up to date. To learn how to upgrade your cloudSwXtch, you can read more here.

# Deleting cloudSwXtch on AWS

To learn how to delete your cloudSwXtch, you can read more here.

# Deploy cloudSwXtch with Terraform on AWS

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, you will learn how to deploy a cloudSwXtch instance on AWS using a Terraform script.

### Prerequisites:

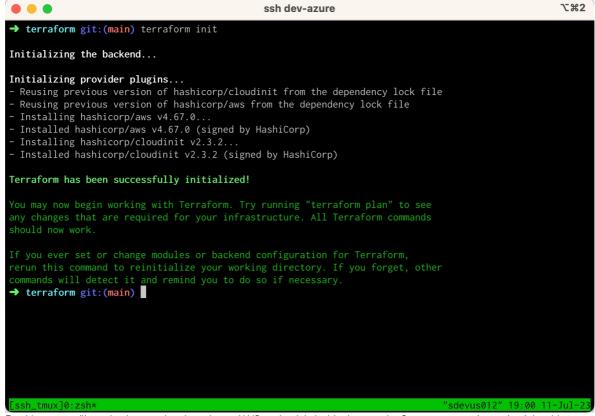
For this script to work, you will need to have already provisioned your VPC, Subnets, and SSH Keys. You will plug those parameter values into your AWS/terraform/terraform.tfvars file.

### **Deploying a Terraform Script**

- 1. Choose what platform you would like to run Terraform on. For this example, the user is on a Linux machine. Download intructions can be found at: terraform.io/downloads
- $2. \ \ Clone\ the\ repository\ using\ SSH.\ \textbf{Please}\ \textbf{note}:\ You\ will\ need\ an\ SSH\ key\ set\ up\ with\ GitHub.$



- 3. Update the values in the AWS/terraform/terraform.tfvars file to match your existing AWS resources such as: VPC id, Subnet IDs, and SSH Key names.
- 4. Run terraform init inside the AWS/terraform/ directory.



5. For this step you'll need to have authenticated your AWS credentials inside the console. Or you can pass the credentials with environmental variables. One simple way to do this is using an Access Key (AK). If you don't have one, you can generate your AK in Amazon's IAM->Users->(your user), on the Security Credentials tab, Access Keys. Then, you have to export the following:

```
Console

$ export AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID="anaccesskey"

$ export AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY="asecretkey"

$ export AWS_REGION="us-west-2"
```

Now that Terraform has been initialized and you're authenticated, run this command to evaluate the config and confirm the desired output which will be shown:

```
Сору
$ terraform plan
                                                                                                              ℃#2
ssh dev-azure
             "Name" = "swxtch_traffic_swxtch-tf-example_sg"
      + tags_all
             "Name" = "swxtch_traffic_swxtch-tf-example_sg"
                                 = "vpc-06974b4b531c0f697"
        vpc_id
Plan: 7 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
Changes to Outputs:
  + swxtches = [
          + ctrl_ip = (known after apply)
          + data_ip = (known after apply)
           + username = "ubuntu"
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+ data_ip = (known after apply)
           + username = "ubuntu"
Note: You didn't use the -out option to save this plan, so Terraform can't guarantee to take exactly
these actions if you run "terraform apply" now.

→ terraform git:(main)
```

This is the result of running terraform plan with 2 cloudSwXtches. The provided terraform example creates a security group for all of the deployed resources: two <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches and an <a href="mailto:aws\_network\_interface">aws\_network\_interface</a> for each of the cloudSwXtches.

6. Run the Terraform apply command (followed by "yes" when prompted) to approve the action.

```
Console

terraform apply
yes
```

"sdevus012" 19:02 11-Jul-23

7. Once the resources have been applied successfully, you should see an output similar to this:

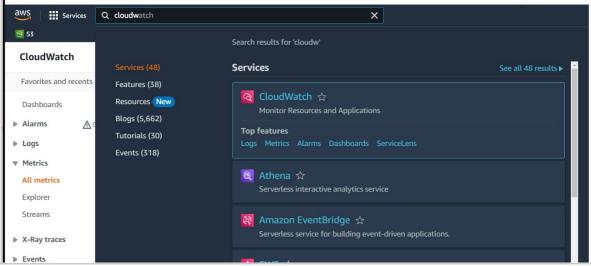
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ssh dev-azure
aws_network_interface.swxtch_data[1]: Creating...
aws_network_interface.swxtch_data[0]: Creating...
aws_network_interface.swxtch_ctrl[1]: Creation complete after 1s [id=eni-099a6704b48871b65]
aws_network_interface.swxtch_data[0]: Creation complete after 1s [id=eni-05c53da54a04ea3be] aws_network_interface.swxtch_data[1]: Creation complete after 1s [id=eni-0c364aa6898a7e2a2]
aws_network_interface.swxtch_ctrl[0]: Creation complete after 1s [id=eni-0c765fb2ad379495b]
aws_instance.swxtch[0]: Creating...
aws_instance.swxtch[1]: Creating...
aws_instance.swxtch[0]: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_instance.swxtch[1]: Still creating... [10s elapsed]
aws_instance.swxtch[1]: Creation complete after 14s [id=i-06032053dbf5a744e]
aws_instance.swxtch[0]: Creation complete after 14s [id=i-08ba3f7cfa686764c]
Apply complete! Resources: 7 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.
Outputs:
swxtches = [
     "ctrl_ip" = "172.31.33.152"
"data_ip" = "172.31.132.216"
"username" = "ubuntu"
     "ctrl_ip" = "172.31.46.220"
"data_ip" = "172.31.133.206"
"username" = "ubuntu"
    terraform git:(main)
                                                                                                                    "sdevus012" 19:05 11-Jul-23
  ssh_tmux]0:terraform*
```

You can view the resources created from your AWS portal as confirmation of a successful deployment.

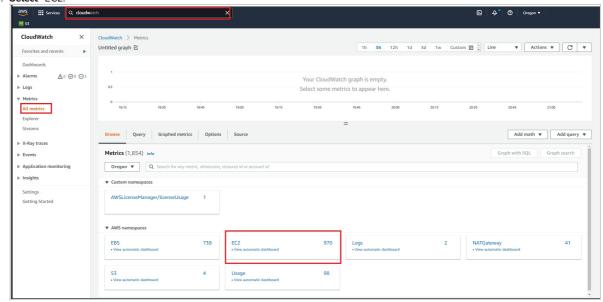
# Check Health of cloudSwXtch Instance on AWS

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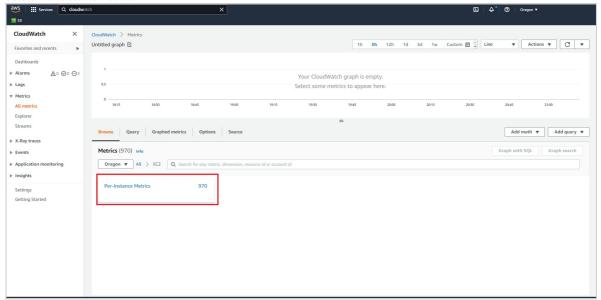
1. **Search** for "CloudWatch" in the AWS Search bar.



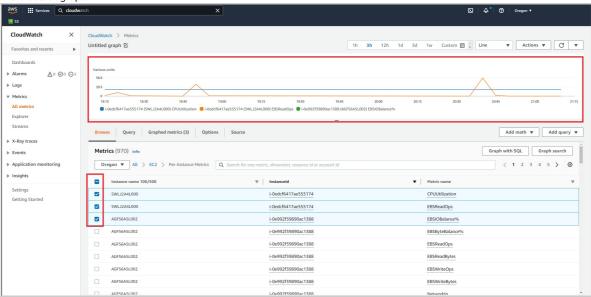
- 2. **Select** "All Metrics" on the left tree menu under "Metrics."
- 3. **Select** "EC2."



4. Select "Per-Instance Metrics."



- 5. **Sort** as desired. Instance ID works well.
- 6. View data in graph.



# WARNING

A cloudSwXtch instance will consume CPU even when the connected agents are not producing/consuming data. This is because there are several vCPUs configured to constantly watch the interfaces.

# Delete cloudSwXtch on AWS

### WHAT TO EXPECT

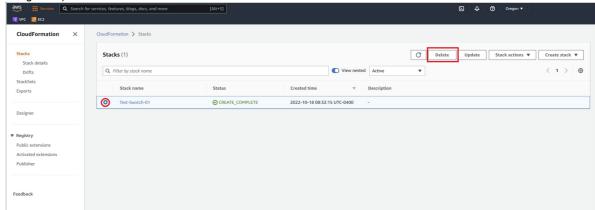
In this section, users will learn how to delete cloudSwXtch from their AWS environment.

Prior to deleting a cloudSwXtch, it is advised to uninstall any xNICs using it. See xNIC Installation.

It is important to note that since your cloudSwXtch was created using a Stack, you do not want to just delete the EC2 instance by itself. Rather, you will want to delete the Stack as whole, which will also delete all associated resources as well.

To delete a cloudSwXtch:

1. Navigate to your cloud stack: "Cloud Formation  $\rightarrow$  Stacks"



- 2. **Select** the stack you want to delete.
- 3. Click "Delete" and then confirm on the popup window.
- 4. Refresh the page after a minute or so to confirm the stack has been deleted.

# cloudSwXtch on Azure

## **Pre-installation Steps**

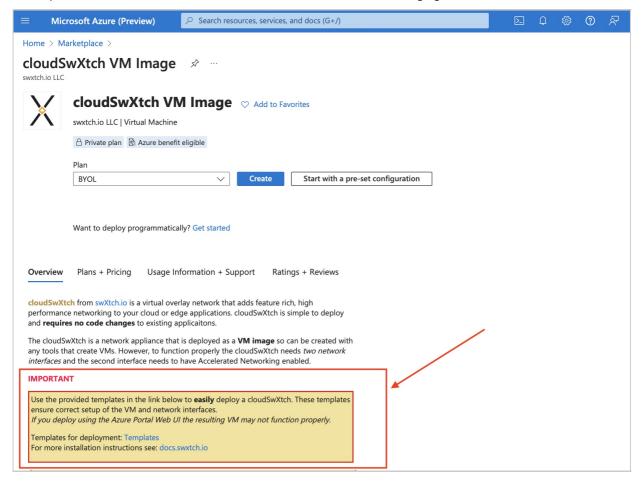
There are three methods that a cloudSwXtch instance can be deployed using the Azure Portal: via template, via Terraform, and via the Market Place.

Out of those three options, the **preferred method is via template** as it will create the two subnets needed for a cloudSwXtch to operate. In addition, the Network Interface will have "Accelerated Networking" enabled.

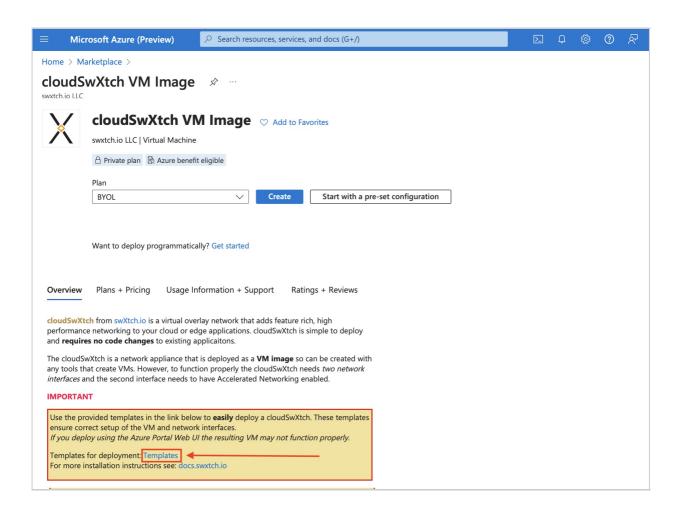
# Template Method (PREFERRED):

- 1. Review system requirements
- 2. Validate subnets on Azure
- 3. Create Azure cloudSwXtch Template
- 4. Install cloudSwXtch on Azure

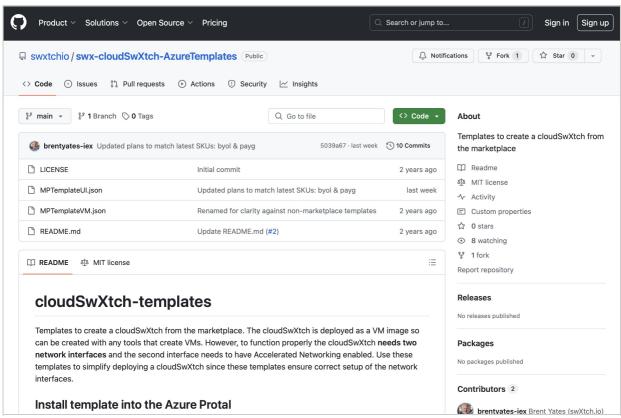
The template method is also mentioned in the Market Place cloudSwXtch installation as highlighted below:



Clicking on the "Templates" hyperlink shows more information about the template creation method.



Selecting this link will open the page below:



# **Alternative Install Methods**

# **Market Place**

While a user can create a cloudSwXtch via the Market Place, it will require additional work in terms of maintenance. For example, the cloudSwXtch would have to be updated to add a second NIC and then have accelerated networking manually enabled. With the template method, users can bypass all this.

If you still wish to use the Market Place method, you can find more information <u>here</u>.

#### Terraform

If you wish to deploy cloudSwXtch via Terraform, you can find more information  $\underline{\text{here}}.$ 

#### Air-Gapped

For closed environments, users can follow the Azure Air-Gapped installation instructions  $\underline{\text{here}}$ .

# Validate Subnets on Azure

### WHAT TO EXPECT

A virtual network must be created before deploying a cloudSwXtch EC2 instance.

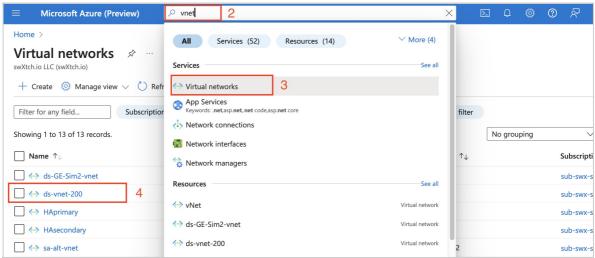
- It must contain at least one subnet that's used for both the control and data plane communication.
  - It is recommended that it is private facing and does not auto-assign public IPs.
  - This single subnet will be used for xNIC installation.

The subnets will also be used xNIC installations.

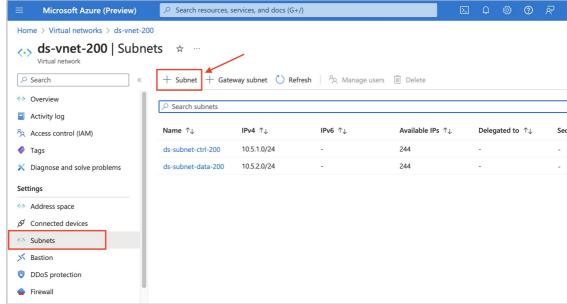
In this section, users will learn how to validate whether a subnet exists to be used as both the control and the data plane for their virtual network. This is in preparation for cloudSwXtch installation on Azure. We will also walk through an alternative method of using 2 subnets, separating the control and data plane.

### To validate:

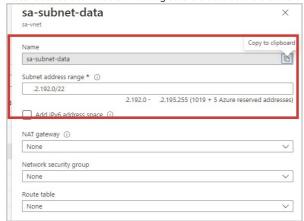
- 1. Go to the Azure Console.
- 2. Search for "vnet".
- 3. Select Virtual Networks.
- 4. Select the vnet to be used for cloudSwXtch.



- 5. If using a single-subnet, name the subnet as "ctl." If using two subnets, name the second one "data" to distinguish between them when creating an VM instance. Using two subnets will require them to be in the same Region (for example, East US). This enables a single VM instance to have two NICs connected to both subnets at the same time.
  - a. In the event that the second subnet does not exist, create it by selecting "+ Subnet."



b. Enter data as shown below making sure the subnet in the same VNET and Availability zone as shown below:



# **Endpoint Connections Limit**

Please be mindful of the number of endpoints (virtual machines) you are allowed to connect to your cloudSwXtch after creation. For more information about sizing, please see <a href="cloudSwXtch System Requirements">cloudSwXtch System Requirements</a>.

# NEXT STEP: Creating an Azure cloudSwXtch Template

After validating the subnets on Azure, continue on to the  $\frac{Create\ an\ Azure\ cloudSwXtch\ Template}{Create\ an\ Azure\ cloudSwXtch\ Template}$  guide. This is in preparation for installing cloudSwXtch\ on\ Azure.

# Create an Azure cloudSwXtch Template

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The easiest way to deploy a cloudSwXtch instance in your Azure environment is through the template method. **The following process** is a one-time task per subscription.

This section will walk you through the template creation process in preparation for Azure cloudSwXtch installation.

## **Template Creation**

A cloudSwXtch template can be created by using the Azure Portal. This template will be used to create a cloudSwXtch "Creating cloudSwXtch via Template method". The template is not used during creation of a cloudSwXtch via the Market Place. The creation of the Template is a one-time task per subscription

- 1. Log into the Azure Portal. You will need permissions to create and manage virtual machines.
  - virtual-machine-contributor
- 2. Open Cloud Shell.



If you need help setting up your Azure cloud-shell, use the link below for setup instructions, azure cloud-shell quick start  $\,$ 

- 3. Make sure you are running your cloud shell terminal in Bash mode.
- 4. Enter in the following command to get to the proper resource group:



 $5. \ \ \, \textbf{Enter} \ \text{in the following command to clone the "cloudSwXth-AzureTemplates"}:$ 

Bash

git clone https://github.com/swxtchio/cloudSwXtch-AzureTemplates

6. Change directory (cd) to "cloudSwXtch-AzureTemplates".



**If desired**, use the "ls" command to see what is in the directory. Example below:

```
Requesting a Cloud Shell.Succeeded.
Connecting terminal...

fernando [ ~ ]$ cd cloudSwXtch-AzureTemplates/
fernando [ ~/cloudSwXtch-AzureTemplates ]$ 1s
LICENSE MPTemplateUI.json MPTemplateVM.json README.md
fernando [ ~/cloudSwXtch-AzureTemplates ]$
```

7. **Create** "cloudSwxtch-from-mp-image" using the following command:

```
Bash

az ts create -n cloudSwxtch-from-mp-image -g $rg -v 1 -f MPTemplateVM.json --ui-form-definition

MPTemplateUI.json
```

a. The output should look like the below screenshot:

# NEXT STEP: Azure cloudSwXtch Installation

After completing template creation and validating subnets, continue on to the main Azure cloudSwXtch Installation guide.

# Install cloudSwXtch on Azure

### WHAT TO EXPECT

Installation of a cloudSwXtch instance consists of two parts: the cloudSwXtch and the xNIC software. The cloudSwXtch is instantiated once while the xNIC is installed on each VM that is part of the cloudSwXtch network.

In this section, users will learn how to install cloudSwXtch for their Azure environment through the template method.

**Please note**: This is the preferred method of installation. However, alternatively, you can do a manual install via the Marketplace. For more information on this method, please see the <a href="Install cloudSwXtch via Market Place">Install cloudSwXtch via Market Place</a> guide.

### NOTE:

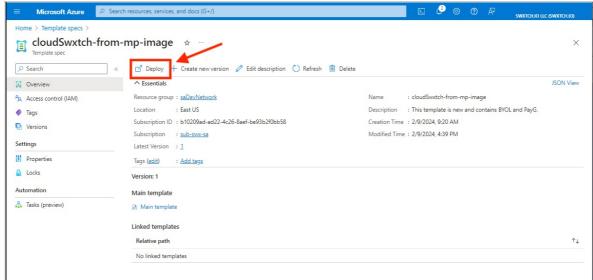
Access to https://services.swxtch.io should be enabled for marketplace installation of the cloudSwXtch. For closed environments, swXtch.io offers a BYOL model to allow installation and operation for highly secure deployments. Please contact support@swxtch.io for more details.

# Deploying a cloudSwXtch instance

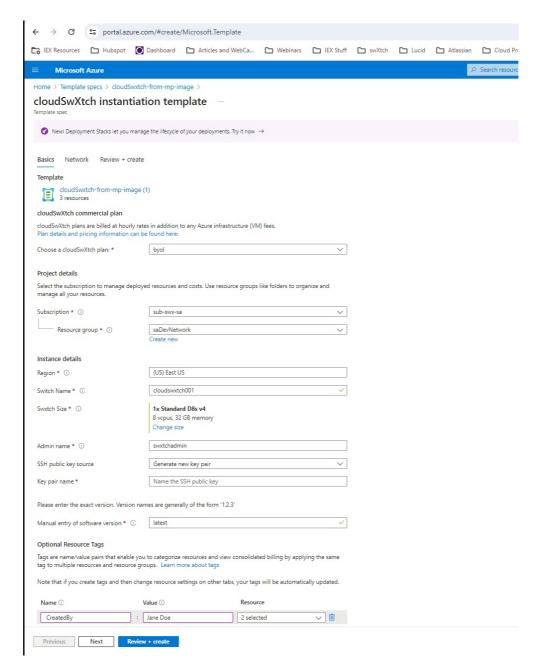
### Prerequisites

Before starting, a user must do the following:

- 1. Review cloudSwXtch System Requirements.
- 2. Validate that there are two Subnets: A virtual network must be created before creating a cloudSwXtch instance. This must contain two subnets, known as the ctrl- and data-subnet. In addition, the data subnet must have the "Network Acceleration" feature enabled.
- 3. <u>Create an Azure cloudSwXtch Template</u>: Creating a template will allows users to follow the easiest method for cloudSwXtch deployment detailed below.
- 4. Make sure that your Azure subscription has the quota and access privileges to create the virtual machine instance used to run the cloudSwXtch. Your instance will fail if you do not have the quota for the selected machine size.
- 1. Log into the Azure Portal.
- 2. Find the template by using the **Search resource**, **services**, **and docs** (G+/) bar and enter <u>cloudSwxtch-from-mp-image</u> in the search. This will take to directly to the template.
- 3. Select the **template**.
- 4. Click **Deploy** to launch the template UI.



5. In the cloudSwXtch commercial plan area, click on the Choose a cloudSwXtch plan dropdown and select a plan (BYOL or PAYG). For more information on plans see: cloudSwXtch System Requirements.



- 6. In the Project Details area, select a Subscription.
- 7. Pick (or create) an Azure Resource Group.
- 8. In the Instance details area, notice how the region is filled in from the Azure Resource Group.
- 9. Assign the Virtual Machine a name. This name must be unique in both the resource group and the virtual network in which the instance will exist. It also must meet the requirements for a VM host name.
- 10. Select the cloudSwXtch size.

# cloudSwXtch Size Explained

The default size is 1x Standard D8s V4. A minimum of 8 cores is suggested for cloudSwXtch deployment.

### NOTE:

Please be aware that the owner of the Azure Subscription in which the cloudSwXtch instance is created is responsible for all cloud resources used by the switch. These fees are to the cloud provider and do not include any fees to swxtch.io for cloudSwXtch licensing.

- 11. Enter in an Admin name. This will default to swxtchadmin, but can be modified.
- 12. Enter in a **SSH public key source.** The options are:
  - Generate new key pair.
    - If selected, enter in **Key Pair Name**. This name must be unique among other key pairs in Azure.
  - Use existing key stored in Azure.
    - If selected, choose a **stored key** from the drop-down menu.

- Use existing public key.
  - If selected, paste in a SSH public Key from Azure. Refer to https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-machines/ssh-keys-portal for how to get an existing public key.
- 13. Select the **software version**. The most common choice is <u>latest</u>, which will use the most recent software release for this instance. For more control, a specific release version can be entered, e.g. 3.0.0.
- 14. In the Optional Resource Tags area, optionally add Tags. Tags can be added to all Resources
- 15. Select Next Network.
- 16. In the Configure virtual networks area, select a previously created virtual network.

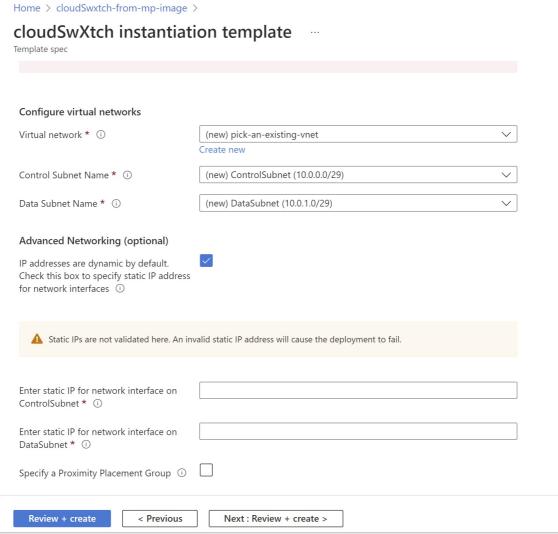
#### WARNING

Due to an issue with Azure templates, **do not select the <u>Create new</u> option** for the network because the created network will not be accessible to you. **Always** select a previously created virtual network.

### Network

The cloudSwXtch must be associated with a virtual network and the virtual network must have at least two subnets: one for control plane and one for data plane traffic. See "System Requirements" above for details.

- 17. In the Configure virtual networks area, select a Control Subnet Name.
- 18. Select a Data Subnet Name.
- 19. OPTIONAL: In the Advanced Networking (optional) section:
  - Add a static IP Address.
  - Specify a Proximity Placement Group.



- 20. Select Review and Create.
- 21. Review the plan pricing.
- 22. Read the Terms & Conditions.
- 23. Select I agree when ready.

The creation will take 1-3 minutes depending on Azure vagaries. When done, a cloudSwXtch instance shall exist within the selected Azure Resource Group. Your cloudSwXtch is now ready for use.

### Post-Installation

- IMPORTANT: If this is a new install then each client that is expected to get traffic from the cloudSwXtch will need a xNIC installed. If this is a existing install then each client with an xNIC already installed will need to be upgraded. Please see xNIC Installation.
- For Windows-related OS/servers, It's important to reboot the machine, once the installation is complete, in order to be able to execute cloudSwXtch tools properly from any client's user home directory.

# 24/7 Operations

If the services need to be up and running 24/7 swXtch.io suggests that redundant systems exist for which will be referred to as "Main" and "Backup". During an upgrade the Backup system should be upgraded, then the traffic should be routed to the Backup while the Main is upgraded.

# Uninstalling cloudSwXtch

Delete the cloudSwXtch instance as you would any other virtual machine.

# Install cloudSwXtch via Azure Marketplace

### Installing cloudSwXtch via Template

The best method for deploying a cloudSwXtch on Azure is via a template. For more information on this method, please review the <a href="Install cloudSwXtch on Azure">Install cloudSwXtch on Azure</a> guide.

### **Prerequisites**

Before starting, ensure that you have validated your subnets on Azure. Return to this page after completing that preliminary step.

## Creating a Virtual Machine

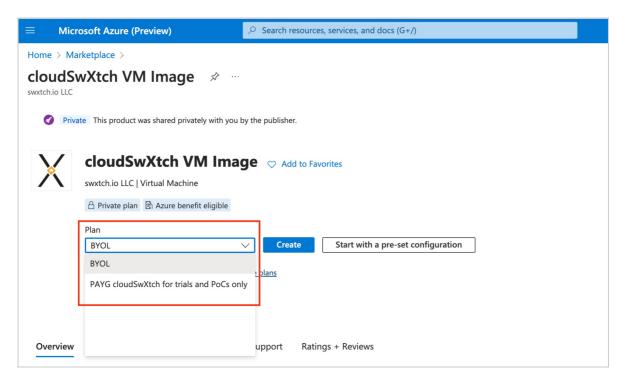
- 1. Log in to the Azure Portal. You will need the following permissions to create and manage virtual machines and to create Managed Applications.
  - virtual-machine-contributor: To create and manage virtual machines.
  - managed-application-contributor-role: To create Managed Applications.
- 2. Select Marketplace.
- 3. Search for cloudswXtch.

cloudSwXtch BYOL

- 4. Select a plan. For more information, see: cloudSwXtch System Requirements.
- 5. Click on the cloudSwXtch VM Image drop down menu to select a plan. Please note: A BYOL instance will require users to obtain a license from swXtch.io. For more information, see here.

#### It is recommended that users select cloudSwXtch BYOL, which allows for more customizability including expanded bandwidth, increased endpoint limit and additional licensable features. Users will need to request a license from support@swxtch.io. For more information, please see cloudSwXtch System Requirements **Microsoft Azure (Preview)** Home > Marketplace Pricing : All X Operating System : All X P **Get Started** cloudSwXtch Service Providers Azure benefit eligible only ① Azure services only Management Showing 1 to 2 of 2 results for 'cloudswxtch'. Clear search You have 3 results customized for your organization in private plans. View private plans Private Marketplace Private Offer Management 2 My Marketplace cloudSwXtch private offers cloudSwXtch VM Image Favorites swxtch.io LLC swxtch.io LLC Recently created SaaS Virtual Machine Multicast on Azure via a virtual Multicast on Azure via a virtual Private plans network switch (overlay network with network switch (overlay network with IGMP support) IGMP support) Categories Starts at Starts at \$30.00/3 years Media (2) $\Diamond$ $\Diamond$ Subscribe V Create V Networking (2) BYOL Al + Machine Learning (0) PAYG cloudSwXtch for trials and PoCs only Analytics (0) Previous Page 1 ∨ of 1 Blockchain (0)

The **Create a virtual machine** will open with the selected plan. If the plan was not selected in the previous screen, then the following screen will open to choose a plan.

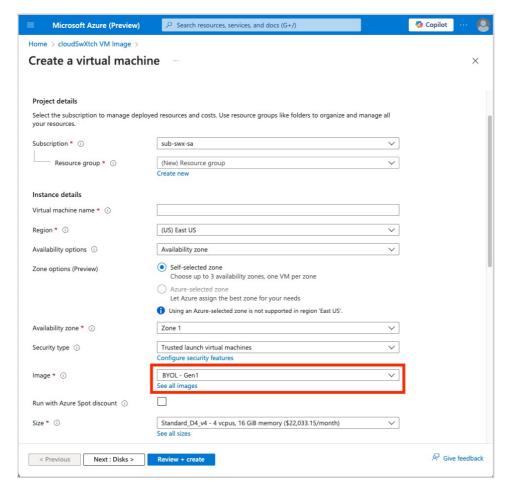


6. Select either Create or Start with a pre-set configuration.

#### NOTE

swxtch.io is just using the standard Azure Marketplace VM from Image method, this document will not go over all the tabs and fields in the tabs as they are not cloudSwxtch specific. Some things of note in the Azure Marketplace VM image creation are as follows:

- The **Start with a pre-set configuration** vs **Create** will eventually lead to the same UI where there are many tabs to enter data. However, the **Start with a pre-set configuration** will fill in certain fields based on the user's selections. For example, in the **Basics** tab it will fill in **Boot diagnostics**, **Availability options**, and **Size**. In addition, the **Disks** tab will fill in the OS disk type.
- REMINDER: This Market Place method will only create one NIC. The second required NIC will need to be added after creation.
- 7. Follow the tabs and make appropriate selections there are a number of fields that have to be filled in to create a cloudSwXtch instance.
- 8. In the Basics tab, select a Subscription.
- 9. Choose (or create) a Resource Group.
- 10. Assign the Virtual Machine Name. This name must be unique.
- 11. Select a Region.
- 12. Confirm the Image is the correct one you selected when choosing a plan: cloudSwXtch BYOL or cloudSwXtch PAYG.



- 13. Select the **Software Version**. The most common choice is **latest**, which will use the most recent software release for this instance. For more control, a specific release version can be entered.
- 14. Continue on the Networking Tab.

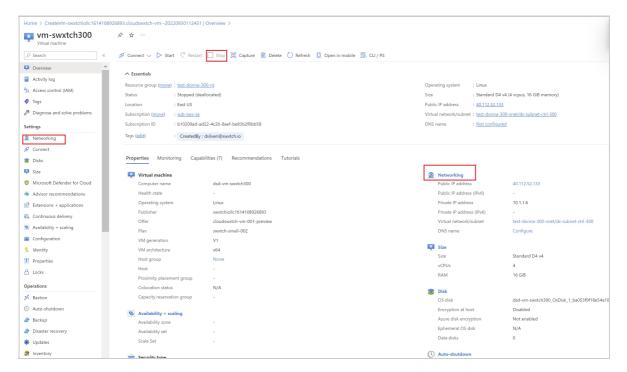
# **Networking Tab**

The cloudSwXtch instance must be associated with a virtual network and the virtual network must have at least two subnets: one for control plane and one for data plane traffic. This user interface only allows attachment of one subnet. Below steps will describe how to add a second subnet after creation. See "System Requirements" above for details.

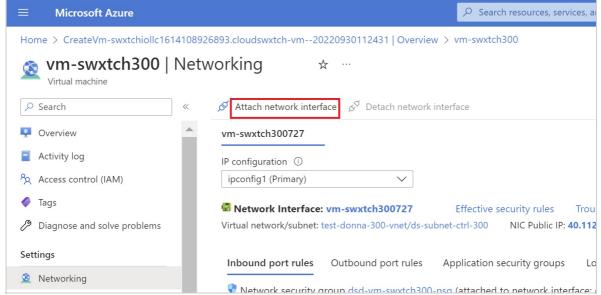
- 15. Check Delete public IP and NIC when VM is deleted.
- 16. **OPTIONAL**: Change values on other tabs.
- 17. Select Review and Create.
- 18. Carefully review the plan pricing.
- 19. Read the Terms & Conditions.
- 20. Select I agree when ready. Note: The creation will take 2-3 minutes depending on Azure varieties.

# Creating the Second Subnet \*REQUIRED\*

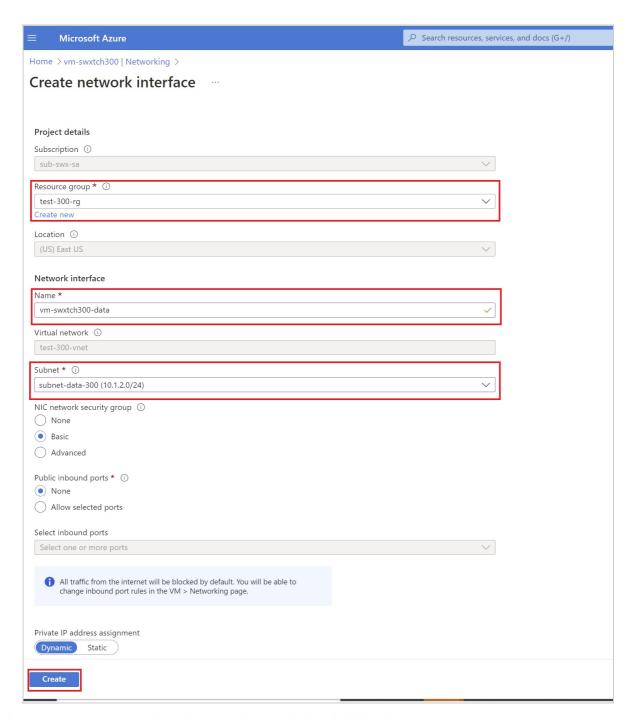
- 1. Navigate to the newly created VM by selecting the **Go to Resource** button.
- 2. Click **Stop** at the top of the toolbar.
- 3. Select Yes when prompted.
- 4. Click **Networking** on the left hand side under settings. Alternatively, you can select **Networking** in the main Properties page.



5. Select Attach network interface.



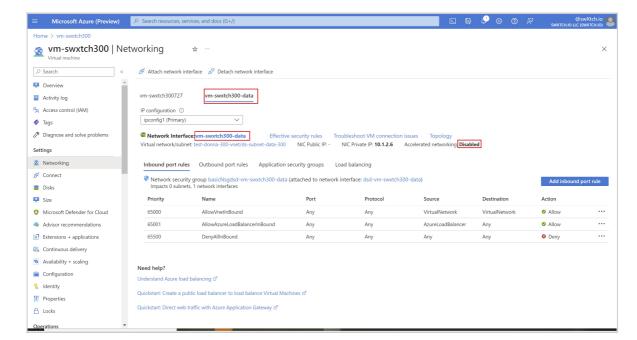
- 6. Select a Resource Group under Project Details.
- 7. Enter in a Name under Network Interface.
- 8. Select a **Subnet. Please note:** You can optionally change other data.
- 9. Select Create.



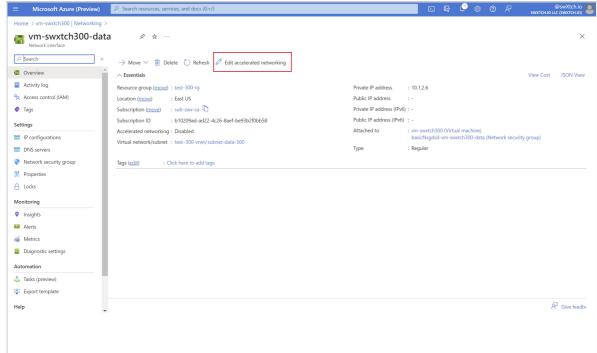
10. Refresh the screen after completing the form and the second subnet should be added in a second tab. Enabling "Accelerated Networking" \*REQUIRED\*

 $The newly created \ Network \ Interface \ needs \ to \ be \ updated \ to \ enable \ \textbf{Accelerated Networking} \ to \ do \ this \ follow \ the \ steps \ below:$ 

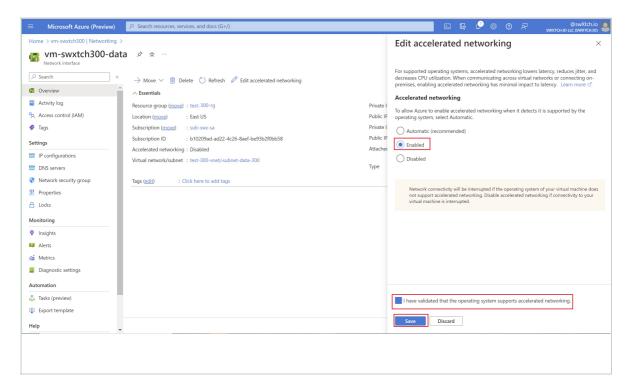
- 1. Select the Network Interface. In the example below, it is named vm-swxtch-300-data.
- 2. Click the blue link to the Network Interface.



3. Click Edit accelerated networking.



- 4. Select Enable.
- $5. \ \ \mathsf{Select} \ \textbf{I} \ \textbf{have} \ \textbf{validated} \ \textbf{that} \ \textbf{the} \ \textbf{operating} \ \textbf{system} \ \textbf{supports} \ \textbf{accelerated} \ \textbf{networking}.$
- 6. Click Save.



7. Start the VM for use.

### Upgrading your cloudSwXtch Instance

After deployment, it is recommended to update your cloudSwXtch instance to latest. Please refer to the <u>Upgrading cloudSwXtch</u> article for more information.

### Required Step for BYOL: Request a License from swXtch.io

Users deploying a BYOL instance of cloudSwXtch will need to contact swXtch.io for a license file. For more information, see How to License a cloudSwXtch.

# Important

If this is a new install then each client that is expected to get traffic from the cloudSwXtch or send to the cloudSwXtch will need a xNIC installed. If this is a existing install then each client with an xNIC already installed will need to be upgraded. Please see  $\frac{xNIC}{x}$  Installation.

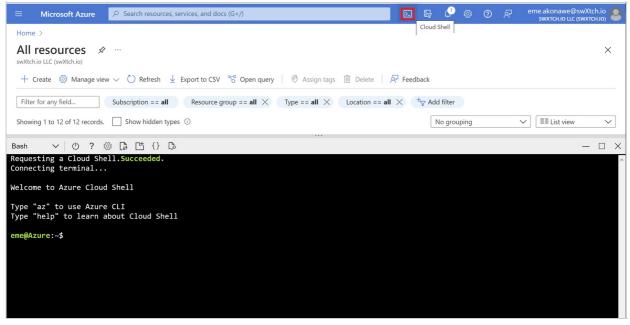
# Deploy cloudSwXtch with Terraform on Azure

### WHAT TO EXPECT

By default, the terraform script will spin up a "small" cloudSwXtch. You can make edits to the Azure/terraform/terraform.tfvarse file to declare a different cloudSwXtch size. There is also an option to delegate static ip addresses on your cloudSwXtch. Further details on how to do this can be found at the end of this article.

# Deploying cloudSwXtch with Terraform on Azure

- 1. Sign-in to your Azure portal under the subscription where you want to deploy the cloudSwXtch.
- 2. Open the Azure Cloud Shell interface and select the Bash environment as shown.



3. Clone the example repository from GitHub.

You can do this either via SSH (requires setting up your SSH authentication with GitHub ):



## or via HTTPS:

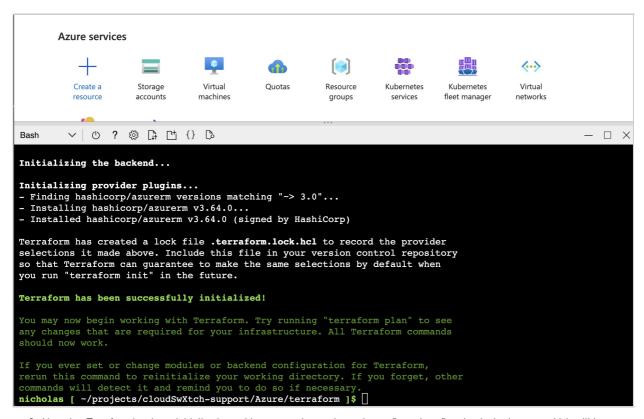


4. Update the values in the Azure/terraform/terraform.tfvarse file to match your existing azure resources such as: resource group, virtual network, subnets, etc.

The format of the key file that the scripts can process is the ssh-rsa type. The content of the file should start with "ssh-rsa AAAAB3..."

5. In the Cloud Shell terminal, cd into the Azure/terraform directory and initialize the terraform environment:





6. Now that Terraform has been initialized, run this command to evaluate the config and confirm the desired output which will be shown:

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```
$ terraform plan
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Bash
    azurerm_network_interface.data_network_interface[0] will be created
resource "azurerm_network_interface" "data_network_interface" {
         applied_dns_servers
                                              = (known after apply)
                                                 (known after apply)
         {\tt dns\_servers}
         enable_accelerated_networking =
                                                 true
         enable_ip_forwarding
                                              = false
                                                 (known after apply)
         internal_dns_name_label
                                                 (known after apply)
                                                 (known after apply)
"eastus"
          internal_domain_name_suffix
         location
         mac address
                                                 (known after apply)
         name
                                                 "swxtch-example-data-nic-1"
         private_ip_address
private_ip_addresses
resource_group_name
                                              = (known after apply)
                                                 (known after apply)
"test-tf-managed-kyle"
         virtual_machine_id
                                              = (known after apply)
         ip_configuration {
            + gateway_load_balancer_frontend_ip_configuration_id = (known after apply)
                                                                                "dinternal"
            + primary
                                                                              = (known after apply)
              private_ip_address
private_ip_address_allocation
private_ip_address_version
                                                                                (known after apply)
"Dynamic"
                                                                              = "IPv4"
                                                                              = "/subscriptions/91b341dd-6e01-4144-87a7-c86
            + subnet id
c27545cla/resourceGroups/DevNetwork/providers/Microsoft.Network/virtualNetworks/dev-vnet/subnets/automation-
test-data
Plan: 3 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy.
Note: You didn't use the -out option to save this plan, so Terraform can't guarantee to take exactly these actions if you run "terraform apply" now.
```

Since you are using all pre-existing resources to deploy your cloudSwXtch, there should only be 3 resources added - 1 cloudSwxtch, and 2 NICs - as can be seen at the bottom of the screenshot, "Plan: 3 to add, 0 to change, 0 to destroy."

7. Run the Terraform apply command (followed by "yes" when prompted) to approve the action.

Bash

```
Bash
Terraform apply
yes
```

8. Once the resources have applied successfully you can view the resources created from your Azure portal as confirmation of a successful deployment.

### STATIC IPs

If you'd like to deploy a cloudSwXtch using Static IPs, then you just need to make some small changes to the azure\_deployswxtch.tf & terraform.tfvars files.

1. Un-comment the Parameter <a href="private\_ip\_address">private\_ip\_address</a> in the <a href="azure\_deployswxtch.tf">azure\_deployswxtch.tf</a> code file for both your data\_network\_interface & control\_network\_interface resources.

```
source "azurerm_network interface" "data network interface"
                     = var.counter
count
                     = "${var.data_nic}-${count.index +1}"
name
                     = data.azurerm resource group.resource group.location
location
resource_group_name = data.azurerm_resource_group.resource_group.name
enable_accelerated_networking = true
ip_configuration {
                                  = "dinternal"
  name
  subnet id
                                  = data.azurerm subnet.datasubnet.id
  private_ip_address_allocation = "Static"
  private_ip_address
                                  = var.datanic_staticip
     resource "azurerm_network_interface" "control_network_interface {
                          = var.counter
       count
                          = "${var.control nic}-${count.index +1}"
       name
                          = data.azurerm_resource_group.resource_group.locatio
42
       location
       resource_group_name = data.azurerm_resource_group.resource_group.name
44
       ip configuration {
                                      = "cinternal"
         name
         subnet id
                                      = data.azurerm subnet.ctrlsubnet.id
         private_ip_address_allocation = "Static"
         private_ip_address = var.controlnic_staticip
```

2. Set the parameter private\_ip\_address\_allocation to "Static".

Your 2 lines of code should look like below for both network interface resources:

```
Bash

private_ip_address_allocation = "Static"
private_ip_address = var.datanic_staticip
```

Your terraform.tfvars file will have variables defined for your control and data NIC StaticIP definitions. You can update those values based on your subnet setup.

*Note:* This static IP address allocation will only work for swxtch\_count of 1.

# Install cloudSwXtch for an Air-Gapped Environment

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, you will learn how to install a cloudSwXtch in an Air-Gapped (Closed Network) environment for Azure. For standard Azure installation instructions, please see the <u>cloudSwXtch on Azure</u> article.

### **Before You Start**

Review VM Requirements for a cloudSwXtch Instance in <u>cloudSwXtch System Requirements</u>.

## **VM Image Creation**

The cloudSwXtch software is delivered as a **Virtual Machine Disk Image**. This Image file can be added to an Azure **Image Gallery**. Images in an Image Gallery can be used to create Virtual Machines.

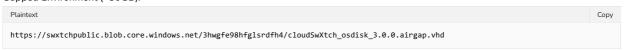
To assist with creation of VMs from images in a gallery, swXtch.io provides instructions on how to accomplish the following:

- 1. Get the VM Disk Image
- 2. Upload the VM Image into an Azure Storage Account
- 3. Create a VM Image from the Disk Image
- 4. Create cloudSwXtch from VM Image
- 5. License the cloudSwXtch

Complete all steps to successfully install cloudSwXtch in an Air-Gapped environment.

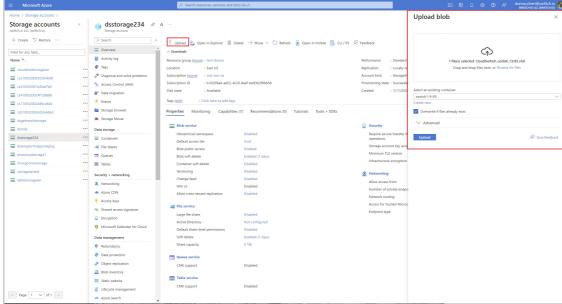
### STEP ONE: Get the VM Disk Image

Log onto an environment that has access to the internet and download the following file onto a machine with access to the Azure Air-Gapped Environment (~30GB):



## STEP TWO: Upload the VM Disk Image into an Azure Storage Account

- 1. Upload the files into an Azure storage account in the secure Azure Environment.
  - a. Log into the Azure Portal
  - b. Navigate to Storage Accounts.
  - c. Select the desired storage account or create a new one.
  - d. Select the desired Container or create a new one.
  - e. Select **Upload** and select the VM Disk Image file you copied to the local PC.



f. Start the upload and wait for it to complete.

This may take some time to upload the file (up to an hour). When completed, the file should show with a green checkbox.

### Failed to Upload Blob(s) Message

If you receive a "Failed to Upload Blob(s)" message when uploading the file in the Storage Account, select **Configuration** and validate the **Allow storage key access** is enabled.

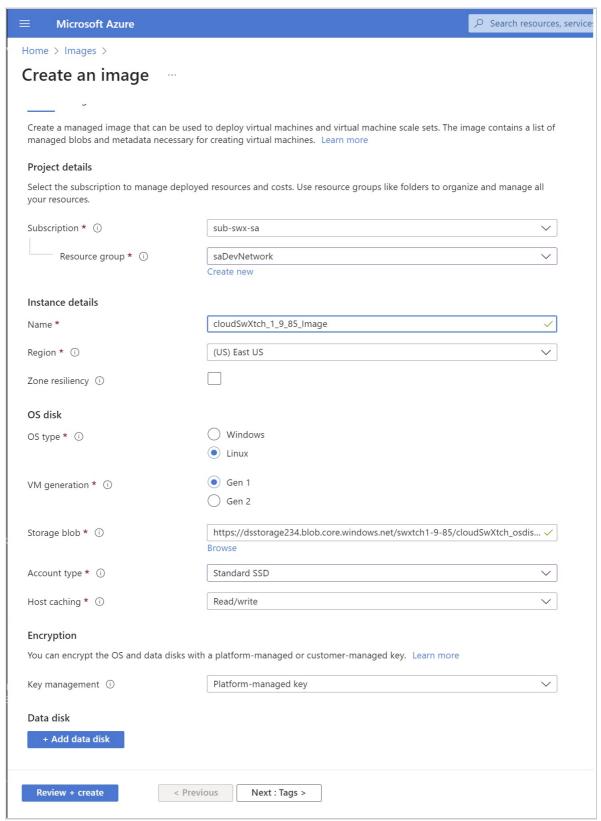
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# STEP THREE: Create a VM Image from the Disk Image

Once we have a disk image in storage, we can use it to create a VM image. A VM image is a *snapshot of* a VM. The real VM will be created later. The VM Image only needs to be created once. Any number of VMs can be instantiated from a single VM image.

- 1. In the Azure Portal, Search for and select Images.
- 2. Select Create.
- 3. Select the appropriate Resource Group.
- 4. Give the VM Image a name. The cloudSwXtch instance will be created later with a different name. Pick a name with the cloudSwXtch software version in it as you may end up with multiple images after some time.
- 5. Ensure that the region is the same for the storage account holding the disk image.
- 6. Select **Linux** as the OS type
- 7. Select Gen 1.
- 8. Click **Browse** on the **Storage Blob**.
  - a. In the new panel, navigate to the storage account and container holding the disk image.
  - b. Select the file that was previously uploaded.
- 9. For Account Type, select Standard SSD. See the example of the screen filled out completely.

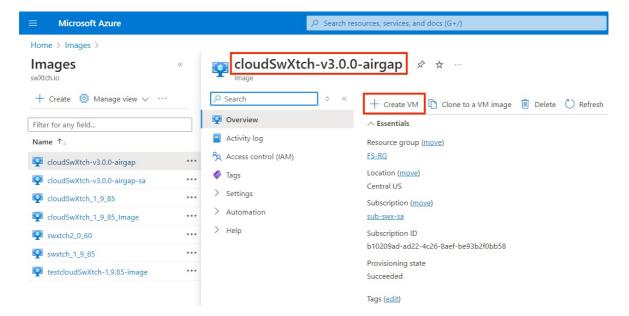


- 10. If tags are desired, then select Tags and enter the required tags.
- 11. The other fields can be left as default.
- 12. Select Review and create.
- 13. When validation passes, select Create. When it is complete, click Go to Resource to see the image.

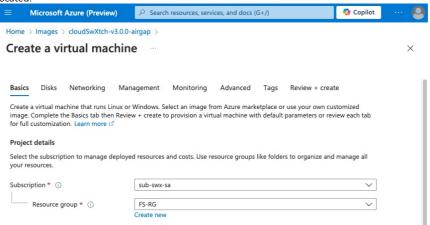
# STEP FOUR: Create cloudSwXtch from VM Image

Now that we have a cloudSwXtch VM Image, we can use it to instantiate a cloudSwXtch.

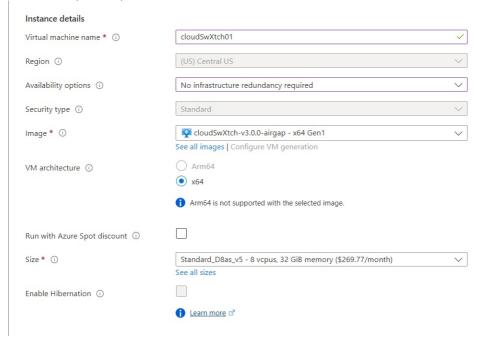
- 1. Navigate to Images.
- 2. Select the image with the cloudSwXtch version you require.
- 3. Select Create VM.



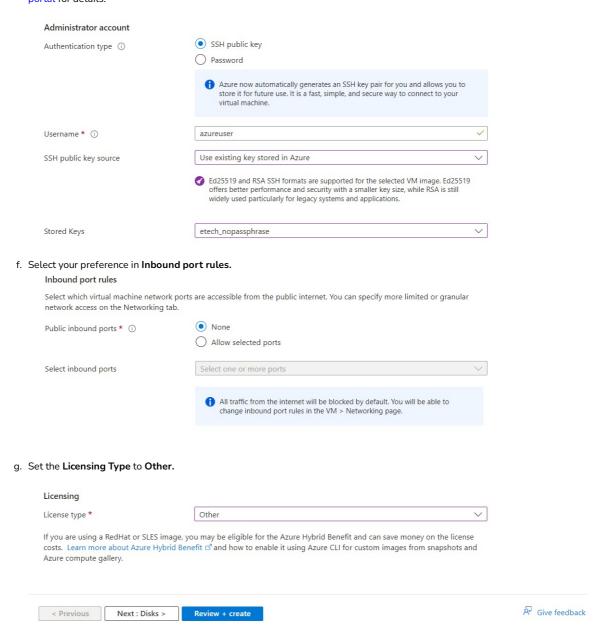
- 4. Fill out the Create Virtual machine form like below:
  - a. Under **Project Details**, set the **subscription** and **Resource Group** for where you want the cloudSwXtch instance to be located.



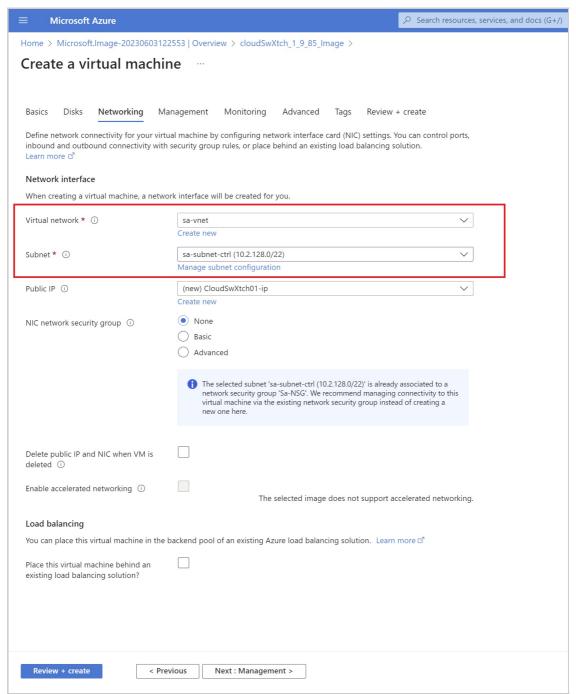
- b. Under  ${\bf Instance\ Details},$  Name the Virtual Machine with a valid host name.
- c. Select  ${f No}$  infrastructure redundancy required for Availability options.
- d. Select appropriate machine size. For recommendations based on features, endpoints, and bandwidth needs, read the cloudSwXtch System Requirements.



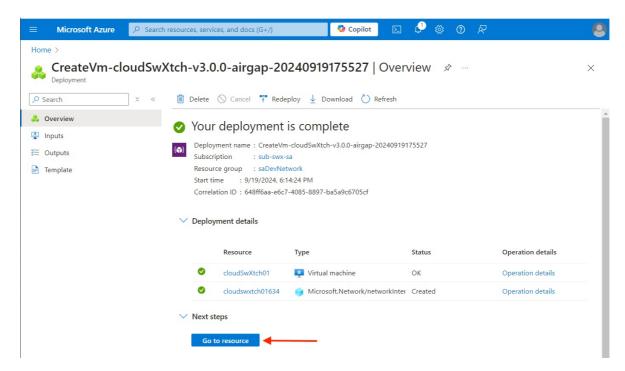
e. Under Administrator account, use SSH for the authentication type. Enter your **SSH public key source.** Refer to ssh-keysportal for details.



h. Navigate to the **Networking** tab and fill out the form like below:

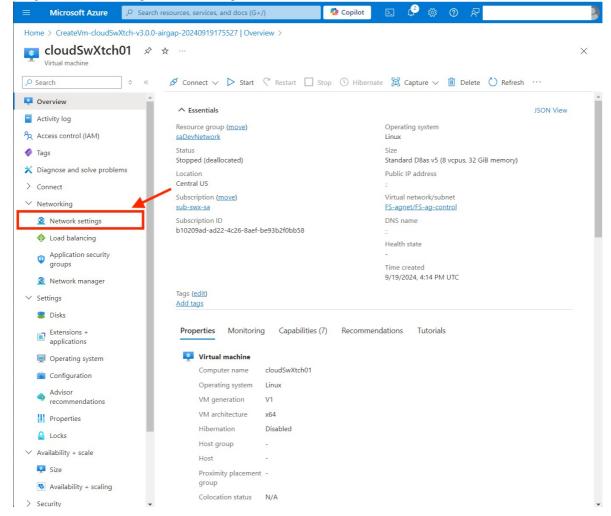


- i. Select the appropriate Virtual Network.
- ii. Select the appropriate control subnet.
- i. Navigate to other tabs as desired and enter in information as preferred. For example, some installations expect **Tags** to be entered.
- j. Select **Review + Create**.
- k. When validation passes, select Create.
- 5. When the deployment is complete, select **Go to Resource**.

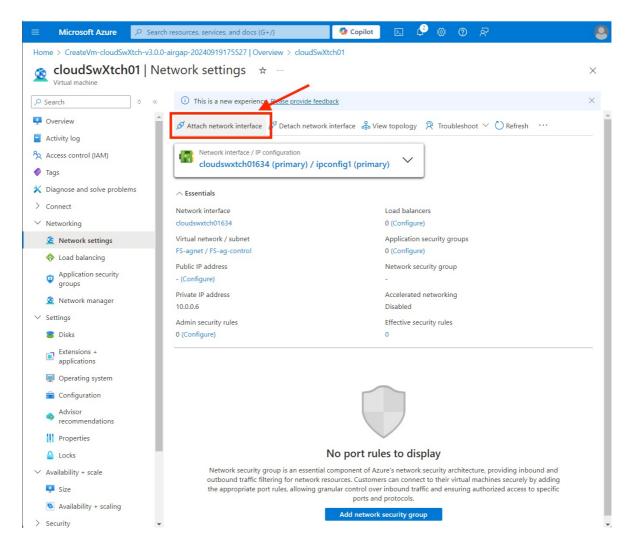


6. Select **Stop** to stop the VM.

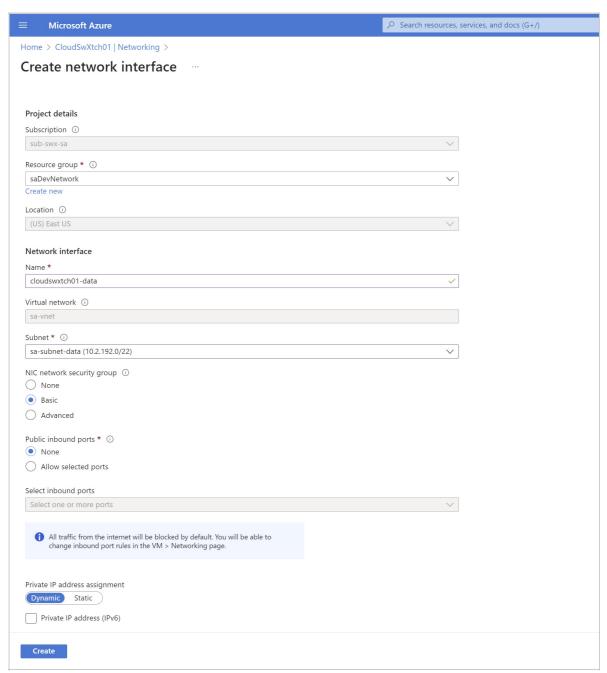
7. Navigate to Network Settings under Networking.



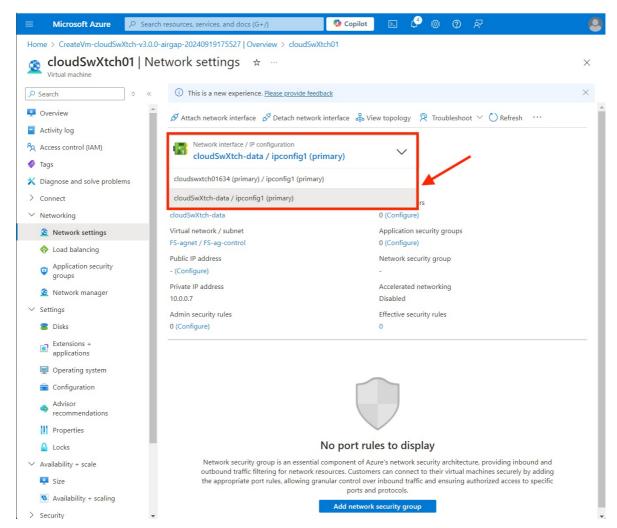
8. Select Attach network Interface.



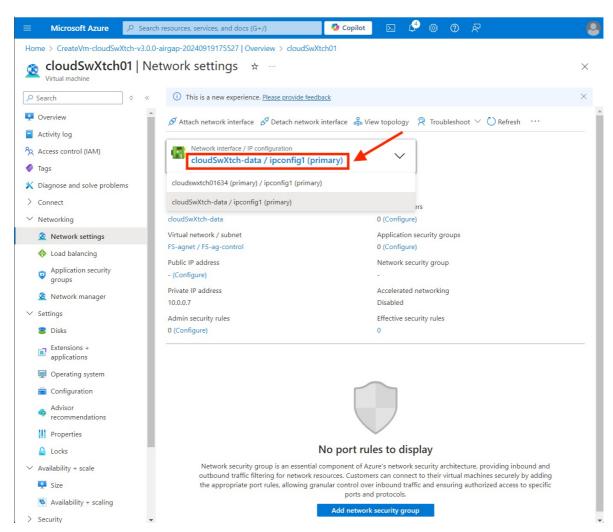
- 9. Select Create and attach Network. A new form will open.
- 10. Enter your information into the form to add a new NIC like shown. It is good practice to include the word, "data", in the name to distinguish between the two.



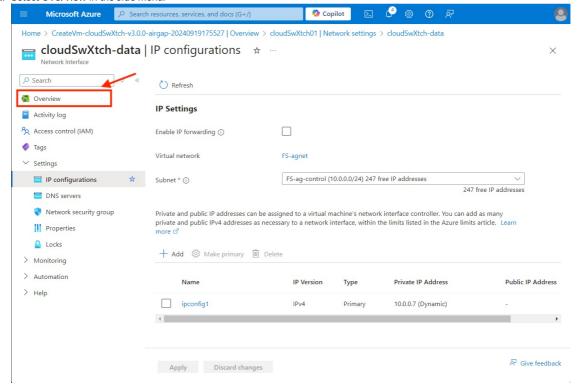
- a.  $\mbox{\bf Note}:$  For Public inbound ports, it is up to the user to decide.
- 11. Select Create.
- 12. When it is done, the screen will automatically refresh with the new "data" interface listed as the top network interface. **There should now be a control and data interface** in the dropdown.



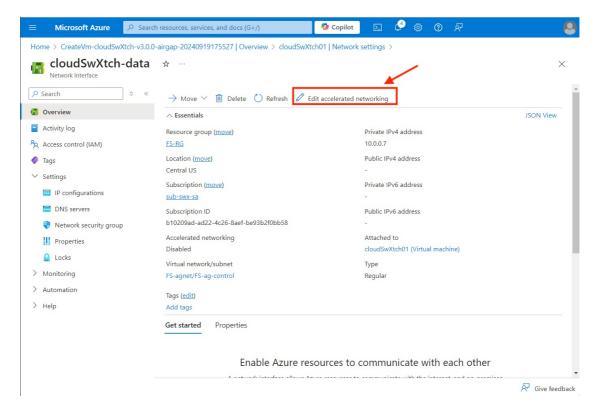
13. Click the Data Network Interface.



a. Select **Overview** in the side menu.



b. Select Edit accelerated Networking. A new window will display.



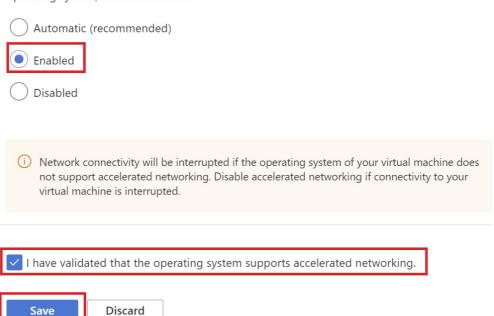
- c. Select Enabled.
- d. Check the agreement.
- e. Select Save.

# Edit accelerated networking

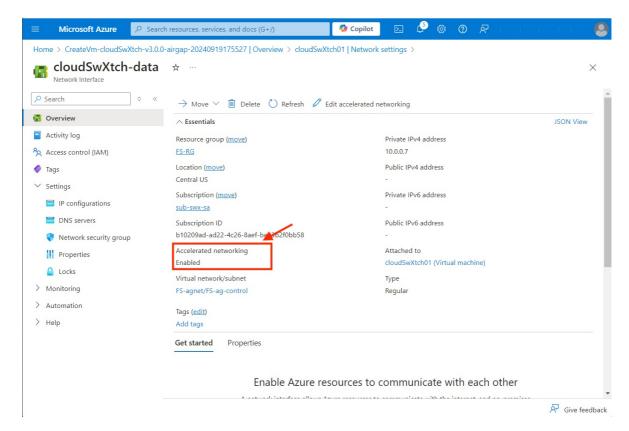
For supported operating systems, accelerated networking lowers latency, reduces jitter, and decreases CPU utilization. When communicating across virtual networks or connecting onpremises, enabling accelerated networking has minimal impact to latency. Learn more

### Accelerated networking

To allow Azure to enable accelerated networking when it detects it is supported by the operating system, select Automatic.



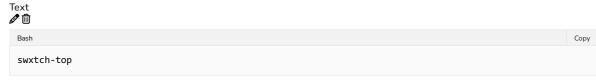
14. The page will automatically refresh and navigate back to Overview page. Validate that Accelerated networking is Enabled.



15. Start the newly created cloudSwXtch VM.

#### STEP FIVE: License the cloudSwXtch

- 1. Log onto the newly created VM.
- 2. Run this command:



3. The swXtch-top dashboard will display.

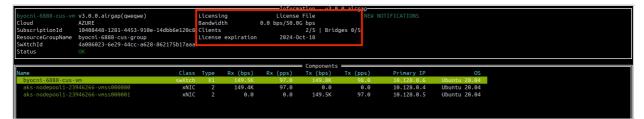


- 4. Copy the "Swxtchld" and email it to support@swxtch.io requesting a license.
- 5. When you receive the license file, **upload** it onto the cloudSwXtch VM.
- 6. Move the license.json file to the /swxtch directory using the following command replacing user with the appropriate value: Text



7. Reboot the cloudSwXtch and run swxtch-top again or journal to check the license took place:





The cloudSwXtch is ready for use. IMPORTANT: Each client that is expected to get traffic from the cloudSwXtch will need an xNIC installed. See Installing xNIC for next steps in preparing clients (producers and consumers of Multicast).

#### Prerequisite: Installing Dependencies for Air-Gapped Clients

Before installing the xNIC, users will need to install the necessary packages on their air-gapped clients. Failure to complete this prerequisite will result in an unsuccessful xNIC deployment. To learn more, see <a href="How to Install xNIC Dependencies in an Air-Gapped Environment">How to Install xNIC Dependencies in an Air-Gapped Environment</a>.

## cloudSwXtch on GCP

WHAT TO EXPECT In this article, users will find links to articles on deploying a cloudSwXtch on Google Cloud Platform (GCP).

Currently, there is two ways of deploying a cloudSwXtch on GCP:

- From the Google Cloud Marketplace
  - Note: This method will require users to contact swXtch.io for a license.
- Cloud agnostic cloudSwXtch VM Install
  - Note: This method will require the user to already have a Virtual Machine installed with Ubuntu 20.04 that adheres to all the cloudSwXtch System Requirements.

## Install cloudSwXtch via GCP Marketplace

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to deploy a cloudSwXtch instance via the Google Cloud Platform (GCP) Marketplace.

- Prerequisites
- Step One: Navigate to cloudSwXtch in the GCP Marketplace
- Step Two: Configure cloudSwXtch deployment
- Step Three: Add SSH Key(s)
- Required Step for BYOL: Contact swXtch.io for a License

#### **Prerequisites**

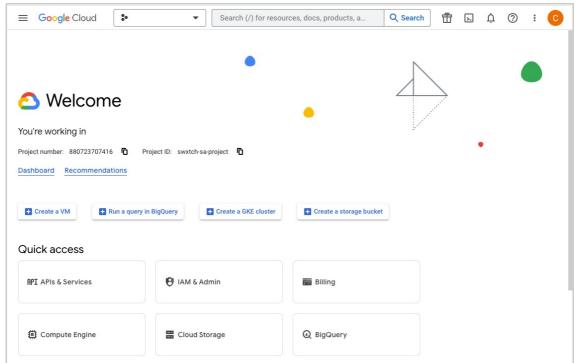
A user needs the following to deploy a cloudSwXtch via the GCP Marketplace:

- An existing **Deployment Service Account** established in their Google Cloud Console project. Creating a new account is further detailed in Step Two.
- Two (2) VPCs available -- one for the Control NIC and another for Data. All cloudSwXtch installations require 2 NICs. Please review GCP documentation on how to create and modify VPCs.
  - Note: GCP does not allow you to have 2 NICs on the same VPC. It will return an error message. The Control and Data NIC must be assigned their own VPC.

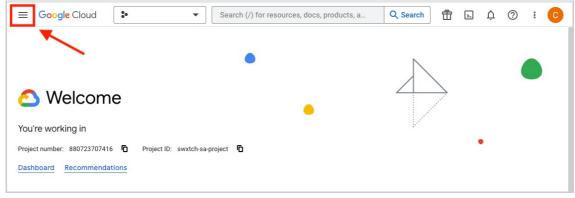
Please review cloudSwXtch System Requirements for additional prerequisites.

#### Step One: Navigate to cloudSwXtch in the GCP Marketplace

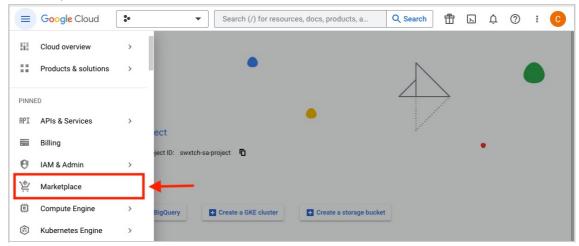
1. Log into the Google Cloud Console.



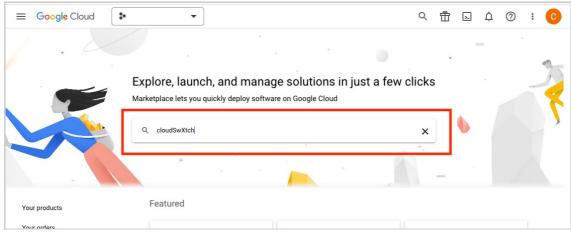
 $2. \ \ Navigate to the \ \textbf{Google Cloud Marketplace} \ using the \ \textbf{Navigation} \ menu \ at the top \ left \ corner.$ 



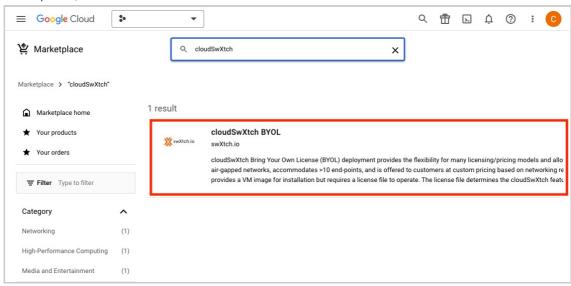
#### 3. Select Marketplace.



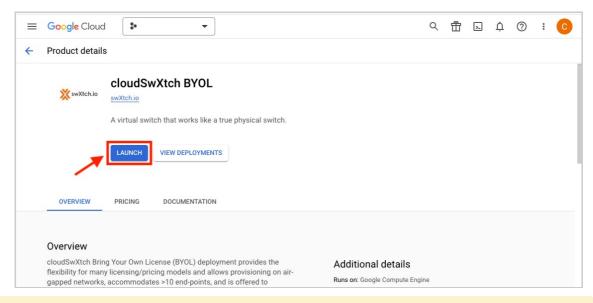
4. Search for cloudSwXtch.



5. Select the product, **cloudSwXtch BYOL**.



 ${\it 6. \ \, Click \, \textbf{Launch} \, to \, open \, the \, deployment \, configuration \, page.}$ 

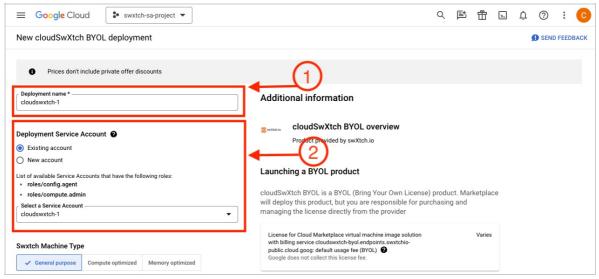


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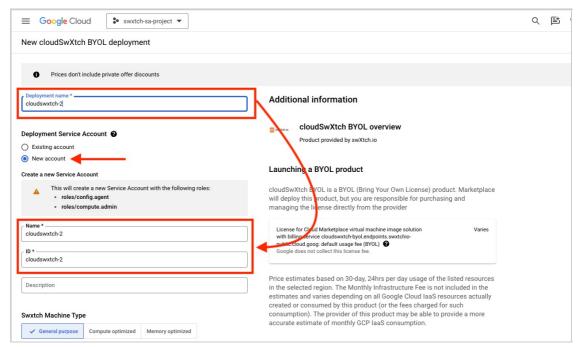
After hitting launch, a new window might open asking you to enable Google APIs. You must enable the suggested APIs to continue.

### Step Two: Configure cloudSwXtch Deployment

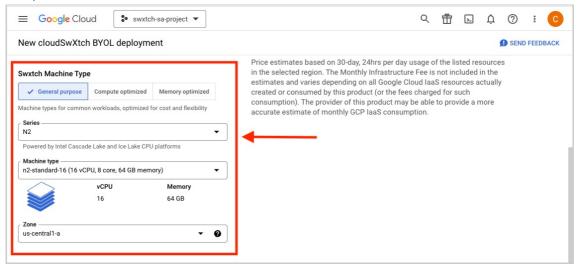
- 1. Enter a **Deployment name** for your cloudSwXtch.
- 2. Select an Existing account under Deployment Service Account.



- a. If you do not have a **Deployment Service Account**, select **New Account**. You will need permissions from your Project IAM Admin (or someone with the resourcemanager.projects.setiampolicy permissions) to allow you to create a new Deployment Service Account.
- b. Enter the same name used for your cloudSwXtch Deployment for your New Account Name and ID. The names must match and only use lowercase letters and numbers.
- c. The account will be created after you deploy your cloudSwXtch. Once an account is created, users without permissions can use it as an Existing account option.



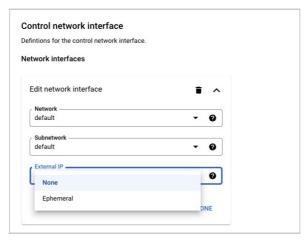
- 3. Under SwXtch Machine Type, confirm that N2 is selected under Series.
- 4. Confirm your sizing under Machine Type. The default is set to n2-standard-16, which is 16 core. A cloudSwXtch must have a minimum of 8 cores. For cloudSwXtch Sizing guidelines, see cloudSwXtch System Requirements.
- 5. Confirm your desired Zone.



6. Use the dropdown arrow under **Control network interface** to open the configuration panel. If your default subnet is already selected and you do not wish to set a public IP, continue you on Step 10.



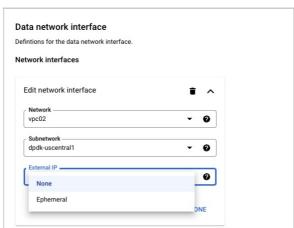
- 7. Select a **Network** and **Subnetwork**. This subnet will be used for your control plane communications.
  - a. **Optional**: Users can select Ephemeral under External IP if they wish for their Control NIC to be assigned a randomized public IP address.



- 8. Click Done when you are happy with your selections.
- 9. Use the dropdown arrow under **Data network interface** to open the configuration panel.



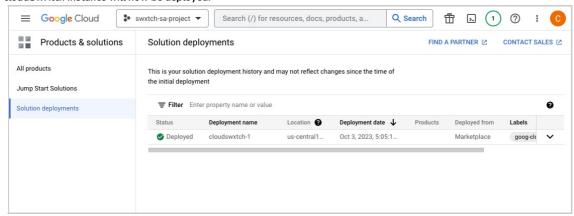
- 10. Select a **Network** and **Subnetwork**. This 2nd subnet will be used for your data plane communications and should've been created before starting the deployment process.
  - a. Please note: The control and data NICs cannot share a subnet. They must have separate subnets.
  - b. **Optional**: Users can select Ephemeral under External IP if they wish for their Data NIC to be assigned a randomized public IP



- 11. Click **Done** when you are happy with your selections.
- 12. Click Deploy.



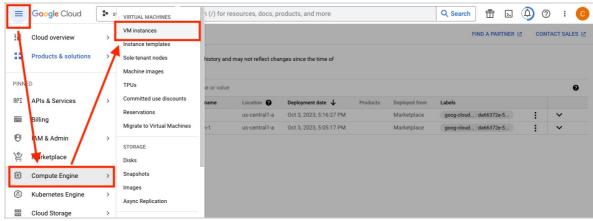
#### Your cloudSwXtch instance will now be deployed.



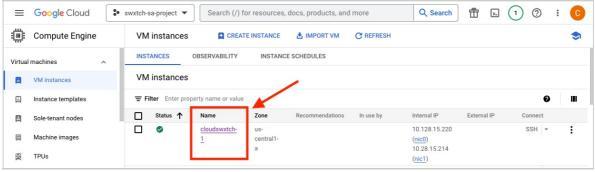
#### Step Three: Add SSH Key(s)

In order to access your Google Cloud VM instance, you will need to add an SSH key to your cloudSwXtch deployment.

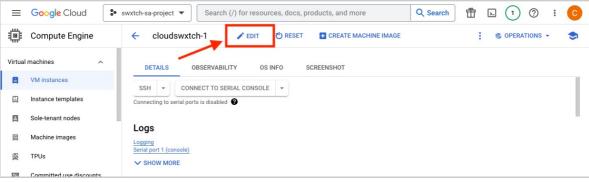
1. Click on the Navigation menu on the left hand corner, highlight Compute Engine and select VM instances.



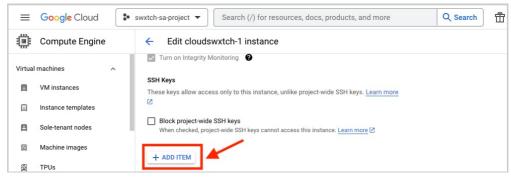
2. Select the name of your cloudSwXtch deployment to open its configuration page.



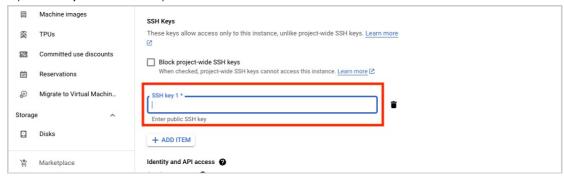
3. Choose **Edit** next to your cloudSwXtch deployment name.



- 4. Scroll down to SSH Keys under Security and Access.
- 5. Click +Add Item.



6. Enter your SSH key. You can add multiple.



7. Hit **Save** at the bottom of the page.

Upgrading your cloudSwXtch Instance

After deployment, it is recommended to update your cloudSwXtch instance to latest. Please refer to the <u>Upgrading cloudSwXtch</u> article for more information.

#### Required Step for BYOL: Contact swXtch.io for a license

Users deploying a BYOL instance of cloudSwXtch will need to contact swXtch.io for a license file. For more information, see How to License a cloudSwXtch.

## cloudSwXtch on OCI

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will find links to articles on deploying a cloudSwXtch in Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI).

Currently, there are only two ways of deploying a cloudSwXtch on OCI:

- From the Oracle Cloud Marketplace
  - Note: This method will require users to contact swXtch.io for a license.
- Cloud agnostic cloudSwXtch VM Install
  - **Note**: This method will require the user to already have a Virtual Machine installed with Ubuntu 20.04 that adheres to all the cloudSwXtch System Requirements.

Please stay tuned for more information about alternative methods of installation.

## Install cloudSwXtch via OCI Marketplace

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to deploy a cloudSwXtch instance via the Oracle Cloud Marketplace.

- Step One: Navigate to cloudSwXtch in the Oracle Marketplace
- Step Two: Create Compute Instance
- Step Three: Attach Secondary VNIC
- Optional Step for BYOL: Contact swXtch.io for License

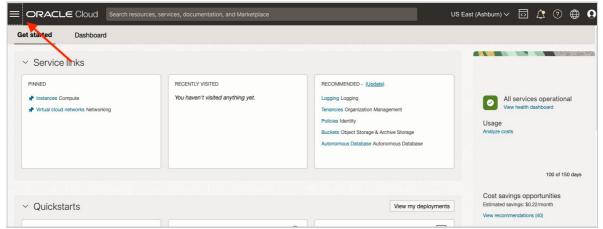
Please note: At this time, our only product offering in OCI is a BYOL instance of cloudSwXtch. This requires a user to contact swXtch.io for a license.

#### **Prerequisites**

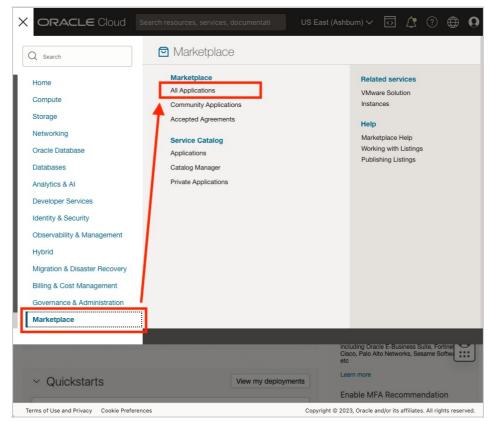
A user should have a **Compartment** established in their Oracle Cloud console before they start to deploy a cloudSwXtch. For more information about compartments, please see the Managing Compartments page under Oracle Cloud Infrastructure Documentation.

### Step One: Navigate to cloudSwXtch in the Oracle Marketplace

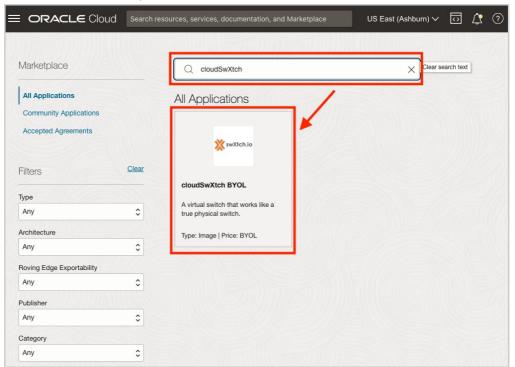
- 1. Log into Oracle Cloud.
- 2. Navigate to the Oracle Cloud Marketplace using the Navigation menu at the top left corner.



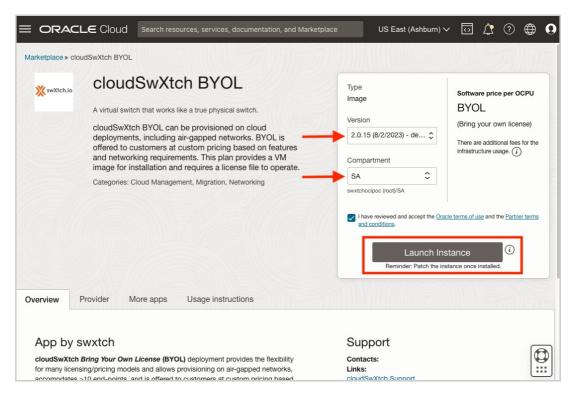
3. Select Marketplace and All Applications.



4. Search for cloudSwXtch and select the product, cloudSwXtch BYOL.

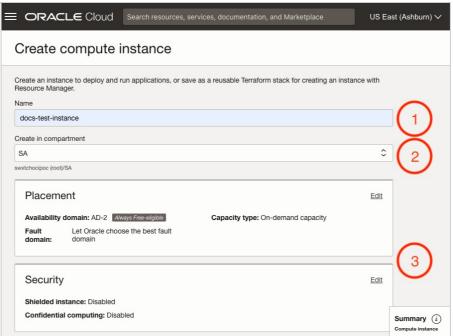


- 5. Select the **Version** and the **Compartment** that you will like to use. It is best to use the default since it will be the most recent version.
- 6. Click Launch Instance when you're happy with your selections.

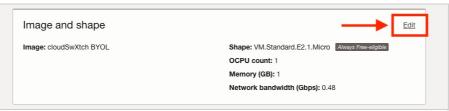


#### Step Two: Create Compute Instance

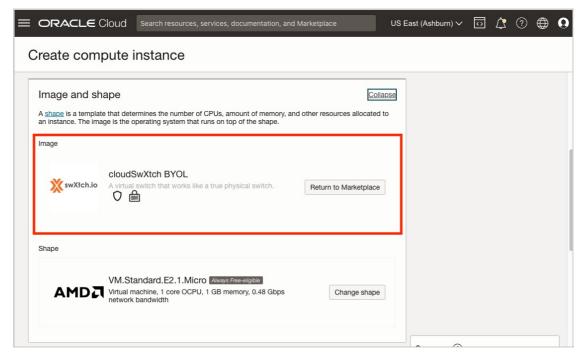
- 1. Give your Compute Instance a unique name.
- 2. Confirm that your desired **Compartment** is populated.
- 3. Optional: Edit selections for Placement and Security. This is dependent on a user's specific needs.



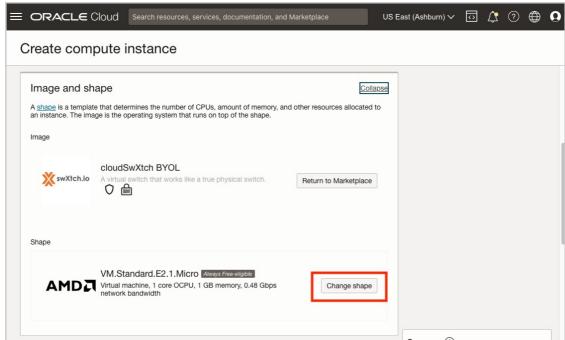
4. Select the Edit button for Image and Shape.



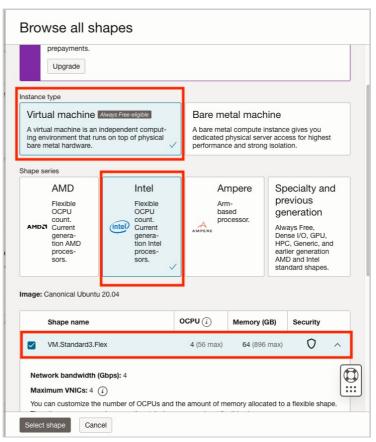
a. Confirm that  ${\bf cloudSwXtch}\ {\bf BYOL}$  is selected for  ${\bf Image}$ .



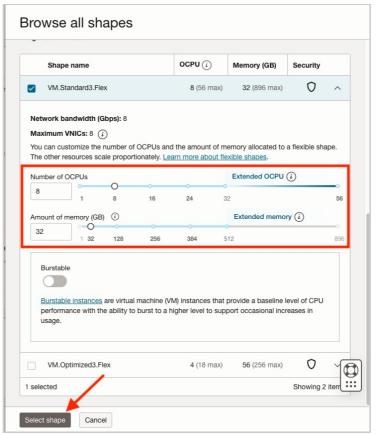
b. Click Change Shape.



c. Choose Intel and VM.Standard3.Flex.



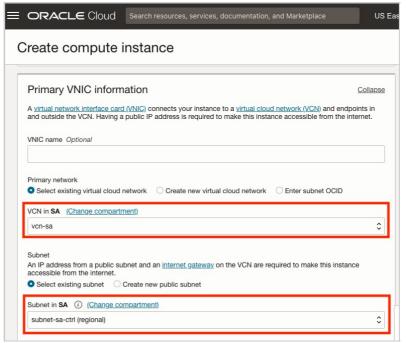
d. Configure the Number of OCPUs and Amount of memory (GB). Please note: It is recommended to have at least eight (8) cores for your cloudSwXtch instance. For more information on recommended sizing, please see cloudSwXtch System Requirements.



- e. Click Select Shape when you're happy with your selection.
- 5. Select the **Edit** button for **Primary VNIC** information.



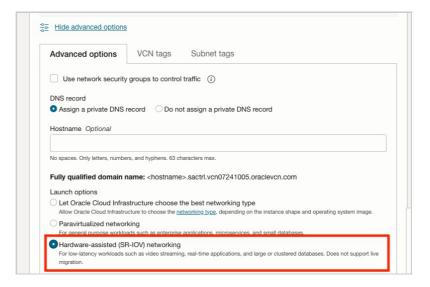
- a. **Optional**: Add a name to your VNIC. If left blank, Oracle will assign it the name of your instance with a note that it is the Primary VNIC.
- b. Assign a VCN to your Primary VNIC.
- c. Select a subnet. Please note: This ctrl subnet will also be used for your secondary VNIC.



d. Click on Show advanced options.



e. Select Hardware-assisted (SR-IOV) networking under Launch options.



6. Add an SSH key.

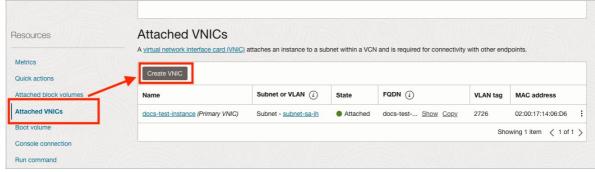


7. Hit Create button when you're happy with all of your selections.

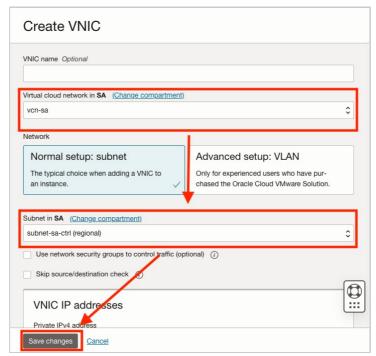
### Step Three: Attach a Secondary VNIC

When deploying a cloudSwXtch, you will need two VNICs. Both can share a single subnet for control and data plane communications. In this step, we will walkthrough how to attach your secondary VNIC and how to manually add its IP to your cloudSwXtch instance.

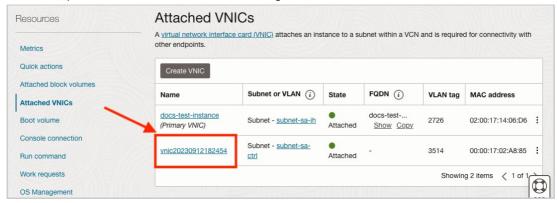
- 1. Make sure that your Instance with cloudSwXtch installed is running. You cannot attach a secondary VNIC if the machine is off.
- 2. Select Attached VNICs under Resources.



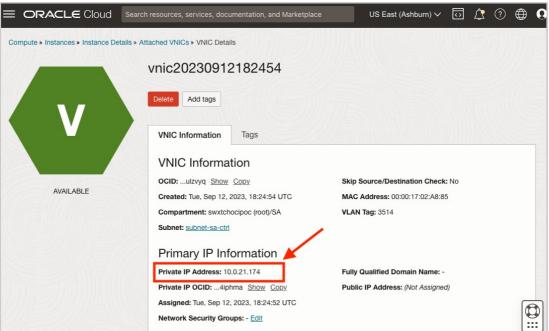
- 3. Click Create VNIC.
  - a. Pro-Tip: Assign your secondary VNIC a user-friendly name. Otherwise, Oracle will assign a randomized ID.
  - b. Choose the same Virtual cloud network and ctrl Subnet as your Primary VNIC.
  - c. Select Save Changes.



4. Click on the freshly created VNIC's name after it finishes attaching.



5. Record the Private IP address. You will need it later.



- 6. Log into your Instancewith cloudSwXtch installed.
- 7. Create the following file in the /etc/netplan folder and name it 02-datanic-static-config.yaml. Please note: You will need to add the Private IP Address of the secondary VNIC into the file below.

Where the <XX> is the net mask (or network mask) of ctrl-plane CIDR (in single-subnet configuration).

- 8. Apply the new config (sudo netplan apply).
- 9. Find the file /etc/iptables/rules.v4 and open it in your editor.
- 10. Search for the following lines:

```
-A INPUT -p all -s 10.0.128.0/24 -j ACCEPT
-A INPUT -p all -s 10.0.192.0/24 -j ACCEPT
```

- 11. Replace the CIDRs with your own CIDRs, corresponding to the ctrl and data subnets. These numbers can be the same if using a single-subnet configuration for both your VNICs.
- 12. Save file and reboot instance.

The secondary VNIC should now be successfully attached.

 ${\bf Upgrading\ your\ cloudSwXtch}$ 

After deployment, it is recommended to update your cloudSwXtch instance to latest. Please refer to the <u>Upgrading cloudSwXtch</u> article for more information.

#### Optional Step for BYOL: Contact swXtch.io for a license

Users deploying a BYOL instance of cloudSwXtch will need to contact swXtch.io for a license file. For more information. see How to License a cloudSwXtch.

### NEXT STEPS

The cloudSwXtch is ready to use. The next step is to install the xNIC on each client expected to get traffic from the cloudSwXtch. See <a href="Installing\_xNIC">Installing\_xNIC</a> for more information on preparing clients. How to License a cloudSwXtch

### Cloud agnostic cloudSwXtch VM Install

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, you will learn how to install a cloudSwXtch instance on an existing Linux Ubuntu 20.04 virtual machine. This install process can be used on any cloud but requires a license file from swXtch.io. For more information about VM prerequisites, please see the cloudSwXtch System Requirements.

#### Pre-Installation Step: Create VM

Before installing cloudSwXtch, you will need to create an Ubuntu 20.04 virtual machine on your desired cloud with connection to the internet. In addition, it should encompass all the prerequisites outlined in the cloudSwXtch System Requirements

#### Step One: Install cloudSwXtch

In this step, users will execute commands in their VMs to manually install a cloudSwXtch instance.

- 1. Run your freshly created virtual machine using your desired tool.
- Enter the following command to download the cloudSwXtch installer script: Shell

```
Bash

token="si=RDONLY&spr=https&sv=2021-06-08&sr=c&sig=xyPF7SyI1cagUAEIZViqCHz7RroFTy2Fkltn2wwvMzc%3D"

curl -X GET -H "x-ms-date: $(date -u)"

"https://sdmcdevstorage.blob.core.windows.net/imagebuilder/image_install.sh?$token" -o image_install.sh

chmod +x image_install.sh
```

3. Use the following command to get the latest version of cloudSwXtch. The latest release is 3.2.0.



4. Enter the following to download that version.

```
Shell 🖉 🛍
```

```
Bash

curl -X GET -H "x-ms-date: $(date -u)"

"https://sdmcdevstorage.blob.core.windows.net/imagebuilder/install-${ver}.tar.gz?$token" -o install-${ver}.tar.gz
```

5. Execute the installer.



```
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sudo ./image_install.sh ${ver}
```

a. **Precision Time Protocol** (PTP) is not installed at default. Users can install with the argument --ptp true with the installer script. This should only be done if they plan to deploy a PTP configuration with their endpoints. For guidance on how to enable PTP for the xNIC, see Windows and Linux installation guides.

With both files on the VM (and in the same directory), run the installer as follows:

```
Sudo ./image_install.sh ${ver} --ptp true
sudo reboot now
```

This will automatically reboot the machine.

### Step Two: Contact swXtch.io for a license

Users will need to contact swXtch.io for a license file. For more information, see How to License a cloudSwXtch.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The cloudSwXtch is ready to use. The next step is to install the xNIC on each client expected to get traffic from the cloudSwXtch. See <a href="Installing xNIC">Installing xNIC</a> for more information on preparing clients.

## Licensing cloudSwXtch

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the different license options available for deploying a cloudSwXtch with links to each article. A licensing method is required in order to use a cloudSwXtch.

### **Licensing Options**

There are two ways to license a cloudSwXtch:

- 1. Marketplace (Private Offer or PAYG for Trials): In this case, you are charged through your cloud provider for the cloudSwXtch and you pay based on usage.
- 2. **Bring Your Own License (BYOL):** With BYOL, there are two options either through a individual license file or a cloudSwXtch licensing server.
  - a. License File: A license file must be negotiated and requested on a per cloudSwXtch basis.
  - b. cloudSwXtch Licensing Server: A licensing server must be negotiated and can handle multiple cloudSwXtches with varying entitlements.

To negotiate a license file or server, please contact support@swxtch.io.

#### How Does cloudSwXtch Prioritize License Types?

The cloudSwXtch takes an intuitive approach to licensing by looking for each type during initialization. It prioritizes the license type as follows:

- 1. License File
- 2. Licensing Server
- 3. Marketplace License

For example, if a license file, or license.json, is in place, the cloudSwXtch will prioritize that file over the licensing server. By removing or renaming the license.json, the cloudSwXtch will then look for the licensing server file, or remote-licensing.json. If there is no licensing server, the cloudSwXtch will look for a marketplace license.

Once the cloudSwXtch has exhausted all three methods, it will be marked as Not Authorized and will not work.

#### License File

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn the appropriate steps for licensing their cloudSwXtch instance via a License File provided by swXtch.io. First, they will need to open swXtch-top on their cloudSwXtch VM and copy the swXtchID. They will then provide the cloudSwXtch ID number to swXtch.io, requesting a license. Finally, they will move the new license.json file into the cloudSwXtch directory and check swXtch-top to see if the license has taken hold.

This is one of the methods for licensing a cloudSwXtch. To license via a licensing server, see here.

#### Locating the SwXtchID and Requesting a License

In order to receive a license file from swXtch.io Support, users will need to provide them with a cloudSwXtch ID number. This is something that can be found in swXtch-top or through a command.

- 1. Log into the newly created cloudSwXtch VM.
- 2. Run the command:



- 3. The swxtch-top dashboard will display.
  - a. Alternatively, if you do not want to open swxtch-top, you can use the following commands to get the swXtchID:

```
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curl -s http://127.0.0.1/top/dashboard | grep -m 2 -Eo '"fingerprint"[^,]*' | head -1
```

4. Copy the SwXtchID and email it to support@swxtch.io, requesting a license file.

#### Adding the License File to the cloudSwXtch VM

After receiving a license file from swXtch.io, users will now need to upload onto their cloudSwXtch VM.

- $1. \ \ Upload \ the \ license. json \ file \ onto \ the \ cloudSwXtch \ VM.$
- 2. Move the license json file to the /swxtch directory using the following command replacing user with the appropriate value:

```
Bash

sudo mv /home/<user>/license.json /swxtch
```

3. Return to the swxtch-top dashboard and check if the license has taken hold.

### **Licensing Server**

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about licensing cloudSwXtches via a Licensing Server. This process is comprised of two main steps:

- 1. Creating a Licensing Server VM
- 2. Licensing a cloudSwXtch with the Licensing Server

This article will also explain how to add multiple license bundles to an existing licensing server and how to add license bundles with different entitlements.

### Creating a Licensing Server

Before creating a licensing server, users will need to deploy a virtual machine that adheres to the following requirements.

#### Licensing Server VM Requirements

The Licensing Server is supported on Ubuntu 20.04 and 22.04. Since it is a lightweight service, it does not require many resources. For most clouds, it will work on a single core machine with at least 1GBs of memory. Here are some instance recommendations:

- AWS: t2.small (1 core / 2GB RAM)
- Azure: Standard\_B1ms (1 core / 2GB RAM)
- GCP: e2-small (2 cores / 2GB RAM)

The Licensing Server uses an HTTP connection. Port 8081 should be open for both the licensing server VM and the cloudSwXtch. Licensing server if not in the same VPC will require a public IP or peering to ensure connectivity to the cloudSwXtch(s).

**Docker must be installed on the virtual machine.** For quick instructions, see <u>How to Install Docker on RHEL and Ubuntu</u>. For more detailed steps, see <u>Install Docker Engine</u> on Ubuntu's documentation site.

With these requirements, you may continue onto the creation process.

- 1. Create the VM that will be your Licensing Server based on the prerequisites listed above. **Note**: This must be on a separate VM from the cloudSwXtch and must run continuously.
- 2. Create a /swxtch/bundles directory on your licensing server VM.

#### What is a license bundle?

A bundle contains multiple licenses that share the same entitlements. For example, a user can have a license bundle that contains 3 cloudSwXtch licenses with similar max bandwidths, number of endpoints allowed, and features enabled.

3. Run the following docker command to install the Licensing Server on the VM:

```
docker run -d --restart=unless-stopped --name swx-license-server -p 8081:8081 -v /swxtch/bundles:/swxtch/bundles swxtchio/swx-license-server:latest
```

4. Run the show command to get the Licensing Server VM's UUID:

```
Bash

curl http://localhost:8081/swxtch/licenses/v1/show
```

5. Record the fingerprint. Below is an example output of the show command:

```
Bash

$ curl http://localhost:8081/swxtch/licenses/v1/show
{
    "fingerprint": "72ddcaf0-923c-bc4b-941b-a3b73b9290d1",
    "Licenses": []
}
```

- 6. Send the fingerprint to support@swxtch.io, requesting the \*.dat. This will contain your licenses with the agreed entitlements.
  - a. **Note**: The naming of the \*.dat file can vary based on entitlements. In this walkthrough, we used the file, license\_10\_1\_30000\_bridge\_ha\_adapt.dat, as our bundle.
- 7. Copy the \*.dat file into the /bundles folder located under /swxtch/bundles using the following command:

```
Bash
sudo cp *.dat /swxtch/bundles
```

Example:

```
Sudo cp license_10_1_30000_bridge_ha_adapt.dat /swxtch/bundles
```

8. Run the following command on your licensing server VM to view the license bundle:

```
Bash

curl http://localhost:8081/swxtch/licenses/v1/show
```

Below is an example output with the license in place.

```
Bash
    "fingerprint": "ec256b6f-ea1b-f3eb-f791-e10c747a1c8e",
    "Licenses": [
        {
            "name": "license_test-sa1",
            "allowedSwxtchCount": 5,
            "consumedCount": 0,
            "evictableCount": 0,
            "assignableCount": 5,
            "consumers": [
            "Bundles": [
                {
                    "bundleName": "license_10_1_30000_bridge_ha_adapt",
                    "expirationDate": "2025-12-30T00:00:00Z",
                    "allowedSwxtchCount": 5,
                    "consumedCount": 0,
                    "evictableCount": 0,
                    "assignableCount": 5,
                    "consumers": [
                },
            ],
            "entitlements": {
                "maxClientCount": 10,
                "maxBridgeCount": 1,
                "bandwidthMbps": 30000,
                "enableMesh": false,
                "enableUnicast": true,
                "enableHA": true,
                "enableClockSync": false,
                "enableBridge": true,
                "enableWxckedEye": true,
                "enableAllowsMajorVersionUpdate": true,
                "enableTachyonLive": null
       },
   ]
```

### What does each value mean?

- 1. name: Name of the License. All licenses in a bundle will share this name. When Licensing a cloudSwXtch via the Licensing Server, users will need to add this name to the remote-licensing.json file for the "License Name" field. This will consume one license from the bundle.
- 2. **allowedSwXtchCount**: The number of licenses allotted to a user via the Licensing Server. In this example, the user has been given 2 licenses to use interchangeably between their cloudSwXtches.
- 3. **consumedCount**: the number of cloudSwXtches currently licensed through the bundle, listing them under authorized. Since no licenses are being used, the consumedCount is 0.
- 4. evictableCount:
- 5. assignableCount: The number of cloudSwXtch licensing spots remaining
- 6. entitlements: This shows the entitlements for each of the licenses in a bundle.
  - a. maxClientCount: Max number of endpoints

You should now be ready to license the cloudSwXtch.

#### Viewing License Server Logs

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To view Licensing Server logs, use the following command on the VM:

```
Bash

docker logs swx-license-server -f
```

#### Below is an example output:

```
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ubuntu@ip-10-64-29-105:~$ docker logs swx-license-server -f
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-svr/cmd/run_cmd.go:45:
 {"Version": "dev", "Commit": "unknown", "Date": "unknown
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/toolkit/fingerprint/fingerprint.go:20: HOLAAAAAAAA
in fo: 2024/12/23 \ 14:48:35 \ / home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-svr/cmd/run\_cmd.go:53: \ fingerprint: \ ec 256b6f-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/run\_cmd.go:53: \ fingerprint: \ ec 256b6f-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/run\_cmd.go:53: \ fingerprint: \ ec 256b6f-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-server/cm
ea1b-f3eb-f791-e10c747a1c8e
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/services/bundles.go:403: Bundle folder /swxtch/bundles
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/services/bundles.go:404: Server license location /swxtch
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/services/bundles.go:189: Loading new bundle detected:
{\tt license\_10\_1\_30000\_bridge\_ha\_adapt.}
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/services/bundles.go:189: Loading new bundle detected:
license 10 1 30000 bridge ha adapt2.
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/services/bundles.go:189: Loading new bundle detected:
license 20 1 30000 all.
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-svr/cmd/run_cmd.go:55: keep Alive Expiry: 10 in
info: 2024/12/23 14:48:35 /home/maxiz/swxtch-core/go/license-server/cmd/swxtch-license-svr/cmd/run_cmd.go:57: Starting http server at
:8081
```

#### Starting and Stopping the Licensing Server

When creating the Licensing Server, the docker command used during deployment tells the service to restart every time the VM is initialized. In the event that a user would like to stop or start the licensing server manually, they should use the following commands:

#### START



### Licensing a cloudSwXtch via the Licensing Server

### Required: Installing a cloudSwXtch

docker stop swx-license-server

In order to license a cloudSwXtch, you must first install a cloudSwXtch via BYOL or manual method. For instructions on how install a cloudSwXtch, see <a href="here">here</a>.

With a cloudSwXtch installed and ready to go, you may now continue onto the licensing process:

- 1. The Licensing server uses HTTP as well as port 8081 open them up on the cloudSwXtch(s) and the Licensing Server.
- 2. Check to see if your cloudSwXtch is currently licensed by opening swxtch-top on the cloudSwXtch VM. Use the following command:



### For Existing cloudSwXtches

If you see "License File" under Licensing, go to the /swxtch directory and remove the license.json file. Alternatively, if you like to keep the file, you can rename it as a backup.

### How cloudSwXtch Looks for Licenses

- 1. When a license json file exists, the cloudSwXtch will prioritize that file over the licensing server.
- 2. By removing or renaming the license.json file, the cloudSwXtch then will look for the licensing server file, or remote-licensing.json.
- 3. If there is no licensing server, the cloudSwXtch will look for a marketplace license.
- 4. Once the cloudSwXtch has exhausted all three methods, it will be marked as Not Authorized and will not work.

For new cloudSwXtches installed via BYOL or manually, there will no license file in place.

3. Validate communication to the Licensing Server by running the following commands on the cloudSwXtch VM:

```
Example Command:

Example Output:

root@ip-172-41-128-25:/home/ubuntu# nc -vz 35.174.125.39 8081

Example Output:

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nc -vz 35.174.125.39 8081

Example Command:

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nc -vz 35.174.125.39 8081
```

#### Error: No Response

If you do not get a response, check to see if Port 8081 is open for both the Licensing Server VM and the cloudSwXtch.

- 4. Create a remote-licensing.json file in your cloudSwXtch directory. Note: It MUST have the name, remote-licensing.json
- 5. Enter the following information in the remote-licensing.json file, replacing <IP-license-server> with the IP address of the License Server virtual machine, and the License Name

```
Bash

{
    "Url": "http://<IP-license-server>:8081/swxtch/licenses/v1",
    "LicenseName": "<License Name>"
}
```

a. In Step 6 and 8 of Creating a Licensing Server, the user received a license.dat file after providing the fingerprint to the swXtch.io Team. In that file, there is a field for the name of the license. In this example, the Name is license\_from\_swxtch. Therefore, that is the name they would put in the remote-licensing.json file as shown below.

```
Bash

{
    "Url": "http://<IP-license-server>:8081/swxtch/licenses/v1",
    "LicenseName": "license_from_swxtch"
}
```

- b. If a user changed the name in the license.dat file on their Licensing Server VM or would like to use a different license, they would need to change the LicenseName in the remote-licensing.json file on the cloudSwXtch VM as well. This tells the cloudSwXtch where to point.
- 6. Save and close the file.
- 7. Restart the cloudSwXtch, specifically the swxtch-ctrl.service. The cloudSwXtch is now ready and pointing to the license server.

These steps can be repeated for every additional cloudSwXtch allotted in the license bundle.

#### Viewing License Bundles on the cloudSwXtch

A user can view their license bundles by running the following command on their cloudSwXtch:

```
Bash

./swx licenses show -s <License Server IP>:<License Server Port>
```

#### Example:

```
Bash
./swx licenses show -s 10.64.29.105:8081
```

The example below shows what the output will look like:

```
Bash
root@ip-10-64-20-179:/swxtch# ./swx licenses show -s 10.64.29.105:8081
    "fingerprint": "ec256b6f-ea1b-f3eb-f791-e10c747a1c8e".
    "Licenses": [
            "name": "license_test-sa1",
            "allowedSwxtchCount": 5,
            "consumedCount": 1,
            "evictableCount": 0,
            "assignableCount": 4,
            "consumers": [
                    "fingerprint": "213de388-ccb5-4d93-9159-3fa9ad5585ea",
                    "hostAddress": "10.2.128.10",
                    "hostName": "dsd-core-100",
                    "lastUpdateTime": "2025-02-11T20:46:09.756723888Z",
                    "evictable": false
            ٦,
            "Bundles": [
                    "bundleName": "license_10_1_30000_bridge_ha_adapt",
                    "expirationDate": "2025-12-30T00:00:00Z",
                    "allowedSwxtchCount": 5,
                    "consumedCount": 1,
                    "evictableCount": 0,
                    "assignableCount": 4,
                    "consumers": [
                        {
                            "fingerprint": "213de388-ccb5-4d93-9159-3fa9ad5585ea",
                            "hostAddress": "10.2.128.10",
                            "hostName": "dsd-core-100",
                            "lastUpdateTime": "2025-02-11T20:46:09.756723888Z",
                            "evictable": false
                   ]
                },
            "entitlements": {
                "maxClientCount": 10,
                "maxBridgeCount": 1,
                "bandwidthMbps": 30000,
                "enableMesh": false,
                "enableUnicast": true,
                "enableHA": true,
                "enableClockSync": false,
                "enableBridge": true,
                "enableWxckedEye": true,
                "enableAllowsMajorVersionUpdate": true,
                "enableTachyonLive": null
       },
   ]
```

#### Releasing a Licensed cloudSwXtch from Licensing Server

License bundles contain a finite amount of licenses available to use. Unless they receive an additional bundle with the same licenses, they are limited by the amount allotted to them in their original bundle. Luckily, the licensing server has a release function that allows users to swap licenses between cloudSwXtches. For example, if a user has licensed 5 cloudSwXtches, consuming all the licenses in the singular bundle they have, they would need to release at least one of their cloudSwXtches from the licensing server to have an available license to use.

To release a cloudSwXtch from the licensing server, run the following command on the VM, replacing the values:

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```
Bash

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~$ sudo /swxtch/swx licenses release -p "<cloudSwXtch fingerprint>" -n "<License Name>" -s <Licensing Server IP>:<Licensing Server Port>
```

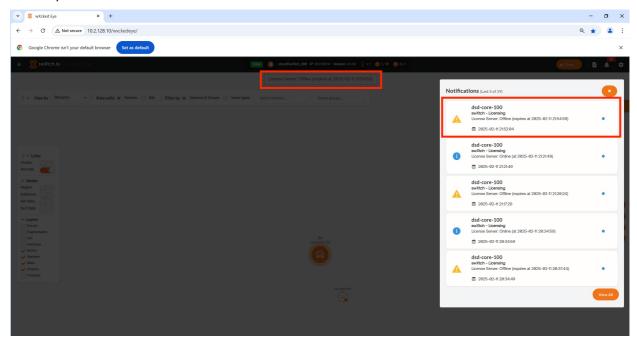
#### Example:

```
Bash Copy

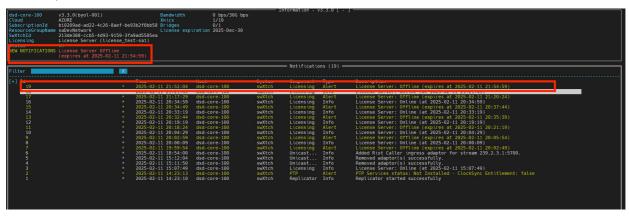
~$ sudo /swxtch/swx licenses release -p "67ae4938-70c4-4f96-9dfb-bea3d836e672" -n "license_from_swxtch" -s 10.1.212.164:8081
```

Users can verify if the cloudSwXtch was released from the licensing server by checking either wXcked Eye or swXcth-top.

#### wXcked Eye



#### swXtch-top



### Increasing Number of Licenses by Adding Bundles

Users can increase the number of licenses in an existing bundle by requesting an additional bundle file, or \*.dat, from the swXtch.io Support Team. This is only for situations where the additional licenses will have the same entitlements allotted in licenses within the original .dat file.

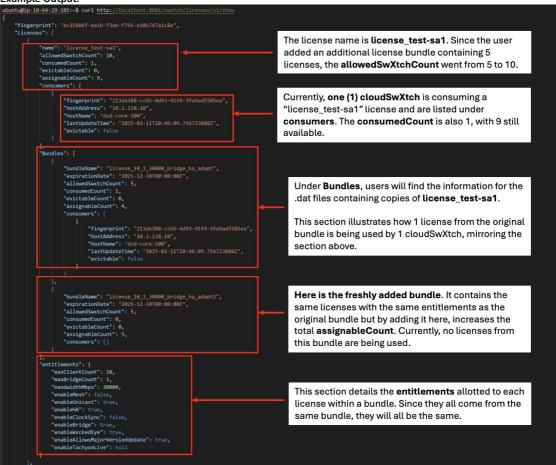
- 1. Contact support@swxtch.io, requesting additional licenses with the same entitlements as the original license bundle file.
- 2. Move the new .dat file into the /swxtch/bundles folder on the licensing server VM. You do not have to remove the previous license bundle.
  - a. In this example, the user requested an additional license bundle, containing 5 copies of the same license with the same entitlements. swXtch.io Support sent a new bundle file, license\_10\_1\_30000\_bridge\_ha\_adapt2.dat. The screenshot illustrates the new license bundle in place with the the old one.

```
ubuntu@ip-10-64-29-105:/swxtch/bundles$ ls
license 10 1 30000 bridge ha adapt.dat license 10 1 30000 bridge ha adapt2.dat
```

3. Use the following curl show command on the licensing server to see the licenses.



a. Example Output:



4. Users can now license their cloudSwXtches. For information, see Licensing a cloudSwXtch via the Licensing Server.

### Adding A New License Bundle

The Licensing Server can host multiple different licenses with different entitlements. Similar to adding a bundle to increase the number of identical licenses, users can add a new bundle, or \*.dat, file to their swxtch/bundles folder if they have cloudSwXtches that need a different feature set

- 1. Contact support@swxtch.io, requesting a new license bundle.
- 2. Move the new .dat file into the /swxtch/bundles folder on the licensing server VM. You do not have to remove any existing license bundles. Since they contain different licenses, they are independent of one another.
- 3. Use the following curl show command on the licensing server to see the licenses.

```
Bash

curl http://localhost:8081/swxtch/licenses/v1/show
```

a. **Example Output:** In this example, the user has two existing license bundles, **license\_10\_1\_30000\_bridge\_ha\_adapt** and **license\_10\_1\_30000\_bridge\_ha\_adapt2**, containing identical copies of the license, **license\_test-sa1**. They are both listed under the license\_test-sa1 license in the output above. There is a second license listed named license\_test-sa2. Under that license is a freshly added bundle file, license\_20\_1\_30000\_all, containing licenses with different entitlements than license\_test-sa1.

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```
"consumers": [
            "fingerprint": "213de388-ccb5-4d93-9159-3fa9ad5585ea",
            "hostAddress": "10.2.128.10",
            "hostName": "dsd-core-100",
            "lastUpdateTime": "2025-02-11T20:46:09.756723888Z",
            "evictable": false
    "Bundles": [
       {
            "bundleName": "license_10_1_30000_bridge_ha_adapt",
            "expirationDate": "2025-12-30T00:00:00Z",
            "allowedSwxtchCount": 5,
            "consumedCount": 1,
            "evictableCount": 0,
            "assignableCount": 4,
            "consumers": [
                    "fingerprint": "213de388-ccb5-4d93-9159-3fa9ad5585ea",
                    "hostAddress": "10.2.128.10",
                    "hostName": "dsd-core-100",
                    "lastUpdateTime": "2025-02-11T20:46:09.756723888Z",
                    "evictable": false
            ]
        },
            "bundleName": "license_10_1_30000_bridge_ha_adapt2",
            "expirationDate": "2025-12-30T00:00:00Z",
            "allowedSwxtchCount": 5,
            "consumedCount": 0,
            "evictableCount": 0,
            "assignableCount": 5,
            "consumers": []
    ],
    "entitlements": {
       "maxClientCount": 10,
        "maxBridgeCount": 1,
        "bandwidthMbps": 30000,
        "enableMesh": false,
        "enableUnicast": true,
        "enableHA": true,
        "enableClockSync": false,
        "enableBridge": true,
        "enableWxckedEye": true,
        "enableAllowsMajorVersionUpdate": true,
        "enableTachyonLive": null
},
   "name": "license_test-sa2",
   "allowedSwxtchCount": 6,
   "consumedCount": 0,
    "evictableCount": 0,
    "assignableCount": 6,
    "consumers": [],
    "Bundles": [
            "bundleName": "license_20_1_30000_all",
            "expirationDate": "2025-12-30T00:00:00Z",
            "allowedSwxtchCount": 6,
            "consumedCount": 0,
            "evictableCount": 0,
            "assignableCount": 6,
```

```
"consumers": []
}

],
"entitlements": {
    "maxClientCount": 20,
    "maxBridgeCount": 1,
    "bandwidthMbps": 30000,
    "enableMesh": true,
    "enableUnicast": true,
    "enableHA": true,
    "enableGlockSync": true,
    "enableBridge": true,
    "enableBridge": true,
    "enableMxckedEye": true,
    "enableAllowsMajorVersionUpdate": true,
    "enableTachyonLive": true
}
}
```

4. The user should now have two different licenses available for them to license their cloudSwXtches. For information, see Licensing a cloudSwXtch via the Licensing Server.

# **Upgrading the Licensing Server**

To upgrade the licensing server, users will need to follow these steps:

- 1. Get the licensing server container ID.
- 2. Stop the docker service.
- 3. Remove the container from the machine.
- 4. Reinstall the licensing server using the command in Step 3 of Creating a Licensing Server.

For a complete list, see Helpful Docker Service Commands under cloudSwXtch How To's.

# Upgrading cloudSwXtch

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to update their cloudSwXtch when new versions are available. The following commands are cloud agnostic so they should work regardless of what cloud they're using.

### **Prerequisites**

For major upgrades, it is important to remove your high availability and protocol fanout configurations before upgrading your cloudSwXtch. This will ensure that you have the latest and greatest version of both features. Users have two ways of doing this: via the UI and via the cloudSwXtch.

- · via the wXcked Eye UI
  - 1. Go to the Settings page in wXcked Eye and navigate to either the high availability or protocol fanout tabs.
  - 2. Delete all your configurations.
- via the cloudSwXtch
  - 1. cd into the /swXtch/ folder on the cloudSwXtch VM.
  - 2. 1s all of the files.
  - 3. Copy the config.json as a backup.
  - 4. Delete the original config.json.
  - 5. Delete any old "install-x.x.x" files. This is optional for users lacking space.

You may now proceed with the upgrade.

There are two ways of ensuring your cloudSwXtch is up-to-date: via the cloudSwXtch or via the xNIC.

# Upgrading cloudSwXtch via the cloudSwXtch

- 1. Sign onto the VM where the cloudSwXtch is running.
- 2. Run the following command:





sudo /swxtch/swx update -i localhost -v v<desired version>

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# Example:

Shell



Bash Сору sudo /swxtch/swx update -i localhost -v v3.0.0

# Upgrading cloudSwXtch via the xNIC

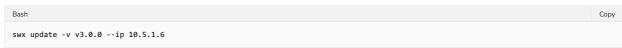
- 1. Connect to any VM where an xNIC is running.
- 2. Run the following command:





swx update -v <desired version> --ip <ip of cloudSwXtch>

### Example:



Note: The <desired version> includes a "v" before the version number (e.g. v3.0.0).

# Upgrading cloudSwXtch and xNICs

Make sure you upgrade all cloudSwXtches and xNICs in the environment to have the best functionality.

# Installing swXtchBridge

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this introduction, users will learn about the swXtchBridge including the benefits of implementing one in their cloudSwXtch network. For installation steps, please complete the following:

- 1. Review the swXtchBridge System Requirements.
- 2. Review Install swXtchBridge guide.

# What is a swXtchBridge?

A swXtchBridge enables bi-directional multicast traffic between an on-premises network and a cloudSwXtch. As a DPDK-based solution, the swXtchBridge unlocks the following benefits:

- High throughput with support for any NIC
- swXtch Lossless UDP for Ground to Cloud/Cloud to Ground traffic
- IGMPv3 for Source Specific Multicast
- Protocol Fanout for all protocols
- Dynamic IGMP joins and leaves. When an application in the cloud sends an IGMP join, then the cloudSwXtch in the cloud sends the information to the ground cloudSwXtch as a bridge, allowing the traffic to go through. Dynamic bridge is only supported from ground to cloud, not from cloud to ground.

To install a swXtchBridge, please review the swXtchBridge System Requirements and then continue onto the Install swXtchBridge article.

# swXtchBridge System Requirements

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the prerequisites before deploying a SwXtchBridge. It is recommended for a users to review this page before installing the swXtchBridge.

# Network and cloudSwXtch Connectivity

- Before deploying a swXtchBridge, a user must already have a cloudSwXtch instance running in any cloud.
- A user should have network connectivity from on-premises to the Virtual Network hosting the cloudSwXtch instance. A user should be able to ping the cloudSwXtch instance from the on-premises network.

### **Testing On-Premises and Cloud Link**

Use one of the following UDP testing tools to measure point from on-prem and into the cloud and to profile your link. This will ensure the link between on-premises and the cloud used by both the SwXtchBridge and the cloudSwXtch is optimal.

- iPerf: https://iperf.fr/iperf-doc.php
- Sockperf:

https://docs.nvidia.com/networking/display/vmav9851/appendix+sockperf+%E2%80%93+udp/tcp+latency+and+throughput+benchmarking+tool

### **NIC Requirements**

The SwXtchBridge requires 2 NICs with the non-primary NIC as a Mellanox or Intel card.

- Mellanox: ConnectX-5 cards are preferred for the non-primary NIC. For a list of recommendations, please visit the following link: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/servers-unified-computing/third-party-adapters-listing.html?flt2\_general-table0=Nvidia%2FMellanox
- Intel: For a list of recommendations (drivers and NIC names), please visit the following link: https://core.dpdk.org/supported/nics/intel/

# **Operating System**

A VM or BareMetal bridge host machine running one of the following operating systems with a **minimum 8 cores**, **16GB RAM**, a recommended **hard drive of 40GB (20GB min)** and **Kernel 5.11 or greater**:

- Ubuntu 20.04
- RHEL9

### **CPUs**

CPUs must be at least 2nd generation Intel Core processors, supporting AVX.

# Firewall Exceptions

The swXtchBridge installer script will automatically open the following ports:

```
Bash

firewall-cmd --add-port=80/tcp --permanent
firewall-cmd --add-port=9999/udp --permanent
firewall-cmd --add-protocol=igmp --permanent
```

## Install Specific Requirements

There are currently two methods to installing the SwXtchBridge - containerized and non-containerized.

### Required Dependencies for Containerized Install

For RHEL 9 and Ubuntu 20.04, users will need the following dependencies on their SwXtchBridge machine:

- pciutils
- docker

 $For \ RHEL\ 9, you \ would\ also\ need\ \textbf{kernel-extra-modules}\ if\ you\ are\ running\ a\ high-performance\ driver.$ 

### How to Install Docker Engine

For swXtchBridge, users should install the latest version of Docker Engine for your VM. For quick installation guides, see our How to Install Docker on RHEL/Ubuntu.

### Required Third-Party Packages for Non-Containerized Install

This a list of required 3rd party packages for the SwXtchBridge VM. Installation with internet will automatically install the required packages.

Non-internet installation, or air-gapped, will require the packages to be downloaded and installed manually. After installing the packages, it is good practice to reboot the virtual before continuing with SwXtchBridge Installation.

For DPDK driver install script, the following packages are also required for both RHEL and Ubuntu:

- dkms
- gcc
- git
- make
- pciutils
- net-tools
- python3

### How to Install Third Party Packages onto your SwXtchBridge VM

1. Run these commands to enable the following repositories to download the above packages.

### a. RHEL9

```
Bash

dnf config-manager --enable crb

dnf -y install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-9.noarch.rpm
```

 Depending on the image, the repo name could be different. A command that could help you verify the name of the CodeReady Builder repository is dnf repolist all. Once you have the correct name, you can use the first command as follows, replacing {reponame}: dnf config-manager --enable {reponame}

### b. **Ubuntu**

```
add-apt-repository ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
add-apt-repository ppa:canonical-server/server-backports
```

2. Depending on the virtual machine's operating system, run the following command to download the necessary packages:

### a. RHEL

Bash

sudo dnf install dialog kernel-modules-extra libatomic librdmacm wget jq glibc-langpack-en libpcap

### b. **Ubuntu**

Bash

sudo apt install dialog iproute2 libdw-dev libssl-dev libstdc++6 build-essential librdmacm-dev libnuma-dev libmnl-dev meson dkms gcc git make pciutils net-tools python3 jq

<sup>\*</sup>Only necessary if running a high-perfomance driver

# Install swXtchBridge

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to install SwXtchBridge. There are two methods for installation: non-containerized and containerized via Docker.

### Before You Start

Review the SwXtchBridge System Requirements to understand the prerequisites to installing swXtchbridge on your virtual machine.

### **Pre-Installation**

The following steps must be down for both installation options: containerized and non-containerized.

### STEP ONE: Update Currently Installed OS Packages

- 1. Please update all of your currently installed OS packages
  - a. RHEL



2. Reboot VM.

### STEP TWO: Update Ubuntu 20.04 to Kernel 5.15 (Ubuntu ONLY)

If the SwXtchBridge VM is on Ubuntu 20.04, please update to Kernel 5.15. To do this:

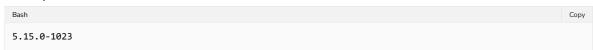
1. Use the following commands:

```
Sudo apt-get install linux-generic-hwe-20.04
sudo apt update && sudo apt full-upgrade
```

- 2. Reboot your machine. If a user is running an Air-Gapped install, they will need to download and Install the package manually: https://vitux.com/how-to-install-latest-linux-kernel-5-15-on-ubuntu-20-04
- 3. Use the following to verify the kernel version is at 5:15:

```
Bash Copy
uname -r
```

### The output will read:



### STEP THREE: Gather Information from the swXtchBridge Data NIC (RHEL ONLY)

This step is only required for users running on a RHEL machine.

1. Run the following command on the VM or the on-premises machine of your Data NIC:



2. Make note of the PCI Address, IP Address, subnetMask, and mac for your swXtchBridge data NIC. This information is required for configuration after installation.

# STEP FOUR: Review Firewall Exceptions for RHEL [Optional]

The swXtchBridge installer script will automatically open the following ports:

```
Bash

sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=80/tcp --permanent
sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=9999/udp --permanent
sudo firewall-cmd --add-protocol=igmp --permanent
```

To open up additional ports for producing/consuming multicast traffic, use the following command:

```
Bash

sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=<port>/udp --permanent
sudo systemctl restart firewalld
```

Note: In some rare cases, it might be helpful to disable the firewall, if swXtchBridge installation fails, for troubleshooting purposes.

# Option#1: Non-Containerized Installation

This non-containerized method can be used to install the bridge application onto the bridge host machine. It will only work if the cloudSwXtch instance is up and running and the bridge host has network connectivity to the cloudSwXtch instance.

- 1. Open a bash console on any VM that is on the same control plane network as the cloudSwXtch that you intend to use as the bridge host.
- 2. Ping the cloudSwXtch using your instance name or IP.

```
Bash

ping <cloudSwXtch-instance-IP or instance-name>
```

- a. If the ping fails to find the cloudSwXtch instance by name, try pinging the IP address of the cloudSwXtch instance. If the IP works, they use the IP address in place of the name in all future commands. This can happen if the default DNS settings are changed for the Virtual Network.
- 3. Run the swXtchBridge installer script:

```
Bash

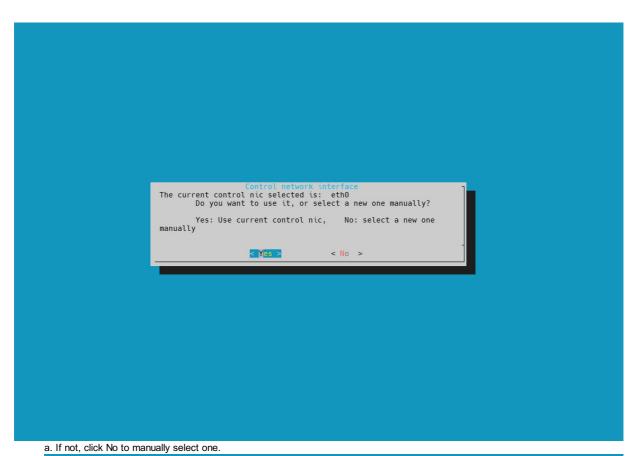
sudo sh -c "curl -s http://<swxtch-ip>/services/install/swxtch-bridge-install.sh | bash -s"
```

a. If running an air-gapped, or no internet, installation, add --ag parameter after the installer script:

```
Sudo sh -c "curl -s http://<swxtch-ip>/services/install/swxtch-bridge-install.sh | bash -s -- --ag"
```

**Note**: Please ensure that you have completed all prerequisites for an air-gapped installation, including the installation of 3rd party packages as detailed in the swXtchBridge System Requirements page.

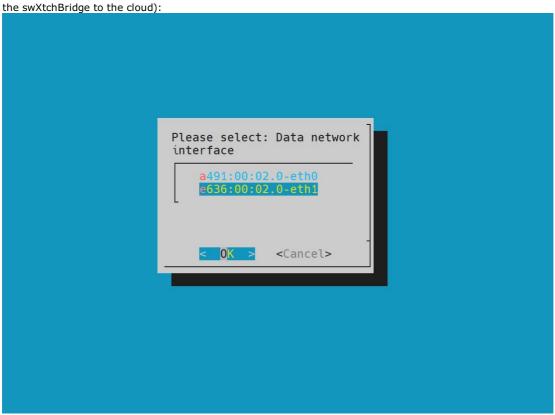
4. Confirm that the selected control NIC is the one you would like to use. Please note: There are different cloudSwXtch topologies users can deploy depending on the number of NICs they have. For more information on single-, 2-, 3-NIC configurations, see SwXtchBridge Topologies.



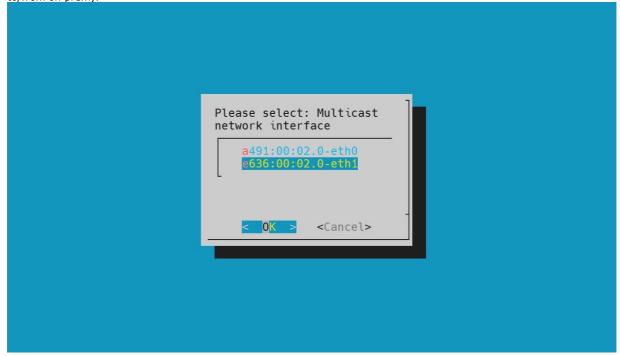




5. When prompted, select the network interface that will be used as the data interface (this is the interface for data from



6. When prompted, select the network interface that will be used to receive and send multicast traffic (i.e. interface to/from on prem):



Note: The swXtchBridge config JSON file will use the PCI Address for the data and user interface names.

The service will automatically initialize.

Additional Arguments for swXtchBridge Installer

```
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$ sudo ./swxtch-bridge-install.sh --help
======= swXtch.io Bridge Installer =
2025-01-02 11:56:19.230 *** Logging to: 'bridge-install.log' ***
2025-01-02 11:56:19.265 Linux Distribution: almalinux (version: '9.5'; major version: '9').
2025-01-02 11:56:19.279 Arguments (1): --help
Usage: ./swxtch-bridge-install.sh [OPTIONS]
 -u
                                 just uninstall the swXtch.io bridge (default:no)
  -c <nic>
                                 manually select nic for control interface
 -d <nic>
                                 manually select nic for data interface
  -i <nic>
                                 manually select nic for user interface
                                 airgap mode: do not try to update nor install dependencies from the internet
 --airgap
                                 (update your system and install the required OS packages manually, before installing)
 --route_control_to_data
                                 tunnel control data through the data interface (default: false)
                                 override the source IP of incoming packets (default: false)
  --override src ip
  --high perf driver
                                 high-performance drivers will be installed (if required) as part of the swXtch.io bridge
installation
  --force_swx_ctrl_to_public_ip use swxtch control interface public ip (if available) instead of default. (avoiding user
interaction)
  --force_swx_data_to_public_ip use swxtch data interface public ip (if available) instead of default. (avoiding user interaction)
                                  Runs swXtch.io bridge in a docker container
  -h | --help
                                 shows this help
```

### Switching to High Performance Mode

Certain NICs can handle a high performance version of the swXtchBridge. This should only be used if a user requires higher throughput for 10+ GB of traffic. For a complete list of recommended NICs, see NIC Requirements under swXtchBridge System Requirements.

To install the high performance drivers for a user's bare metal NICs, it is recommended that users first install the swXtchBridge following the Installation instructions above. Then, a user should re-install the swXtchBridge on their VM with the additional <a href="https://high-perf-driver">high-perf-driver</a> argument.

### Using a Specific Gateway Address for swXtchBridge

Since the dataGatewayIP is set to null in its JSON file, the swXtchBridge will resolve the data gateway MAC address by choosing the first IP address of the subnet for the data interface.

```
"bridgeConfig": {
    "ctrlInterfaceName": "eth0",
    "dataInterfaceName": "eth1",
    "userInterfaceName": "eth1",
    "nicsConfig": null,
    "swxtchCtrlIp": "10.2.128.10",
    "swxtchCtrlPort": 80,
    "swxtchDataIp": "10.2.192.116",
    "swxtchDataPort": 9999,
    "overwriteSenderIp": null,
    "dataGatewayIp": null,
    "groundToCloudSubscriptions": null,
    "cloudToGroundSubscriptions": [],
    "pollingIntervalMilliseconds": 1000,
    "subscriptionsPollingIntervalMilliseconds": 100,
    "mtuSize": 1500,
    "adaptorsConfig": {},
    "overrideSrcIp": false,
    "slp": {
```

However, if the assigned data interface necessitates a specific IP address to act as the gateway, **the swXtchBridge installation will fail.** To remedy this, users will need to manually change the dataGatewayIP address in the JSON to match the one assigned for the data interface.

- 1. Use the ip route command in the swXtchBridge VM to get a list of the interfaces and their IP address.
- 2. Record the IP address of the data interface. In this example, since eth1 is the dataInterfaceName, the user will record 10.2.192.254 as the dataGatewavIP.

```
Last login: Thu Nov 21 13:53:17 2024 from 10.2.128.4 testadmin@DSd-bridge-100:~$ ip route default via 10.2.128.254 dev eth0 proto dhcp metric 20100 default via 10.2.192.254 dev eth1 proto dhcp metric 20101 10.2.128.0/22 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 10.2.128.98 metric 100 10.2.192.0/22 dev eth1 proto kernel scope link src 10.2.192.90 metric 200 168.63.129.16 via 10.2.128.1 dev eth0 proto dhcp src 10.2.128.98 metric 100 169.254.169.254 via 10.2.128.1 dev eth0 proto dhcp src 10.2.128.98 metric 100 172.10.1.0/24 dev swxtch-tun-igmp proto kernel scope link src 172.10.1.10 testadmin@DSd-bridge-100:~$
```

3. Open the swXtchBridge JSON file by running the following command. The location of the swXtchBridge JSON file is \(\mathbb{/var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-bridge-cfg.json.}\)

```
Sudo nano /var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-bridge-cfg.json
```

4. Replace null in the dataGatewayIP field with the data interface IP address found in Step 2. In this example, the replaced null with 10 2 192 254

```
"bridgeConfig": {
    "ctrlInterfaceName": "eth0",
    "dataInterfaceName": "eth1",
    "userInterfaceName": "eth1",
    "nicsConfig": null,
    "swxtchCtrlIp": "10.2.128.10",
    "swxtchDataIp": "10.2.192.116",
    "swxtchDataPort": 9999,
    "overwriteSenderIp": null,
    "dataGatewayIp": "10.2.192.254",
    "groundToCloudSubscriptions": [],
    "pollingIntervalMilliseconds": 1000,
    "subscriptionsPollingIntervalMilliseconds": 100,
    "mtuSize": 1500,
    "adaptorsConfig": {},
    "overrideSrcIp": false,
```

- 5. Save the file.
- 6. Run the installation again using the following command:

```
Sudo sh -c "curl -s http://<swxtch-ip>/services/install/swxtch-bridge-install.sh | bash -s"
```

Completing these steps will force the Bridge to resolve the gateway MAC address by using the IP address specified.

### Option #2: Containerized Installation via Docker

By installing the containerized version of the swXtchBridge installer via Docker, users can forgo the traditional steps of downloading dependencies since they will be packaged together. Containers allow users to support any system that meets the basic system requirements. It will only work if the cloudSwXtch instance is up and running and the bridge host has network connectivity to the cloudSwXtch instance.

### Reminder

Before you start, review the swXtchBridge System Requirements for Docker-specific RHEL and Ubuntu system requirements.

# **Prerequisites**

Users must install Docker on their RHEL or Ubuntu. Please use the following commands below to properly install Docker for swXtchBridge.

# RHEL

- 1. Ensure the operating system is RHEL9.
- $2. \ \ Run \ the \ following \ command \ to \ prepare \ the \ repositories \ for \ the \ docker \ install:$

```
sudo dnf config-manager --add-repo https://download.docker.com/linux/rhel/docker-ce.repo
cat /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
sudo sed -i 's/$releasever/9/g' /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
cat /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
sudo dnf -y install dnf-plugins-core
```

3. Install Docker:

```
Sudo dnf install docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io docker-buildx-plugin docker-compose-plugin
```

4. Run the following commands to enable Docker on your machine:

```
Bash

sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
sudo systemctl enable docker
sudo systemctl start docker
```

### Ubuntu

- 1. Ensure the operating system is Ubuntu 20.04.
- 2. Install Docker:

```
Bash

curl https://get.docker.com/ > dockerinstall && chmod 777 dockerinstall && sudo ./dockerinstall
```

3. Run the following commands to enable Docker on your machine:

```
Sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
sudo systemctl enable docker
sudo systemctl start docker
```

# Running Containerized Install

To run a containerized install via Docker, do the following:

- 1. **Open** a bash console on any machine that is on the same control plane network as the cloudSwXtch that you intend to use as the bridge host.
- 2. Ping the cloudSwXtch using your instance name or IP.

```
Bash

ping <cloudSwXtch-instance-IP or instance-name>
```

- a. If the ping fails to find the cloudSwXtch instance by name, try pinging the IP address of the cloudSwXtch instance. If the IP works, they use the IP address in place of the name in all future commands. This can happen if the default DNS settings are changed for the Virtual Network.
- 3. Run the following command with the --docker argument, replacing <cloudSwXtch-IP> with the cloudSwXtch's IP address, the <Data-NIC> with the Data Interface IP and the <User-NIC> with the Multicast Interface IP.

```
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sudo sh -c "curl -s http://<cloudSwXtch-IP>/services/install/swxtch-bridge-install.sh | bash -s -- -d <Data-NIC> -i <User-NIC> --docker"
```

# Example:

```
Bash

sudo sh -c "curl -s http://172.41.128.25/services/install/swxtch-bridge-install.sh | bash -s -- -d eth1 -i
eth1 --docker"
```

# swXtchBridge Topologies

There are different cloudSwXtch topologies users can deploy depending on the number of NICs they have. For more information on single-, 2-, 3-NIC configurations, see <a href="mailto:swXtchBridgeTopologies">swXtchBridgeTopologies</a>.

4. Confirm that the selected control NIC is the one you would like to us.



5. If not, click No to manually select one.



Installation is now complete. You can continue onto Verify swXtchBridge Installation in swXtch-top.

# Viewing swXtchBridge Container Logs

To view swXtchBridge Container logs, users will need to get the swXtchBridge container ID and run the docker logs command. For a complete list, see Helpful Docker Service Commands.

### Upgrading your swXtchBridge via Docker

### Before You Start - Save Adaptors and Connections Information

- 1. Go to wXcked Eye Topology Graph.
- 2. Select the swXtchBridge component.
- 3. Record the information under the Adaptors and Connections sections. These configurations will not save when updating and will need to be re-added after reinstall.

To upgrade the swXtchBridge via Docker, users will need to follow these steps:

- 1. Get the swXtchBridge docker container ID for both the control and data.
- 2. Stop the docker service.
- 3. Remove both containers from the machine.
- 4. Reinstall the cloudSwXtch using the command in Step 3 of Containerized Installation via Docker.

For a complete list, see Helpful Docker Service Commands under cloudSwXtch How To's.

### Additional Arguments for swXtchBridge Installer

```
$ sudo ./swxtch-bridge-install.sh --help
====== swXtch.io Bridge Installer =======
2025-01-02 11:56:19.230 *** Logging to: 'bridge-install.log' ***
2025-01-02 11:56:19.265 Linux Distribution: almalinux (version: '9.5'; major version: '9').
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Usage: ./swxtch-bridge-install.sh [OPTIONS]
                                just uninstall the swXtch.io bridge (default:no)
 -u
 -c <nic>
                                 manually select nic for control interface
 -d <nic>
                                manually select nic for data interface
 -i <nic>
                                 manually select nic for user interface
 --airgap
                                 airgap mode: do not try to update nor install dependencies from the internet
                                (update your system and install the required OS packages manually, before installing)
 --route_control_to_data
                                tunnel control data through the data interface (default: false)
 --override src ip
                                override the source IP of incoming packets (default: false)
 --high perf driver
                              high-performance drivers will be installed (if required) as part of the swXtch.io bridge
installation
 --force_swx_ctrl_to_public_ip use swxtch control interface public ip (if available) instead of default. (avoiding user
 --force_swx_data_to_public_ip use swxtch data interface public ip (if available) instead of default. (avoiding user interaction)
 --docker
                                 Runs swXtch.io bridge in a docker container
 -h | --help
                                 shows this help
```

# Switching to High Performance Mode

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To install the high performance drivers for a user's bare metal NICs, it is recommended that users first install the swXtchBridge following the Installation instructions above. Then, a user should re-install the swXtchBridge on their VM with the additional <a href="https://high-perf-driver">high-perf-driver</a> argument. Verify swXtchBridge installation in swXtch-top

Verify swXtchBridge installation was a success by navigating to swXtch-top on your cloudSwXtch instance. There, you should see the new Bridge virtual machine listed under the Components view.



# Accessing logs for swXtchBridge

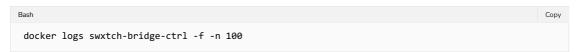
### Non-containered Install

The logs for control service can be seen with the following command:



### Containerized Install

- 1. Use the docker ps command to list all the docker containers currently running on your machine.
- 2. Record the docker name of the swXtchBridge service you would like to see logs for.
- 3. Use the docker logs command with the container service name.
  - a. control



For additional arguments related to the swXtchBridge logs, see How to View swXtchBridge Logs.

# Accessing the bridge-install log

If there are any problems with installation, we recommend users export the **bridge-installlog** from your virtual machine's home directory and email it to support@swxtch.io for additional troubleshooting.

### Troubleshoot: Configuring swXtchBridge Interfaces for Gateway

In the event that your swXtchBridge is not sending data to the cloudSwXtch, then it is recommended to review the swXtchBridge configuration json file to verify the correct interfaces have been selected. For more information on how to do this, please see the <a href="Configuring swXtchBridge Instances">Configuring swXtchBridge Instances</a> section.

Alternatively, there can be an issue with the gateway address. For more information, see <u>Using a Specific Gateway Address for swXtchBridge</u>.

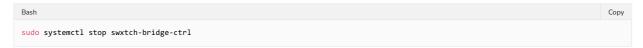
# Configuring swXtchBridge

There may be some scenarios that require special configuration for the swXtchBridge. For more information, see swXtchBridge under Configuring cloudSwXtch.

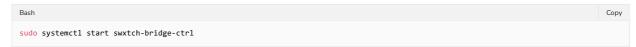
# swXtchBridge Commands

After deploying your swXtchBridge, a user can execute commands to stop, start, and restart their instance. They can execute these commands in the command window of their swXtchBridge.

### STOP



### **START**



### RESTART



**Note**: This example shows how to restart multiple services. Typically, for configuration changes, only ctrl needs to be restarted. However, if the interfaces are altered in the configuration file, the data service should also be restarted.

# Uninstalling swXtchBridge

To uninstall your swXtchBridge application from your bridge host machine:

1. Execute the following command on the Bridge VM on-prem:

```
Sudo sh -c "curl -s http://<swxtch-ip>/services/install/swxtch-bridge-install.sh | bash -s -- -u"
```

Your swXtchBridge instance should now be uninstalled.

# swXtchBridge Topologies

### WHAT TO EXPECT

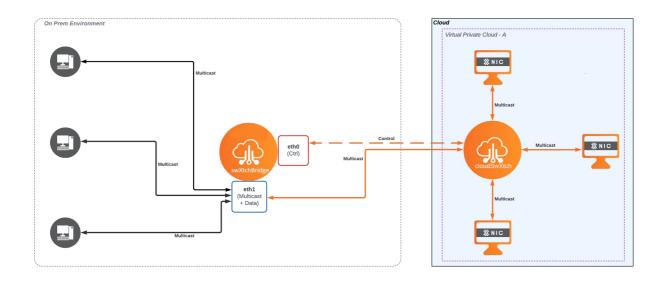
In this article, we will review the different swXtchBridge topologies available for users in order to understand what makes sense for your environment.

# A Flexible Way to Bridge

One benefit of the swXtchBridge is how flexible it is with a user's on-premises configuration. Depending on their performance or security needs, a user can designate a NIC for their multicast, data, and control plane traffic. This selection occurs when promoted by the swXtchBridge installer. Users can set their interfaces to share a NIC or have their own

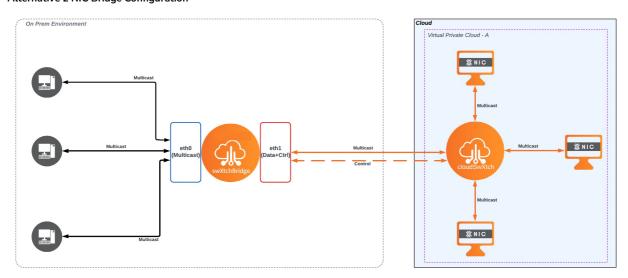
We will review these different configurations, their drawbacks, and their benefits.

# swXtchBridge with 2 NICS



In this configuration, users have two NICs for their swXtchBridge. One NIC (eth1) is used for multicast and data plane traffic while the other (eth0) is used strictly for control. We recommend this setup because it requires the least amount of configuration and only requires two NICs. It is also deployed by a majority of our users.

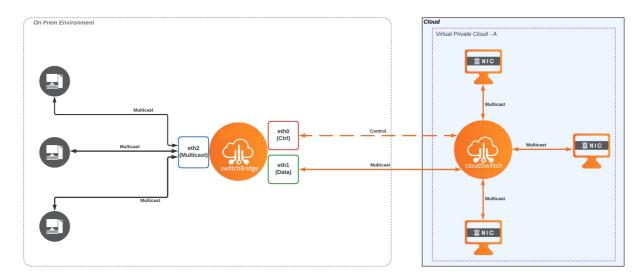
# Alternative 2 NIC Bridge Configuration



Alternatively, you can have data and control plane traffic share a single NIC. This would require users to configure their control traffic to tunnel through the data interface. Having the data and control plane share the same interface can introduce a few unknowns. It is recommended that you contact support@swXtch.io if you require this configuration.

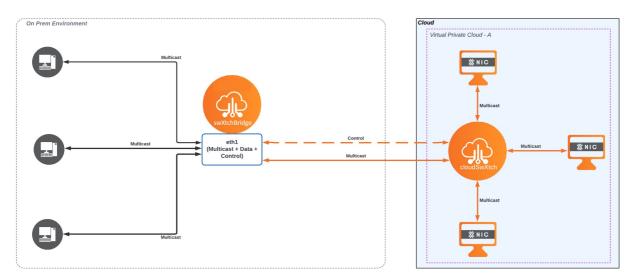
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# swXtchBridge with 3 NICs



In this configuration, users will have three NICs for their SwXtchBridge. Each NIC will be assigned a different interface. While this also requires minimal setup, users may not have the infrastructure and resources to allot an individual hardware NIC for each interface. Users who require more control over their network and the ability to segregate network traffic efficiently without saturating their individual hardware NICs will benefit from this setup.

# swXtchBridge with Single NIC



In this configuration, users will only have a single NIC for their swXtchBridge. This means that the multicast, data, and control plane will all share a single NIC for their respective traffic. While this requires the least amount of physical infrastructure, users will need to configure their control plane traffic to tunnel using data plane. In addition, high performance mode will not be available.

# Installing xNIC

### SUMMARY

- The following article will explain how to install the xNIC component on your Windows and Linux system.
- xNIC is the software that runs on your VM to create a virtual NIC. The xNIC connects your VM to a cloudSwXtch instance.

# xNIC System Requirements

There are some major feature considerations to make when deciding what xNIC version to use. These prerequisites are further detailed in the xNIC System Requirements article.

### Linux Installation Guide

### xNIC Linux Installation

The installer script will install the xNIC as a service as well as the utility applications used to verify the operation of the xNIC and cloudSwXtch instance network for a Linux system. See Testing.

### Windows Installation Guide

### xNIC Windows Installation

The installer script will install the xNIC as a service as well as the utility applications used to verify the operation of the xNIC and the cloudSwXtch instance network for a Windows system.

# **xNIC System Requirements**

A cloudSwxtch must exist to create a xNIC. See cloudSwXtch System Requirements for more information.

### xNIC software

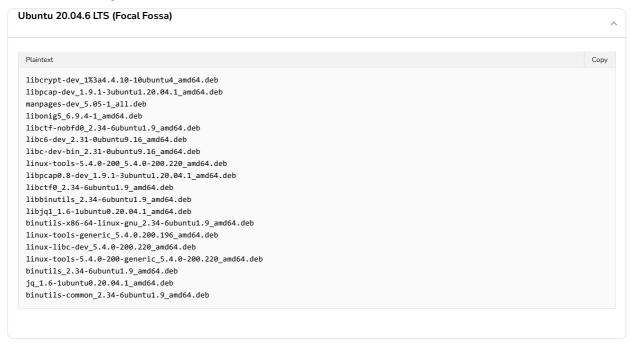
The xNIC software must be run on each virtual machine that is to be part of the IP multicast network and not a cloudSwXtch or a cloudSwXtch Bridge. This software can be installed on hosts which meet the following requirements:

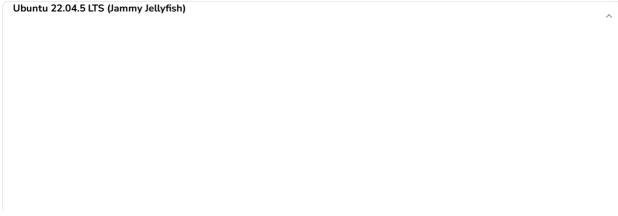
# **Available Operating Systems**

| Linux  | Windows   |
|--|---|
| <ul> <li>AlmaLinux 8.8</li> <li>Amazon Linux 2023</li> <li>Centos 8 Minimum</li> <li>Oracle Linux 8</li> <li>RHEL 8.8</li> <li>RHEL 9.2</li> <li>Rocky Linux 8</li> <li>Rocky Linux 9</li> <li>Ubuntu 20.04</li> <li>Ubuntu 22.04</li> <li>Ubuntu 24.04</li> </ul> Minimum Kernel Version 4.18 | <ul> <li>Windows Server 2022</li> <li>Windows Server 2019</li> <li>Windows Server 2016</li> <li>Windows 11 Pro/Enterprise</li> <li>Windows 10 Pro/Enterprise</li> </ul> |

### Required Dependencies for xNIC

Certain versions of the available operating systems require additional dependencies for xNIC installation. These  $\mathbf{must}$  be installed onto the VM before installing the xNIC.





libjpeg8\_8c-2ubuntu10\_amd64.deb libfile-fcntllock-perl\_0.22-3build7\_amd64.deb libwebp7\_1.2.2-2ubuntu0.22.04.2\_amd64.deb linux-tools-5.15.0-126-generic\_5.15.0-126.136\_amd64.deb manpages-dev\_5.10-1ubuntu1\_all.deb libc-devtools\_2.35-0ubuntu3.8\_amd64.deb libpcap-dev\_1.10.1-4ubuntu1.22.04.1\_amd64.deb libdpkg-perl\_1.21.1ubuntu2.3\_all.deb pkg-config\_0.29.2-1ubuntu3\_amd64.deb libjpeg-turbo8\_2.1.2-0ubuntu1\_amd64.deb libc-dev-bin\_2.35-0ubuntu3.8\_amd64.deb linux-tools-5.15.0-126\_5.15.0-126.136\_amd64.deb libtiff5\_4.3.0-6ubuntu0.10\_amd64.deb  $\verb|libjq1_1.6-2.1ubuntu3_amd64.deb|$ libdbus-1-dev\_1.12.20-2ubuntu4.1\_amd64.deb fontconfig-config\_2.13.1-4.2ubuntu5\_all.deb linux-libc-dev\_5.15.0-126.136\_amd64.deb rpcsvc-proto\_1.4.2-0ubuntu6\_amd64.deb libcrypt-dev\_1%3a4.4.27-1\_amd64.deb libgd3\_2.3.0-2ubuntu2.3\_amd64.deb libjbig0\_2.1-3.1ubuntu0.22.04.1\_amd64.deb libfontconfig1 2.13.1-4.2ubuntu5 amd64.deb libpcap0.8-dev\_1.10.1-4ubuntu1.22.04.1\_amd64.deb jq\_1.6-2.1ubuntu3\_amd64.deb libtirpc-dev\_1.3.2-2ubuntu0.1\_amd64.deb linux-tools-generic\_5.15.0.126.125\_amd64.deb bzip2 1.0.8-5build1 amd64.deb libxpm4\_1%3a3.5.12-1ubuntu0.22.04.2\_amd64.deb  $libnsl-dev\_1.3.0-2build2\_amd64.deb$ libc6-dev\_2.35-0ubuntu3.8\_amd64.deb libonig5\_6.9.7.1-2build1\_amd64.deb fonts-dejavu-core\_2.37-2build1\_all.deb libdeflate0 1.10-2 amd64.deb

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libnl3-3.7.0-1.el9.x86_64.rpm
libibverbs-44.0-2.el9.i686.rpm
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glibc-2.34-60.el9_2.14.x86_64.rpm
glibc-2.34-60.el9_2.14.i686.rpm
libpcap-1.10.0-4.el9.i686.rpm
glibc-common-2.34-60.el9_2.14.x86_64.rpm
glibc-gconv-extra-2.34-60.el9_2.14.i686.rpm
glibc-gconv-extra-2.34-60.el9_2.14.x86_64.rpm
iproute-6.1.0-1.el9.x86_64.rpm
bash-5.1.8-6.el9_1.x86_64.rpm
libnetfilter_conntrack-1.0.9-1.el9.x86_64.rpm
pcre2-syntax-10.40-2.el9.noarch.rpm
zlib-1.2.11-39.el9.x86_64.rpm
libdb-5.3.28-53.el9.x86_64.rpm
oniguruma-6.9.6-1.el9.5.x86_64.rpm
libsepol-3.5-1.el9.x86 64.rpm
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libnl3-3.7.0-1.el9.i686.rpm
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oniguruma-6.9.6-1.el9.5.i686.rpm
libpcap-1.10.0-4.el9.x86 64.rpm
iproute-tc-6.1.0-1.el9.x86 64.rpm
setup-2.13.7-9.el9.noarch.rpm
tzdata-2024b-2.el9.noarch.rpm
bpftool-7.0.0-284.92.1.el9_2.x86_64.rpm
iptables-libs-1.8.8-6.el9 1.x86 64.rpm
libmnl-1.0.4-15.el9.x86_64.rpm
libselinux-3.5-1.el9.x86_64.rpm
elfutils-libelf-0.188-3.el9.x86_64.rpm
glibc-minimal-langpack-2.34-60.el9_2.14.x86_64.rpm
jq-1.6-14.el9.i686.rpm
redhat-release-9.2-0.15.el9.x86 64.rpm
redhat-release-eula-9.2-0.15.el9.x86_64.rpm
libbpf-1.0.0-2.el9.x86_64.rpm
libcap-2.48-9.el9_2.x86_64.rpm
pcre2-10.40-2.el9.x86 64.rpm
jq-1.6-14.el9.x86_64.rpm
psmisc-23.4-3.el9.x86_64.rpm
basesystem-11-13.el9.noarch.rpm
filesystem-3.16-2.el9.x86_64.rpm
libgcc-11.3.1-4.3.el9.x86_64.rpm
libgcc-11.3.1-4.3.el9.i686.rpm
```

### **CPU Architecture**

x86\_x64

# **Network Connectivity**

 $1\ NIC\ or\ 2\ NICs\ for\ higher\ performance\ (one\ for\ each\ sub-net:\ ctrl-subnet\ and\ data-subnet)$ 

### 1 NIC vs. 2 NICs

An xNIC instance may have 1 or 2 NICs depending on the subnet configuration of the cloudSwXtch.

- If a cloudSwXtch has 2 NICs sharing a single subnet, an xNIC needs only 1 NIC (control). This NIC will share the same single subnet for control and data plane communications as the cloudSwXtch.
- For high performance, a cloudSwXtch should have 2 NICs using 2 different subnets, an xNIC will need 2 NICs connected to separate subnets:
  - A subnet for control plane traffic (referred to as the **ctrl-subnet** from here on).
  - A subnet for data plane traffic (referred to as the data-subnet from here on).

### Subnet Selection

The subnets must be the same subnets used for the cloudSwXtch.

The install requires a simple command that installs the xNIC from the cloudSwXtch. The install typically takes less than one minute per host. See the installation sections for more details.

### Tunnel network for xNIC Type 1

The xNIC software must be installed on each virtual machine that is to send or receive multicast traffic. For xNIC Type 1, the software will create a tunnel network interface (called **swxtch-tun0** for Linux and **swxtch-tun** for Windows) that presents to the application a network subnet of 172.30.X.Y. Each virtual machine running the xNIC software will be assigned an IP address in this range.

Please note: In almost all scenarios, it is recommended that users install xNIC Type 2 as this will bypass this requirement.

### NOTE:

The swxtch tunnel interface should only be used for multicast traffic. Any other network traffic should target other network interfaces.

### Install xNIC on Linux

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The xNIC is a lightweight service that must be installed on every VM sending or receiving multicast traffic to and from a cloudSwXtch. An xNIC should not be installed on a cloudSwXtch or cloudSwXtch Bridge VM.

In this article, users will learn how to install the xNIC software in the Linux systems.

# Installing xNIC for Linux

### **BEFORE YOU START**

Review xNIC System requirements.

**Network Acceleration** 

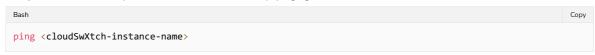
If using Azure, the data-subnet must have the "Network Acceleration" feature enabled.

### Running the Install Script

To make installation easy, the xNIC is installed from the cloudSwXtch instance via a one-time shell command. The xNIC is matched to the attached cloudSwXtch instance and should be reinstalled if the cloudSwXtch version changes.

### To run the install

- 1. **Open** a terminal on the VM you wish to install the xNIC software on.
- 2. **Verify** network connectivity to the cloudSwXtch instance by "pinging" the switch.



a. If the ping fails to find the cloudSwXtch instance by name, try pinging the IP address of the cloudSwXtch instance. If the IP works, then use the IP address in place of the <switch-instance-name> in all further commands. This can happen if the DNS settings are not configured for the virtual network.

### **Review Firewall Exceptions**

The installer script will automatically open ports 10800 and 9999.

To open up additional ports for producing/consuming multicast traffic, use the following command:

```
Sudo firewall-cmd --add-port=<port>/udp --permanent
sudo systemctl restart firewalld
```

3. Run the following installer script:



Alternatively, you can run the install script after downloading it using the wget command:

```
Bash

wget http://<cloudSwXtch-ip>/services/install/swxtch-xnic-install.sh
chmod +x swxtch-xnic-install.sh
./swxtch-xnic-install.sh
```

The installer script will install the xNIC as a service and a set of utility applications that can be used to verify the operation of your cloudSwXtch network. Refer to Testing for more details.

A successful install is shown below:

```
testadmin@agent-101:~$ curl http://10.2.128.10/services/install/swxtch-xnic-install.sh | bash  
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Time Current  
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed  
100 21432 0 21432 0 0 5232k 0 -:--:--:--5232k  
XNIC installer detected ubuntu 20.04. Installing xNIC version 1.  
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Time Current  
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed  
100 7308k 100 7308k 0 0 113M 0 -:--:- 113M  
Selecting previously unselected package swxtch-xnic. (Reading database ... 141654 files and directories currently installed.)  
Preparing to unpack swxtch-xnic [1.0.0] ubuntu20.04_amd64.deb ...  
Unpacking swxtch-xnic (1.0.0) ...  
Setting up swxtch-xnic (1.0.0) ...  
Setting up swxtch-xnic (1.0.0) ...  
/var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-xnic conf has been updated.  
Service swxtch-xnic.service started  
testadmin@DSd-agent-101:~$
```

### IF THE INSTALL FAILS:

Validate that the VM has at least two NICs and the NICs are on the same subnets for control and data as the cloudSwXtch. The ctrl-subnet should be assigned to the primary NIC.

If you are using Azure, validate that the data-subnet has "Network Acceleration" feature enabled.

### Setting the rp\_filter on Linux

During xNIC installation, the Linux rp\_filter is set to loose mode by default at runtime. This allows for the xNIC to work on asymmetric networks, meaning that it can receive packets from machines outside of its subnet if the source is routable.

To opt out of this configuration, navigate to the xnic.json file after completing the xNIC installation process. This file can be found in \(\forall \text{var/opt/swxtch/xnic.json}\). To edit the file, one option is to use nano as shown below:

```
Bash

sudo nano /var/opt/swxtch/xnic.json
```

Next to "overrideSourceIP" in the json file, change the parameter to **true**. **Save the file** and **restart** the xNIC VM. This will set the rp\_filter back to the original mode and will remain like that for future reboots. Note that this means our software will do source network address translation on incoming packets.

### **Additional Arguments**

There are additional arguments when installing the xNIC.

Note that the ctrl- and data- interfaces are from the VM the xNIC is installed. These will be set automatically by the installer. There may be some instances where you will need to specify them. For example, if you have three network interfaces and you want to specify what you want to use for ctrl or data, you can manually select them using the -ctrl\_interface <interface index> or -data\_interface <interface index> arguments. Also, these argument help in complex contexts where the agent is in a different vNet/VPC from the cloudSwXtch.

### A full list of arguments is detailed below:

```
$ ./swxtch-xnic-install.sh -h
Usage: ./swxtch-xnic-install.sh [OPTIONS]
 -t <1|2>
                                     xNIC type to install (default: 2 if supported in this OS, 1 otherwise)
                                     uninstall xNIC instances
  --ctrl_interface <interface name> manual selection of the Control interface
  --data_interface <interface name> manual selection of the Data interface
                                     installing of Precision Time Protocol (default: false)
  --ptp
 --verify
                                     Verify install package with respective signature file (sig_public.pem if public_key is not
setted).
                                     Public key file to use for signature verification (used with verify parameter).
  --public_key <public key file>
  -h | --help
                                     shows this help
```

**Note**: There is an option for users to switch between xNIC Type 1 and Type 2, latter being the default. All installation instructions and system requirements are solely for Type 2. It is not recommended to use Type 1 unless otherwise suggested by swXtch.io Support.

# Precision Time Protocol Installation

By default, precision time protocol is not enabled during xNIC installation. To install the Precision Time Protocol feature, please run the following command:

```
PowerShell

Wget http://cswxtch-ip>/services/install/swxtch-xnic-install.sh
chmod +x swxtch-xnic-install.sh
./swxtch-xnic-install.sh --ptp
```

### Verifying Installer Files [Optional]

Prior to installing the xNIC, the user may need to verify the authenticity of swXtch.io's installer files. While it is not a necessary step in the installation process, it is still an available option to users with security protocols that require files to be validated. **Please note**: This option is only available in cloudSwXtch versions 2.2 or greater.

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After downloading the swxtch-xnic-install.sh file on your VM, run the following steps:

1. Download the public key from swXtch.io using the following command on your VM: Shell

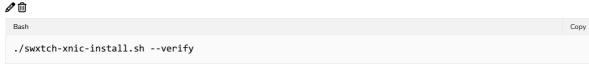


2. Move the public key into the same directory as the swxtch-xnic-install.sh file.

3. Run the install command with the --verify argument:

curl https://services/swxtch.io/assets/sig\_public.pem

Shell



The --verify argument will download the .sig file associated with the xNIC installer file based on the VM's operating system, verify with the public key, and proceed to install the xNIC onto the VM as a service.

# **Testing**

xNIC installation includes a set of utility applications that you can use to verify the operation of your cloudSwXtch network. Refer to Testing for details.

- swxtch-top: An application to display real-time statistics of the cloudSwXtch instance.
- swxtch-perf: An application to produce and consume unicast and multicast traffic for testing purposes.

# Running swxtch-top on Linux <swxtch-hostname>: name of your existing swxtch or "host" swxtch Bash swxtch-top dashboard --swxtch <swxtch-hostname>

### Increasing the Number of Groups Being Consumed by the xNIC

Linux environments limit the amount of groups that can be consumed by the xNIC. By default, the value is set to 20. If a user needs to consume more than 20 groups through a single xNIC, they need to make a change to the kernel parameter, net.ipv4.igmp\_max\_memberships, in the systctl.conf file.

### To do this:

- 1. Open the /etc/sysctl.conf to begin editing.
- 2. Add the following line:



3. Save the file and apply the changes immediately:



4. Verify the change:



The xNIC should now be able to consume more groups.

### Unistalling xNIC on Linux

To uninstall xNIC on Linux, users can follow the steps in the xNIC Linux Uninstall Guide.

# Upgrading xNIC on Linux

To upgrade xNIC on Linux, users can follow the steps in the xNIC Linux Upgrade Guide.

# xNIC Linux Uninstall

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to remove the xNIC from their Linux system for both Ubuntu and Redhat.

# Uninstalling xNIC on Linux

- 1. **Open** a shell on the host VM. The host VM is the VM where you wish to uninstall the xNIC software.
- 2. **Run** the following command depending the xNIC version:



3. The uninstall script will remove Linux xNIC.

# xNIC Linux Upgrade

BEFORE YOU START

When a cloudSwXtch has been updated, it's recommended to update connected xNICs as well.

In this article, users will be able to use the appropriate script to upgrade their xNIC.

# **Upgrading Linux xNIC**

24/7 Operations

If the services need to be up and running 24/7, swXtch.io suggests that redundant systems exist for which will be referred to as "Main" and "Backup". During an upgrade the Backup system should be upgraded, then the traffic should be routed to the Backup while the Main is upgraded.

You can use the following command to uninstall the existing xNIC and upgrade it.

1. Run the installer script:

Shell

Bash Copy

curl http://<swxtch-instance-name/services/install/swxtch-xnic-install.sh | bash

### **Additional Arguments**

There are additional options when installing the xNIC.

Note that the **ctrl-** and **data-** interfaces are from the VM the xNIC is installed. These will be set automatically by the installer. There may be some instances where you will need to specify them. For example, if you have three network interfaces and you want to specify what you want to use for ctrl or data, you can manually select them using the -ctrl\_interface or -data\_interface arguments. Also, these argument help in complex contexts where the agent is in a different vNet/VPC from the cloudSwXtch.

For xNIC 1 on Linux, multiple xNICs can be installed on one VM by using the -i and the --tun-subnet arguments. In this case, the control interface will be the same while the data interface will differ for each xNIC on the Linux VM.

### A full list of arguments is detailed below:

### Install xNIC on Windows

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The xNIC is a lightweight service that must be installed on every VM sending or receiving multicast traffic to and from a cloudSwXtch. An xNIC should not be installed on a cloudSwXtch or a cloudSwXtch Bridge VM.

In this article, users will learn how to install the xNIC software on Windows systems.

# Installing xNIC for Windows

### **BEFORE YOU START**

Review xNIC System Requirements.

### Firewall Restrictions

The Windows installation process adds rules to Windows Defender Firewall, which allow for traffic through the UDP ports 10800 and 9999. The rule names are SwXtchControl, SwXtchData, and SwXtchTun.

### **Network Acceleration**

If using Azure, the data-subnet must have the "Network Acceleration" feature enabled.

### Running the Install script

To make installation easy, the xNIC is installed from the cloudSwXtch instance via a one-line shell command. The xNIC is matched to the attached cloudSwXtch instance and should be reinstalled if the cloudSwXtch version changes.

The xNIC takes less than a minute to install on an existing VM.

To run the install:

- 1. **Open** a PowerShell terminal on the Windows VM that you aspire to install the xNIC software on. **If you are working on Windows 11**, please use Windows Terminal instead for installation.
- 2. Verify network connectivity to the cloudSwXtch instance by "pinging" the switch.



# Ping Fails

This can happen if the default DNS settings are changed for the virtual network.

3. The installer script will automatically remove any firewall restrictions to UDP ports 10800 and 9999. The cloudSwXtch sends UDP packets to these ports as part of normal operation.

### Special Rules for Windows Defender Firewall

It is recommended to simply turn off the firewall. Additionally, users can open up additional ports for producing/consuming multicast traffic by using the following command in PowerShell:

Bash

New-NetFirewallRule -Name 'rule\_name' -DisplayName 'rule\_name' -Enabled True -Direction Inbound -Protocol

UDP -Action Allow -LocalPort 1234

5. **Download** and **run** the installer script in Powershell as an administrator:

Bash

Invoke-WebRequest -Uri 'http://<cloudSwXtch-instance-name>/services/install/swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1' -Outfile swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1

### **Additional Arguments**

There are additional options when installing the xNIC. To see these options, use the -h argument.

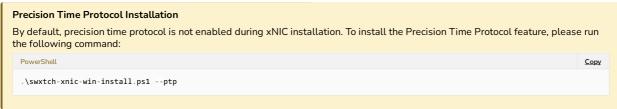
The ctrl- and data- interfaces are from the VM the xNIC is installed. These will be set automatically by the installer. There may be some instances where you will need to specify them. For example, if you have three network interfaces and you want to specify what you want to use for ctrl or data, you can manually select them using the -ctrl\_interface <interface index> or -data\_interface <interface index> arguments detailed below.

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**Note:** There is an option (-t) for users to switch between xNIC Type 1 and xNIC Type 2 (default). All installation instructions and system requirements are solely for Type 2. It is not recommended to use Type 1 unless otherwise suggested by swXtch.io Support.



Please note: The ctrl\_interface and data\_interface commands should only be used in complex configurations where the installer cannot locate them. Contact support@swXtch.io for more information.





7. The installer script will install a Windows service called swXtchNIC:

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
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Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
PS C:\Users\testadmin> ./swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1 -k
This PowerShell script manages the xNIC installation for Windows
Version to install is 1
Running on Windows Server 2019 Datacenter
- Getting Swxtch-xNIC installer for Windows
Saving swxtch-xnic.conf file backup named swxtch-xnic-bup.conf
  Removing installed swXtch xNIC
Installing Swxtch-xNIC(swxtch-xnic-1.0.0-x86_64.msi)
Installing Microsoft Visual C++ Redistributable
Adding xNIC tools folder to the User PATH
- Configuring xNIC
Loading swxtch-xnic.conf backup
    ...Control Subnet = 10.2.128.0, Prefix = 22
...Data Subnet = 10.2.192.0, Prefix = 22
    ...Control Interface index = 134
  ...Data Interface index = 47
Checking if XDP driver is installed
- Starting the xNIC 1 service...
Installation finished
PS C:\Users\testadmin>
```

8. **Reboot** your machine once the installation is complete. This will enable you to execute cloudSwXtch tools properly from your user home directory such as **swxtch-top**.

### Frrors

The control and data interfaces should have proper numbers. A 0, or negative number, indicates an error in the configuration of the control or data subnets for the xNIC. The control and data subnets of the cloudSwXtch and the xNICs should be the same.

If you are using Azure, validate that the data-subnet has "Network Acceleration" featured enabled.

### Testing

The installation includes a set of utility applications that you can use to verify the operation of your cloudSwXtch network. Refer to Testing for details.

- swxtch-top.exe: An application to display real-time statistics of the cloudSwXtch instance.
- swxtch-perf.exe: An application to produce and consume multicast traffic for testing purposes.

# Running swxtch-top on Windows Bash swxtch-top --swxtch <cloudSwXtch-hostname> • <cloudSwXtch-hostname>: the name of your existing or "host" cloudSwXtch

### Uninstalling xNIC on Windows

To uninstall xNIC on Windows, users can follow the steps in the Uninstall xNIC on Windows guide.

# Upgrading xNIC on Windows

To upgrade xNIC on Windows, users can follow the steps in the Upgrade xNIC on Windows guide.

# Uninstall xNIC on Windows

WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to remove the xNIC from their Windows system.

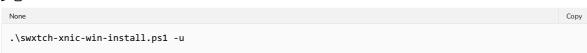
# Uninstalling xNIC on Windows

When uninstalling xNIC on Windows, please do not uninstall using the Add/Remove Programs feature. It is important to use the command below instead for uninstall.

- $1. \ \ \, \textbf{Open} \ \, \text{Powershell on your Windows system (command window if Windows 11)}.$
- 2. Run the following command:

Text





# Upgrade xNIC on Windows

### WHAT TO EXPECT

When a cloudSwXtch has been updated, their xNIC should be upgraded as well. This is very simple since you will only need to reinstall the script. The installer will automatically remove the older version of xNIC.

In this article, users will learn to use the appropriate script to upgrade their xNIC.

Make sure that you have the latest version of cloudSwXtch installed. You can find information about how to upgrade your cloudSwXtch by clicking here: Upgrading cloudSwXtch. You can also upgrade your cloudSwXtch by deleting and recreating the instance.

### Upgrading xNIC on Windows

- 1. Open PowerShell. If you are using Windows 11, please use Windows Terminal.
- 2. **Download** the installer script:

```
PowerShell

Invoke-WebRequest -Uri 'http://<swxtch-instance-name>/services/install/swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1' -
Outfile swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1
```

3. Run the script. Please use the appropriate command for your version. Note: xNIC Type 2 is the default.

```
PowerShell
./swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1
```

4. The latest version of the Windows xNIC will be installed.

### Remember to Reboot

Reboot the machine after the upgrade is complete. You must do this to be able to execute the cloudSwXtch tools properly from your user home directory.

### **Additional Arguments**

To see all the options available for the xNIC installation/update script, use the -h argument.

Note that the ctrl- and data- interfaces are from the VM the xNIC is installed. These will be set automatically by the installer. There may be some instances where you will need to specify them. For example, if you have three network interfaces and you want to specify ctrl or data interfaces, you can manually select them using the -ctrl\_interface <interface index> or -data\_interface <interface index> arguments detailed below.

```
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PS C:\Users\testadmin> .\swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1 -h
Usage: C:\Users\testadmin\swxtch-xnic-win-install.ps1 [OPTIONS]
  -t <1|2>
                                         xNIC type to install (default: 2 if supported in this OS, 1 otherwise)
 -u
                                         uninstall xcd xNIC only (no other options allowed)
  -unattended
                                         unattended \ installation \ (in \ case \ of \ reboot, \ the \ user \ will \ not \ be \ prompted)
  -ctrl_interface <interface index>
                                         manual selection of the Control interface
  -data_interface <interface index>
                                         manual selection of the Data interface
  -ptp <true | false>
                                         installing of Precision Time Protocol (default: true)
  -h
                                         shows this help
```

### Install xNIC on Kubernetes

### WHAT TO EXPECT

For Kubernetes, the xNIC is a lightweight daemonset that must be installed on every node with pods sending or receiving cloudSwXtch traffic. This creates a virtual network interface within the node in a Kubernetes Cluster. Applications that use IP multicast should target this virtual network interface.

In this article, you will learn how to install xNIC on K8s.

# **Supported Types**

Below is a list of supported K8s Clusters. The \* denotes default.

- AKS: Kubenet CNI\*, Cilium CNI, or Callico CNI
- EKS: Amazon VPC CNI\* and Cilium CNI
- GKE: Traditional CNI\*, Callico CNI and Dataplane V2 (Cillium)

The following operating systems in a pod are supported for the xNIC on K8s: RHEL 9, CentOS 8, Ubuntu 20.04, or Ubuntu 22.04

### Installation

The installation process can be split into three steps:

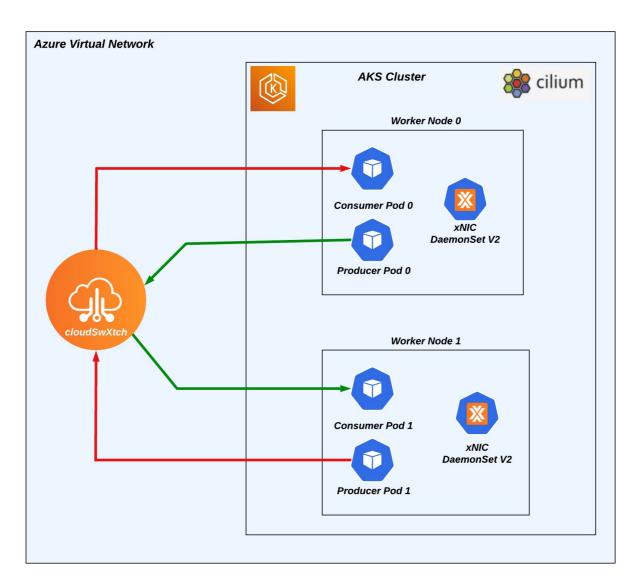
- 1. Create a Kubernetes Cluster (AKS, EKS, or GKE)
- 2. Install xNIC on K8s Cluster
- 3. Test xNIC on K8s

### Post-Installation

You can learn how to upgrade your xNIC nodes on K8s, here.

# xNIC Architecture Diagram

Below is an example architecture for an xNIC installed on AKS with Cilium with communication to and from a cloudSwXtch. Other Virtual Machines (not AKS) with xNICs installed could also communicate with the AKS worker nodes via cloudSwXtch and xNIC v2.



Please note: The producer pod and consumer pod of the same stream must be in different nodes. For example, Consumer Pod 0 is consuming a stream from Producer Pod 1 from a different node. Consumer Pod 0 cannot consume what Producer Pod 0 is creating since they are in the same node.

### Install xNIC on K8s Cluster

### WHAT TO EXPECT

For Kubernetes, the xNIC is a lightweight daemonset that must be installed on every node with pods sending or receiving cloudSwXtch traffic. This creates a virtual network interface within the node in a Kubernetes Cluster. Applications that use IP multicast should target this virtual network interface.

In this article, users will learn how to install xNIC Daemonset for Kubernetes on one of the supported clouds (AKS, EKS, or GKE).

### Overview

Unicast traffic will not be affected by this feature since it will work as it did before. The xNIC will only be used for Multicast traffic. The default interface xNIC will use is **eth0**. It can be installed via your preferred cloud's CloudShell or you can assign a VM as a manager to control your cluster. Either way, it is required to have access to the cloudSwXtch and the cluster.

In this document, we will discuss how to do it via the CloudShell. However, the commands below will work in either the CloudShell or on the VM managing the K8s cluster.

# Running the xNIC Daemonset Install Script

### BEFORE YOU START

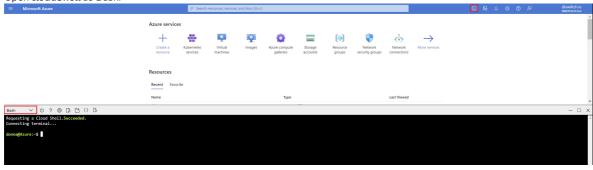
If you haven't already, please create a Kubernetes Cluster. This is a prerequisite before installing the xNIC.

To make installation easy, the xNIC is installed from the cloudSwXtch instance via a one-line shell command. The xNIC is matched to the attached cloudSwXtch and should be upgraded if the cloudSwXtch version changes.

This process takes less than a minute to install on an existing K8s cluster.

### To run the install:

- 1. Ensure your cloudSwXtch is version **2.0.89 or greater.** If it is not upgraded, see Upgrading cloudSwXtch.
- 2. Sign into your desired cloud provider.
- 3. Open cloudShell as Bash.



4. Paste in the following commands, replacing the <cloudSwXtch\_IP> with your cloudSwXtch's Ctrl IP address.

```
kubectl run installer --image=busybox -- sh -c "wget
http://<cloudSwXtch_IP>/services/install/xnic_ds_installer.sh; sleep 3650"
kubectl cp default/installer:/xnic_ds_installer.sh xnic_ds_installer.sh
kubectl delete po/installer --grace-period 1
chmod +x xnic_ds_installer.sh
```

5. Run one of the following scripts:

### cloudSwXtch with Internet Access:



### cloudSwXtch without Internet Access (Air-Gapped):

```
Bash
./xnic_ds_installer.sh -ag
```

An example of a successful install without INTERNET access is shown below:

```
Сору
$ ./xnic_ds_installer.sh -ag
[i] Detected Cloud: AZURE
[i] Cilium Installation detected
[i] Setting CNI to CILIUM...
This script modifies the underlying configuration of Cilium CNI to make it compatible
     with Multicast Networks.
     It also installs xNIC DaemonSet on the existing cluster.
- RUNNING INSTALLER: Airgap
- IMAGE: 10.144.0.115:443/xnicv2:airgap
- CNI PLUGIN: CILIUM
- SWXTCH IP ADDRESS: 10.144.0.115
- AGENT TYPE: XNTC XCD
______
   Adjusting BPF filter priority on Cilium
______
Setting flag "bpf-filter-priority" to "50000"
configmap/cilium-config patched
Done!
______
        Restarting Cilium Agents
daemonset.apps/cilium restarted
daemonset.apps/cilium-node-init restarted
Waiting for Cilium Agents to be fully UP and Running.....OK
Done!
Proceeding with xNIC Installation
Creating xNIC ConfigMap
configmap/xnic-config created
_____
         Installing xNIC
daemonset.apps/swxtch-xnic created
Done!
====== Completed! ==========
Please allow a minute for the xNIC DaemonSet to fully spin up before starting to use it.
Feel free to follow up on the xNIC Agents installation by running
kubectl logs -n kube-system daemonsets/swxtch-xnic -f
```

```
Bash
kubectl logs -n kube-system daemonsets/swxtch-xnic -f
```

7. Use the command below to follow the xNIC DaemonSet status in the Bash window and check if they have started (i.e "Running"):

```
Plaintext

kubectl get pods -l app=swxtch-xnic -n kube-system
```

#### Example:

```
Bash

User@Azure:~$ kubectl get pods -l app=swxtch-xnic -n kube-system

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

Swxtch-xnic-fc58t 1/1 Running 0 11d

swxtch-xnic-kn9hg 1/1 Running 0 11d
```

8. Sign into your cloudSwXtch and enter in the following command to see the new instances in swXtch-top.

```
Bash Copy
swxtch-top
```

### Restarting xNIC DaemonSet

To restart xNIC DaemonSet for K8s, run the following command:

```
Bash

kubectl rollout restart ds/swxtch-xnic -n kube-system
```

## \*Managing Multicast Traffic

Following are some to commands that can be useful when it comes to allowing/denying either incoming or outgoing multicast traffic on producer and consumer pods. You must run these commands inside the target producer/consumer pods so that the correct interface name (eth0 in the examples) is picked up.

By default, ALL multicast traffic is allowed on every pod.

#### For Outgoing (Traffic leaving the Pod)

### Deny ALL outgoing multicast

To deny all outgoing multicast, use the following commands:

### Specific syntax:

```
Bash

# DENY ALL OUTGOING

tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: prio

tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 224.0.0.0/4 action drop
```

Alternatively, users can deny outgoing multicast to specific groups:

### General Syntax:

```
# DENY OUTGOING TO SPECIFIC GROUP(S)

tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: prio

tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_0> action drop

...

tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_n> action drop
```

Example: denying outgoing traffic to multicast group 239.0.0.1:

```
Bash

tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: prio
tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 239.0.0.1/32 action drop
```

#### Allow outgoing multicast to a specific group(s) - Deny any other

```
# DENY ALL OUTGOING

tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: prio

tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 224.0.0.0/4 action drop

# ALLOW SPECIFIC GROUP(S)

tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_0> action ok

...

tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_n> action ok
```

Example: allowing outgoing traffic ONLY to multicast group 239.0.0.1:

```
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tc qdisc add dev eth0 root handle 1: prio
tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 224.0.0.0/4 action drop
tc filter add dev eth0 parent 1: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 239.0.0.1/32 action ok
```

#### Incoming (Traffic entering the Pod)

To deny ALL incoming multicast, use the following command:

Specific syntax:

```
# DENY ALL INCOMING
tc qdisc add dev eth0 ingress
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 224.0.0.0/4 action drop
```

### Alternatively, users can deny incoming multicast for a specific group(s)

General syntax:

```
# DENY INCOMING TO SPECIFIC GROUP(S)

tc qdisc add dev eth0 ingress

tc filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_0> action drop

...

tc filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_n> action drop
```

Example: denying incoming multicast traffic to multicast group 239.0.0.1:

```
The disc add dev eth0 ingress to filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 239.0.0.1/32 action drop
```

In addition, users can specify allowing incoming multicast by a specific group(s) while denying any other:

General syntax:

```
# DENY ALL INCOMING

tc qdisc add dev eth0 ingress
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 224.0.0.0/4 action drop

# ALLOW SPECIFIC GROUP(S)
tc filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_0> action ok
...
tc filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst <multicast_group_n> action ok
```

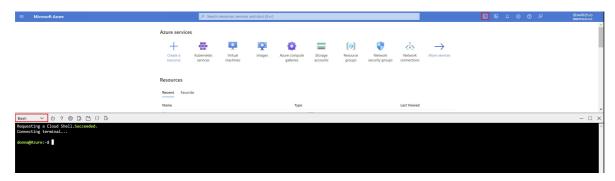
Example: allowing incoming traffic **ONLY** to multicast group 239.0.0.1:

```
tc qdisc add dev eth0 ingress
tc qdisc add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 224.0.0.0/4 action drop
tc filter add dev eth0 parent ffff: protocol ip u32 match ip dst 239.0.0.1/32 action ok
```

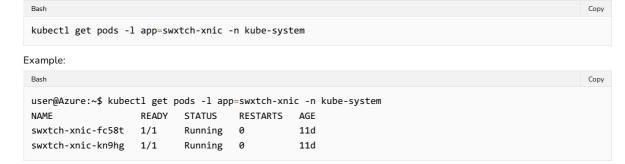
### Getting a shell to an xNIC DaemonSet pod

At times, it is nice to be able to get into the pod and be able to run commands such as swxtch-tcpdump. To accomplish this, follow these steps:

- 1. Sign into your desired cloud.
- 2. Open cloudShell as Bash. In this example, the user is using Azure.



3. Enter in the following command to get the pod name:



4. Enter in the following command, replacing **Pod** with the pod name:

```
Bash

kubectl exec -it pod/swxtch-xnic-name -n kube-system -- bash

Example:

Bash

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user@Azure:~$ kubectl exec -it pod/swxtch-xnic-kn9hg -n kube-system -- bash

root@aks-nodepool1-23164585-vmss00000A:/
```

You can now enter in commands similar to any VM, such as **ip a** or **sudo swxcth-tcpdump -i eth0**. Note that the pods created in this example do not have tools such as the standard tcpdump. However, **swxtch-tcpdump** will work. For testing, see swxtch-perf under Testing cloudSwXtch.

# Switching Contexts

If you have more than one AKS Kubernetes cluster, then you may need to change the context to work on the desired instance. For more information, please review the Changing K8s Context in Your Preferred Cloud section.

#### Accessing xNIC Logs

You can get xNIC logs once signed in to the pod. See How to Find xNIC Logs and follow directions for xNIC.

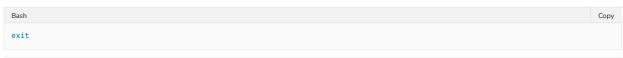
## Using xNIC config

Getting to the xNIC config is available once you're signed into the Pod. To get to the xNIC config, use the command below:



## **Exiting the Pod**

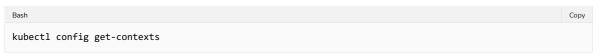
To exit the pod, enter in the following command:



## To Change K8s Context in Your Preferred Cloud

If there are more than one K8s clusters in your preferred cloud, then you may need to switch between them to run commands in the CloudShell Bash. Below are steps to switch between K8s clusters.

1. Get a list of all K8s Contexts by using the following command:



### Example in Azure:

| Bash                                       |                    |                    |   | Сору |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---|------|--|--|--|
| user@Azure:~\$ kubectl config get-contexts |                    |                    |   |      |  |  |  |
| CURRENT<br>NAMESPACE                       | NAME<br>E          | CLUSTER            | AUTHINFO  |      |  |  |  |
|  | cilium-sample      | cilium-sample      | clusterUser_saDevNetwork_cilium-sample          |      |  |  |  |
|  | cilium-sample-200  | cilium-sample-200  | clusterUser_test-donna-200-rg_cilium-sample-200 |      |  |  |  |
|  | cilium-sample2     | cilium-sample2     | clusterUser_saDevNetwork_cilium-sample2         |      |  |  |  |
| *  | cilium-sample300   | cilium-sample300   | clusterUser_test-donna-300-rg_cilium-sample300  |      |  |  |  |
|  | dsd-k8-cluster-100 | dsd-k8-cluster-100 | clusterUser_saDevNetwork_dsd-k8-cluster-100     |      |  |  |  |

Notice in the above list there are multiple context but only one has the asterisks (\*). The asterisks marks what is the default context.

2. To change context, run the following command. The example is changing to cilium-sample2.



# 3. Re-run the **get-context** command:

| Bash                        | Сору |
|-----------------------------|------|
| kubectl config get-contexts |      |

## Example in Azure:

| Bash                 |  |                    |   | Сору |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|---|------|--|--|--|--|
| user@Azur            | user@Azure:~\$ kubectl config get-contexts |                    |   |      |  |  |  |  |
| CURRENT<br>NAMESPACE | NAME<br>E                                  | CLUSTER            | AUTHINFO  |      |  |  |  |  |
|                      | cilium-sample                              | cilium-sample      | clusterUser_saDevNetwork_cilium-sample          |      |  |  |  |  |
|                      | cilium-sample-200                          | cilium-sample-200  | clusterUser_test-donna-200-rg_cilium-sample-200 |      |  |  |  |  |
| *                    | cilium-sample2                             | cilium-sample2     | clusterUser_saDevNetwork_cilium-sample2         |      |  |  |  |  |
|                      | cilium-sample300                           | cilium-sample300   | clusterUser_test-donna-300-rg_cilium-sample300  |      |  |  |  |  |
|                      | dsd-k8-cluster-100                         | dsd-k8-cluster-100 | clusterUser_saDevNetwork_dsd-k8-cluster-100     |      |  |  |  |  |

As you can see above, the asterisk (\*) has changed positions to the desired context, cilium-sample2.

# Uninstall xNIC DaemonSet on K8s

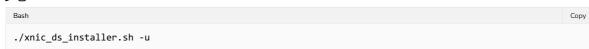
# WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to uninstall xNIC DaemonSet on Kubernetes (K8s).

To uninstall xNIC DaemonSet on K8s, please follow these steps:

- 1. Sign into Cloud.
- 2. Open **cloudShell** as Bash.
- 3. Run the following command in the terminal: Shell





4. xNIC DaemonSet on K8s should now be uninstalled.

## Test xNIC with K8s

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Before running your application in your preferred cloud, it is a good idea to test with swXtch.io's provided tools/examples.

In this article, you will learn how to test xNIC with K8s. Please complete the installation process outlined in <a href="Install xNIC on K8s">Install xNIC on K8s</a> before you begin testing.

#### **Prerequisites**

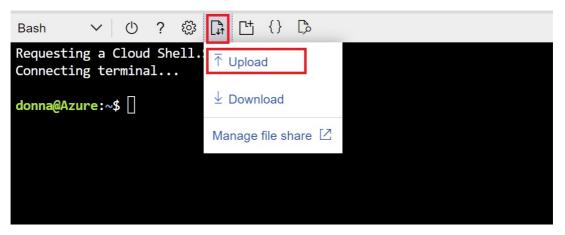
For this test to work, a user should have at least two nodes.

## STEP ONE: Create A Consumer

Create a TestConsumer.yaml file using the example below.
 Replace the XNIC\_SWXTCH\_ADDR with the cloudSwXtch control address.

```
Сору
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
 name: consumer-a
 labels:
   app: consumer-a
spec:
 affinity:
   podAntiAffinity:
     required {\tt DuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:}
      - labelSelector:
         matchExpressions:
          - key: app
           operator: In
           values:
            - producer-a
            - consumer-b
        topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
  containers:
  - name: consumer-a
   image: ubuntu:20.04
   securityContext:
     privileged: true
   env:
    - name: IS_DAEMON
     value: "false"
    - name: PERF_TYPE
     value: "consumer"
    - name: PERF_NIC
     value: "eth0"
    - name: PERF_MCGIP
     value: "239.0.0.10"
    - name: PERF_MCGPORT
     value: "8410"
    - name: XNIC_SWXTCH_ADDR
     value: "10.224.0.115"
   command: ["/bin/bash"]
   args: ["-c", "apt update && apt install curl -y;
                  curl http://$(XNIC_SWXTCH_ADDR)/services/install/swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh --output
swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh;
                 chmod +x swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh;
                  ./swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh -v 2;
                  sleep infinity"]
```

2. Upload the file into the Azure CloudShell.



# STEP TWO: Create a Producer

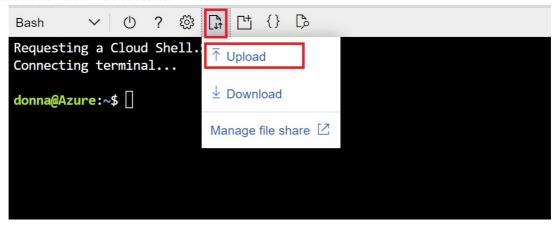
1. Create a **TestProducer.yaml** file using the example below.

Replace **XNIC\_SWXTCH\_ADDR** with the cloudSwXtch control address.

Shell

```
Сору
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: producer-a
 labels:
    app: producer-a
spec:
  affinity:
   podAntiAffinity:
      required {\tt DuringSchedulingIgnoredDuringExecution:}
      - labelSelector:
          matchExpressions:
          - key: app
            operator: In
            values:
            - consumer-a
            - producer-b
        topologyKey: kubernetes.io/hostname
  containers:
  - name: producer-a
   image: ubuntu:20.04
   securityContext:
     privileged: true
   env:
    - name: IS_DAEMON
     value: "false"
    - name: PERF_TYPE
     value: "producer"
    - name: PERF_NIC
     value: "eth0"
    - name: PERF_MCGIP
     value: "239.0.0.10"
    - name: PERF_MCGPORT
     value: "8410"
    - name: PERF_PPS
     value: "100"
    - name: XNIC_SWXTCH_ADDR
     value: "10.224.0.115"
   command: ["/bin/bash"]
   args: ["-c", "apt update && apt install curl -y;
                  curl http://$(XNIC_SWXTCH_ADDR)/services/install/swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh --output
swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh;
                  chmod +x swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh;
                  ./swxtch-xnic-k8s-install.sh -v 2;
                  sleep infinity"]
```

2. Upload the file into the Azure CloudShell.



STEP THREE: Run Test

Run the producer by running this command in your preferred cloud's cloudShell Bash window.
 Wait for the cursor to return to know it is fully created.
 Shell



Bash Copy
kubectl create -f TestProducer.yaml

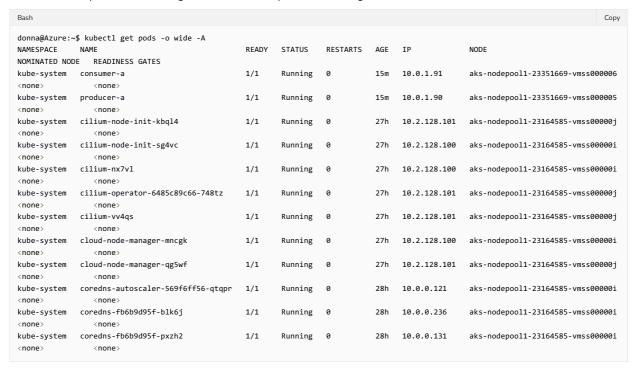
Run the consumer by running this command in your preferred cloud's cloudShell bash window.
 Wait for the cursor to return to know it is fully created.

Bash Copy
kubectl create -f TestConsumer.yaml

Validate they are running using this command:

Bash Copy
kubectl get pods -o wide -A

Below is an example in Azure showing the consumer-a and producer-a running:



## Step Four: Validate The Test Is Running

You can validate it is working by viewing logs with this command:

Bash Copy
kubectl logs pods/producer-a -f

#### 2nd screen

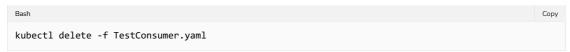
Alternatively, you can log into your cloudSwXtch and run this command to see data flowing between nodes:

Bash Copy
swxtch-top

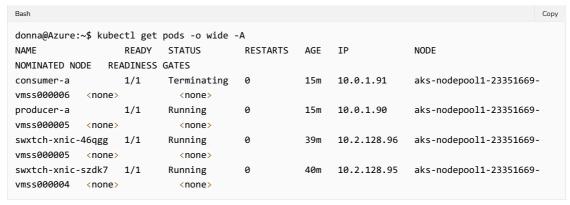
swXtch-top should show the traffic coming in and out of the nodes with either the producer or the consumer.

### Step Five: Cleaning the Pods

- 1. Stop the test consumer by running this command back in your preferred cloud's CloudShell bash window.
  - a. Wait for the cursor to return to know it is deleted fully.



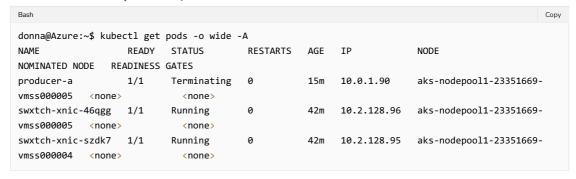
b. swXtch-top should no longer show the consumer. Additionally, running **kubectl get pods -o wide** should now show just the test consumer as shown below:



- 2. Stop the test producer by running this command in your preferred cloud's CloudShell bash window.
  - a. Wait for the cursor to return to know its fully deleted.



b. swXtch-top should no longer show the producer. This may take a minute to display. Additionally, running **kubectl get pods - o wide** should now show just the test producer as shown below:



Now that the system is validated using swXtch.io, you can test with your K8s application.

# Upgrade xNIC nodes on K8s

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The nodes upgrade is automatic based on the restart of the nodes containing the xNIC.

In this article, you will learn how you can use this method to upgrade your xNIC nodes on K8s to match the version of your cloudSwXtch.

Before you upgrade the xNIC nodes on K8s, you need to upgrade the cloudSwXtch to the latest version. See Upgrading cloudSwXtch for more information

### Restarting the xNIC DaemonSet

- 1. Sign into your preferred cloud's portal.
- 2. Open cloudShell as Bash.
- 3. Run the following command:



a. This will restart the Kubernetes swxtch-xnic DaemonSet and update the version of the xNIC to match that of the cloudSwXtch.

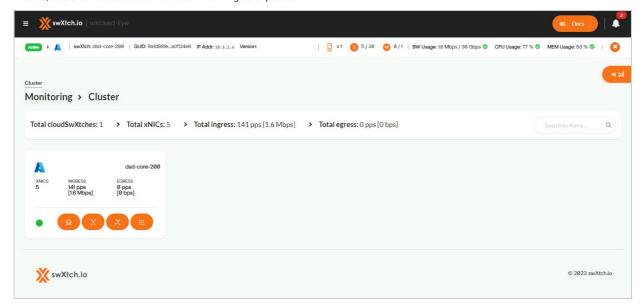
# Using wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

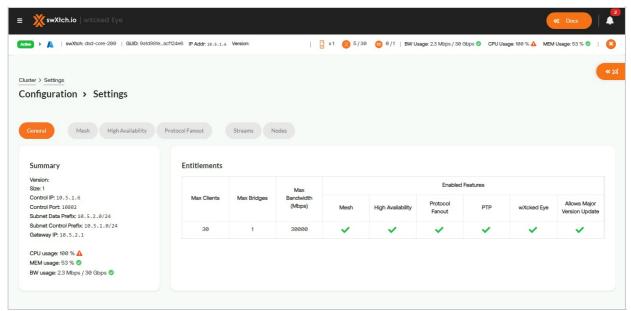
In this article, you will learn more about wXcked Eye and the benefits of using it to configure and monitor your cloudSwXtch environment.

# What is wXcked Eye?

wXcked Eye is a web-based monitoring and configuration tool for cloudSwXtch. It presents users with a high-level view of their cloudSwXtch environment with an interactive graph detailing connections to different endpoints. With an expansive look at performance metrics, users can ensure that their data is flowing as expected.



In addition, wXcked Eye unlocks the ability to configure Mesh, High Availability, Protocol Fanout and Conversion, and Precision Time Protocol (PTP) from the comfort of a web browser.



# How to Access wXcked Eye

To access the wXcked Eye UI, users will need to enter the following URL into a web browser of a VM in the cloudswXtch environment. They should use the IP address of their cloudSwXtch to prefix the URL.



# Monitor cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye

To learn more about the monitoring capabilities of wXcked Eye such as the Network Graph or the cloudSwXtch and xNIC metrics views, see Monitor cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye.

## Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye

To learn more about the configuration capabilities of wXcked Eye such as Mesh, High Availability, Protocol Fanout and Precision Time Protocol, see Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye.

# Monitor cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

The wXcked Eye UI provides users with an additional way to monitor the performance of their cloudSwXtch network.

To learn more about how to configure your cloudSwXtch for high availability and protocol fanout with wXcked eye, please read the "Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye" article.

In this section, we will walk through the user interface, explaining overall functionality and how it provides users with additional control over their cloudSwXtch network.

### Accessing the wXcked Eye UI

To access the wXcked Eye UI, users will need to enter the following URL into a web browser of a VM in their cloudswXtch environment. They should use the IP address of their cloudSwXtch to prefix the URL.



### Navigating the Monitoring pages



The wXcked Eye's monitoring capabilities are organized into six pages. For more information on a page's contents, please view their respective articles.

- cloudSwXtch Stats
- xNICs Stats
- Topology
- Protocol Fanout Stats
- Timing Nodes
- Support

# wXcked Eye Network Page

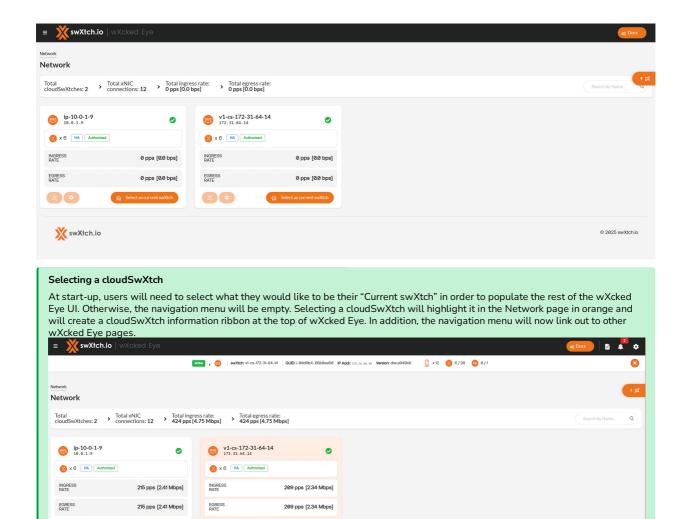
### WHAT TO EXPECT

The Network page in wXcked Eye provides user with a high-level view of all their connected cloudSwXtches. Users can easily go between different cloudSwXtches and view their stats and the stats of associated xNICs. In addition, a new generalized side panel allows users to jump between cloudSwXtches.

In this section, we will walk you through the Network page and how it improves navigation between cloudSwXtches.

## Introduction

The **Network** page is the landing page of wXcked Eye. It segments cloudSwXtches into byte sized cards with some top level information, such as the name, the cloud provider, the status, the number of attached xNICs, and the flow of data for both Ingress and Egress in packets per seconds (pps). The **Network Information panel** shows the total number of cloudSwXtches and xNICs with the cumulative total in pps for both Ingress and Egress.



At the top of each page in wXcked Eye, the **Current cloudSwXtch ribbon** will display relevant information regarding the cloudSwXtch a user is currently on.

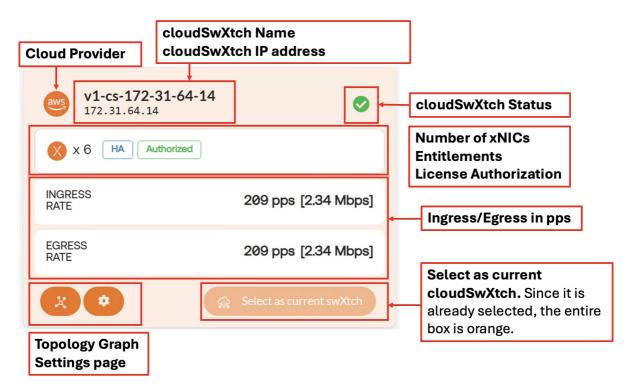


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A cloudSwXtch's membership in a Network is dependent on whether or not it is involved in a high availability configuration. For more information on how to set up high availability in wXcked Eye, please visit their respective articles under Configure cloudSwXtch in wXcked Eye.

## Navigating using cloudSwXtch Information Card

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In each cloudSwXtch Information card, users will find two buttons linking you to additional information and metrics within wXcked Eye. This includes:

- Topology Graph
- wXcked Eye Settings page

# wXcked Eye Topology Graph

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The wXcked Eye Topology Graph gives users a visualization of their cloudSwXtch network, highlighting the data flowing between the various components. This includes cloudSwXtches, cloudSwXtch Bridges, and the endpoints (with and without xNICs). With a wealth of different filtering tools, users have complete flexibility on how they monitor and configure their data.

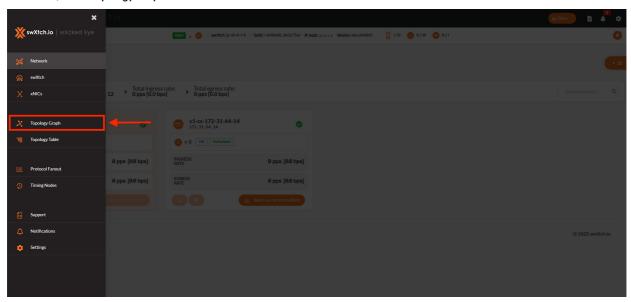
In this article, we will discuss how to navigate to the topology graph in wXcked Eye and also provide a intro on the various panels.

## How to get to the Topology Graph

To navigate to the wXcked Eye Topology Graph page, users will need to click on the menu (≡) option at the top right hand corner by the swXtch.io logo.



From there, select Topology Graph.

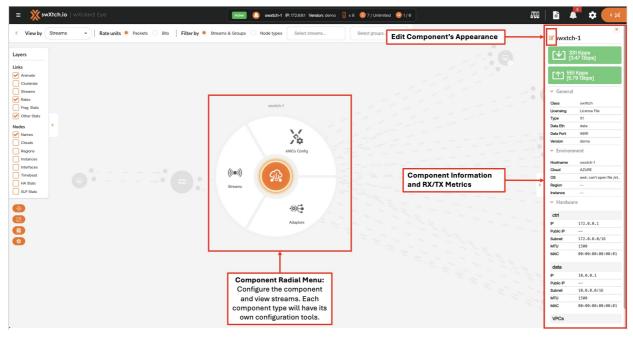


# **Topology Graph Layout**

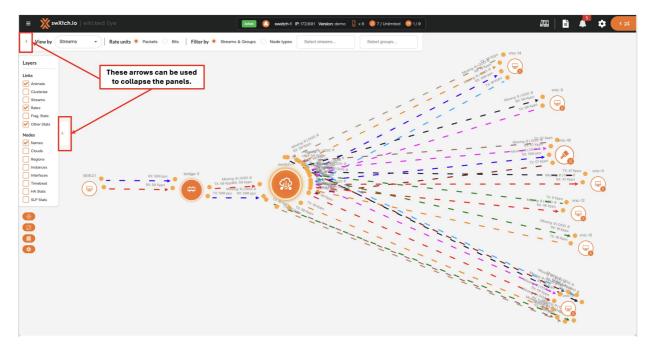
The Topology Graph can be organized into four points of interest. To start, you have the **main network graph** at the center, displaying traffic traveling to and from the cloudSwXtch. Then, you have the two configuration panels: **The View By/Filter Bar** and the **Topology Toolbox**. Both are collapsible and moveable across the topology graph. Finally, at the left of the page, there are some additional tools, such as **Center Graph**, **Resize Nodes**, **Glossary**, and **Settings**.



In addition to these four main areas, selecting a component node in the topology graph will open its **Component Information Panel and Radial Menu**. Here, users will find metrics specific to that component and additional configuration options. Depending on the component class (cloudSwXtch, bridge or xNIC), this could include adding adaptors for protocol fanout via the cloudSwXtch component node, configuring HA for multiple multicast groups at the xNIC, and toggling deduplication on or off for the endpoints.



The View By/Filter By bar and Layers Toolbox are all movable across the Topology Graph and collapsible.

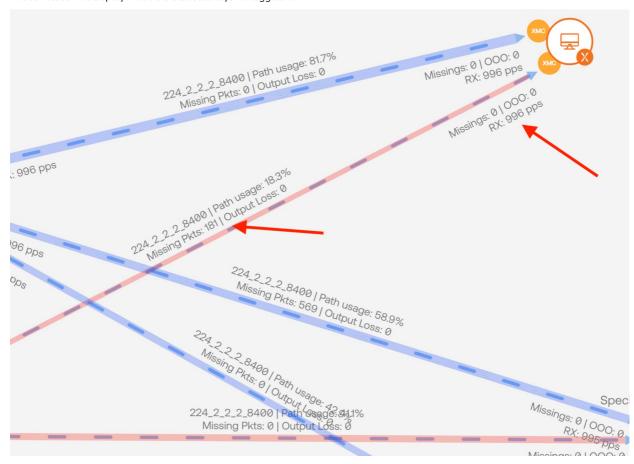


## Statistics Explained

Each cloudSwXtch component (cloudSwXtch, cloudSwXtch Bridge and xNIC) acts as a probe point, illustrating the following metrics:

- TX
- RX
- Out of Order (OoO)
- Missing Packets

These values will display when the Statistics layer is toggled on.



# Deeper Dive into wXcked Eye

For more information about a specific area in the Topology Graph, read their respective articles below.

# View By/Filter By Bar

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## **Topology Toolbox**

# Viewing Metrics in the Component Information Panel

# Configuring in the Component Information Panel

- Adding Adaptors via a cloudSwXtch or Bridge Component Node
- Adding Cloud To Ground (C2G) Subscriptions via a Bridge Component Node
- Configuring High Availability via the xNIC Component Node
   Toggling xNIC Deduplication Off via the xNIC Component
- Disabling HA via the xNIC Component

# View By/Filter By Bar

## WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn more about the functionality of the View By/Filter Bar in the wXcked Eye Topology Graph.

# View By

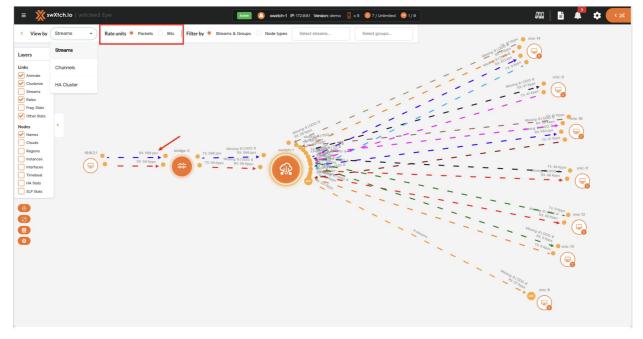
There are three views available for users: **Streams**, **Channels**, and **HA Clusters**. Selecting one of these views will alter the Filter By options available to the user. For example, with HA Clusters selected, users will be able to filter by HA Paths in the Topology Graph.



Streams, Channels, and HA Clusters are all configurable in the wXcked Eye Settings page.

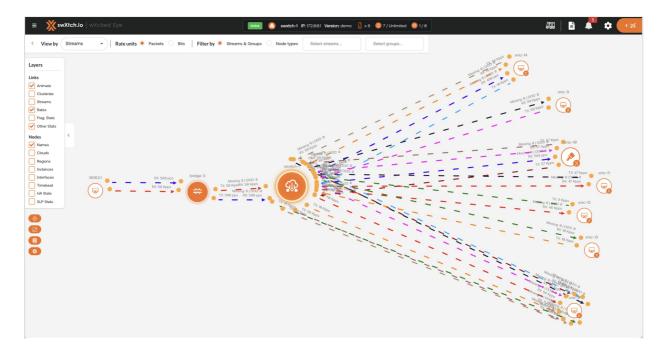
### Rate units

Across all views, users can set the displayed Rate units to be either in Packets Per Second (pps) or Bits Per Second (bps).



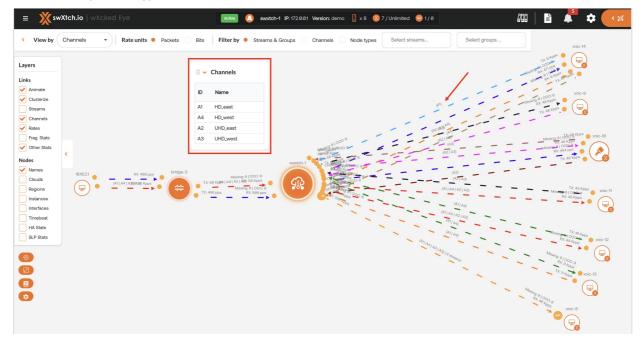
## View by Streams

The **Streams** view provides users with a high level view of all the streams associated with the cloudSwXtch. When selected, the streams will be highlighted in the Topology Graph by the assigned color. In the example below, each color presents a different stream.



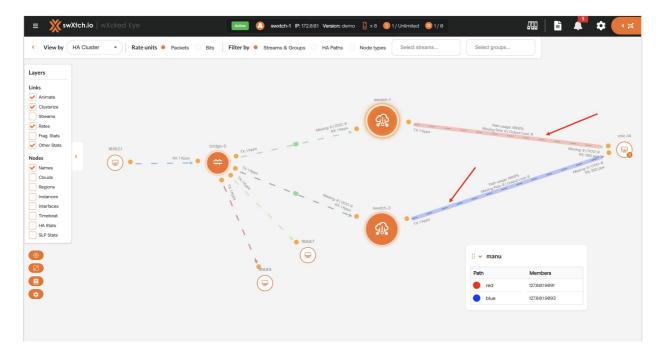
# View By Channels

The Channels view highlights streams associated with a specific channel distinction. Each relevant line will have a Channel ID attached to it. A Channels key will also appear.



## View by HA Cluster

The HA Clusters view highlights the multiple paths in a high availability configuration. The thickness of the shadows surrounding each paths illustrate the path's usage by the receiver to reconstruct the stream. In the example below, Path 1 sees 83.5% usage while Path 2 shows 16.5%. Since Path 1 is being used more, the red line is thicker.

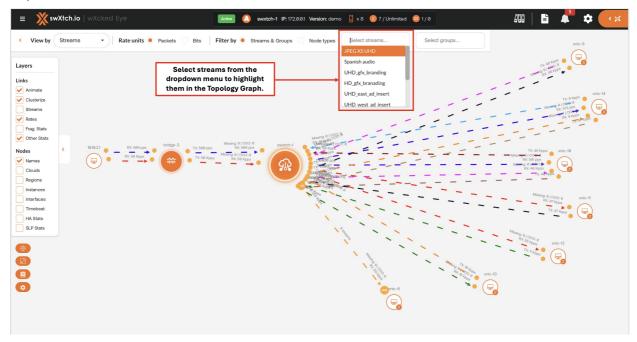


# Filter By

Depending on the View selected (Streams, Channels, and HA), the Filter By options will change, reflecting that choice. The two main options, Streams & Groups and Node Types, will appear for all view types. Choosing either category will alter the subsequent "Select" prompts. Here, users can specify the streams, groups, channels, or node types they wish to see in the graph.

## Filter By Streams and Groups

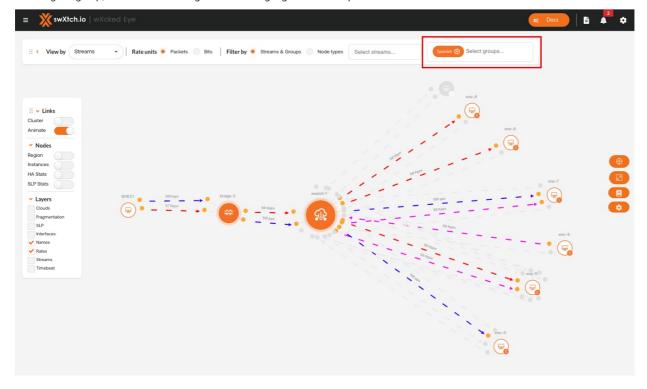
Filtering by Streams and Groups will allows users to specify streams or stream groups they would like to see highlighted in the Topology Graph.



In the example, the user selected the following streams: Spanish audio, UHD\_east\_ad\_insert, HD\_gfx\_branding, and JPEG XS UHD. They are now highlighted by their color in the main graph. Users can assign names and colors to their streams in the wXcked Eye Settings page.



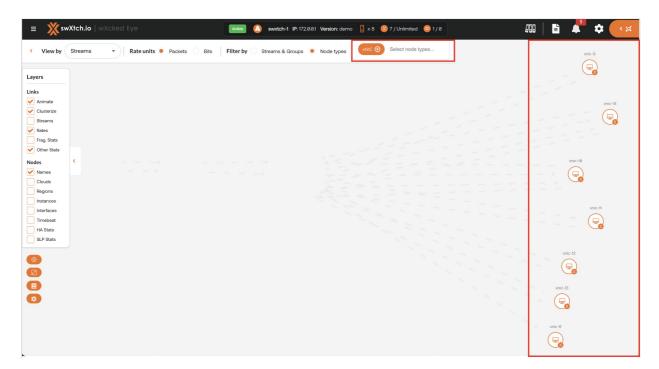
In addition to selecting streams individually, users can also select a group of streams all at once. Groups are created in the wXcked Eye Settings page. When selecting a group, users will see the streams assigned to that group highlighted in the topology graph. In this example, the user created a group called Spanish for all their Spanish-language related streams in the wXcked Eye Settings page. By selecting the group, all the streams assigned to it are highlighted below by their stream color.



### Filter By Node Types

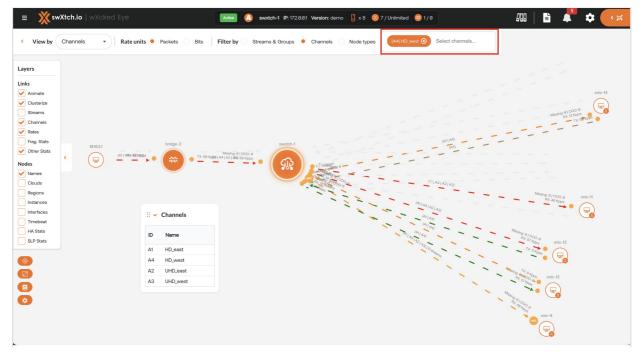
With Node Types selected, users can highlight specific nodes in the graph based on their type: cloudSwXtches, cloudSwXtch Bridges, VMs with xNICs, non-xNIC VMs, interfaces, and protocols.

In the example below, the user has chosen xNIC VM nodes to be highlighted in the Topology Graph. User can distinguish between xNIC VMs and non-xNIC VMs by the xNIC symbol on the node.



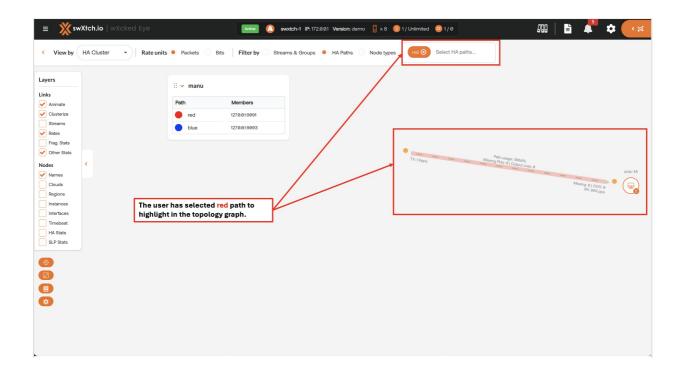
## Filter by Channels

When the View is set to Channels, an additional Filter By Channel option will activate, allowing users to highlight streams related to a specific channel. In the example below, the user filtered on the channel "(A1) HD\_east." All related streams are highlighted in the graph.



# Filter By HA Paths

When the HA view is selected, users can filter by HA Paths, highlighting specific paths by the name assigned during high availability configuration. In this example, the user has selected red path to highlight in the topology graph.

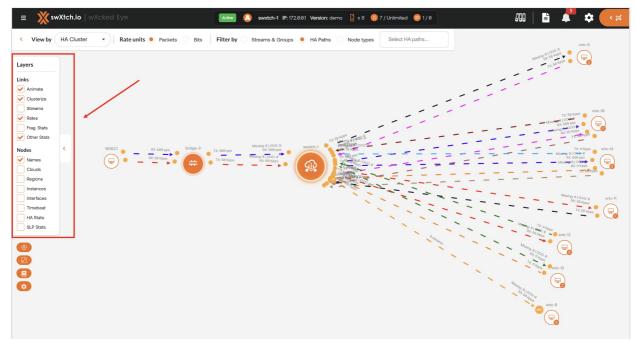


# Layers Toolbox

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the various options in the Layers Toolbox and how it alters the appearance of the topology graph.

## Links and Nodes



The Topology Toolbox enables users to change the appearance of their topology graph and display information important to them. The toolbox is organized into three categories: links, nodes, and layers.

## Links

Links are the lines that connect component nodes in the topology graph, representing the traffic that is flowing between them. This section of the Layers Toolbox will edit the appearance of those links or the information displayed.

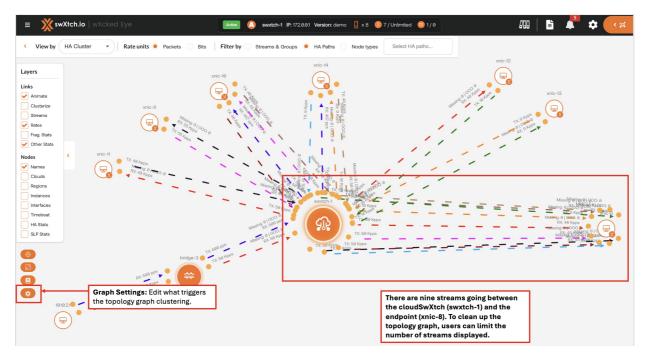
## Animate

By default, the links are animated to illustrate the direction of the stream.

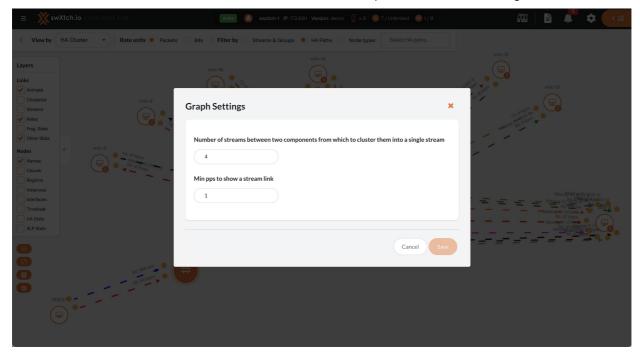
#### Cluster

When activated, links between nodes will cluster depending on the number set in the topology graph settings. For example, if the maximum number of streams between two component nodes is set to 4, all streams will be condensed into a single link when they go over 4.

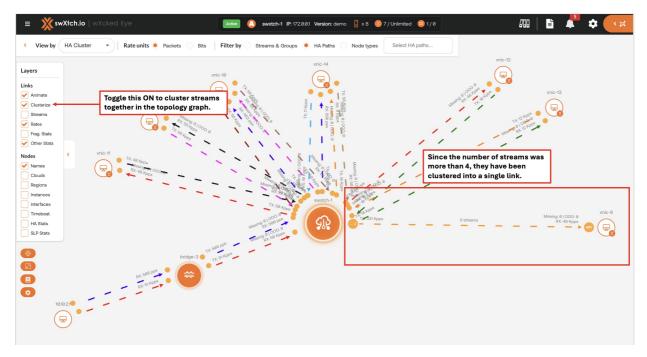
In this example, there are eight streams between swXtch-1 and xnic-5. A user may want to consolidate these into a single link, in order to tidy up the way their topology graph looks. To do this, users will select the Graph Settings button on the righthand side of the graph. This will cause a new window will open.



Users will then enter the amount of streams that would trigger a cluster. In the below example, the user selected 4 as the number of streams. This means that whenever the number of streams exceeds 4, wXcked Eye will combine those into a single link.



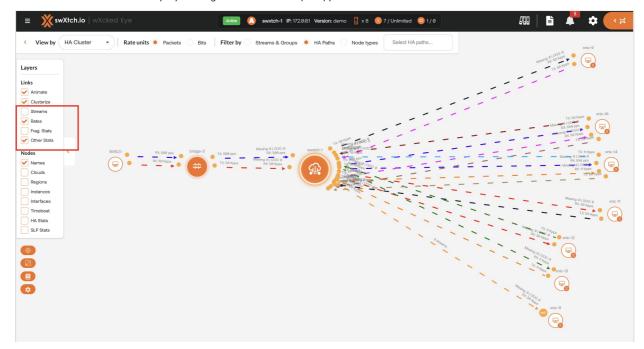
Now, when a user toggles Cluster on under the Links section of the Topology Toolbox, the stream cluster setting they configured will be applied to the graph.



### Link Statistics

The four remaining toggles allow users to see information related to a stream link.

- Streams: This will display the stream names at the center of the link.
- Rates: This will display packet metrics. Rates must be selected in order to view Missing and OoO Stats under Other Stats.
- Frag. Stats: This will display how many packets were fragmented in the stream.
- Other Stats: This will display Missing and Out-of-Order (OoO) packet statistics.



### Nodes

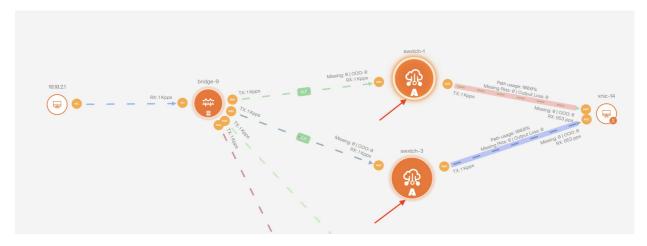
Nodes are the circle icons in the topology graph. They can represent cloudSwXtches, cloudSwXtch Bridges, and endpoints (with or without xNICs).

#### Names

Selecting this option will display the names of the nodes.

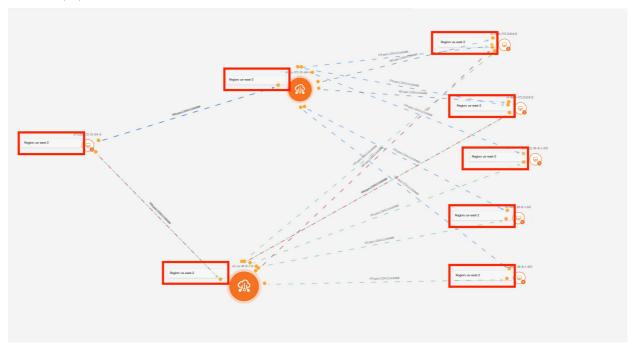
#### Clouds

Toggling this one will display the cloud provider for the cloudSwXtch and cloudSwXtch Bridge components.



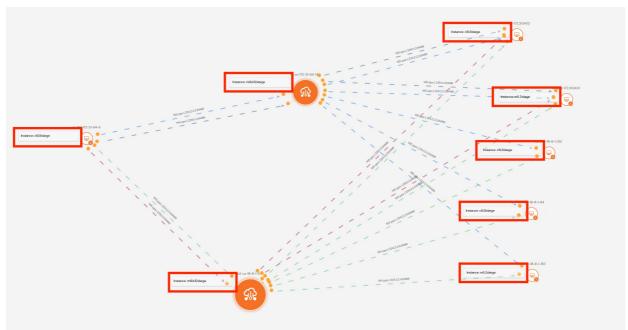
Regions

This will display where the node is located.



## Instances

When activated, this will display information about a virtual machine's instance.



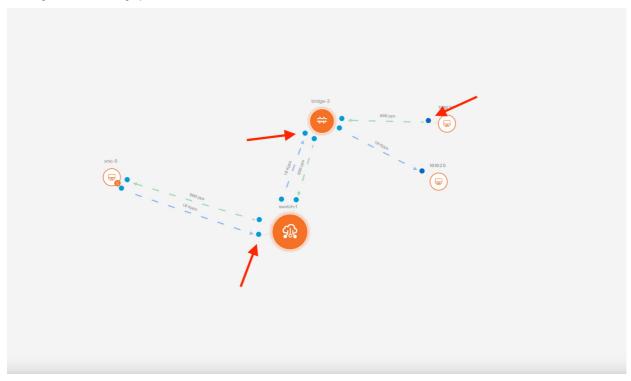
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### Interfaces

Toggling this on will display the interfaces the components are using the send or receive traffic.

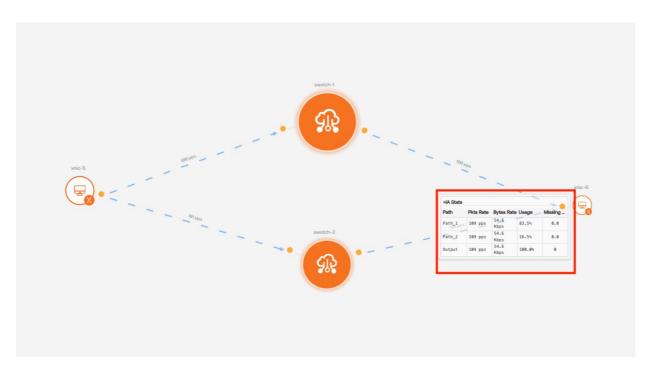


Zooming in and out of the graph will minimize the interfaces.



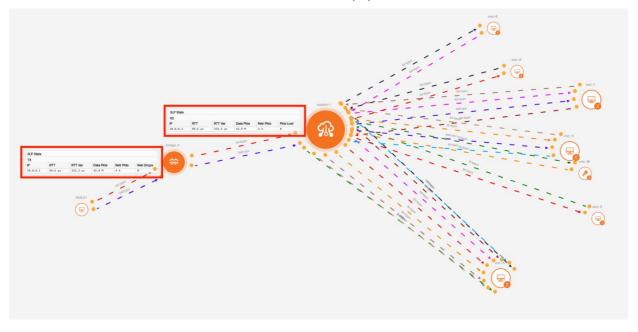
## **HA Stats**

When activated, information about data flow in an HA configuration at the node will be displayed.



# SLP Stats

When activated, information about lossless data flow at the node will be displayed.



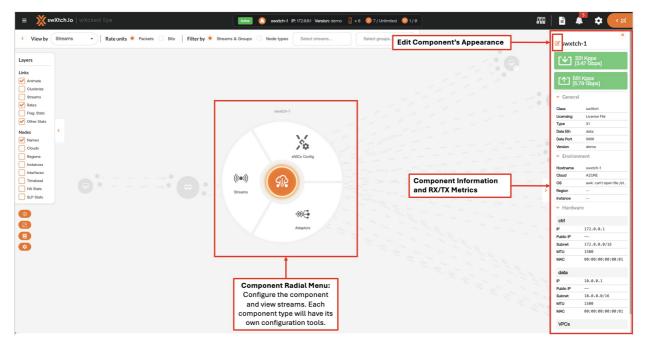
# Viewing Metrics in the Component Information Panel

# WHAT TO EXPECT

The Component Information Panel serves two purposes: allowing users to see metrics for a specific node in the topology graph and configuration at that node.

In this article, users learn about the different metrics they can view in the Component Information Panel. For information on how to use the configuration options, see <u>Configuring in the Component Information Panel</u>.

#### **General Metrics**



The Component Information Panel will display metrics pertaining to a selected component in the Topology Graph. Depending on the Component type, the information displayed may vary. Across all types, the following four categories will be listed: Statistics, General, Environment, and Hardware.

At the top of the component sidebar, users will see a high level view of Total Rx and Total Tx **statistics** from the perspective of the selected component. In the example above, the user has the cloudSwXtch in the center selected and can see the data being received and transmitted.

The **General** section details the type of component (cloudSwXtch, xNIC, cloudSwXtch Bridge, etc.), the data eth, data port and the version. The **Environment** provides information regarding the cloud provider, including the host name, cloud, OS, Region, and Instance type. The **Hardware** section goes deeper into the information regarding the virtual machine, specifically the NICs.

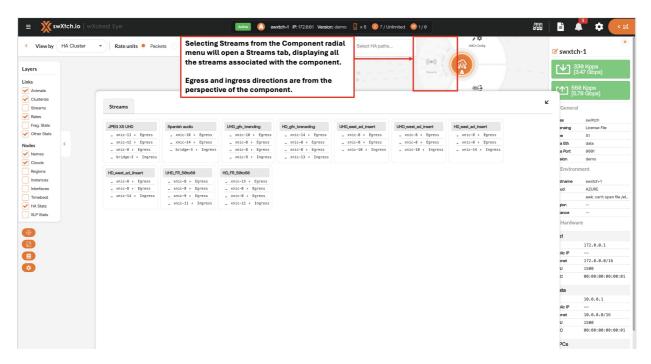
## Component Radial Menu

In addition to displaying component information and performance metrics, selecting a node in the Topology Graph will reveal a radial menu. Here, users can find statistics specific to that component type and additional configuration options. In this section, we will look into the different metrics for each component type.

For more information on configuring a component via the radial menu, see here.

#### **Streams**

The **Streams** section provide users with a detailed list of all the streams going through the component and the direction of data flow. Users can view streams for every component node.



#### **Timing Nodes**

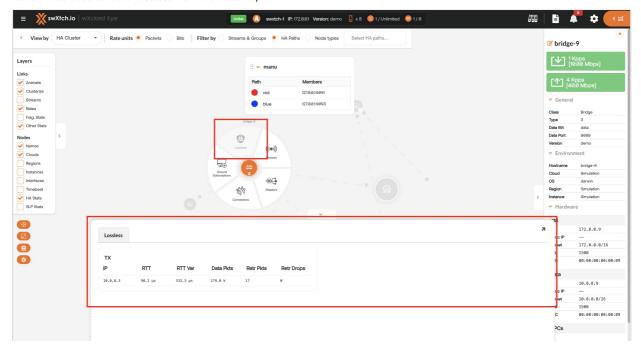
The **Timing Nodes** section will populate with information if any are configured in the cloudSwXtch network for Precision Time Protocol. Users can view timing node information when PTP has been established. This will only be visible in for cloudSwXtch and xNIC components.

# cloudSwXtch and Bridge Metrics

 ${\it cloudSwXtch\ and\ cloudSwXtch\ Bridge\ component\ nodes\ share\ one\ category\ that\ is\ not\ listed\ in\ the\ xNIC\ component\ node.}\ These\ are\ Lossless\ Stats.}$ 

### **Lossless Stats**

Lossless stats display SLP TX or SLP RX stats, depending on whether or not the component is transmitting lossless data or receiving. The default statistics listed here will match those found when turning the SLP Stats toggle on in the Topology Toolbox. In addition, it will match what is found in the Lossless view in swXtch-top.



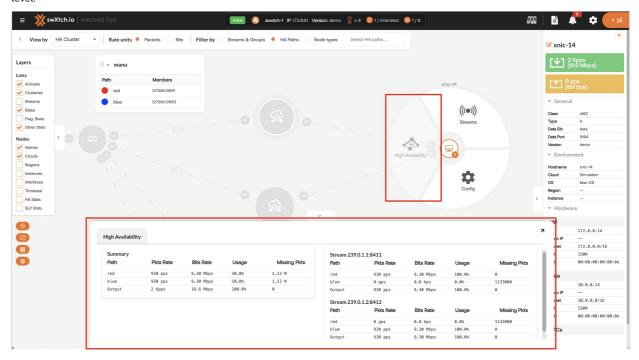
## xNIC Metrics

High availability stats is the only category not found in either the cloudSwXtch or the cloudSwXtch Bridge. It is only listed in the xNIC component information panel.

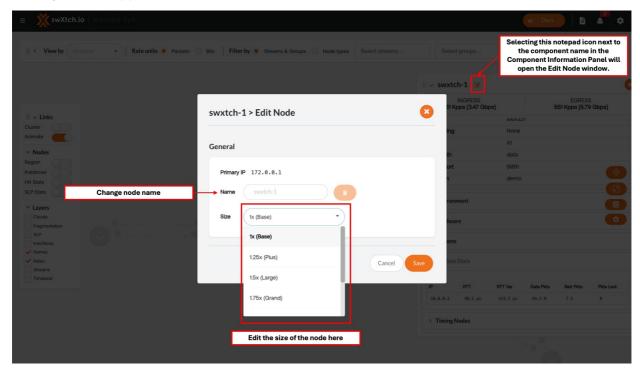
## **High Availability**

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When selecting a node configured for **high availability**, a user can see information regarding data flow between the two paths. High Availability stats display the amount of data the xNIC is using from HA paths in order to reconstruct a stream. This is organized into two subsections: Summary and Counters. Summary takes a holistic look at the two paths while Counters displays information at the stream-level.

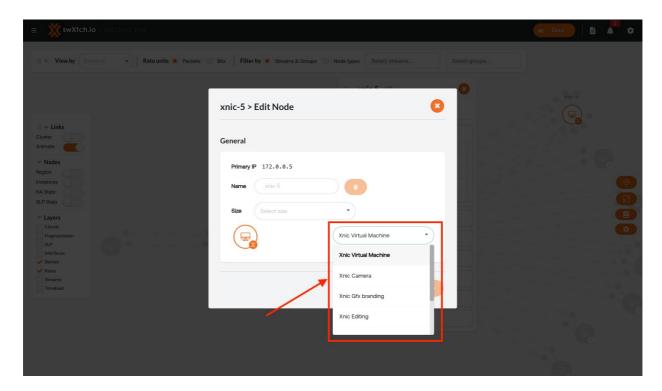


## **Editing Node's Appearance**



Users can change the appearance of each node or component in the Topology Graph. By selecting the Edit Pad next to the component's name in the Information Sidebar, a user can edit the size and the name.

For xNIC endpoints, users can also edit the icon to reflect the role of the endpoint in the cloudSwXtch network.



# **Configuration Options**

In addition to viewing metrics, users can also configure the cloudSwXtch, cloudSwXtch Bridge, or xNIC within the Component radial menu. For a detailed walkthrough of each configuration option, see Configuring in the Component Information Panel under wXcked Eye Topology Graph.

## Configuring in the Component Radial Menu

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users learn about the different configuration options they can use in the Component radial menu. For information on metrics options, see <u>Viewing Metrics in the Component Information Panel</u>.

## Opening the Component Node's Radial Menu

When selecting a component node, two things occur: a side panel opens with component-specific information, known as the Component Information panel, and a radial menu encircles the node.



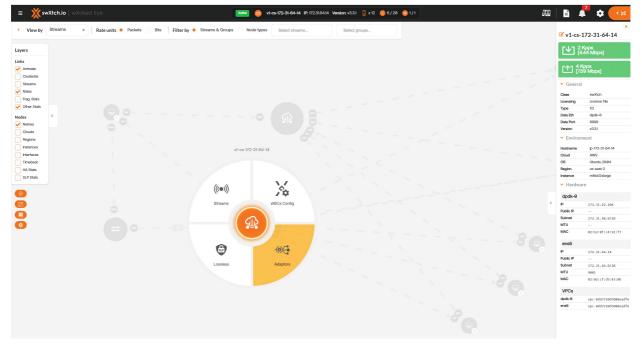
Depending on the component type, the radial menu provides users with additional information about associated streams, lossless stats, and high availability stats, depending on the node type. In addition, the menu also provides tools to configure the component.

## Configuring cloudSwXtch via Topology Graph

In addition to monitoring metrics, users can configure certain attributes about component. For example, users can add adaptors to a cloudSwXtch component directly through the wXcked Eye Topology graph as opposed to navigating the Settings page.

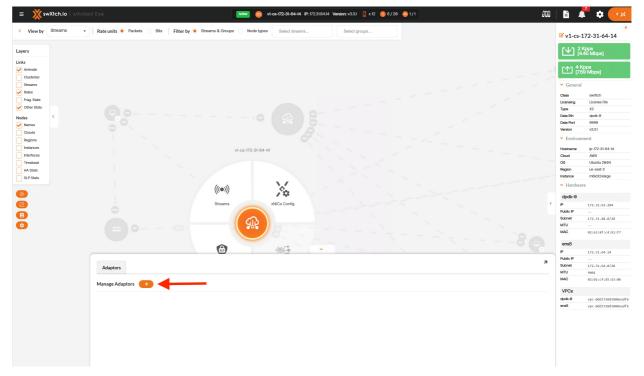
## Adding Adaptors via a cloudSwXtch or Bridge Component Node

Under **Adaptors**, users can view adaptor details, add, edit, remove, and link to adaptor stats.

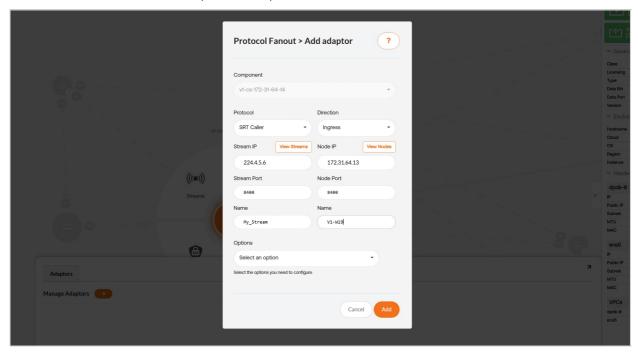


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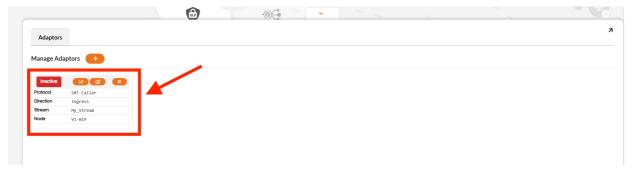
Selecting the Adaptors option in the component radial menu will open a panel directly in the Topology Graph. Here, users can see existing adaptors and add or delete them. **To add an adaptor**, select the "+" sign next to Manage Adaptors.



The pop-up window is similar to what can be found under the Protocol Fanout tab on the Settings page. Users can specify the protocol, direction, and stream information necessary to add an adaptor.



After selecting "Add," the new adaptor should appear in the Adaptors panel. The adaptor card will have options to view Adaptor stats, edit, and remove. **Please note**: Adding an adaptor can take a few minutes. A status message will appear.

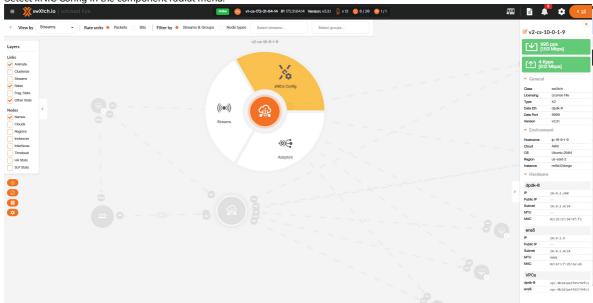


## Editing Multiple xNICs Config via the cloudSwXtch Node

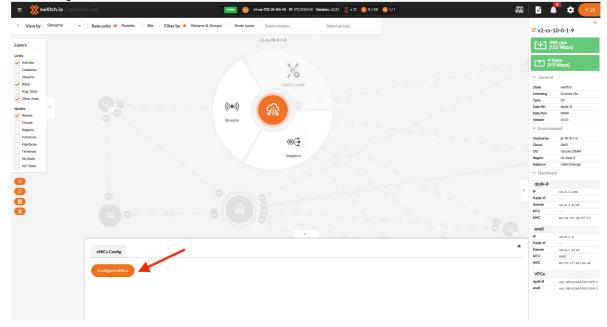
When selecting a cloudSwXtch component in the Topology Graph, an xNIC Config section will be listed. Here, users can configure multiple xNICs related to the cloudSwXtch concurrently. This is specifically for xNICs that have been deployed against the highlighted cloudSwXtch. Users can toggle High Availability on/off and select the desired protocol. In addition, users can toggle xNIC Deduptication and specify the Buffer Size and Timeout speed. When confirmed, all these changes will be applied to every selected xNIC.

#### To do this:

- 1. Navigate to the **Topology Graph**.
- 2. Click on one of your cloudSwXtches.
- 3. Select xNIC Config in the component radial menu.

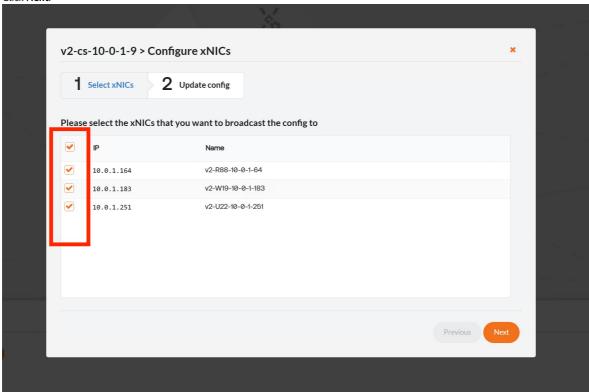


4. Select Configure xNICs.

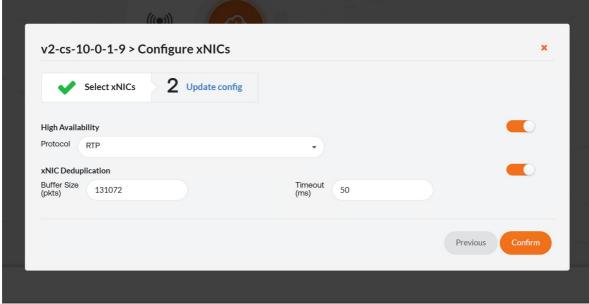


- 5. Select the checkboxes of the xNICs you would like to configure together.
  - a. **Please note**: Only xNICs installed against the cloudSwXtch will be listed. If you do not see an xNIC listed, it may have been installed via another cloudSwXtch.

6. Click Next.



7. Configure your settings as you see fit. To activate the dropdown menus, you have to toggle each section ON.



8. Select **Confirm** when you are happy with your selections.



To confirm that your changes have taken hold, click on one of the xNICs attached to the cloudSwXtch and expand the Config dropdown in the Component Information pop-up.

## Adding Ground Subscriptions via a Bridge Component Node

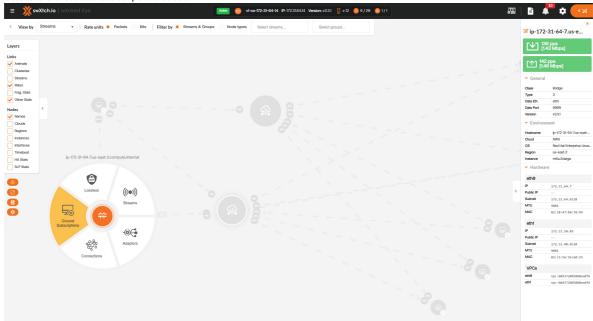
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When selecting a cloudSwXtch Bridge component in the Topology Graph, a Ground Subscriptions option will display. Formally known as Cloud to Ground (C2G) subscriptions, ground subscriptions are when the bridge found on-premises requests for multicast data from the cloud (i.e. subscribing).

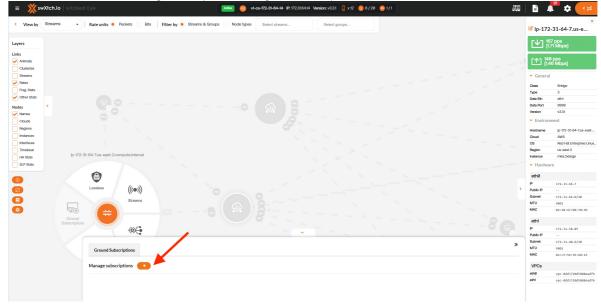
Here, users can add ground subscriptions directly in the UI and apply them to the bridge configuration JSON.

#### To do this:

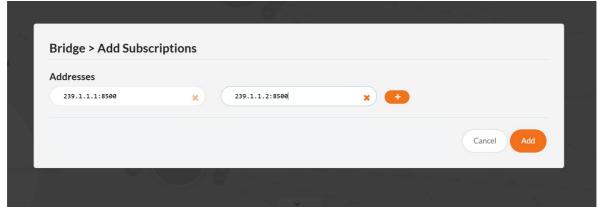
- 1. Click the cloudSwXtch Bridge component in the Topology Graph to open the Component Information panel.
- 2. Select to the Ground Subscriptions section.



3. Click the "+" button next to Manage Subscriptions to add ground subscriptions.



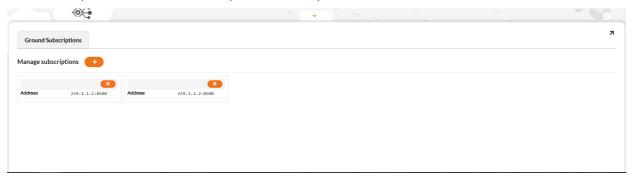
4. Add the IP addresses of the C2G subscriptions by clicking the "+" button.



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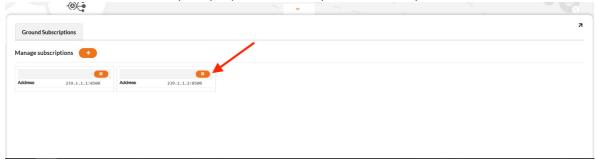
5. Click Add to confirm.

The new subscriptions should now list in the Component Information panel.

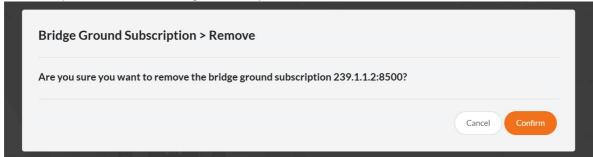


#### To remove:

1. Click the "X" button next to the Subscriptions (C2G). A Remove Subscriptions window will open.



2. Confirm that you would like to delete that ground subscription.



3. The ground subscription should now be removed.

## Configuring for Multi-cloudSwXtch via the Bridge Component Node

Users can configure their cloudSwXtch Bridge to send and receive data to and from multiple cloudSwXtches. Prior to 3.3.0 release, users were only able to connect a single cloudSwXtch Bridge to a single cloudSwXtch. By expanding the number of cloudSwXtches, users can better utilize their on-premises hardware.

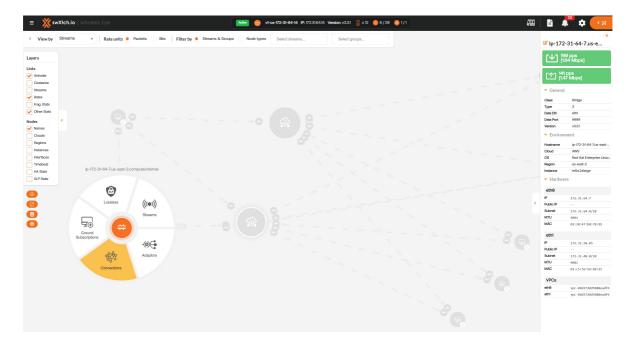
Please note: It is recommended for users to only connect up to 5 cloudSwXtches per cloudSwXtch Bridge via the steps below. If they would like to add more, please contact support@swxtch.io.

#### Before You Start

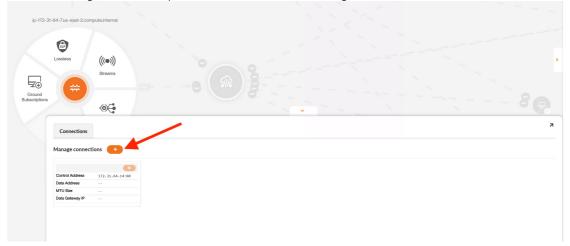
You must install a cloudSwXtch Bridge first and connect it to a primary cloudSwXtch. For installation steps, see Installing cloudSwXtch Bridge.

To connect multiple cloudSwXtches to a single bridge, please run the following steps:

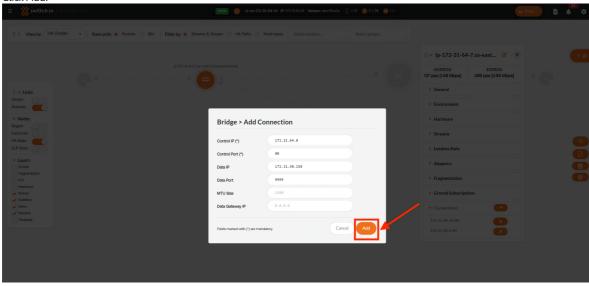
- 1. Navigate to the Topology Graph in wXcked Eye.
- 2. Select the cloudSwXtch Bridge component.
  - a. This will open the component radial menu.
- 3. Select Connections.



- 4. Click the + button next to **Manage connections** to add a new cloudSwXtch connection.
  - a. Note how there are already a connection listed. Since this is from the information panel is from the perspective of the cloudSwXtch Bridge, one of them represents the current cloudSwXtch being viewed while the other is a 2nd cloudSwXtch.



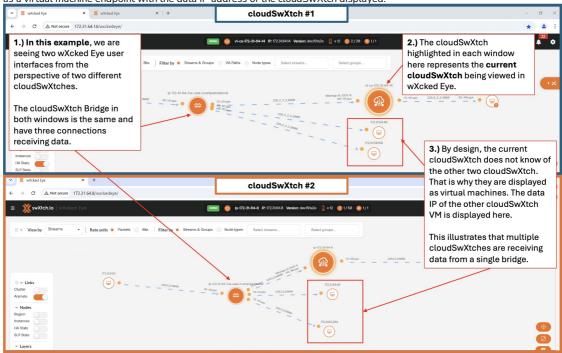
- 5. Enter the Data and Control information for the cloudSwXtch VM.
- 6. Click Add.



7. The cloudSwXtch should now appear as a virtual machine in the current cloudSwXtch's Topology Graph.



a. In the example below, a third cloudSwXtch was added to an existing cloudSwXtch Bridge. cloudSwXtch #1 and cloudSwXtch #2 represent two separate wXcked Eye user interfaces, illustrating how multiple cloudSwXtches to a single bridge would appear to a user. When a new cloudSwXtch gets added to a cloudSwXtch bridge, that connection will appear as a virtual machine endpoint with the data IP address of the cloudSwXtch displayed.



## WARNING

When doing an upgrade, subscriptions and connections are not saved. This is a known issue and will be resolved in a future version.

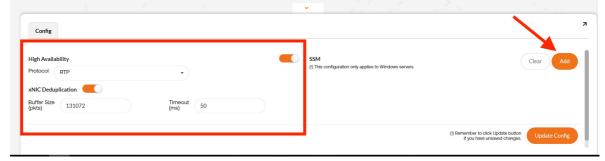
### Configuring HA for SSM via the xNIC Component Node

Users can configure high availability for Source Specific Multicast (SSM) via the xNIC component within the topology graph. **This is only for Windows consumer machines.** 

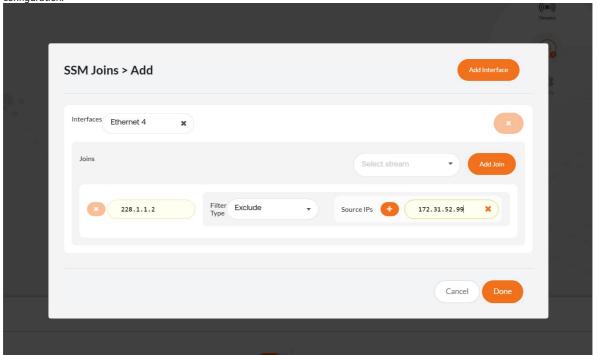
- 1. Navigate to the Topology Graph.
- 2. Select an xNIC that you wish to configure for SSM as a consumer.
- 3. Select Config from the component radial menu.



- 4. Toggle High Availability and xNIC Deduplication on.
- 5. Select RTP under the Protocol dropdown menu.
- 6. Select Add under the SSM section of the xNIC component information panel.



7. Add the Interfaces for the SSM Joins, specifying the IP Addresses of the Path Streams assigned during MMC Producer configuration.



- 8. Select Done.
- 9. Verify the Interfaces are listed in the Component Information Panel under SSM.



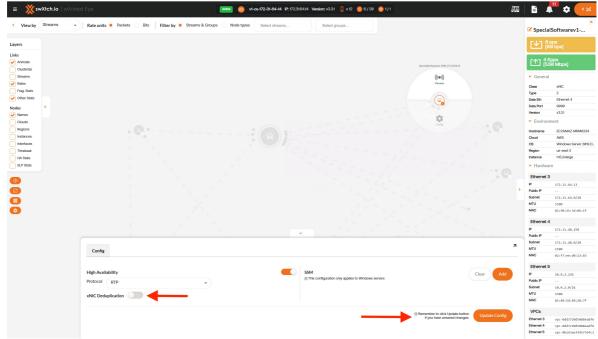
10. Click **Update Config** in the Component Information window to apply changes to the xNIC config file.



## Toggling xNIC Deduplication Off via the xNIC Component

There are some instances where a user may want their own application at the endpoint to deduplicate HA paths instead of the xNIC. Users can toggle xNIC Deduplication on and off in an xNIC's component information panel.

- 1. Navigate to the Topology Graph.
- 2. Select an xNIC consumer component.
  - a. The xNIC component information panel will open.
- 3. Scroll down to the Config section and expand it.
- 4. Toggle xNIC Deduplication off.
- 5. Select Update Config to apply changes to the xNIC config file.



## Disabling HA via the xNIC Component

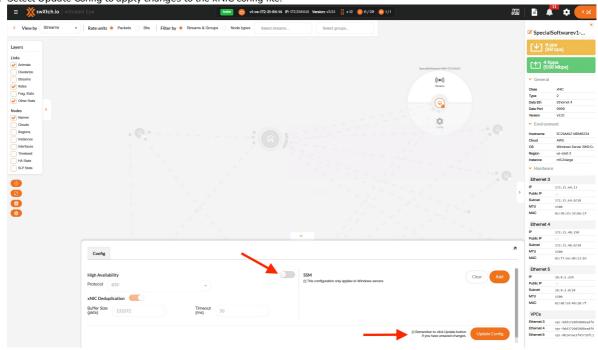
Users can disable high availability via the xNIC Component node in the event that do no wish for endpoint to do HA.

- 1. Navigate to the Topology Graph.
- 2. Select an xNIC consumer component.
  - a. The xNIC component information panel will open.
- 3. Scroll down to the Config section and expand it.

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4. Toggle High Availability off.

5. Select Update Config to apply changes to the xNIC config file.



## wXcked Eye cloudSwXtch Page

### WHAT TO EXPECT

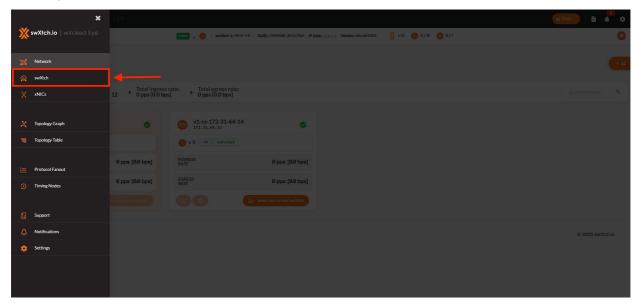
In this article, you will learn how to view the performance metrics for your cloudSwXtch and the xNICs associated with it.

## Locating the wXcked Eye cloudSwXtch Page

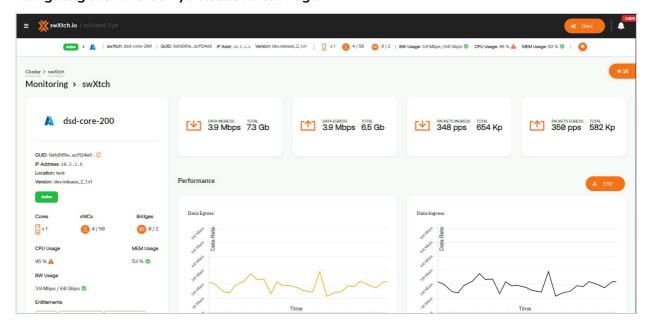
To navigate to the cloudSwXtch page, users will need to click on the menu (≡) option at the top left hand corner by the swXtch.io logo.



From there, select swXtch.



## Navigating the wXcked Eye cloudSwXtch Page



#### cloudSwXtch Key Performance Metrics

Once the page loads, users will be presented a high-level view of their selected cloudSwXtch's data flow. This page provides detailed information regarding the cloudSwXtch and illustrates 4 key performance metrics:

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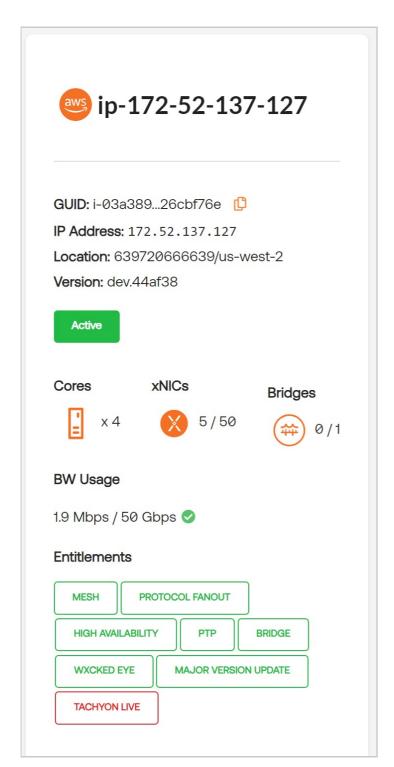
- Data Egress
- Data Ingress
- Packets Egress
- Packets Ingress

Data egress/ingress are displayed in bits per second (bps) while packets egress/ingress are displayed in packets per second (pps). In addition to the rate, the total number of bits and packets are displayed for the user. These metrics are further explored in the **Performance** section with four related graphs and an additional Packets Dropped graph.



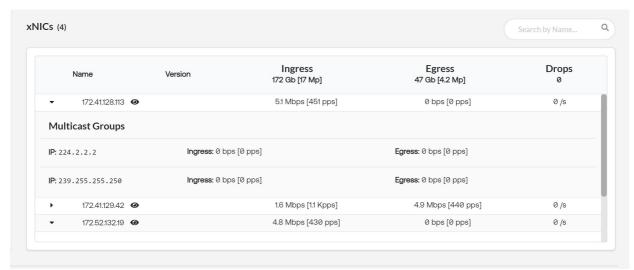


cloudSwXtch Information Panel



Important network information of the cloudSwXtch such as the GUID, IP address, location (resource groups), cloud provider, version, & replicator status is shown in the top left card along with its name, which in this case is core-200. In addition, the number of cores and number of associated xNICs to the cloudSwXtch will also be displayed. Bandwidth usage is also listed. In the event that a cloudSwXtch exceeds its allotted bandwidth, a warning symbol will appear.

### xNICs Panel



At the bottom of the cloudSwXtch Stats page, users will be able to see the **xNICs** panel. This panel lists the agents that are connected to the cloudSwXtch. Each listed xNIC is accompanied with its version, ingress/egress rates, and packet drops. When using the dropdown feature for an agent, a user can see the multicast groups associated with the xNIC and its ingress/egress rates.

## wXcked Eye xNICs Page

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to view performance metrics from the xNICs perspective.

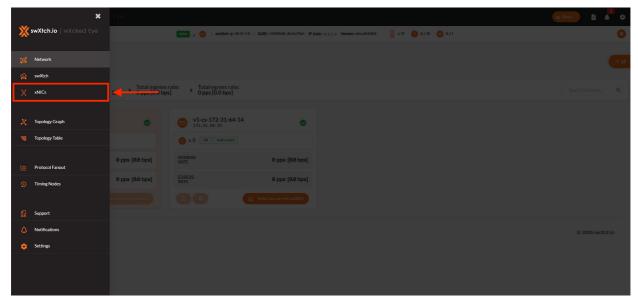
### Locating the xNIC View Page

The xNIC page provides users with a look of their cloudSwXtch environment from the xNICs' perspective, breaking down performance at an agent's level.

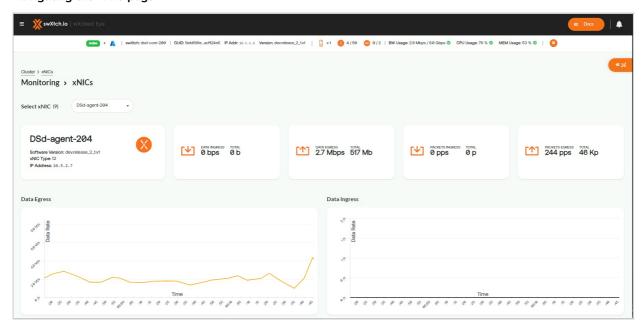
To navigate to the xNIC page, users will need to click on the menu option at the top left hand corner by the swXtch.io logo.



The navigation menu will open, revealing the other wXcked Eye pages. Select xNICs to view the xNIC page.



## Navigating the xNIC page



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At first glance, the xNIC page looks very similar to the cloudSwXtch view. However, instead of focusing on the cloudSwXtch, users are given key information and performance metrics for a single xNIC.

- Data Ingress (bps) Data being consumed by the xNIC
- Data Egress (bps) Data being sent from the xNIC
- Packets Ingress (pps) Packets being consumed by the xNIC
- Packets Egress (pps) Packets being sent from the xNIC

In the example above, one noticeable difference is the inclusion of the Select an xNIC dropdown menu next to "Select xNIC." Here, a user can select an agent they wish to monitor (DSd-agent-204).

After selecting an xNIC, the agent's information will display in the same area as the cloudSwXtch on the main page. The information includes the software version, xNIC version and the IP address.

Just like the xNIC panel in the wXcked Eye main page, users are able to see the Multicast Groups associated with the xNIC and their ingress/egress rates.

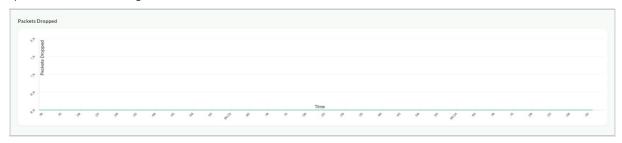
#### Performance

The xNIC view provides users with another way to visualize data flow. Towards the bottom of the page, users will be able to see the 5 key performance metrics displayed as active histograms. The first four deal with data and packet egress/ingress over 15 second increments.



Perfomance: Data Egress/Ingress and Packets Egress/Ingress

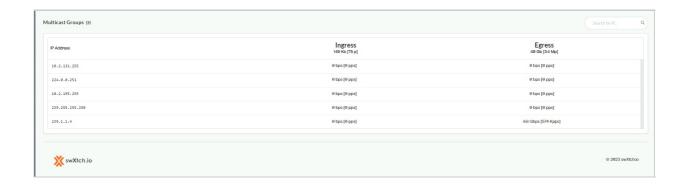
The bottom graph displays the number of packets dropped over time. A successful stream would show no packets dropping like the example below. The X-Axis is organized into 5 second increments.



Packets Dropped by Limit (:05 second increments)

### **Multicast Groups**

The Multicast Groups panel lists the IP addresses of different data streams related to the cloudSwXtch with the ingress/egress rates displayed.



## wXcked Eye Topology Table

### WHAT TO EXPECT

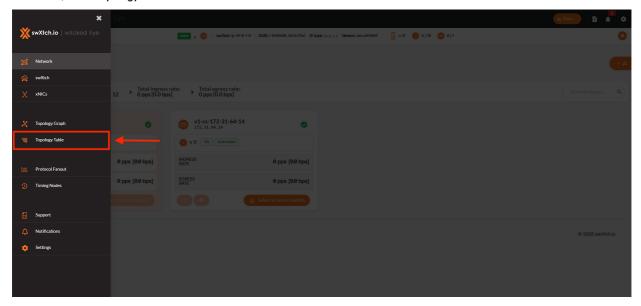
In this section, users will learn how to navigate the wXcked Eye Topology Table. Similar to the Topology Graph, the table organizes statistics by either Streams or Channels in a tree view.

## Locating the wXcked Eye Topology Table

To navigate to the wXcked Eye Topology Table page, users will need to click on the menu (≡) option at the top right hand corner by the swXtch.io logo.



From there, select Topology Table.

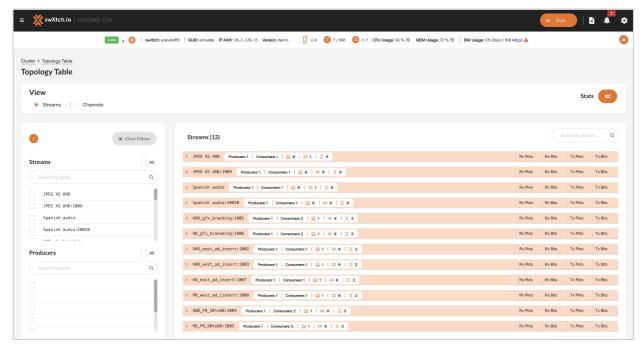


## Using the wXcked Eye Topology Table

The wXcked Eye Topology Table provides users with an alternative way of viewing how data flows in and out of their cloudSwXtch. Instead of a Topology view with nodes and steam links, the table organizes streams and channels in tree view where they can easily see the origin of the data flow and how it moves through different components. This gives users a more focused look into a single stream or channel.

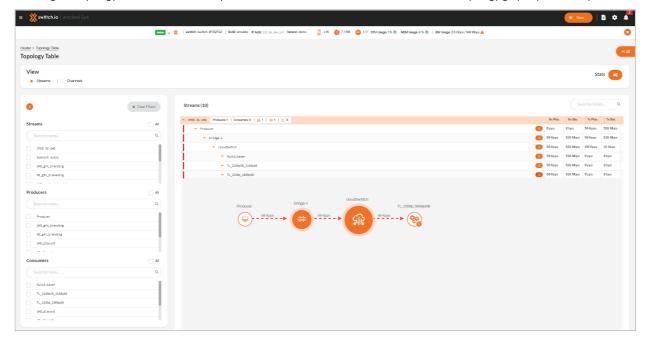
#### **Streams**

In the example below, the user is viewing a list of streams. Similar to the Topology Graph, a user can filter specific streams, consumers, and producers. The list will adapt to those selections. This can be helpful when dealing with a large amount of line items.



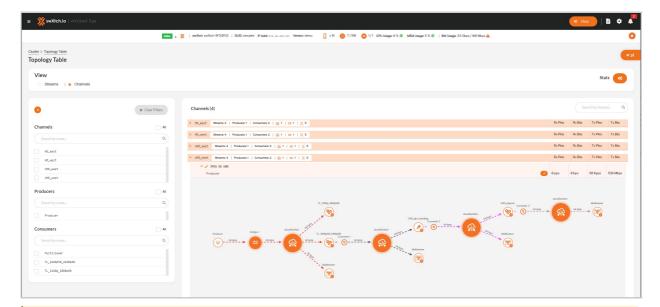
Each item in the stream list can be expanded to reveal a tree level view of the data flowing through the various components. The JPEG XS UHD stream is expanded to show how data flows through the various cloudSwXtch components. Starting from the producer, the stream moves through the cloudSwXtch Bridge up into the cloudSwXtch, where it feeds the stream into a multiviewer and Tachyon Live endpoints.

Selecting the Topology button next to the component name will reveal a visualization similar to the Topology graph up until that point.



### Channels

The Channels view organizes channels into a similar list for the Topology table. However, one big difference is that the number of streams associated with a single channel is also displayed. The table will list those streams in a tree view, displaying how they progress through the various cloudSwXtch components. In the example below, the UHD\_west channel has been expanded, revealing the JPEG XS UHD stream with a topology graph view of data flow.



## Multiple cloudSwXtch Nodes

In the Channels view example above, the cloudSwXtch node repeats. This does not mean that multiple cloudSwXtches are being used but rather the stream is flowing back and forth to the same cloudSwXtch.

# wXcked Eye Protocol Fanout Stats

### WHAT TO EXPECT

The **Protocol Fanout Stats** page allows users to see metrics for non-Multicast and non-Broadcast data flows. This includes protocols, such as **SRT Caller**, **SRT Listener**, **RIST Caller** and **RIST Listener**.

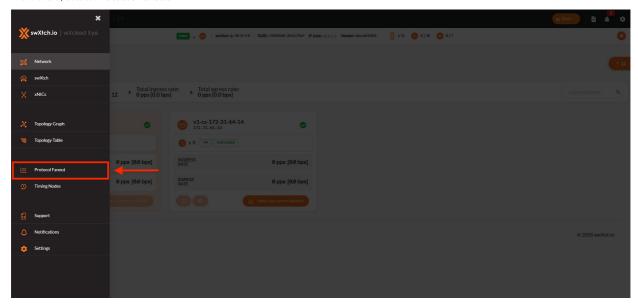
In this section, users will learn how to navigate between different protocols and their adaptors in order to better visualize their packets' movements. Please note: This page only shows the stats for protocol fanout configurations. To learn how to configure your cloudSwXtch for Protocol Fanout and Conversion in the wXcked Eye UI, please read this article.

## Locating the Protocol Fanout Stats Page

To navigate to the Protocol Fanout Stats page, users will need to click on the menu option at the top right corner by the swXtch.io logo.



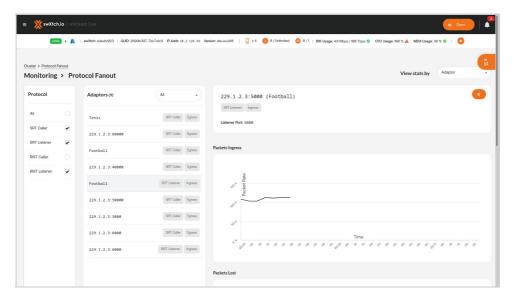
From there, select Protocol Fanout.



## Navigating the Protocol Fanout Stats page

Statistics displayed through the wXcked Eye UI focus primarily on multicast and broadcast data flow. The **Protocol Fanout Stats** page provides users with a dedicated area to see data flow for alternative protocols like SRT and RIST.

## **Adaptor View**



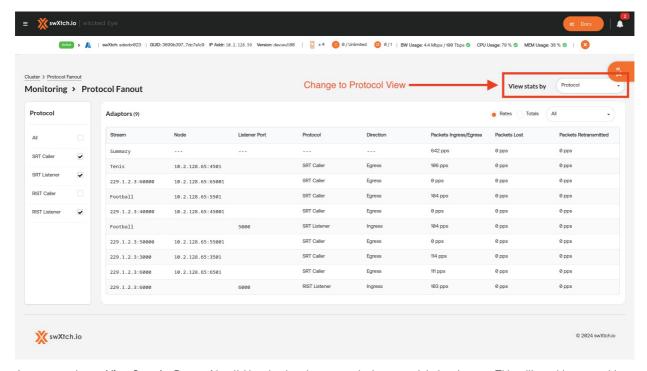
Adaptor View

At start-up, the page will be in **Adaptors** view and display 3 graphs:

- 1. Packets Egress
- 2. Packets Lost
- 3. Packets Retransmitted

A user can select the **Protocols** they want listed in the left hand side to filter Adaptors or return to "All" to see them all listed. At the top of the Adaptors panel, users can filter the list further by direction -- either Ingress or Egress.

#### **Protocol View**



A user can select to **View Stats by Protocol** by clicking the dropdown menu in the upper right hand corner. This will provide users with a table view, listing adaptors by protocol. This allows for closer comparison between adaptors. The table can be configured to display in both **Rates (pps)** or **Total Packets**.

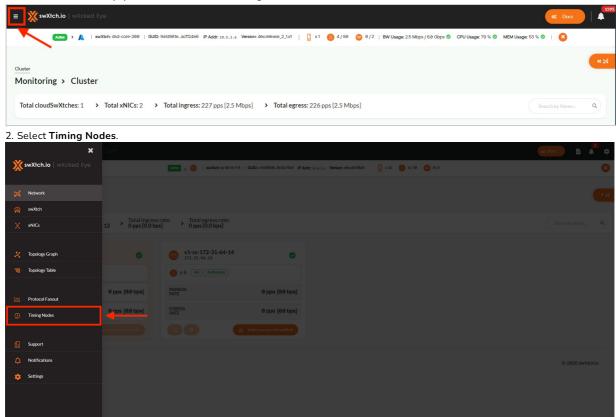
Similar to the Adaptors view, users can group adaptors by protocol. The Protocol panel on the left hand side enables users to filter our certain protocols so that they list in the center table. In addition, users can also group protocols by direction -- either Ingress or Egress.

# wXcked Eye Timing Nodes

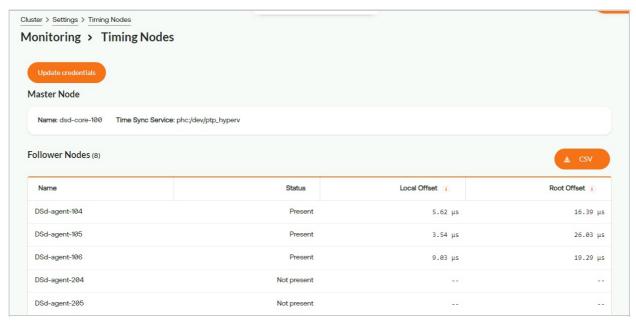
### Finding the Timing Nodes page

To find the **Timing Nodes** page in the wXcked Eye UI:

1. Click the menu icon (≡) next to the swXtch.io logo.



## Understanding the Timing Nodes page



The Timing Nodes page displays information regarding clock sync configuration for the cloudSwXtch. This page in wXcked Eye will only populate with information if the user has the PTP feature enabled.

In the example above, the cloudSwXtch (DSd-core-100) is acting as the Master Node.

- Master Node- The Master Node is what the PTP configuration sets as the most reliable time source. This will send the true time it receives from the source clock to the Follower Nodes.
  - Name The name of the cloudSwXtch
  - Time Sync Service The source clock
- Follower Nodes- The Follower Nodes lists the agents/VMs that subscribe to the Master Node for accurate timing.
  - Name The name of the endpoints
  - **Status** The status of the endpoints, noting if the node is active in the PTP configuration
  - Local Offset The local offset denotes the offset in time from the cloudSwXtch to the xNIC.
  - Root Offset The root offset denotes the offset in time from the GrandMaster clock to the cloudSwXtch and its follower nodes (xNIC). Note how the root offset is larger than the local offset. This is normal behavior since the distance between the follower node and the Grandmaster clock is greater than the offset between a cloudSwXtch and xNIC.

#### **Timing Nodes Stabilization**

After upgrading or rebooting your cloudSwXtch system, you may notice that the local and root offset values are much larger than they actually are. It can take up to 30 minutes for the values to stabilize and return back to normal levels.

#### **Exporting your Timing Nodes**

You can export your timing nodes by hitting the CSV button next to Follower Nodes.

## Formatting CSV Timing Nodes file in Excel

To prevent incorrect formatting in your CSV Timing Nodes file in Excel, complete the following steps:

- 1. Make sure your Timing Nodes CSV file is already downloaded from wXcked Eye.
- 2. Select "Data" from the top ribbon of a new Excel spreadsheet.
- 3. Click "Get Data (Power Query)."
- 4. Select "Text/CSV" from the "Choose data source" options.
- 5. Browse for your file and click "Get Data."
- 6. Click "Next."
- 7. Select "Unicode (UTF-8) from the File Origin dropdown menu. This ensure your data displays as it was intended.
- 8. Click "Load."

## wXcked Eye Support Page

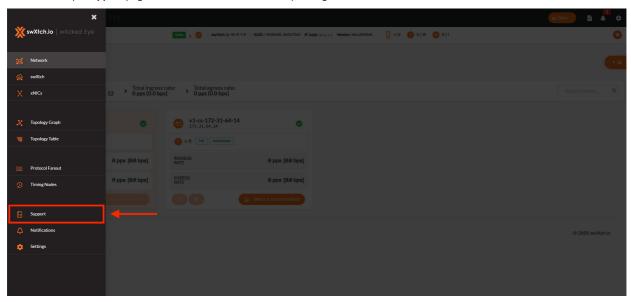
#### WHAT TO EXPECT

The wXcked Eye Support Page allows users to export a report detailing the statistical data stored within the cloudSwXtch over a set period of time. This report includes JSON files containing cloudSwXtch information, Max Highmarks, List Highmarks, Repl and Control logs, and xNIC Logs -- all in a compressed file. This report should be provided to swXtch.io Support when troubleshooting an issue.

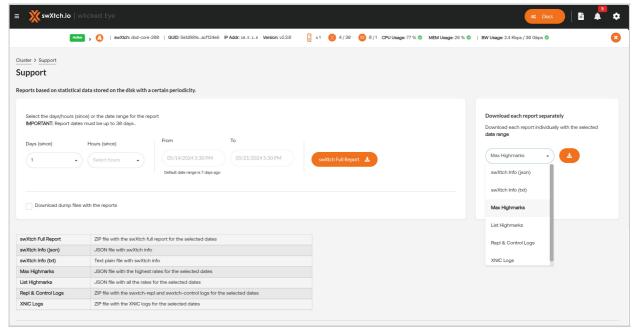
In this section, we will walkthrough exporting both a full report and also individual files. Alternatively, you can use the swx support command in the cloudSwXtch VM to export a report. For more information, see <a href="How to View cloudSwXtch Logs for Troubleshooting">How to View cloudSwXtch Logs for Troubleshooting</a>.

## Navigating the wXcked Eye Support Page

The wXcked Eye Support page can be located in the wXcked Eye navigation menu.



The page has two functionalities: **exporting a full report** or **selecting individual JSON files to download separately**. When troubleshooting, it is **recommended** for users to send the complete report so that swXtch.io Support can fully understand the situation.



To do this, simply set a **start** and **end time** for the report and select the download button, **SwXtch full report.** User should set the duration to **at least 24 hours of time**, spanning from a little before the issue began to up until now. The output file will be named **swxtch-report-date** from tar. az.

In the event that a user only wants a specific section of the report, they can use the dropdown menu after **Download each report separately** and download their desired JSON file. The wXcked Eye UI will then export using the time period set.

| Contacting swXtch.io Support  |
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| For all troubleshooting requests, email the compressed file to <a href="mailto:support@swxtch.io">support@swxtch.io</a> for further instructions. |
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## Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

wXcked Eye allows users to configure their cloudSwXtch directly from a graphical user interface (GUI).

To learn how to use wXcked Eye to monitor your cloudSwXtch, please see the "Monitor cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye" article

In this article, users will learn how to navigate the "Settings" option in the wXcked Eye UI and to configure their cloudSwXtch for mesh, high availability and protocol fanout. To learn how to access the wXcked Eye UI, please review the following article.

## Accessing wXcked Eye

To access the wXcked Eye UI, users will need to enter the following URL into a web browser of a VM in their cloudswXtch environment. They should use the IP address of their cloudSwXtch to prefix the URL.



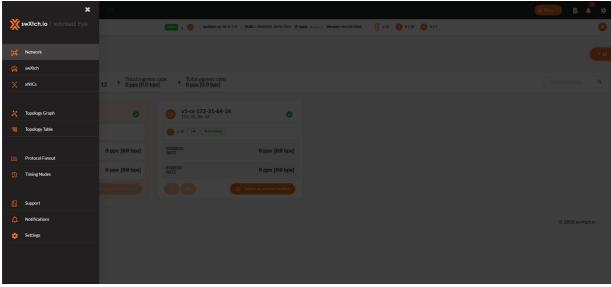
## Finding the Settings page

To find the Settings page in the wXcked Eye UI:

1. Click the menu icon ( $\equiv$ ) next to the swXtch.io logo.



2. Select Settings under Configuration.



3. You should now be on the **Settings** page.

### **Navigating Settings**

The Settings page is organized into five tabs with varying functionalities:

- General
- High Availability
- Protocol Conversion and Fanout
- Aliases

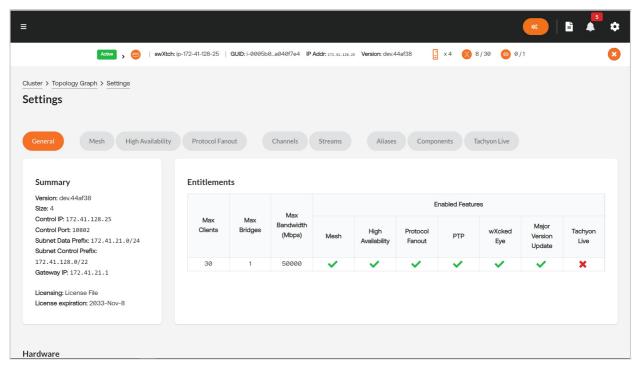
In this section, we will discuss each tab and how it offers the user additional control over their cloud SwXtch network.

### General

#### How to Navigate to the General tab

To learn how to navigate to Settings from the wXcked Eye main page, please review the <u>Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye</u> article.

## Navigating the General Tab



The General tab is organized into four sections:

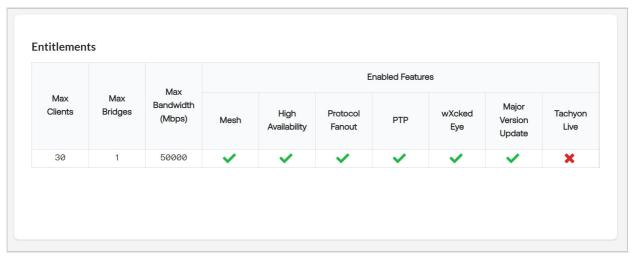
- cloudSwXtch Summary
- Entitlements
- Hardware
- Actions

## cloudSwXtch Summary

The Summary panel details basic information regarding the cloudSwXtch, specifically on the data and control subnets configured during installation. The panel also tells the user the Licensing type and the expiration date.

## **Entitlements**

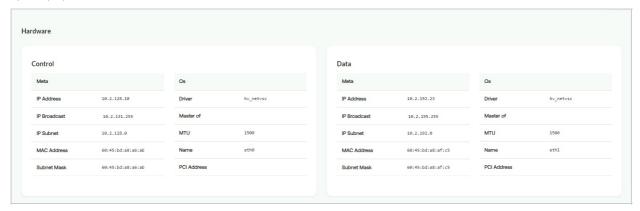
The General tab is designed to give users a detailed look into the entitlements associated with their network. In the example, the user has a license that enables mesh, high availability, protocol fanout, PTP, and wXcked Eye with a max of 30 clients, 1 cloudSwXtch bridges, and 50000 Gbps max bandwidth. For Tachyon Live, the user does not have the entitlement unlocked.



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### Hardware

The Hardware section of the General tab gives an extensive look at the Data and Control planes with each split into Meta and Operating System (OS) data.



## Actions

The General tab also allows users to adjust the Data Refresh period for all Monitoring pages in wXcked Eye. This gives users control on how often the data is updating with the default value set to the minimum of 5 seconds.



## High Availability with wXcked Eye

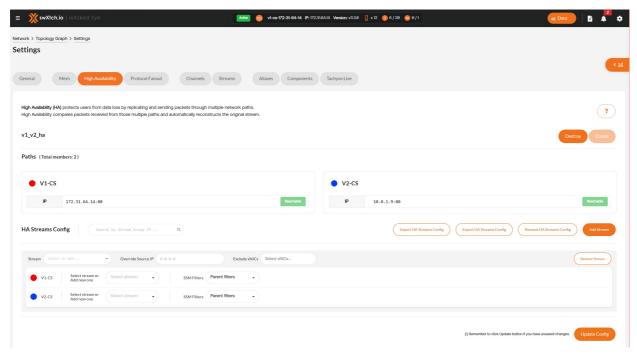
#### Navigating to the High Availability tab

The High Availability tab is located in the Settings page on wXcked Eye. To learn how to navigate there, please review the **Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye** article.

The High Availability tab is organized into 3 functions:

- Create HA
- Destroy HA
- Configure HA Streams for Multiple Multicast and Source Specific Multicast

In this article, we will discuss each tab and how it offers a user additional control over their cloud SwXtch network.

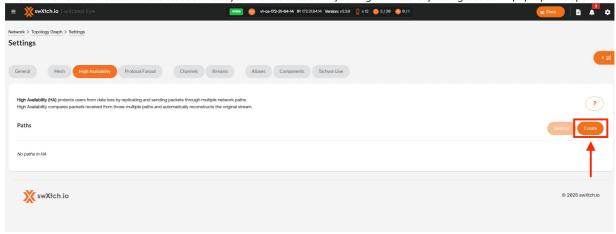


### High Availability Command-Line Alternatives

In addition to configuring your high availability through the wXcked Eye UI, users can also swXtch specific commands in their terminal. To learn more, please visit the <u>High Availability</u> article under Configuring cloudSwXtch.

### Create HA

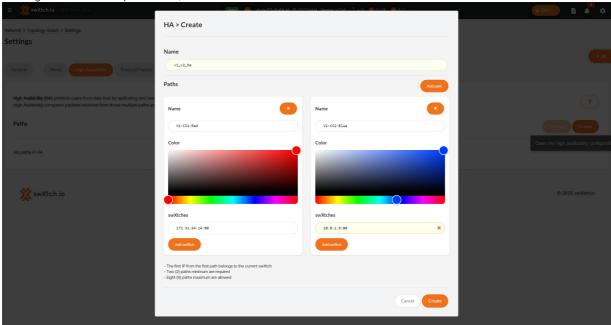
1. Click the "Create" button in the cloudSwXtch you wish to include in your high availability configuration. A pop-up will open.



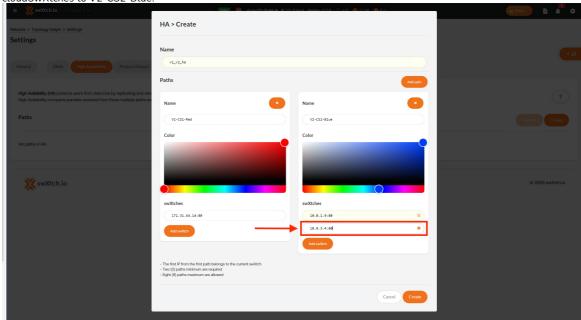
- 2. Name your HA configuration. In this example, the HA is named v1\_v2\_ha.
- 3. Name the first path. The IP address of the cloudSwXtch you are currently on will populate. Enter IP addresses for any additional relevant cloudSwXtches.

4. Name the second path and enter the IP addresses for the relevant cloudSwXtches. Note: You must have *more than 1 path* in order to have a working HA flow.

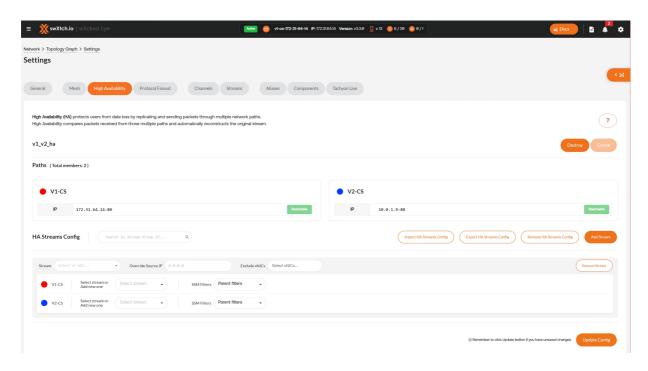
5. Assign a color for both paths. Here, the user selected Red for V1-CS1-Red and Blue for V2-CS2-Blue.



a. **OPTIONAL**: Add an additional cloudSwXtch to a Path by clicking "Add SwXtch." In this example, the user assigned 2 cloudSwXtches to V2-CS2-Blue.



6. Click "Create." A new High Availability flow has been created.



With High Availability now configured, users can switch between different cloudSwXtches in their HA, refresh the HA page and see the members listed with their associated paths. For example, if a user were to look at the wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch 10.0.1.9 instead of the above 172.31.64.14, they will see the same My High Availability member list.

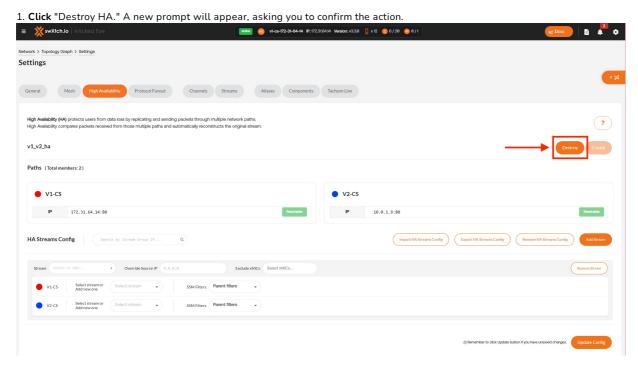
From any of the connected cloudSwXtches, users can destroy their HA configuration.

### Renaming High Availability and Path Names

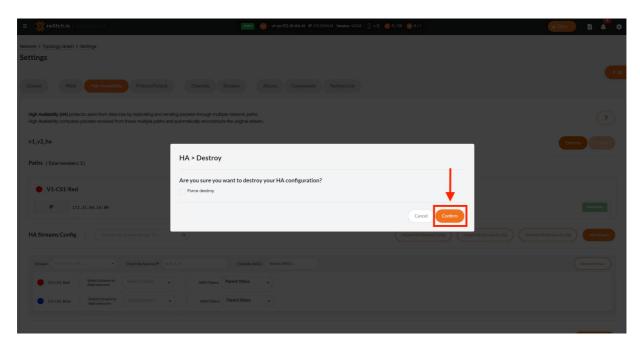
To rename the high availability configuration or paths, users will need to destroy the HA and reconfigure.

### **Destroy HA**

To destroy an HA configuration, a user will need to go to the HA page of any associated cloudSwXtches.



2. Select "Confirm."



Your HA is now destroyed. All associated cloudSwXtches will show a blank list for HA and your Cluster page will be empty.

#### Removing a cloudSwXtch from an HA configuration

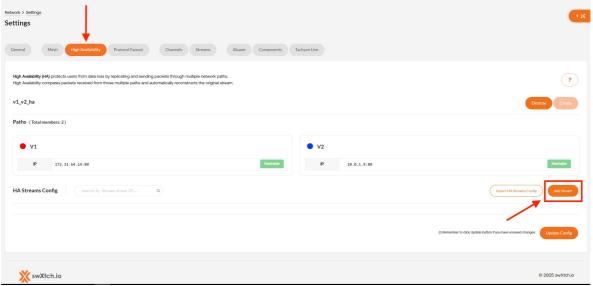
To remove a cloudSwXtch from a user's HA configuration, they will need to delete and recreate their HA cluster without that cloudSwXtch.

## Configuring HA for Multiple Multicast (MMc) and Source Specific Multicast (SSM)

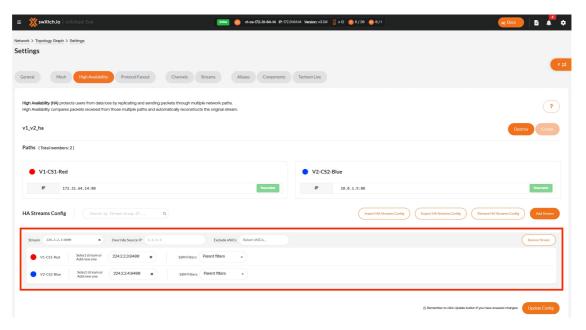
wXcked Eye enables users to group multiple multicast IP addresses with the same traffic under a singular multicast group IP. The xNIC, or application at the end point, is then tasked with listening for the multicast group IP and deduplicating the data from the two paths. This is what we call a **multiple multicast**, or **MMc**, high availability configuration.

In addition, users can also configure their path streams for **source specific multicast (SSM)**. This is a method for delivering multicast packets in which the only packets that are delivered to the receiver are those originating from a specific source IP address.

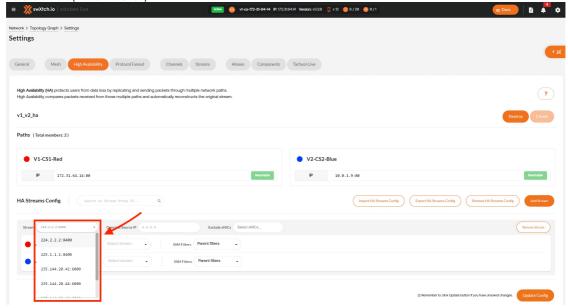
- 1. Go to the **High Availability** tab on the **wXcked Eye Settings** page.
- 2. Click Add Stream.



- 3. Enter the Stream (Parent IP address and Port), followed by the Path Streams.
  - a. In the example below, the user assigns the parent and port as 224.2.2.2:8400 with the two path streams as 224.2.2.3:8400 for V1-CS1-Red and 224.2.2.4:8400 for V2-CS2-Blue.

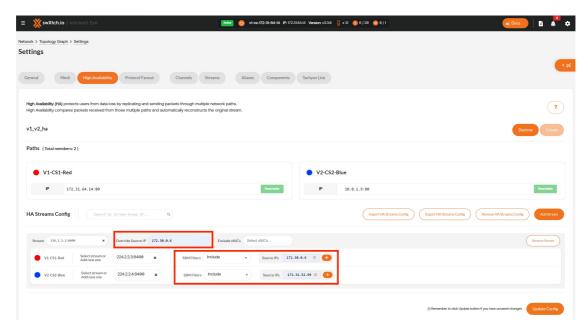


b. Alternatively, users can also select an existing parent from the dropdown menu. Considered a Group in the wXcked Eye Settings page, choosing a parent will automatically populate the path streams. For this to work, the group name must be the Parent IP:Port (224.3.2.2:8400).

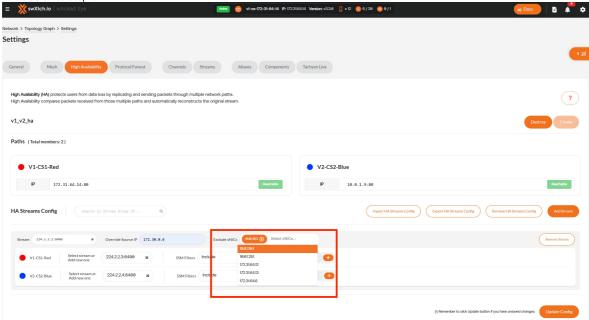


Adding a new Parent IP address and its path streams will create a new Group.

- 4. If you require Source Specific Multicast, you may follow the next steps. If not, you can leave them blank and continue to Step 5.
  - a. For each stream path, select Include in the SSM Filters dropdown menu.
  - b. Enter the Override Source IP address into one of the Source IP fields.
  - c. Enter the second Source IP for the second path.



5. If you would like to exclude xNICs from your HA Streams configuration, enter the IP addresses in the Exclude xNICs field. If not, continue on to Step 6.



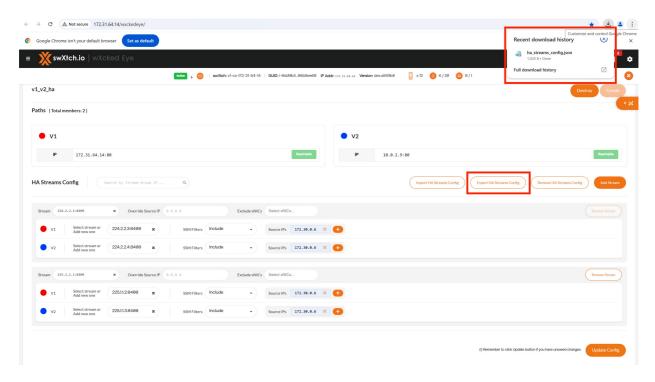
6. Select **Update Config** to apply your changes.

# **Exporting HA Streams Config**

Users can export their HA streams configuration as a JSON file from the wXcked Eye UI. This allows for easy setup in future configurations.

## To accomplish this:

- 1. Navigate to the **High Availability Tab** in the **wXcked Eye Settings** page.
- 2. Select Export HA Streams Config.
  - a. **Note**: This will only work is you have an existing HA Streams config populated as shown below.
- 3. An ha\_streams\_config.json should automatically download onto your machine.

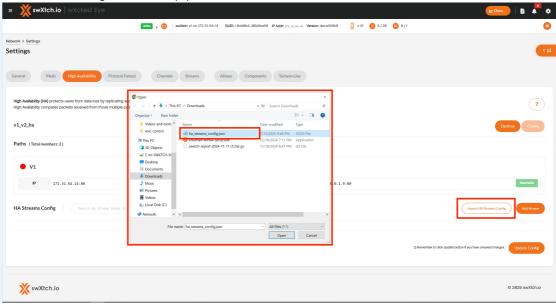


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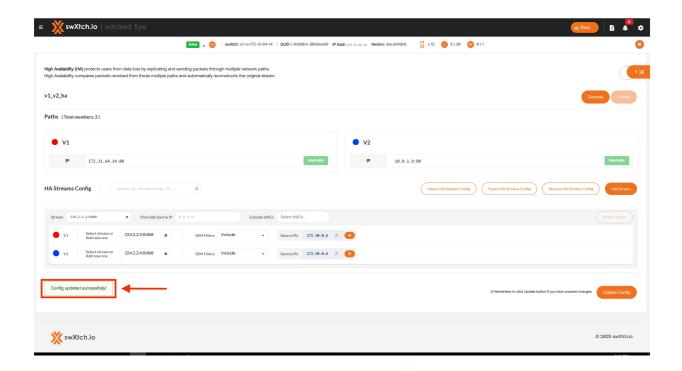
Users can import their HA Streams configuration JSON file into wXcked Eye to automatically populate their high availability settings page.

# To accomplish this:

- 1. Navigate to the High Availability Tab in the wXcked Eye Settings page.
- 2. Select Import HA Streams Config.
  - a. The File Explorer will open.
- 3. Select and open the ha\_streams\_config.json file you would like to use. Note: The file name may be different if the user reassigned it during export.
  - a. The HA Streams Config section should populate with the contents of the JSON file.



4. Click **Update Config** to apply your changes.



# Protocol Conversion and Fanout with wXcked Eye

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

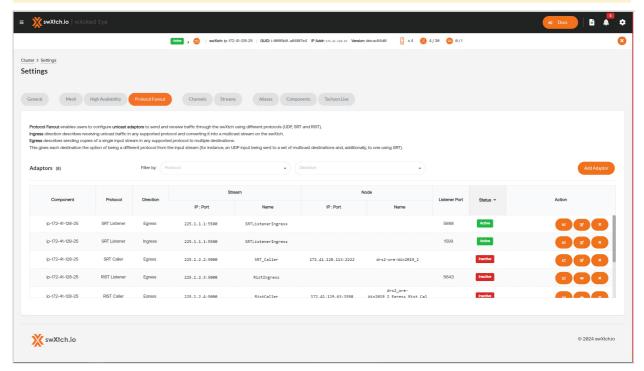
The Protocol Fanout feature allows users to configure unicast (UDP, SRT, RIST) for the cloudSwXtch and the cloudSwXtch Bridge and fan it out to multiple instances as UDP, SRT, RIST or multicast.

Configuration for Protocol Fanout for cloudSwXtch and cloudSwXtch Bridge can be done in wXcked Eye from the Settings page and from the Topology Graph. To learn more about how to navigate there, please review the Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye article.

In this article, users will learn how to establish UDP, SRT and RIST connections via the Protocol Conversion and Fanout feature on wXcked Eye. It can also be used to convert multicast into one or more of these protocols. For example, imagine you have an SRT stream coming into the cloudSwXtch with five different clients requiring different protocols (one needing SRT, another RIST, another UDP and the last two for multicast). This can be accomplished by using this tool. For a walkthrough on configuring Protocol Conversion and Fanout in wXcked Eye, see the Protocol Conversion and Fanout Example article.

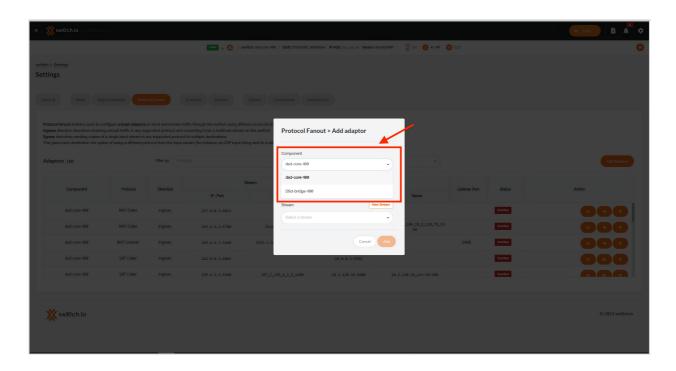
### Setting Up Aliases

The Protocol Fanout tab utilizes Stream and Node names set up in the Aliases tab. For more information on how to do this, please see the <u>Aliases</u> article.



**Protocol Fanout and Conversion** is a cloudSwXtch feature that allows users to send copies of a single input stream in any supported protocol to multiple destinations. In wXcked Eye, users can send/receive UDP traffic or establish SRT/RIST caller/listener connection methods

To add an adaptor, select "Add Adaptor." Here, a user can select either a cloudSwXtch or a cloudSwXtch Bridge (only if it is installed) as the component.



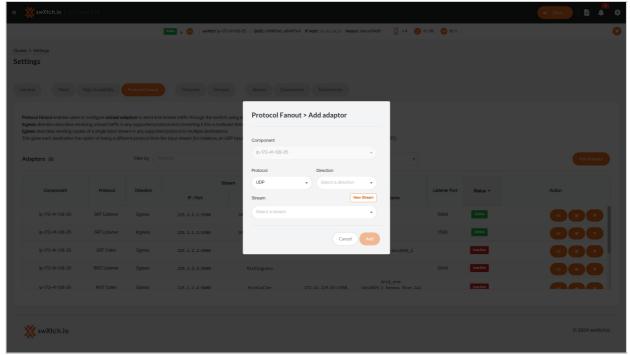
Then, users can select between three different protocols for their adaptor: UDP, SRT, and RIST.

# UDP

### Ingress vs. Egress

Differentiating between ingress and egress can be difficult. It is important to imagine it in relation to the cloudSwXtch.

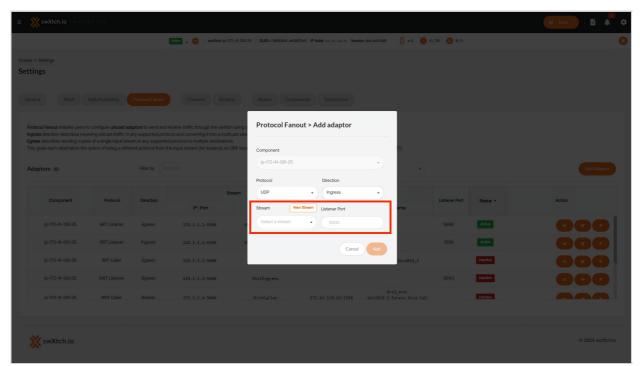
- Ingress: Data is coming into the cloudSwXtch.
- Egress: Data is <u>leaving</u> the cloudSwXtch.



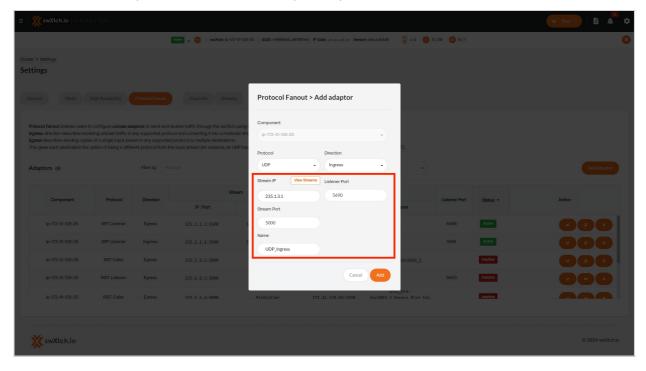
Selecting UDP under Protocol allows users to add mapping for UDP traffic entering and leaving the cloudSwXtch. Depending on the direction of the data, a user will have to add additional information to set up a successful connection.

# **UDP Ingress**

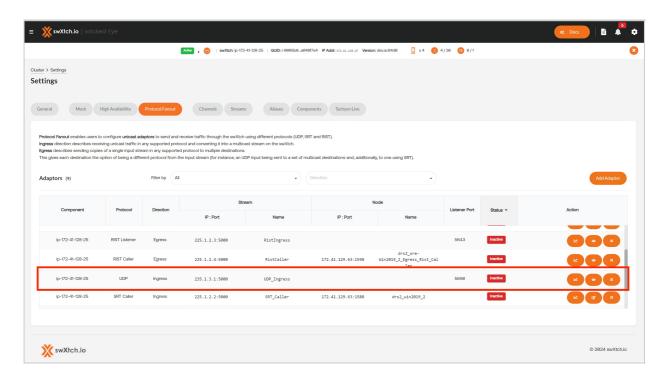
For Ingress, a user will select one of the **Streams** created in the **Streams** tab from the dropdown and designate a **Listener Port**.



Alternatively, if a user does not have an alias set up for their desired stream, they can manually specify a **Stream IP**, **Listener Port**, a **Stream Port and an alias name** to add one. To do this, they would have to select the **New Stream** option in the panel.



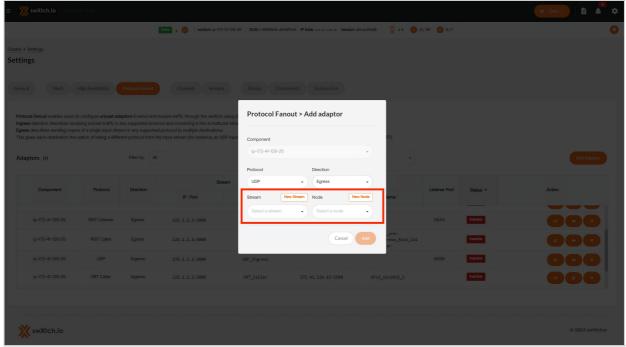
By clicking Add, the new adaptor will appear in the list on the Protocol Fanout tab.



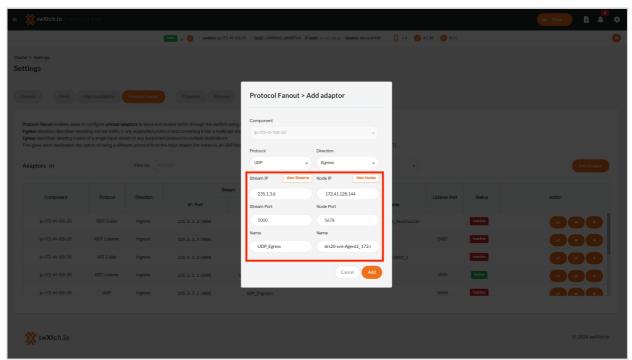
Both methods will allow endpoints to send unicast data. Once that connection has been established, the cloudSwXtch will be able to ingest the unicast data as multicast.

### **UDP Egress**

For Egress, a user will set the parameters for fanning out a multicast stream as unicast. To do this, the cloudSwXtch would need to select a **Stream** and **Target Node** from their respective **Alias** dropdown.



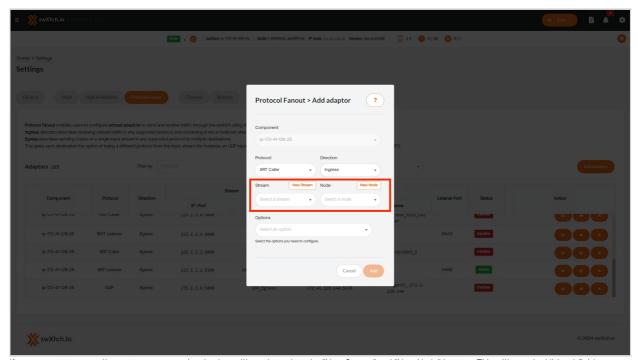
If an Alias was not created prior, they can manually add a New Stream and New Node by entering the appropriate information for both. To create a New Stream, a user will need the Stream IP, Stream Port and Alias name. Similarly, a New Node would require a Node IP, Node Port and Alias name.



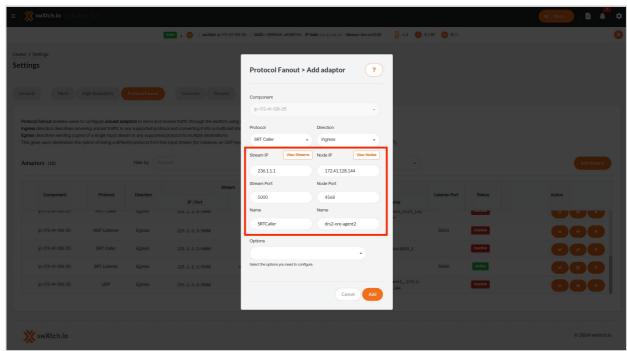
Whether it is from existing Aliases or ones manually created, this will allow the cloudSwXtch to transmit a multicast stream as unicast to a desired endpoint.

## SRT and RIST Caller

To set up SRT or RIST Caller, a user will need to choose what direction they will like their data to flow: Ingress or Egress. Regardless of their choice, both Ingress and Egress requires a selection for Stream and Node. These can either be selected from the Alias dropdown (assigned in the Alias tab under Settings) or manually created in the panel.



If a user wants to manually create a stream and node, they will need to select the "New Stream" and "New Node" buttons. This will reveal additional fields necessary for both. For Stream, a user will need to enter a Stream IP, Stream Port and Alias name. For Node, they will need a Node IP, Node Port and Alias. This will act as a Target Node. It is the source of where the traffic will be coming from outside the cloudSwXtch. This information is crucial since it will dictate where the cloudSwXtch sends the caller message.



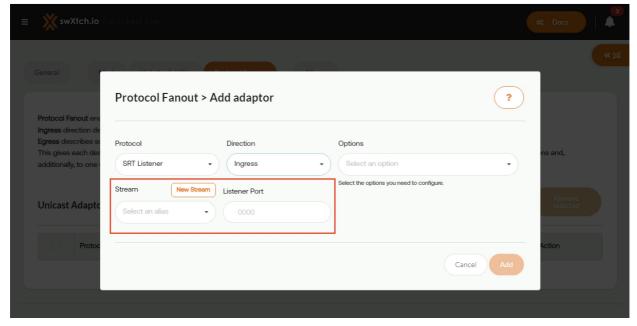
The Options dropdown allows for additional fine tuning based on standards of the protocol. Selection of an option will open another field.

After filling out all the required fields, select "Add." The cloudSwXtch will then call out to the target source and receive multicast traffic through the designated node.

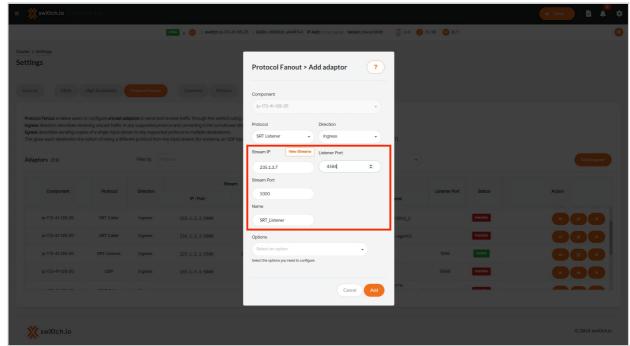
For Egress, the user will be specifying the Target Node for an endpoint to receive an SRT or RIST stream from the cloudSwXtch. The cloudSwXtch will then call to the Destination or Target Node to establish a connection before transmitting the stream.

### SRT and RIST Listener

Similar to the SRT or RIST Caller panel, Listener requires the user to specify the direction of their data flow: Ingress or Egress. However, what differs is that the SRT or RIST Listener is essentially "listening" for any incoming messages from endpoints ready to send/receive SRT or RIST data. This method of transmission is considered to be more user-friendly since a user will not have to worry about pointing to a specific IP address. It places the burden of targeting the endpoint instead.



Both Ingress and Egress will require a user to select a multicast Stream from the Alias dropdown. Stream Aliases are assigned in the Alias tab under Settings. Alternatively, users can enter a new Stream by selecting the New Stream button and entering the following information: Stream IP, Stream Port and Alias Name. In addition to the Stream, a user will also need to specify a Listener Port where an endpoint can send data through.



The Options dropdown allows for additional fine tuning based on standards of the protocol. Selection of an option will open another field.

For Ingress, once the configuration is complete, the cloudSwXtch will now listen for producers of SRT or RIST traffic who connect to the port. When a connection has been established, the cloudSwXtch will begin ingesting data.

Likewise for Egress, the cloudSwXtch is listening for endpoints that are trying to receive SRT or RIST data. From there, depending on the user's bandwidth, they can create up to 32 Listener ports from which an endpoint can connect to the steam. By setting the necessary parameters, a consumer will then be able locate a target port and begin streaming data from the cloudSwXtch.

# **Protocol Conversion and Fanout Example**

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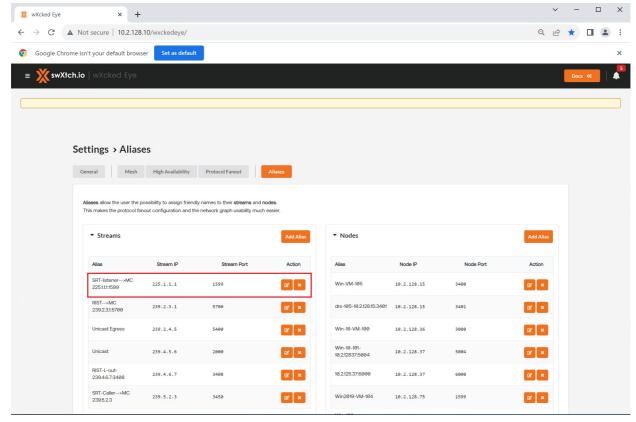
#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Navigating the Protocol Fanout and Conversion tab in wXcked Eye can be a little confusing when first starting out.

In this article, we will walk you through a typical SRT Listener configuration workflow to explain the various pieces that go into setting it up. We will look at the differences between ingress and egress and what that means in relation to the cloudSwXtch.

## Step One: Setting up Your Aliases

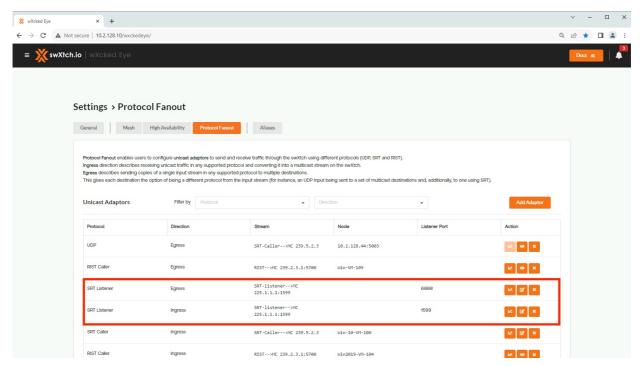
The Aliases tab allows users to set friendly names or "aliases" for their streams and nodes so that it is easier to organize them in the Protocol Fanout tab. In this example, the user has named their stream **SRT-listener -> MC 225.1.1.1:1599**, inputting a stream IP of 225.1.1.1 and a Stream Port of 1599. This name is helpful for the user because it illustrates what they hope to do when setting up for Protocol Fanout. They are going to set up for an SRT to MC conversion using the stream IP and Stream Port assigned to the name.



For more information about how aliases work, see the Aliases article under Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye.

### Step Two: Adding Adaptors

In the Protocol Fanout Settings page, the user has set up two SRT Listeners. An SRT Listener configuration is telling the cloudSwXtch to listen for any incoming messages from endpoints ready to send/receive SRT data. This method of transmission is considered to be more user-friendly since a user will not have to worry about pointing to a specific IP address. It places the burden of targeting on the endpoint instead.

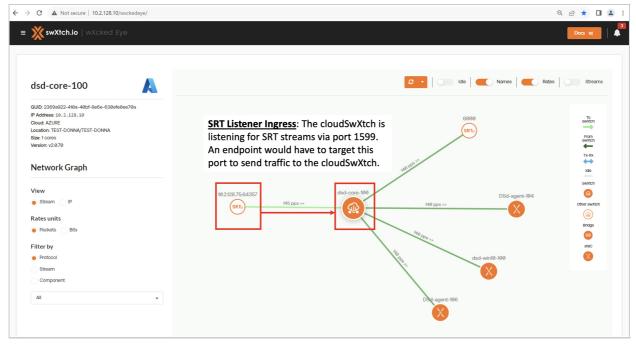


The user has set up SRT Listener for both Egress and Ingress using the Alias assigned earlier: **SRT-Listener -> Multicast 225.1.1.1:1599**. When differentiating between Egress and Ingress, always imagine it from the perspective of the cloudSwXtch:

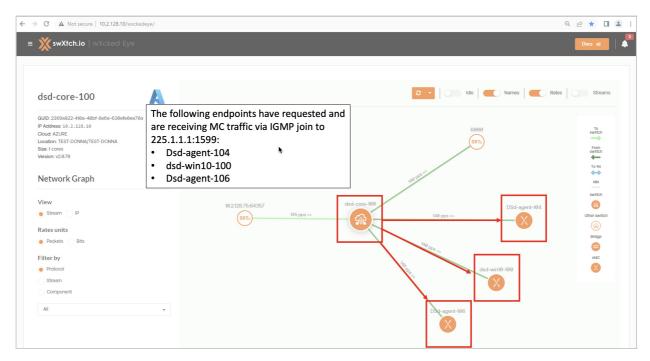
#### **SRT Listener Ingress**

For Ingress, think about the cloudSwXtch Ingesting a stream. The user has set up an SRT Listener Ingress using the SRT-Listener -> Multicast 225.1.1.1:1599 stream with Listener Port 1599. That means that an endpoint will have to target port 1599 to send SRT traffic to the cloudSwXtch. Since it is ingress, the cloudSwXtch will automatically convert the SRT stream it receives into multicast.

Using the Topology in wXcked Eye, you can see how SRT Listener Ingress is set up in relation to the cloudSwXtch below.

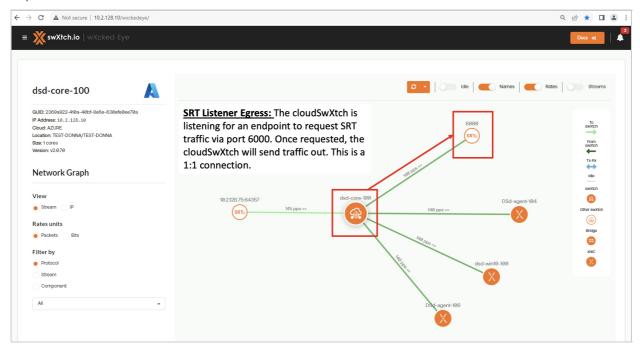


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#### **SRT Listener Egress**

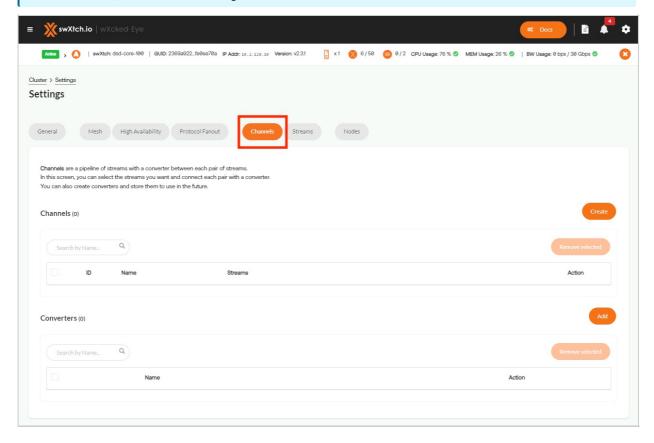
For Egress, imagine the stream **EXITING** the cloudSwXtch (->). In this example, the user has set up SRT Listener Egress using the **SRT-Listener -> Multicast 225.1.1.1:1599** stream and opening Listener Port 6000. That means that an endpoint will have to target port 6000 and let the cloudSwXtch know that it would like to receive SRT traffic. Note that **this is a 1:1 connection**, meaning only one SRT endpoint can use the listener port. In the example below, an endpoint has requested the SRT traffic and the cloudSwXtch is sending it out 140pps via port 6000.



# Channels

## WHAT TO EXPECT

The Channels tab on the Settings page allows users to create and remove channels from wXcked Eye. In addition, users can add and remove converters, which connect streams together to form a Channel.

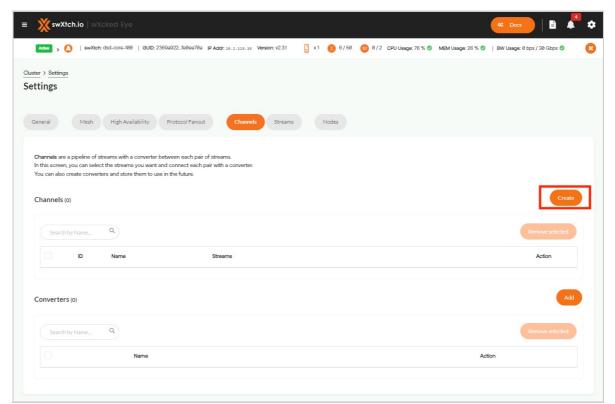


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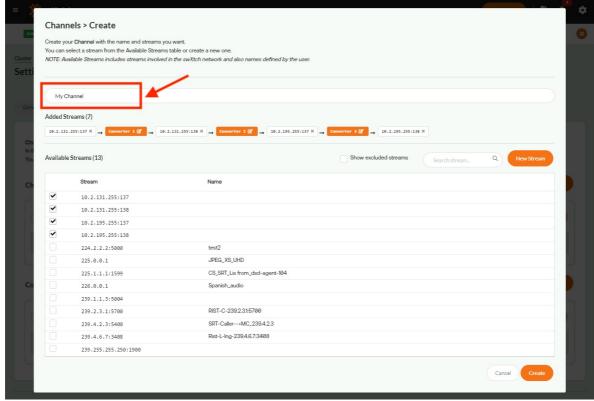
Channels are a pipeline of streams with a converter between each of them. On this page, a user will be able to Create Channels from a list of available streams and note the converters that connect them.

### **Creating Channels**

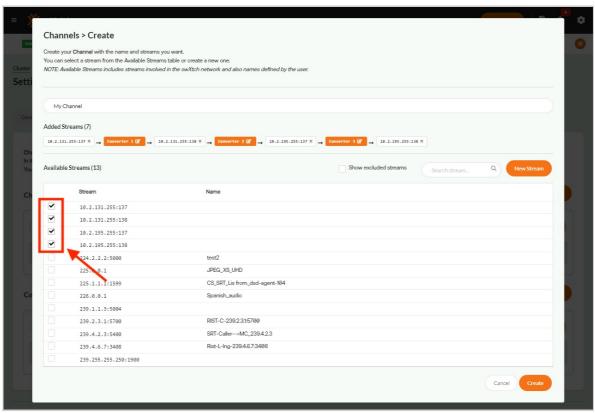
1. Click **Create** above the Channels section. A new window will open.



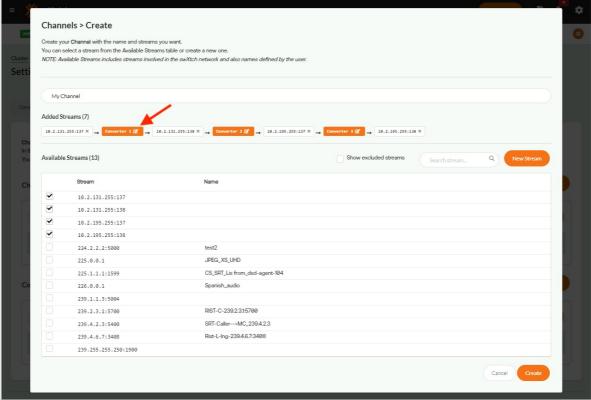
2. Assign a name to your new Channel.



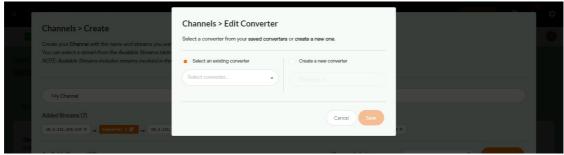
3. Select the streams that you wish to add to the Channel configuration from the Available streams list.



- a. Alternatively, select New Stream to add a new stream to the list. This will open a new window where you can name and assign a color to a Stream IP.
- 4. Edit the converter that links each stream by selecting the notepad by the placeholder.

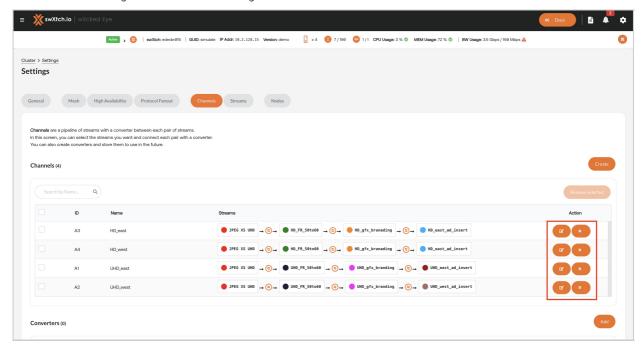


- 5. Select an existing converter from the dropdown menu.
  - a. Alternatively, select Create a new converter and name it.



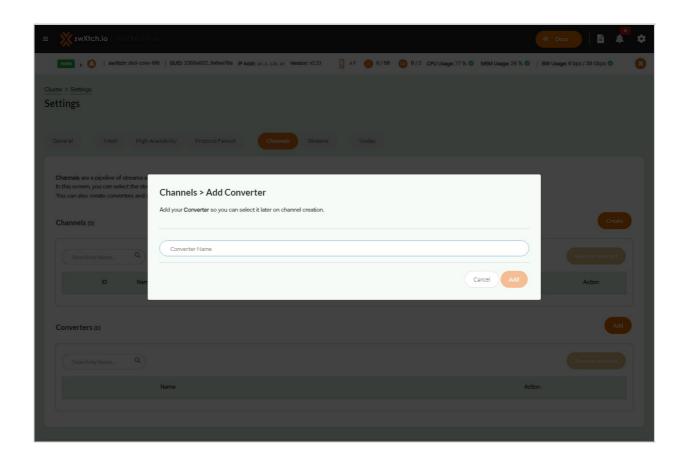
- b. Please note: wXcked Eye does not create these converters. This feature only allows users to name the existing converters in their network that will connect these streams.
- 6. Click Create. A new Channel will appear.

wXcked Eye will automatically assign an ID to the Channel. These channel configurations will carry throughout the UI. Users can edit or remove the channel using the action buttons on the right hand side.

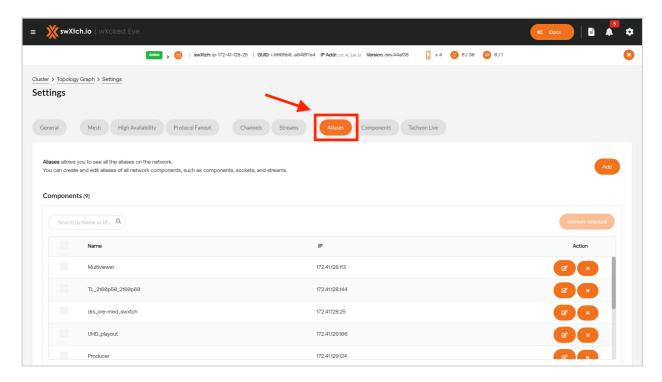


# **Adding Converters**

Users can add a converter by clicking the Add button in the Converter section. A new window will open where users can name existing converters in their network. These can be a range of different transformations, such as Tachyon LIVE. **Please note:** wXcked Eye does not create converters. This feature only allows users to name a placeholder to connect streams visually in the UI.



## **Aliases**



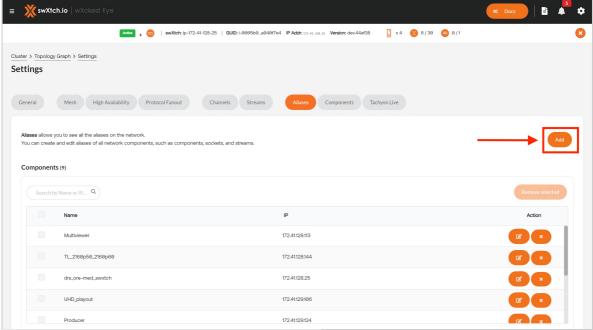
## Assigning an Alias

Aliases are assigned user-friendly names for a component, stream, or socket that will be displayed throughout the wXcked Eye UI. While Components (cloudSwXtches, xNICs and cloudSwXtch Bridges) already display a name assigned for the VM during installation, a user can assign an alias for that component. This new name will appear in the Aliases tab.

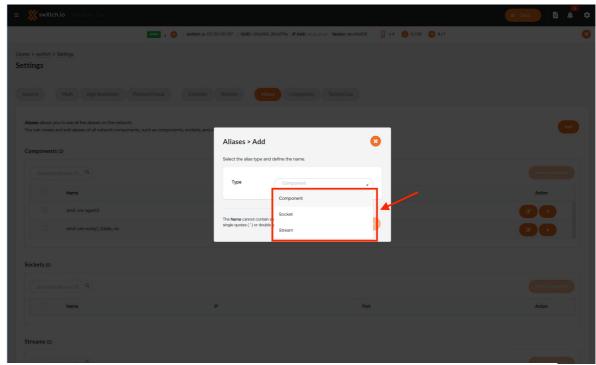
The same goes for Streams and Sockets. If a user changes the name of either, the new name will populate in their respective section in the Aliases tab.

#### Assigning an Alias to a Component, Socket, or Stream

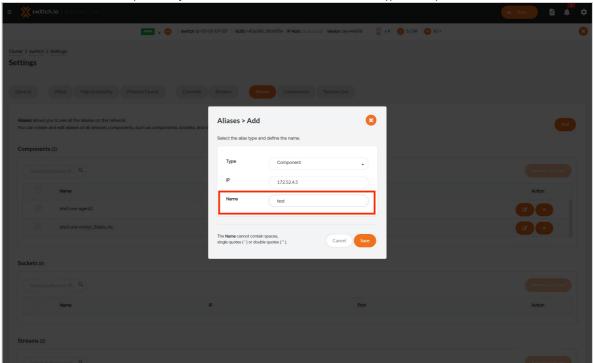
- 1. Go to the Aliases tab on the wXcked Eye Settings page.
- 2. Click on the **Add** button at the top of the page.



3. Select either Component, Socket, or Stream from the dropdown menu.



4. Enter a new Alias into the respective object's Name field. Be mindful that each Alias type will require different information.

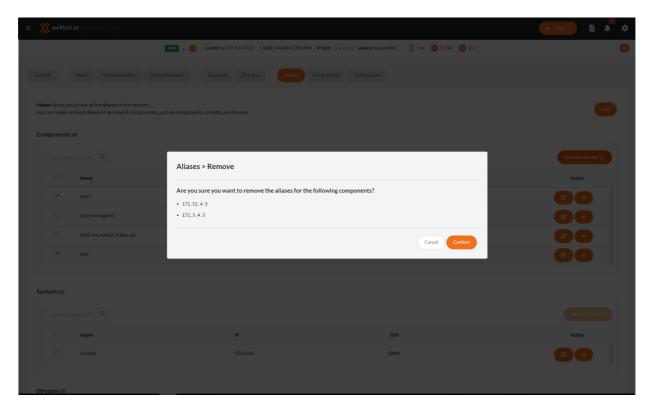


5. Select **Save** at the bottom of the window.

A new Alias should appear in the type's matching section. **Please note**: When assigning an alias to a component or a stream, the object will appear in their respective Settings tab.

### Deleting an Alias

Deleting an Alias will not remove the component, socket or stream from the wXcked Eye UI. It will only remove the assigned name and the listing on the Aliases tab. **To delete**, select the X button next to the item or use the checkbox to select multiple. A prompt will appear, confirming deletion.



### Alternate Ways to Assign an Alias to a Component

In addition to the Aliases tab, there are two additional ways a user can assign an alias for a Component: the **Topology Graph** and the **Settings' Component tab**. Altering the name in either of these pages will result in the addition of the component in the Aliases tab.

#### Alternative #1: Topology Graph

To assign an alias to a component in the Topology Graph:

- 1. Go to the Topology Graph.
- 2. Select one of the nodes in the Topology Graph. This will open the Component Information panel for that node.
- 3. Click the notepad button by the Component's current name. A new window will open.
- 4. Enter an Alias in the Name field.
- 5. Click Save.

The new name will appear in the Topology Graph for that node. It will also now list under Components in the Aliases tab in the wXcked Eye Settings page.

For more information, see the wXcked Eye Topology Graph article.

### Alternative #2: Components Tab

In the Components tab under wXcked Eye's Settings page, swXtch.io related products (cloudSwXtches, xNICs, and cloudSwXtch Bridges) connected to the primary cloudSwXtch you're viewing will automatically populate the Components list. This forms the cloudSwXtch network displayed in the Topology Graph. Each of these existing components will have names assigned during VM creation.

Next to each component in the Components tab, **there is an edit button**. Selecting it will open a new window where a user can assign an Alias for their component. This will change the name of the component in the Topology Graph and add the name in the Aliases tab.

For more information, see Components under Configure cloudSwXtch with wXcked Eye.

## Alternate Ways to Assign an Alias to a Stream

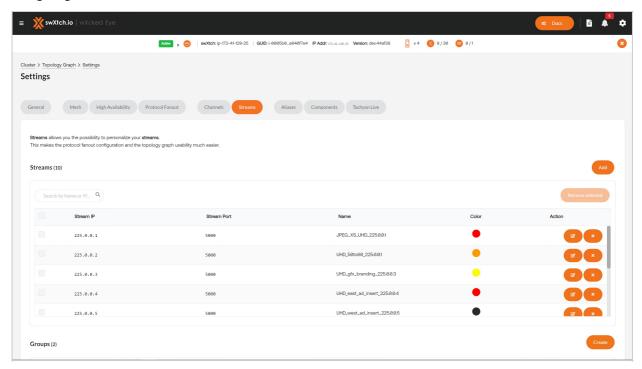
In addition to the Aliases tab, a user can also edit a stream's name in the Streams tab on the wXcked Eye Settings page. Any changes to a stream's name or the creation of a stream name in the Streams tab will result in its appearance in the Aliases tab.

# **Streams**

## WHAT TO EXPECT

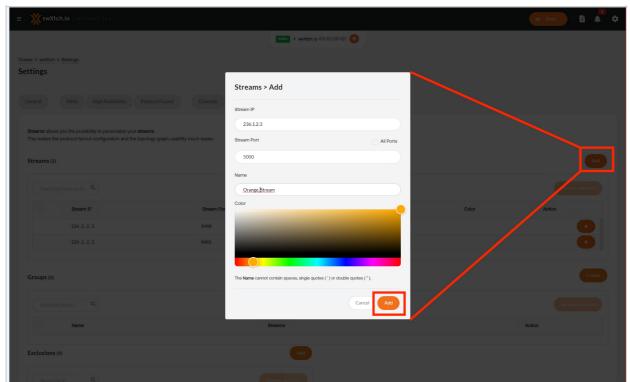
In this article, users will learn how to use the Streams tab under Settings to configure and personalize streams in the wXcked Eye UI.

## Navigating the Streams Tab



The Streams tab allows users to name their Multicast IP addresses and assign them a color. This enables users to readily distinguish between different streams in the Topology Graph. In addition, this creates a shortcut for users in dropdown menus throughout the Protocol Fanout tab, allowing them to easily differentiate between multiple streams.

# Adding a Stream



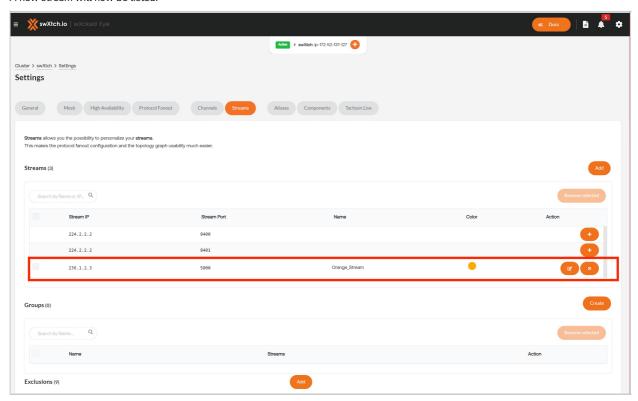
#### To add a stream:

1. Click the Add button at the top of the Streams section. A new window will open.

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- 2. Enter the Stream IP and Stream Port.
- 3. Assign the stream a name and color.
- 4. Select Save.

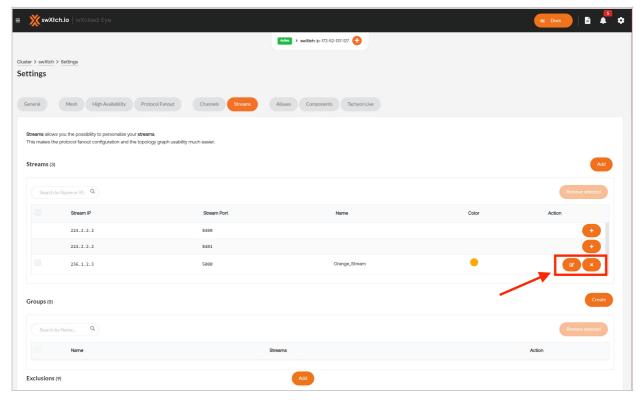
A new stream will now be listed.



Please note: While the new stream is listed, it will not appear in the Topology Graph unless the cloudSwXtch detects it. However, once the cloudSwXtch connects with the stream, wXcked Eye will assign it the user-designated name and color and display it in the Topology Graph. For example, in the image above, streams 224.2.2.2:5400 and 224.2.2.2:5401 were detected by the cloudSwXtch but are not yet assigned a name or color.

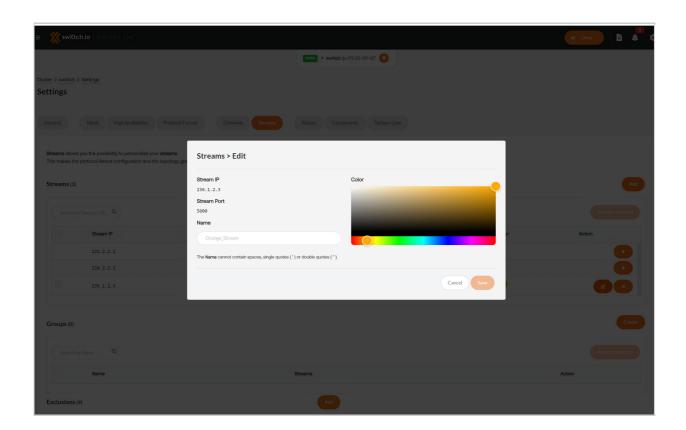
### Editing and Deleting A Stream Name

Under the Action column, users can edit or delete their stream's name from their Streams list.

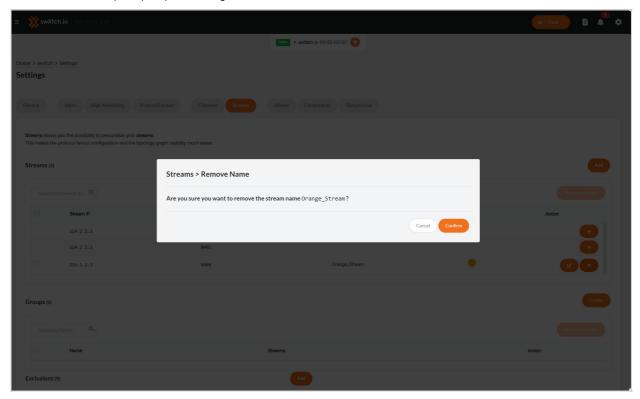


Editing the stream will open a new window where the stream's name and color can be altered. You cannot edit Stream IP or Stream Port.

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he Delete button will open a prompt, confirming the stream's name deletion.



**Please note**: This will only delete the Stream's name and color designation from the wXcked Eye UI. If the cloudSwXtch still detects the stream, it will still be listed under Streams.

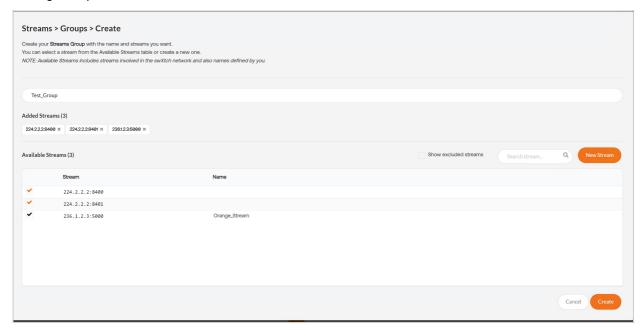
## Groups

Further down the page under Groups, users can assign a number of streams a group designation so that they appear highlighted together in the Topology Graph. In the example below, the user created two groups, UHD and HD.



This would help them distinguish between different "types" of streams in the Topology Graph, highlighting ones only belonging to their assigned group.

### Creating a Group



#### To create a Group:

- 1. Click the Create button at the top of the Groups section on the page. A new window will open.
- 2. Assign the streams group a name.
- 3. Select the streams you will like to add to the Group.
  - a. You can also add a New Stream to the Available Streams list directly in the window. You will follow the same prompts as the Streams tab.
- 4. Click Create.

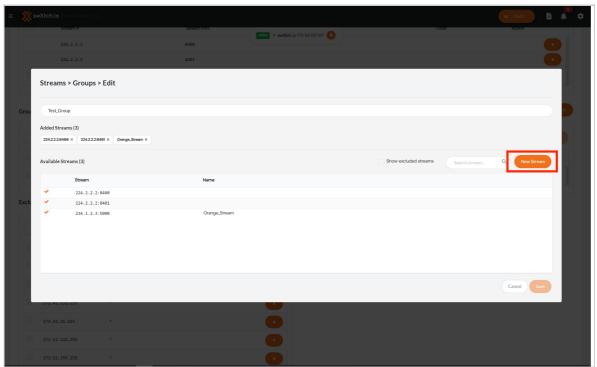
A new group will appear in your Groups list.

### **Editing and Deleting a Group**

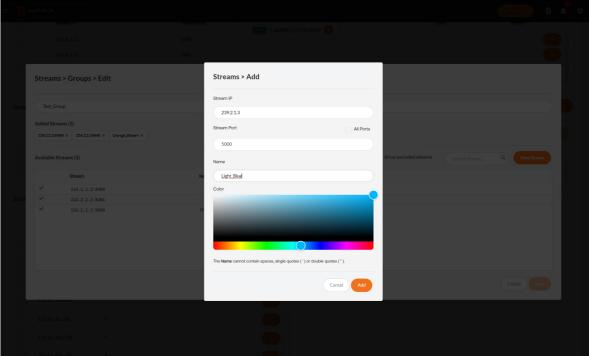
Under the Action column, users can edit or delete their groups from their Groups list. Editing a group will open a new window where they can add and remove streams or rename the Streams Group.

If a stream is now in the Available Streams list, the user can do the following to add a New Stream:

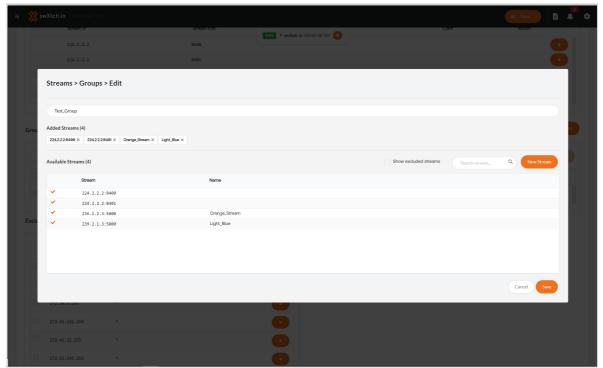
 $1. \ \ Select \ New \ Stream \ in the \ Create \ or \ Edit \ Group \ window. \ A \ new \ window \ will \ open, \ requesting \ information.$ 



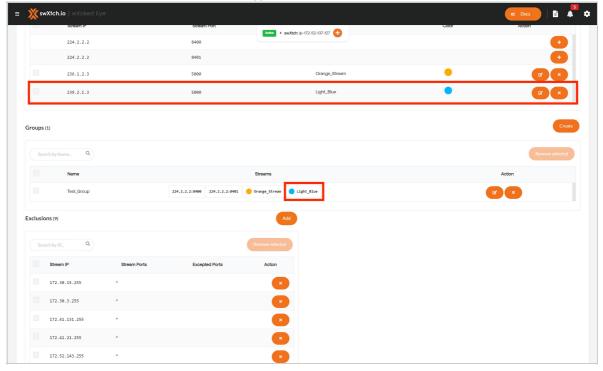
2. Add the Stream IP, Stream Port, Name and Color of the stream.



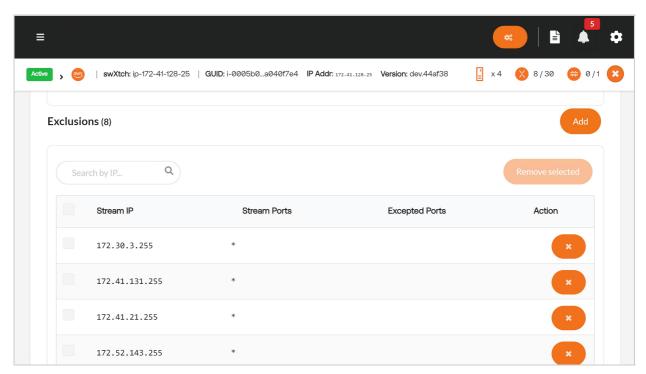
3. Click Add. A new stream will be available to add to the Streams Group.



4. Click Save to confirm edits. The New Stream will now appear in the Streams list.

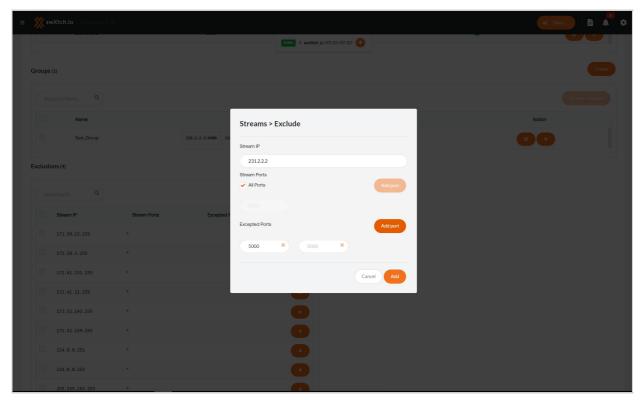


### **Exclusions**



The Streams tab includes the functionality to exclude streams from all monitoring related activities in wXcked Eye and swXtch-top. This is especially beneficial for users who use external software to generate additional streams that don't want them included when monitoring packet and data flow through the cloudSwXtch.

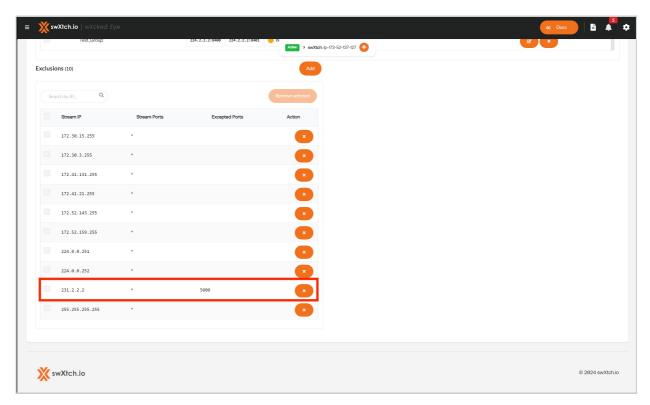
#### Adding an Exclusion



### To add an exclusion:

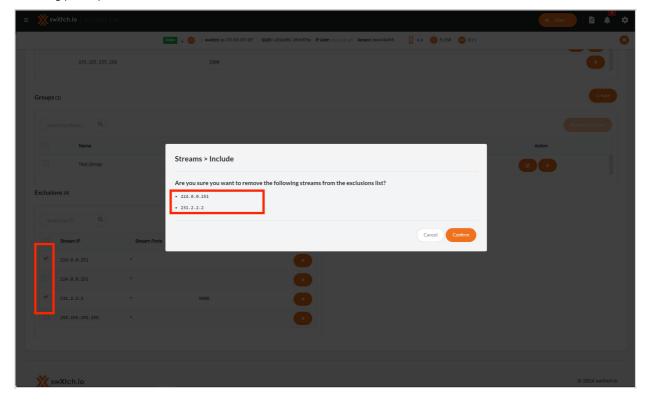
- 1. Click the Add button at the top of the Exclusions section of the Streams page. A new window will open.
- 2. Enter the Stream IP. You can also specify all or some ports.
  - a. You can also specify Excepted Ports where streams coming in from those ports are allowed.
- 3. Click Add.

A new stream should appear in the Exclusions list.



## **Deleting an Exclusion**

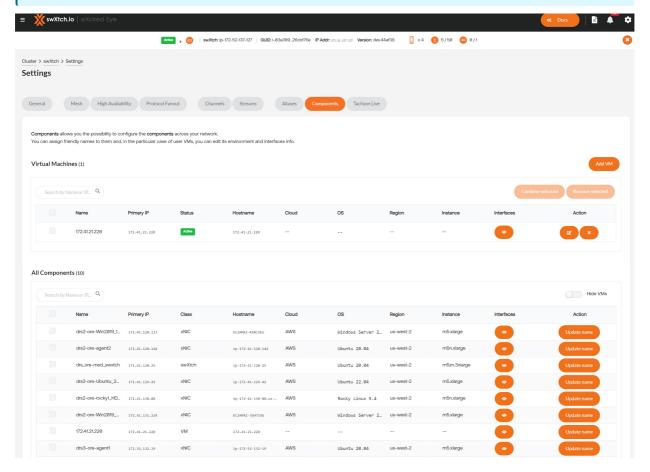
To delete an exclusion, click the X action button to the right of the listed stream OR select multiple streams. A prompt will appear, confirming your request.



# Components

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how the Components tab under Settings allows them to edit the description of nodes in the Topology graph. In addition, users will learn how to merge two VM components, or interfaces, as a single VM.



### Introduction

The Components tab under the Settings page in wXcked Eye lists all of the virtual machines displayed in the Topology graph. It is separated into two sections: Virtual Machines and Components.

## Virtual Machines

The Virtual Machines section is designated for VMs without an xNIC installed. Here, users can manually populate information for these non-xNIC VMs, such as the name, Primary IP, hostname, cloud provider, the operating system, the region, and the instance type.

## Components

The Components section is a inclusive list of all VMs associated with the cloudSwXtch (cloudSwXtches, xNICs and cloudSwXtch Bridges). In addition, active VMs without an xNIC are also listed.

Here, users can manually populate information for virtual machines without an xNIC installed and update the name of components in a cloudSwXtch network (cloudSwXtches, xNICs and cloudSwXtch Bridges.)

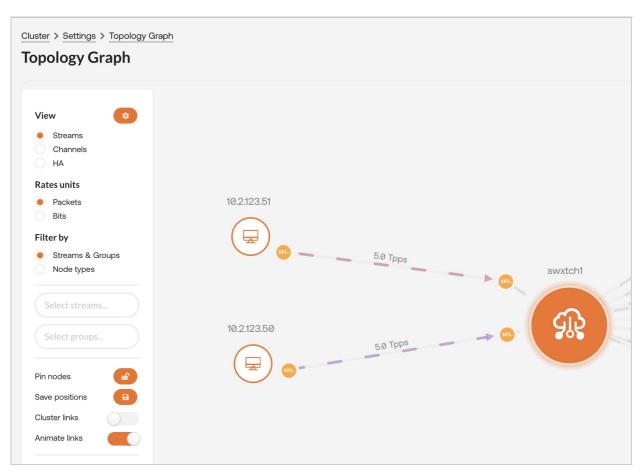
### **Updating Component Information**

To update a component's information, select Update Name underneath the **Action** column. This will open a new page where users can enter information pertaining to the VM's environment. These fields do not automatically populate when adding a VM to a cloudSwXtch network and will need to be filled manually.

Please note: You can also edit the component's information directly in the Topology Graph.

### Merging Interfaces into a Single VM

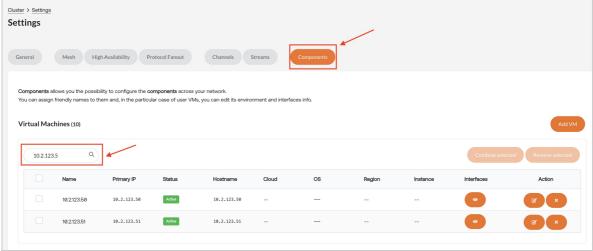
Since wXcked Eye cannot distinguish between interfaces from a single VM, it ends up duplicating the virtual machine in the topology graph. The Component page allows user to select these duplicated VMs and merge them into a single node. This will display traffic as going to and from the VM.



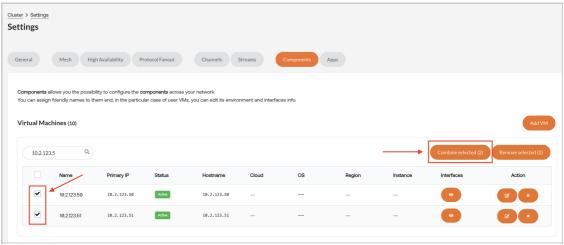
In this example, there are two different virtual machines displayed as separate nodes in the Topology Graph (10.2.123.50 and 10.2.123.51). However, they are actually the same virtual machine, just different interfaces with separate IPs. This is something that only a user will know.

To merge the interfaces into a single VM, users can follow these next steps:

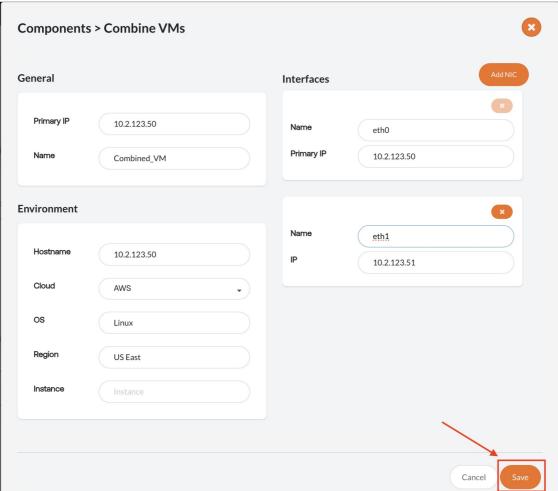
- 1. Go to the **Components** tab under the **wXcked Eye Settings** page.
- 2. Search for the IP addresses of the interfaces that you would like to merge.



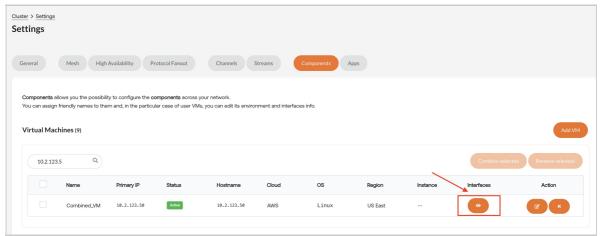
- 3. Select the two interfaces and click **Combine selected**.
  - a. This will open a new page where you can set the information for the combined VM.



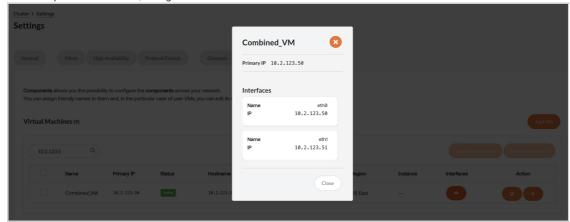
- 4. Under **General**, set the combined VM's **Primary IP address** and assign the VM a name. This will be used in the Topology graph. It is recommended to select a name that explicitly indicates that this VM has two separate interface.
- 5. Add information regarding the VM's environment.
- 6. Under Interfaces, assign a **name** to each of the two selected interfaces.
- 7. Click Save.
  - a. The two VMs should now be merged into one with the primary interface IP set.



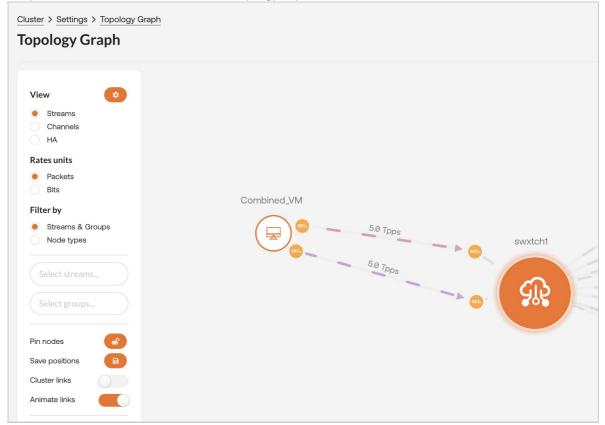
8. Confirm the merge by selecting the **eye icon under Interfaces**.



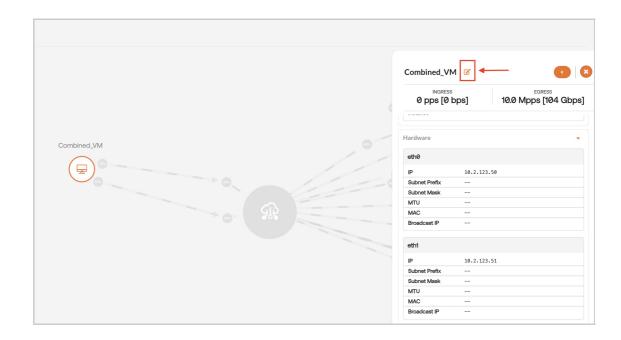
a. This will open a new window, listing the VM's interfaces.



9. Verify that the new combined node is visible in the Topology Graph.



a. You can also see the component's information by highlighting the node. Editing is also available and will update the node's information across the wXcked Eye UI.



# Configuring cloudSwXtch for HA

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the specific commands they can use to configure the cloudSwXtch for high availability. However, it is the **preferred** method for users to configure the cloudSwXtch for high availability via wXcked Eye.

For more information, see High Availability with wXcked Eye.

## Configuring cloudSwXtch for High Availability

For High Availability to work, the cloudSwXtch must be configured. This allows for the system to know the paths through user naming and ultimately enables HA views in swXtch-top. In this section, we will review the various HA commands available to the user for a successful high availability configuration.

Users can also configure High Availability for the cloudSwXtch in wXcked Eye. That is the preferred method. For more information, see High Availability with wXcked Eye.

### **HA Help**

To get a list of the HA commands, use -h or --help as shown below.

#### NOTE

The default port in which the cloudSwXtch listens for these swx configuration commands is port 80. You can safely omit the port in the "-s" parameter since 80 will be used. Do not use port 10802 (the one used in the config file), as it is intended for xNIC communications only. It will not work for swx commands.

### **HA Create**

To create or update an HA cluster, a **HAconfig.json** file must exist. Note that the IP is for the control plane. The following shows the format:

If there are multiple cloudSwXtches in a path then the last cloudSwXtch added will have the IP address in the configuration. The rest of the cloudSwXtches do not need to be listed.

The -h and --help commands will show the syntax for the "swx ha create" command.

```
PS C:\Users\testadmin> swx ha create -h
Create or Update the HA cluster of swxtches using a config file

Usage:
    swx ha create [flags]

Flags:
    -h, --help help for create
    -i, --input string JSON input file

Global Flags:
    -s, --service-host-address string Host swxtch address in the form <host>[:port]
    -d, --show-error show-error - display additional information for error messages.
```

Below is the command:

```
Bash

Swx ha create -i <path_to_config> -s <cloudSwXtch_IP>

Swx ha create -i <path_to_config> -s <cloudSwXtch_IP>
```

### **HA Destroy**

To remove a cloudSwXtch from the High Availability flow, the "ha destroy" command can be used. The -h and --help commands will show the syntax for the "swx ha destroy" command.

Below is the command to leave:

```
PS C:\Users\testadmin> swx ha destroy -s <swxtch name or control data ip of a cloudSwXtch in the HA configuration>
```

Example:

```
Bash

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PS C:\Users\testadmin> swx ha destroy -s cloudswxtch101

Validating cluster deletion.

Successfully deleted the cluster.
```

#### Removing a cloudSwXtch from an HA configuration

To remove a cloudSwXtch from a user's HA configuration, they will need to delete and recreate their HA cluster without that cloudSwXtch.

#### **HA Show**

To get a list of cloudSwXtches part of the HA flow, the "ha show" command can be used. The -h and --help commands will show the syntax for the "swx ha show" command.

Below is the command to list:

```
Bash

swx ha show -s <swxtch name or control data IP of a cloudSwXtch in the HA configuration>
```

Example below:

 $swxtch-top\ has\ options\ for\ High\ Availability.\ For\ more\ information,\ see\ the\ swxtch-top\ article.$ 

# Configuring xNIC on Endpoints for HA

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn the various ways xNICs at their endpoints can be configured for high availability. While they can do it manually below, it is **recommended** to configure High Availability via the <u>wXcked Eye Topology Graph</u>.

- Single Multicast Group
- Multiple Multicast Group
- Source Specific Multiple Multicast
- Multi-VPC/Data NIC Support

Note: Reinstalling the xNIC will re-write configuration files to their original state, undoing any of the above configurations.

# Configuring xNIC for High Availability

After a user sets up their cloudSwXtch for High Availability, the xNIC will automatically configure itself to receive and/or send HA traffic for a single multicast group. Users can confirm high availability has been configured by viewing the JSON file in the VM where their xNIC resides.



#### Single Multicast Group

An example of the **xnic.json** file is shown below. Note the **ha section** has been added.

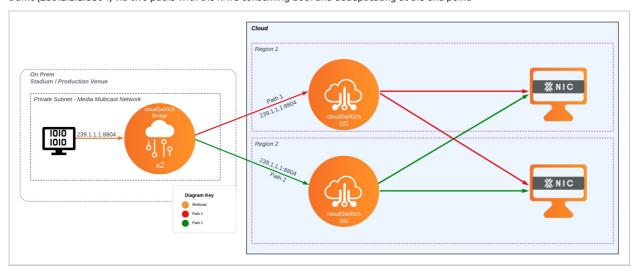
```
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    "swxtch": "10.2.128.10",
   "controlInterface": "Ethernet 2",
   "dataInterface": "Ethernet",
   "dataPort": 9999,
   "xnicTvpe": 2.
   "dataPlaneSpecs": {
       "verbosity": 0,
       "virtualInterface": {
           "name": "swxtch-tun0",
           "ip": "172.30.0.0",
           "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
           "mtu": 4096
        "bpfPrograms": [
    "ha": {
       "enable": true,
       "protocol": "rtp",
       "deduplication": {
           "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50.
           "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072
      "overrideSrcIp": false,
      "statsReportWait": 60.
     "subscriptionsPollingIntervalMs": 100
```

#### ha Section Explained

The ha section exposes variables that can alter the behavior of the hitless switching code. The values for MaxTimeToBufferPackets\_ms and BufferSizeInPackets in the example are good, suggested values; however, they can be tweaked to meet desired high availability requirements.

- enable: If set to true, the xNIC will join the HA cluster when configured. The data and control traffic will start flowing to/from cloudSwXtches in the HA cluster. If set to false, the xNIC will ignore the HA cluster and continue operating only with its primary cloudSwXtch. The default is true as it is the most common use case.
- Protocol- how to parse the packet. The available options are swxtch or rtp.
  - swxtch = This can be used when the xNIC is duplicating or deduplicating the multicast. The xNIC will reconstruct based on the sequence count inside the cloudSwXtch packet header.
  - rtp = This should be used when processing RTP packets sent from a non-xNIC source. The xNIC will reconstruct based on the RTP timestamp information for Real-time Transport Protocol.
- **deduplication**: This is only valid if "enable" is set to true. When this field is populated with the following values, the data plane will turn on HA and de-duplicate traffic from the HA cluster. If set to null or non-existent, it will receive all traffic from the HA cluster, allowing users to deduplicate using their own application.
  - MaxTimeToBufferPackets\_ms how long to buffer packets before declaring it as lost.
  - BufferSizeInPackets- the max number of packets that can be buffered.
- subscriptionsPollingIntervalMs: Time in milliseconds to buffer and wait for reordered/delayed packets. Default: ~100ms

Below is an example of what a single multicast group configuration might look like. In this example, a user is sending the same multicast traffic (239.1.1.1:8804) via two paths with the xNIC consuming both and deduplicating at the end point.

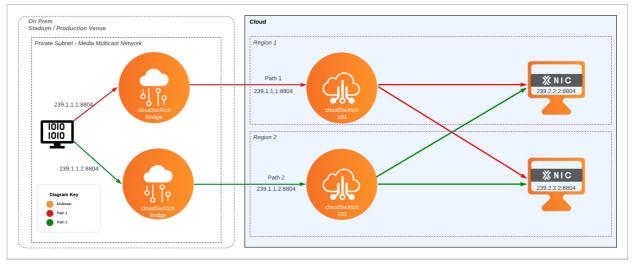


#### Multiple Multicast for xNIC

## Important Rules

- Protocol for Multiple Multicast (MMC) must be set to rtp.
- $\bullet~$  For MMC on a producer, the xNIC must be Type 1.
- If the producer is set to true, then it must be set to Type 1 even if you're just consuming.
- Multiple NICs are currently not supported for Ingress Windows Type 2.

If a user wants to set up for Multiple Multicast groups, they will need to manually configure the **xnic.json** file. Below is an example of what a multiple multicast group configuration might look like:



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In this example, you have two paths with the same multicast traffic with different IP addresses. Path 1 is 239.1.1.1 while Path 2 is 239.1.1.2. The application at the end point is listening to 239.2.2.2, which is grouping together Path 1 and Path 2. The xNIC at the end point is tasked with deduplication.

A sample **xnic.json** file of the diagram is shown below with a "streamSpecs" section added.

#### Note that the following rules apply to this json file:

- The xnicType is set to 2 but could also be 1. It has to be set to 1 if the VM is for a producer.
- In the HA section, the protocol is set to rtp.

```
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  "swxtch": "10.2.128.10",
  "controlInterface": "Ethernet 2",
  "dataInterface": "Ethernet",
  "dataPort": 9999,
  "xnicType": 2,
  "dataPlaneSpecs": {
      "verbosity": 0,
      "virtualInterface": {
          "name": "swxtch-tun0",
          "ip": "172.30.0.0",
          "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
          "mtu": 4096
      "bpfPrograms": [
  "ha": {
      "enable": true,
      "protocol": "rtp",
      "deduplication": {
          "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50,
          "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072
     }
  "streamSpecs": {
    "mmcProducerEnable": false,
    "multipleMulticastGroups": {
        "239.2.2.2:8804": {
            "pathStreams": [
                    "stream": "239.1.1.1:8804"
                    "stream": "239.1.1.2:8804"
            ]
       }
   }
"overrideSrcIp": false,
"statsReportWait": 60,
"subscriptionsPollingIntervalMs": 100
```

Here, the user is grouping together 2 multicast IPs (239.1.1.1 and 239.1.1.2) and assigning it a multicast group IP address (239.2.2.2). The application at the endpoint is listening for 239.2.2.2, which the xNIC will deduplicate into a stream from 239.1.1.1 and 239.1.1.2. This was illustrated in the diagram above.

Please note: At this time, the ports for the multicast group and the path streams must be the same.

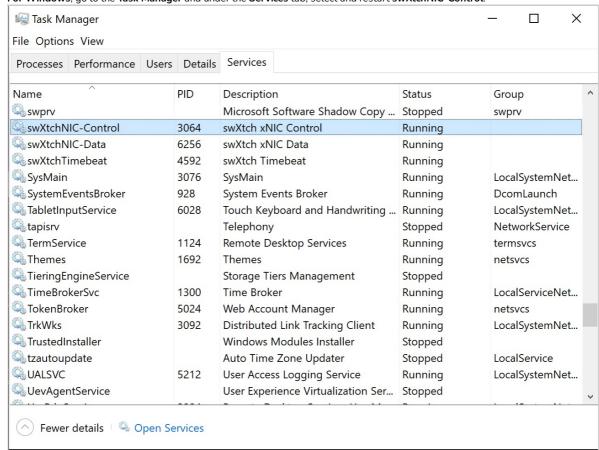
# How to update xnic.json file for Multiple Multicast Groups

The user will have to make the following changes to their **xnic.json** file found in the single multicast group configuration to match the example above. These alterations to the xnic.json file should happen after Configuring the cloudSwXtch for High Availability.

- 1. The default xNIC Type is set to 2. Change the xNIC type to 1 if following conditions are true:
  - a. if the VM is a producer
  - b. OR if the VM is a Windows machine with multiple data NICs. For more information about multiple data NICs, see here.
- 2. Change the protocol under ha from "swxtch" to "rtp" including the quotation marks.
- 3. For each multicast group, add the following "streamSpecs" section as shown below with your stream data. If the VM is a producer, set mmcProducerEnable to true. Note: A user can enter multiple multicast groups.

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- 3. Save the xnic.json file.
- 4. Restart the swXtch-NIC Control service.
  - For Windows, go to the Task Manager and under the Services tab, select and restart swXtchNIC-Control.



• For Linux, use the following command:

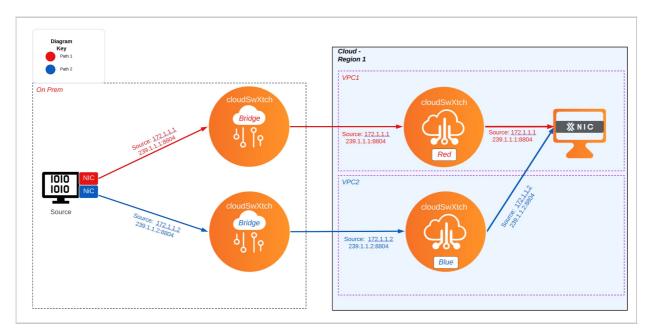
Bash Copy
sudo systemctl restart swxtch-xnic-control

#### Source Specific Multiple Multicast

## Important Rules

- Protocol for Source Specific Multiple Multicast must be set to rtp.
- For Source Specific Multiple Multicast on a producer, the xNIC must be Type 1.
- If the producer is set to true, then it must be set to Type 1 even if you're just consuming.

If a user wants to set up Source Specific Multiple Multicast groups, they will need to manually configure the **xnic.json** file. Below is an example of what a source specific multiple multicast group configuration might look like:



In this example, you have two paths with the same multicast traffic with different multicast IP addresses along with their sources. Path 1 is 239.1.1.1 with a source of 172.1.1.1 while Path 2 is 239.1.1.2 with a source of 172.1.1.2. The application at the end point is listening to 239.2.2.2, which is grouping together Path 1 and Path 2. The xNIC at the end point is tasked with deduplication.

#### Producer

A sample <u>producer</u> xnic.json file of the diagram is shown below with a "streamSpecs" section added. Note that the following rules apply to this producer json file:

- The **xnicType** is set to 1.
- In the HA section, the **protocol** is set to **rtp**.
- In the streamSpecs section, there there is no source specified since it is a producer.

```
PowerShell
                                                                                                                                     Сору
 "swxtch": "172.41.128.25",
 "controlInterface": "ens5",
  "dataInterface": "ens6",
  "dataPort": 9999,
  "xnicType": 1,
  "xnicRpcPort": 10002,
  "dataPlaneSpecs": {
    "verbosity": 0,
    "virtualInterface": {
      "type": "tun",
      "name": "swxtch-tun0",
      "ip": "172.30.0.0",
     "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
      "mtu": 4096
    "bpfPrograms": [
       "name": "tc-ingress",
        "interface": "ens6"
        "attachPoint": "BPF_TC_INGRESS"
        "name": "tc-egress",
        "interface": "ens6",
       "attachPoint": "BPF_TC_EGRESS"
        "name": "tc-forwarder",
       "interface": "ens5",
       "attachPoint": "BPF_TC_EGRESS"
       "name": "tc-forwarder",
       "interface": "ens7",
       "attachPoint": "BPF_TC_EGRESS"
 },
"ha": {
        "enable": true,
        "protocol": "rtp",
        "deduplication": {
            "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50,
            "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072
    "streamSpecs": {
      "mmcProducerEnable": true.
      "multipleMulticastGroups": {
          "224.2.2.2:8400": {
              "pathStreams": [
                      "stream": "224.2.2.3:8400"
                      "stream": "224.2.2.4:8400"
         }
     }
  "overrideSrcIp": false,
 "statsReportWait": 60,
  "subscriptionsPollingIntervalMs": 100
```

## Consumer

A sample <u>consumer</u> **xnic.json** file of the diagram is shown below with a "streamSpecs" section added.

#### Note that the following rules apply to this consumer json file:

- The xnicType is set to 2 but should be 1 if the VM is a Windows machine with multiple data NICs. For more information about multiple data NICs, see here.
- In the HA section, the protocol is set to rtp.
- In the streamSpecs section, there is a source specified since it is a consumer.

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```
Сору
 "swxtch": "172.41.128.25",
 "controlInterface": "Ethernet 3",
 "dataInterface": "Ethernet 4",
 "dataPort": 9999,
 "xnicType": 2,
 "xnicRpcPort": 10002,
  "dataPlaneSpecs":
      "verbosity": 0,
     "virtualInterface": {
          "type": "tun",
         "name": "swxtch-tun0",
         "ip": "172.30.0.0",
         "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
         "mtu": 4096
    "ha": {
     "enable": true,
     "protocol": "rtp",
      "deduplication": {
         "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50,
         "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072
"streamSpecs": {
  "mmcProducerEnable": false,
  "multipleMulticastGroups": {
     "239.2.2.2:8400": {
         "overrideSourceIp": "172.1.1.1",
         "pathStreams": [
                  "stream": "239.1.1.1:8400",
                  "ssm": {
                      "filter": "include",
                      "srcList": [
                          "172.1.1.1"
                 }
                  "stream": "239.1.1.2:8400",
                  "ssm": {
                      "filter": "include",
                      "srcList": [
                          "172.1.1.2"
                 }
             }
        ]
   }
  "overrideSrcIp": false,
  "statsReportWait": 60.
 "subscriptionsPollingIntervalMs":100
```

Here, you have two paths with the same multicast traffic with different multicast IP addresses along with their sources. Path 1 is 239.1.1.1 with a source of 172.1.1.1 while Path 2 is 239.1.1.2 with a source of 172.1.1.2. The application at the end point is listening to 239.2.2.2, which is grouping together Path 1 and Path 2. The xNIC at the end point is tasked with deduplication.

Please note: At this time, the ports for the multicast group and the path streams must be the same.

#### How to update xnic.json file for Source Specific Multiple Multicast Groups

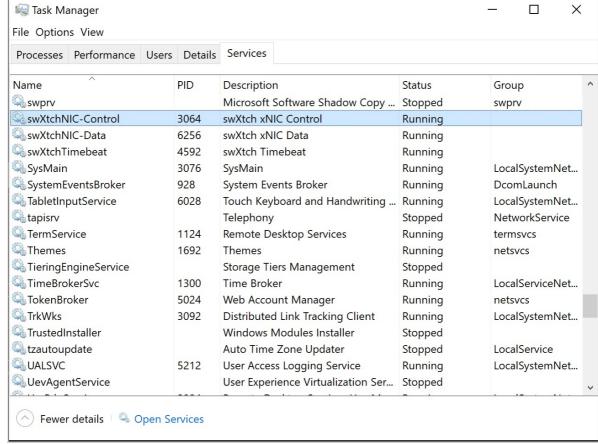
The user will have to make the following changes to their **xnic.json** file found in the single multicast group configuration to match the example above. These alterations to the xnic.json file should happen after Configuring the cloudSwXtch for High Availability.

- 1. Change the xNIC type to 1 if the VM is a producer OR if is a Windows machine with multiple data NICs. For more information about multiple data NICs, see here.
- 2. Change the protocol under ha from "swxtch" to "rtp" including the quotation marks.
- 3. **Insert the following after the HA section.** Then, for each additional multiple multicast group, add a new multiple multicast set. If the VM is a producer, set mmcProducerEnable to true.

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```
Сору
"streamSpecs": {
   "mmcProducerEnable": false,
   "multipleMulticastGroups": {
        "239.2.2.2:8400": {
            "overrideSourceIp": "172.1.1.1",
            "pathStreams": [
                    "stream": "239.1.1.1:8400",
                        "filter": "include",
                        "srcList": [
                            "172.1.1.1"
                    "stream": "239.1.1.2:8400",
                        "filter": "include",
                        "srcList": [
                            "172.1.1.2"
               }
```

- 3. Save the xnic.json file.
- 4. Restart the swXtch-NIC Control service.
  - For Windows, go to the Task Manager and under the Services tab, select and restart swXtchNIC-Control.



• For Linux, use the following command:

Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-xnic-control

How to update xnic.json file to Disable Deduplication at the Consumer

Some users may want to disable deduplication by the xNIC in favor of their own application. To do this, navigate to the xnic.json file and add "null" after the deduplication flag, removing the bracketed maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs and bufferSizeInPackets, as seen in the example below:

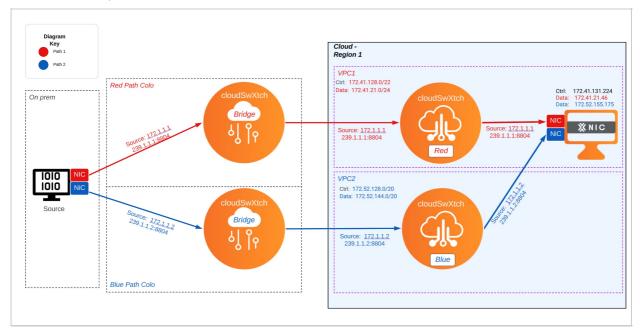
```
PowerShell

"ha": {
    "enable": true,
    "protocol": "rtp",
    "deduplication": null
},
```

This will inform the xNIC at the consumer VM, receiving traffic from the HA cluster, to not deduplicate the streams. The user can now apply their own application to deduplicate the traffic if they so wish.

## Multiple VPC/Data NIC Support

swXtch.io supports multiple VPC/Data NICs for network isolation across two or more paths. In the example below, you have two data NICs for red and blue paths.



The NICs can belong to either the same VPC or entirely different ones. For better data isolation, it is recommended to have each path flow through different VPCs so that if one complete VPC goes down, traffic will still flow via the other. Another benefit is that since the NIC is part of path/region, no peering is required between VPCs.

#### AWS Multi-VPC ENI Attachments Explained

For a detailed description of multi-VPC ENI attachments on AWS, see their documentation here: <a href="https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2023/10/multi-vpc-eni-attachments/">https://aws.amazon.com/about-aws/whats-new/2023/10/multi-vpc-eni-attachments/</a>

#### Multiple VPC/Data NIC Rules

The following rules apply for Multiple VPC/Data NIC on xNIC:

- 1. For Multiple VPC/Data NICs on a producer, the xNIC must be Type 1.
- 2. If the xNIC is the producer, then single multicast group is supported.
- 3. Windows consumer must be set to Type 1.

For rules regarding a specific high availability configuration, see the corresponding section:

- Multiple Multicast
- Source Specific Multiple Multicast

# Configuring cloudSwXtch Bridge for HA

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to configure Bridge 2 and 3 for High Availability.

# Configuring cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 2 and 3 for High Availability

After a user sets up their cloudSwXtch for High Availability, the cloudSwXtch Bridge will automatically configure itself to receive and/or send HA traffic for a single multicast group. Users can confirm high availability has been configured by viewing the swxtch-bridge.json file in the VM where their cloudSwXtch Bridge resides.

Reminder: A cloudSwXtch Bridge can only exist on a Linux machine.

## Where to Find the Bridge JSON File

To configure the cloudSwXtch Bridge for high availability streams, the swxtch-bridge.json file needs to be updated. See where to locate them below:

#### Linux:

The file can be found in /var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-bridge.json. To edit the file, use nano as shown below:

Bash

sudo nano /var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-bridge.json

## Single Multicast Group

An example of the swxtch-bridge.json file is shown below. Note the ha section has been added. While it may look similar to the xnic.json file, there are a number of differences. One noteworthy addition is the "producer" and "consumer" fields in the ha section.

```
Сору
"swxtch": "10.2.128.10",
"controlInterface": "Ethernet 2",
"dataInterface": "Ethernet",
"dataPort": 9999,
"xnicType": 2,
"dataPlaneSpecs": {
     "verbosity": 0,
    "virtualInterface": {
        "name": "swxtch-tun0",
        "ip": "172.30.0.0",
        "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
        "mtu": 4096
"ha": {
    "producer" : false,
   "consumer": false,
    "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50,
    "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072,
    "protocol": "swxtch'
"statsReportWait": 60
```

It is important to imagine configuration from the perspective of the cloudSwXtch Bridge. At default, both the producer and consumer is set to false. Switching either to true will change the direction of the high availability.

- If the producer is set to true, the cloudSwXtch Bridge is producing duplicate streams taken from on-prem applications and sending to cloudSwXtches in the cloud.
- If the consumer is set to true, the cloudSwXtch Bridge is receiving duplicate streams from the cloud. However, unlike the xNIC, it does not do the deduplication and will send both streams to the on-prem applications.

Whether it is producer or consumer, one of them has to be set to true in order to activate high availability via the cloudSwXtch Bridge.

Once a selection has been made, a user must restart the cloudSwXtch Bridge control service by running the following command:

# Bridge Type 3:

```
Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-bridge3-ctrl
```

# Bridge Type 2:

```
Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-bridge2.service
```

#### Multiple Multicast for cloudSwXtch Bridge

If a user wants to set up Multiple Multicast groups for cloudSwXtch Bridge, they will need to manually configure the **swxtch-bridge.json** file by changing the protocol under ha to "rtp" and adding the "streamSpecs" section. This process is similar to configuring the xNIC for multiple multicast groups.

How to update swxtch-bridge.json file for Multiple Multicast Groups:

The user will have to make the following changes to their **swxtch-bridge.json** file found in the single multicast group configuration to match the example above. These alterations to the swxtch-bridge.json file should happen after Configuring the cloudSwXtch for High Availability.

- 1. Change the protocol under ha from "swxtch" to "rtp" including the quotation marks.
- 2. For each multicast group, add the following "streamSpecs" section as shown below with your parent and children groups listed. Note: A user can enter multiple multicast groups.

- 3. Save the **swxtch-bridge.json** file.
- 4. Restart the cloudSwXtch Bridge control service by running the following command in Linux:

## Bridge 3

```
Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-bridge3-ctrl
```

## Bridge 2

```
Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-bridge2.service
```

# swXtchBridge

# Configuring swXtchBridge Interfaces

By default, swXtchBridge installation will attempt to resolve the interface that is routable to the cloudSwXtch. However, if a user would like to do this manually, the swXtchBridge can be configured in one of two ways:

- For hairpin forwarding on a single interface
- For bridge in the middle redirection between **two** interfaces

This section will go into the changes a user would have to make to the swXtchBridge JSON configuration file to apply the above methods.

#### Where to Find swXtchBridge Configuration Files

The location of the swXtchBridge JSON file is /var/opt/swxtch-bridge-cfg.json.

#### swXtchBridge Configuration JSON Example

```
PowerShell
    "bridgeConfig": {
        "ctrlInterfaceName": "eth0",
        "dataInterfaceName": "e636:00:02.0",
        "userInterfaceName": "e636:00:02.0",
       "nicsConfig": null,
        "swxtchCtrlIp": "10.2.128.10",
        "swxtchCtrlPort": 80.
        "swxtchDataIp": "10.2.192.116",
        "swxtchDataPort": 9999
        "overwriteSenderIp": null,
        "dataGatewayIp": null,
        "groundToCloudSubscriptions": null,
        "cloudToGroundSubscriptions": [],
        "pollingIntervalMilliseconds": 1000
        "subscriptionsPollingIntervalMilliseconds": 100,
        "mtuSize": 1500,
        "adaptorsConfig": {}.
        "overrideSrcIp": false,
        "xdpModeData": null,
        "xdpModeUser": null,
        "cloudTunIp": null,
        "rpcPort": 10002
    "ha": {
        "producer": false,
        "consumer": false,
        "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072.
        "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50
        "protocol": "swxtch"
    "streamSpecs": null
```

#### Fields in Common Explained

Below are deeper explanations for certain fields in the cloudSwXtch config file:

- "ctrlInterfaceName": NIC used for control-plane communication with cloudSwXtch
- "dataInterfaceName": NIC used for the data-plane communication with cloudSwXtch. For Bridge 2, the config file uses the
  ethernet name. For Bridge 3, the config file uses the PCI address.
- "userInterfaceName": NIC used for multicast ground traffic. For Bridge 2, the config file uses the ethernet name. For Bridge 3, the config file uses the PCI address.
- "pathId": Please set this to zero.
- "groundToCloudSubscriptions": Please leave blank as it is no longer necessary since ground to cloud is done dynamically via IGMP joins from the cloud client.
- "cloudToGroundSubscriptions": Traffic coming into the cloudSwXtch with these addresses will be forwarded to bridge and then to the userInterface.
- "pollingIntervalMilliseconds:" Polling consists on a sync with the cloudSwXtch to exchange MC groups information.

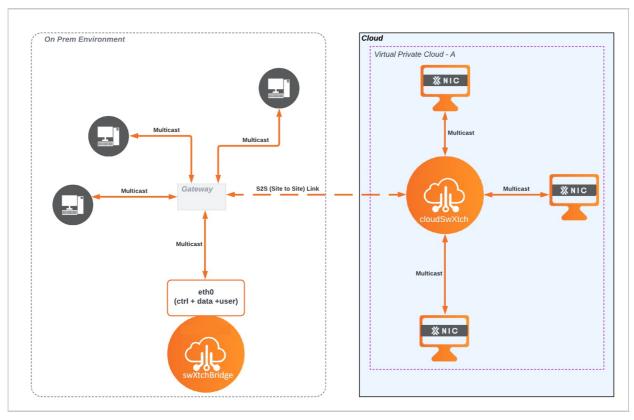
### Using the status API call to get swxtch-bridge JSON file

Alternatively, users can use a /status API call to get the swxtch-bridge.json file. To do this, use the following command replacing the <br/> <br/>bridge-ctrl-IP> with the IP address of the bridge:

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## For a single interface



To accomplish a single interface configuration for your swXtchBridge, users will need to specify the same InterfaceName for Ctrl, Data and User in the swxtch-bridge.json file. In the example, each are assigned to **eth0**.

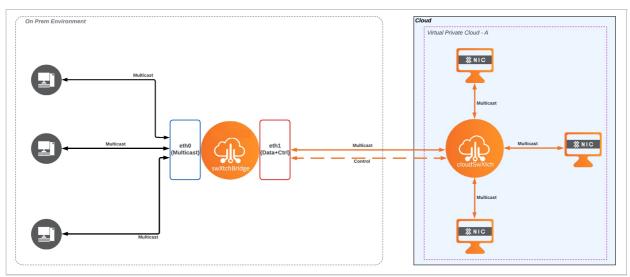
```
Bash

"ctrlInterfaceName": "eth0",

"dataInterfaceName": "eth0",

"userInterfaceName": "eth0",
```

# For bridge in the middle of two interfaces



Alternatively to the single interface approach, a user can decide to place the swXtchBridge between two interfaces in order to redirect traffic from the user interface to the data interface. In the example below, the **ctrlInterfaceName** and the **dataInterfaceName** are the same (**eth1**) while the **userInterfaceName** differs (**eth0**).

```
Bash

"ctrlInterfaceName": "eth1",
   "dataInterfaceName": "eth1",
   "userInterfaceName": "eth0",
```

## Using swXtchBridge cloud to ground API to Join/Leave

swXtchBridge has the capability to do join and leaves from ground to cloud via an HTTP endpoint on the bridge. This will enable the forwarding of multicast traffic from cloud to ground.

#### To Join:

```
Bash Copy

curl -X POST http://<BRIDGE_CTRL_IP>/addCloudToGround -d '{"MulticastGroups":["239.239.239.99:9000"], "UpdateConfigFile":false}'

To Leave:

Bash Copy
```

**Note**: A user can set the UpdateConfigFile to "**true"** in order to make their configuration permanent. This means that the changes to swXtchBridge will persist between restarts.

curl -X POST http://<BRIDGE\_CTRL\_IP>/removeCloudToGround -d '{"MulticastGroups":["239.239.239.99:9000"],"UpdateConfigFile":false}'

## Configuring swXtchBridge Static Subscriptions

The cloud to ground and ground to cloud flows are static based on entry into a json file. In order to do this, modify the bridge JSON configuration file and add the static multicast groups for either groundToCloudSubscriptions or cloudToGroundSubscriptions

Modify the JSON array attribute for "cloudToGroundSubscriptions" or "groundToCloudSubscriptions" and add the appropriate multicast groups from either option.

```
"bridgeConfig": {
        "ctrlInterfaceName": "eth0",
        "dataInterfaceName": "eth1",
        "userInterfaceName": "eth0",
        "swxtchCtrlIp": "10.0.0.1",
        "swxtchCtrlPort": 80,
        "swxtchDataIp": "10.0.1.1",
        "swxtchDataPort": 9999,
        "pathId": 0,
        "groundToCloudSubscriptions": [
        "226.0.23.182:13000",
        "226.0.23.183:13000",
        "226.0.23.184:13000",
        "226.0.23.185:13000"],
        "cloudToGroundSubscriptions": [
        "225.0.23.182:12000",
        "225.0.23.183:12000",
        "225.0.23.184:12000",
        "225.0.23.185:12000"],
        "pollingIntervalMilliseconds": 1000
}
```

After modifying the configuration file, restart the swXtchBridge service with the following command:

```
Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-bridge-ctrl
```

In the example above, these multicast groups will now be sent from both cloud to ground and ground to cloud at startup for bridge.

## Using a specific gateway address for swXtchBridge

By default, swXtchBridge will resolve the data gateway MAC address by arping the first IP address of the subnet for the data interface. However, if the gateway IP address is not there, then the dataGatewayIP field can be added into the configuration file. This will force the Bridge to resolve the gateway MAC address by using the IP address specified. In the example below, the user inserted their own data gateway IP address.

```
Bash Copy
"dataGatewayIp": "192.168.1.2",
```

# **Protocol Conversion and Fanout**

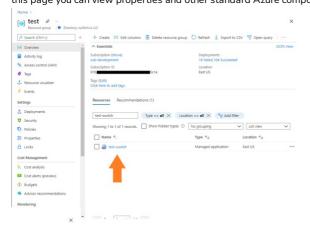
Configuring Protocol Conversion and Fanout

There are two options for configuring Protocol Conversion and Fanout: via wXcked Eye or via the API. For more information, please see the following articles:

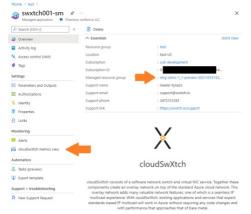
- Protocol Conversion and Fanout with wXcked Eye
- Configuration API

# **Azure Monitoring**

cloudSwXtch instances will show up in your Azure Resource Groups as "Managed applications" with the name given during creation. For example, the below image shows a cloudSwXtch instance with the name "test-switch" in the resource group "test". When you click on a cloudSwXtch instance in a resource group, you are taken to the cloudSwXtch information page for that instance. From this page you can view properties and other standard Azure component screens.



In addition to the standard Azure component sections, this screen has two sections that are unique to the cloudSwXtch managed application: metrics view and managed application resource group.



## cloudSwXtch metrics view

The metrics view shows two simple graphs of the network activity of the cloudSwXtch instance. The metrics available are the total bandwidth into and out of the instance. The bandwidth units change based on the timescale chosen.

#### NOTE:

due to Azure idiosyncrasies, the metrics view will first show up around 15 minutes or so after a cloudSwXtch instance is first created. The swxtch-top application can be used immediately.



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#### Managed resource group

The cloudSwXtch product is delivered as a "managed application". This means that a cloudSwXtch instance lives within the customer's subscription and is made up of Azure resources (VMs, etc.) that are instantiated within the same subscription. These resources are directly billed to the subscription owner.

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When a cloudSwXtch instance is created, it is assigned to the resource group selected by the creator and to an auto-generated resource group that holds the low-level components needed to compose the managed application. The creator of the instance has full access to the resource group that holds the instance and partial access to the auto-generated managed application resource group. The partial access allows the creator to see the various components and view their properties and metrics. It does not, however, allow the creator access to the internal VM instances that make up the managed application. The creator cannot directly control these resources from the portal, except to start/stop the VM.

For more details see:

Azure managed applications overview

Figure 2 - SDMC metrics view

## Changing xNIC configuration settings

 $All \, xNIC \, configuration \, values \, are \, normally \, set \, by \, the \, xNIC \, installation \, script. \, If \, manual \, changes \, are \, made \, to \, the \, configuration \, values, \, the \, xNIC \, service \, must \, be \, restarted:$ 

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-xnic

The configuration settings for the xNIC are located at:

• Linux: /var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-xnic.conf

• Windows: <tdb>

The configuration file is a simple text file in \*.ini format. The following values are available:

| The comigaration he is a simple text he in |                                   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Key Name                                   | Default value                     | Description and notes   |  |  |  |  |  |
| SvcAddr                                    | <ip-of-instance></ip-of-instance> | IPv4 address of the cloudSwXtch instance.                                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| SvcPort                                    | 10802                             | Control port on cloudSwXtch instance.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| VirtualInterfaceName                       | "swxtch-tun"                      | Base name of the virtual network interface.  Must be < 15 characters.           |  |  |  |  |  |
| VirtualInterfaceIpAddr                     | "172.30.0.0"                      | IPv4 subnet of the virtual network interface as seen from the host applications |  |  |  |  |  |
| VirtualInterfaceSubnet                     | "255.255.0.0"                     | IPv4 subnet mask  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CtrlInterface                              | "eth0"                            | Network interface to use for control plane traffic.                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| DataInterface                              | "eth1"                            | Network interface to use for data plane traffic.                                |  |  |  |  |  |
| CtrlPort                                   | 10800                             | Local port used for control traffic <i>from</i> the SDMC switch                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| DataPort                                   | 9999                              | Local port used for data traffic <i>from</i> the SDMC switch                    |  |  |  |  |  |

# **Prometheus Monitoring**

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WHAT TO EXPECT
In this article, users will learn how to integrate Prometheus and Grafana as an additional way to monitor their cloudSwXtch environment.

PREREQUISITES
The following process assumes that you already have Prometheus and Grafana installed in a docker container.
```

#### STEP ONE: Validate cloudSwXtch can create Prometheus data

On the cloudSwXtch VM, run the following command:

```
Plaintext

curl http://localhost/prometheus/metrics
```

The output will list information about each metric with example output data. Metrics starting with **swx\_core** are from the cloudSwXtch while metrics starting with **swx\_xnic** are from xNICs. Since this example has only one cloudSwXtch but many VMs with xNICs, the xNIC data has multiple sample rows. Note that for brevity some of the xNIC rows returned have been deleted.

```
swxtchadmin@dsd-core-100:~$ curl http://localhost/prometheus/metrics
# HELP swx core droppedPacketCountBvBvteLimit Bvtes dropped in the swXtch
# TYPE swx core droppedPacketCountByByteLimit counter
swx\_core\_droppedPacketCountByByteLimit\{category="swxtch\_repl", host="10.1.216.23"\} \ \theta
# HELP swx_core_droppedPacketCountByPacketLimit Packets dropped in the swXtch
# TYPE swx_core_droppedPacketCountByPacketLimit counter
swx core droppedPacketCountBvPacketLimit{category="swxtch repl".host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx core rxBridgeByteCount Bridge bytes received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx core rxBridgeByteCount counter
swx\_core\_rxBridgeByteCount\{category="swxtch\_repl", host="10.1.216.23"\} \ 0
# HELP swx_core_rxBridgePacketCount Bridge packets received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx core rxBridgePacketCount counter
swx\_core\_rxBridgePacketCount\{category="swxtch\_repl", host="10.1.216.23"\} \ \ 0
# HELP swx_core_rxByteCount Bytes received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx_core_rxByteCount counter
# HELP swx_core_rxMeshByteCount Mesh bytes received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx core rxMeshBvteCount counter
swx_core_rxMeshByteCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
\label{eq:help_swx_core} \texttt{\# HELP swx\_core\_rxMeshPacketCount Mesh packets received into the swXtch}
# TYPE swx_core_rxMeshPacketCount counter
swx_core_rxMeshPacketCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx core rxPacketCount Packets received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx core rxPacketCount counter
swx_core_rxPacketCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 574957
# HELP swx_core_rxUnicastByteCount Unicast bytes received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx core rxUnicastByteCount counter
swx_core_rxUnicastByteCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx core rxUnicastPacketCount Unicast packets received into the swXtch
# TYPE swx core rxUnicastPacketCount counter
swx\_core\_rxUnicastPacketCount\{category="swxtch\_repl", host="10.1.216.23"\} \ \ \emptyset
# HELP swx core sequence swXtch sequence number
# TYPE swx_core_sequence counter
swx core sequence{category="swxtch repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 3022
# HELP swx core txBridgeByteCount Bridge bytes sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx_core_txBridgeByteCount counter
swx_core_txBridgeByteCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx_core_txBridgePacketCount Bridge packets sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx core txBridgePacketCount counter
swx\_core\_txBridgePacketCount\{category="swxtch\_repl", host="10.1.216.23"\} \ 0
# HELP swx_core_txByteCount Bytes sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx_core_txByteCount counter
swx_core_txByteCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 1.09192128e+08
# HELP swx_core_txMeshByteCount Mesh bytes sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx core txMeshBvteCount counter
swx core txMeshByteCount{category="swxtch repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
\label{eq:help_swx_core} \texttt{\#} \ \mathsf{HELP} \ \mathsf{swx\_core\_txMeshPacketCount} \ \mathsf{Mesh} \ \mathsf{packets} \ \mathsf{sent} \ \mathsf{from} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{swXtch} \\
# TYPE swx core txMeshPacketCount counter
swx_core_txMeshPacketCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx core txPacketCount Packets sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx core txPacketCount counter
swx_core_txPacketCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 568709
# HELP swx_core_txUnicastByteCount Unicast bytes sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx_core_txUnicastByteCount counter
swx_core_txUnicastByteCount{category="swxtch_repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx_core_txUnicastPacketCount Unicast packets sent from the swXtch
# TYPE swx core txUnicastPacketCount counter
```

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```
swx core txUnicastPacketCount{category="swxtch repl",host="10.1.216.23"} 0
# HELP swx maxClientCount Maximum number of clients by license
# TYPE swx_maxClientCount gauge
swx_maxClientCount{category="swxtch"} 10
# HELP swx_numClientsConnected Number of client currently connected
# TYPE swx numClientsConnected gauge
swx numClientsConnected{category="swxtch"} 2
# HELP swx_xnic_byteCounters_rxTotalCount Total bytes received from the swXtch into the component
# TYPE swx_xnic_byteCounters_rxTotalCount counter
swx\_xnic\_byteCounters\_rxTotalCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", host="10.1.213.120"\} \ 0
swx_xnic_byteCounters_rxTotalCount{category="swxtch_xnic",host="10.1.213.121"} 914880
# HELP swx_xnic_byteCounters_txTotalCount Total bytes sent from the component into the swXtch
# TYPE swx xnic byteCounters txTotalCount counter
swx\_xnic\_byteCounters\_txTotalCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", host="10.1.213.121"\} \ 0
# HELP swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxDroppedCount Lost packets received from the swXtch into the component
# TYPE swx xnic packetCounters rxDroppedCount counter
swx\_xnic\_packetCounters\_rxDroppedCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", host="10.1.213.120"\} \ \theta \\
swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxDroppedCount{category="swxtch_xnic",host="10.1.213.121"} 0
 # HELP swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxTotalCount Total packets received from the swXtch into the component
# TYPE swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxTotalCount counter
swx xnic packetCounters rxTotalCount{category="swxtch xnic",host="10.1.213.120"} 0
swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxTotalCount{category="swxtch_xnic",host="10.1.213.121"} 4765
# HELP swx_xnic_packetCounters_txDroppedCount Lost packets sent from the component into the swXtch
# TYPE swx_xnic_packetCounters_txDroppedCount counter
swx_xnic_packetCounters_txDroppedCount{category="swxtch_xnic",host="10.1.213.120"} 9606
swx xnic packetCounters txDroppedCount{category="swxtch xnic",host="10.1.213.121"} 0
# HELP swx_xnic_packetCounters_txTotalCount Total packets sent from the component into the swXtch
# TYPE swx xnic packetCounters txTotalCount counter
swx_xnic_packetCounters_txTotalCount{category="swxtch_xnic",host="10.1.213.120"} 5629
swx\_xnic\_packetCounters\_txTotalCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", host="10.1.213.121"\} \ 0
# HELP swx_xnic_rxMulticastGroups_byteCount Multicast group traffic sent from the Swxtch into the xNIC - Multicast group byte count
# TYPE swx xnic rxMulticastGroups byteCount counter
swx\_xnic\_rxMulticastGroups\_byteCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", cloudSwxtchVersion="dev.f91a2e", groupIp="239.4.0.1", host="10.1.213.121", host="10.1.213.121
stAddress="10.1.213.121", index="0", osDistribution="Ubuntu 20.04", swx\_xnic\_rxMulticastGroups\_index="0", xNicType="t2"\} 914880 + to the standard of the sta
# HELP swx_xnic_rxMulticastGroups_packetCount Multicast group traffic sent from the Swxtch into the xNIC - Multicast group packet
# TYPE swx xnic rxMulticastGroups packetCount counter
swx\_xnic\_rxMulticastGroups\_packetCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", cloudSwxtchVersion="dev.f91a2e", groupIp="239.4.0.1", host="10.1.213.121", host="10.1.213.1
hostAddress="10.1.213.121",index="0",osDistribution="Ubuntu 20.04",swx_xnic_rxMulticastGroups_index="0",xNicType="t2"} 4765
 # HELP swx_xnic_txMulticastGroups_byteCount Multicast group traffic sent from the xNIC into the Swxtch - Multicast group byte count
# TYPE swx xnic txMulticastGroups byteCount counter
swx\_xnic\_txMulticastGroups\_byteCount\{category="swxtch\_xnic", cloudSwxtchVersion="dev.f91a2e", groupIp="239.4.0.1", host="10.1.213.120", host="10.1.213.120
stAddress="10.1.213.120",index="0",osDistribution="Ubuntu 20.04",swx_xnic_txMulticastGroups_index="0",xNicType="t2"} 1.080768e+06
# HELP swx xnic txMulticastGroups packetCount Multicast group traffic sent from the xNIC into the Swxtch - Multicast group packet
# TYPE swx_xnic_txMulticastGroups_packetCount counter
swx\_xnic\_txMulticastGroups\_packetCount(category="swxtch\_xnic",cloudSwxtchVersion="dev.f91a2e",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="10.1.213.120",groupIp="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1",host="239.4.0.1"
hostAddress="10.1.213.120",index="0",osDistribution="Ubuntu 20.04",swx_xnic_txMulticastGroups_index="0",xNicType="t2"} 5629
```

 $If \ successful \ (there \ is \ an \ output), \ continue \ on \ to \ updating \ your \ Prometheus \ Directory \ for \ cloudSwXtch.$ 

# STEP TWO: Update Prometheus Directory for cloudSwXtch

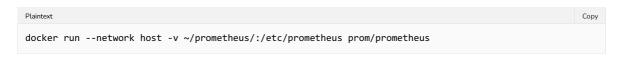
Attached is an example prometheus.yaml file with an cloudSwXtch job name configuration.

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- 1. Open the example **prometheus.yml** file and copy lines 26-36.
- 2. Paste those lines into your existing **prometheus.yml** file.
- 3. Update the cloudSwXtch targets line that has "127.0.0.1:80" and put in the IP address of the cloudSwXtch in place of the localhost IP.
  - a. Please note: If Prometheus and cloudSwXtch are on the same VM, then the localhost IP (127.0.0.1) will still work.

```
26 - job_name: swxtch
27
      honor timestamps: true
     scrape_interval: 5s
      scrape_timeout: 2s
29
30
      metrics_path: /prometheus/metrics
      scheme: http
      follow_redirects: true
33
      enable http2: true
      static_configs:
35
         - 127.0.0.1:80
36
```

4. Run the following docker command to run it in VM. If you decide to run it this way, you will need to run it after every reboot or when you close your window. Please use this method when testing in order to limit the amount of records added to the Prometheus database.



5. Use this command to run Prometheus automatically upon reboot. (Preferred method for a production environment.)

```
Plaintext

docker run --network host --restart always -v ~/prometheus/:/etc/prometheus prom/prometheus
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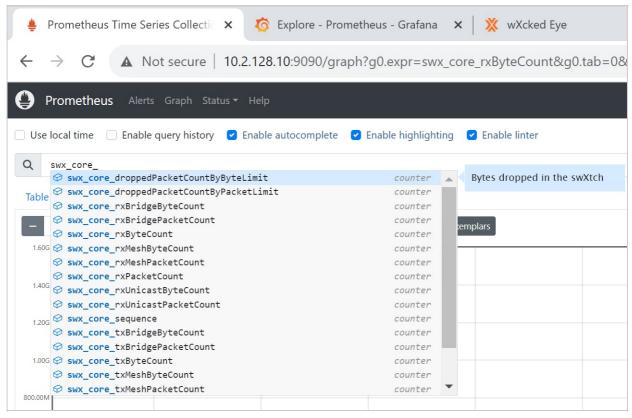
#### STEP THREE: Access Prometheus UI

In order to access the Prometheus UI, users should open a browser on their Windows machine in the same VNET and enter the following URL:

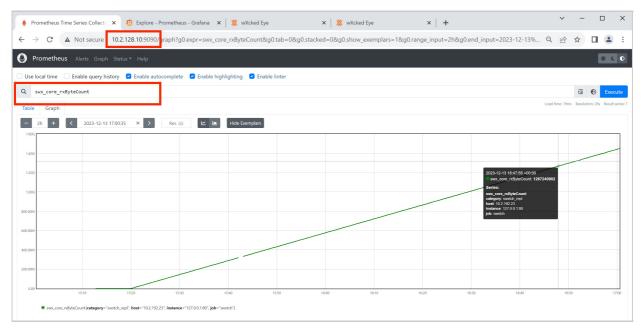


Note: Replace the prometheus-IP> with the IP address of your Prometheus instance.

Users can enter the prefix "swx" into the search field to see a list of data fields related to the cloudSwXtch (swx\_core) and its xNICs (swx\_xnic).

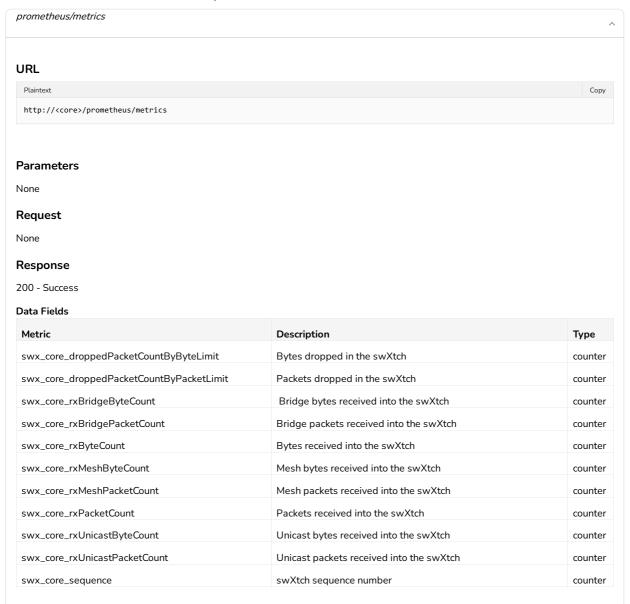


In the example below, the user has chosen  ${\bf swx\_core\_rxByteCount}$  as their data field.



By selecting Execute, users will be able to populate the table with the desired data. **Note**: Producers and consumers must be running in order to see data. In the example above, a user can select Execute multiple times and notice that the number in the orange box grow in size.

For a list of available data fields, view the dropdown section here:



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| swx_core_txBridgeByteCount                     | Bridge bytes sent from the swXtch                           | counter |  |
|--|---|---------|--|
| swx_core_txBridgePacketCount                   | Bridge packets sent from the swXtch                         | counter |  |
| swx_core_txByteCount                           | Bytes sent from the swXtch                                  | counter |  |
| swx_core_txMeshByteCount                       | Mesh bytes sent from the swXtch                             | counter |  |
| swx_core_txMeshPacketCount                     | Mesh packets sent from the swXtch                           | counter |  |
| swx_core_txPacketCount                         | Packets sent from the swXtch                                | counter |  |
| swx_core_txUnicastByteCount                    | Unicast bytes sent from the swXtch                          |         |  |
| swx_core_txUnicastPacketCount                  | Unicast packets sent from the swXtch                        |         |  |
| swx_xnic_activeConnectionCount                 | xNIC active connections                                     |         |  |
| swx_xnic_byteCount                             |   |         |  |
| swx_xnic_byteCounters_rxMulticastCount         | Multicast bytes received from the swXtch into the xNIC      | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_byteCounters_rxTotalCount             | Total bytes received from the swXtch into the xNIC          | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_byteCounters_txMulticastCount         | Multicast bytes sent from the xNIC into the swXtch          | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_byteCounters_txTotalCount             | Total bytes sent from the xNIC into the swXtch              | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_latencies_count                       | xNIC latency count  |         |  |
| swx_xnic_latencies_sum                         | xNIC latency sum  | guage   |  |
| swx_xnic_maxActiveConnections                  | xNIC max number of active connections                       | guage   |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxDroppedCount         | Lost packets received from the swXtch into the xNIC         | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxMulticastCount       | Multicast packets received from the swXtch into the xNIC    | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_rxTotalCount           | Total packets received from the swXtch into the xNIC        | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_txDroppedCount         | Lost packets sent from the xNIC into the swXtch             | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_txIgmpCount            | IGMP packets sent from the xNIC into the swXtch             | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_txMulticastCount       | Multicast packets sent from the xNIC into the swXtch        | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_packetCounters_txTotalCount           | Total packets sent from the xNIC into the swXtch            | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_egressByteCount          | HA bytes sent   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_egressPacketCount        | HA packets sent   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_enqueueFailureCount      | HA enqueue failure count                                    | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_outputStreamLossCount    | HA output stream lose packets                               | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_paths_ingressByteCount   | HA Bytes received   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_paths_ingressPacketCount | HA Packets received   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_paths_missingPacketCount | HA Packets missing  | counte  |  |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·          | HA Packets used   |         |  |
| swx_xnic_rxHaCounters_paths_usedPacketCount    |   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_rxMulticastGroups_byteCount           | Multicast Groups bytes sent from the SwXtch into the xNIC   |         |  |
| swx_xnic_rxMulticastGroups_packetCount         | Multicast Groups packets sent from the SwXtch into the xNIC | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_timestamp                             | timestamp   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_txMulticastGroups_byteCount           | Multicast Groups bytes sent from the xNIC into the SwXtch   | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_txMulticastGroups_packetCount         | Multicast Groups packets sent from the xNIC into the SwXtch | counte  |  |
| swx_xnic_usedPacketCount                       | Packets   | counte  |  |

# STEP FOUR: Access Grafana UI

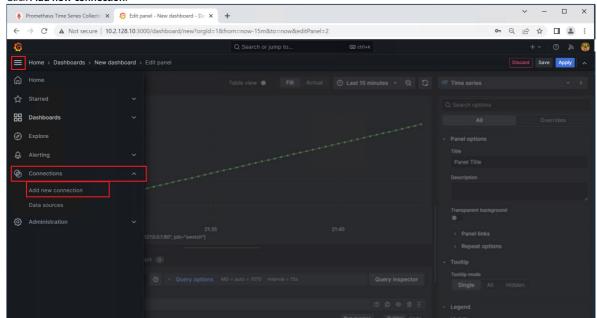
Alternatively, users can also use Grafana as another method for viewing cloudSwXtch metrics.

1. In a Windows machine on the same VNET, open a browser and enter the following URL:

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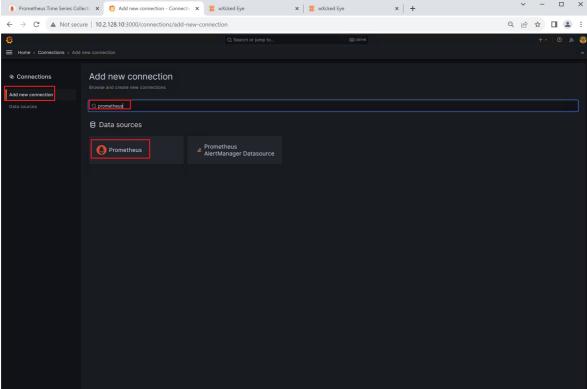
**Note**: Replace the <Grafana-IP> with the IP address of your Grafana instance.

- 2. Sign in as a user **admin** and the password **admin**.
- 3. Click on the three horizontal lines next to **Home** to get additional options.
- 4. Select Connection.
- 5. Click Add new connection.

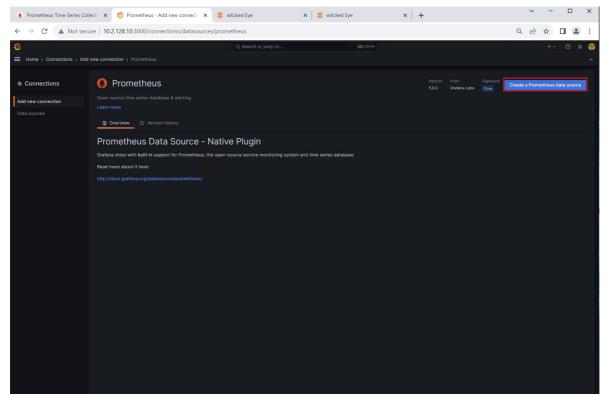


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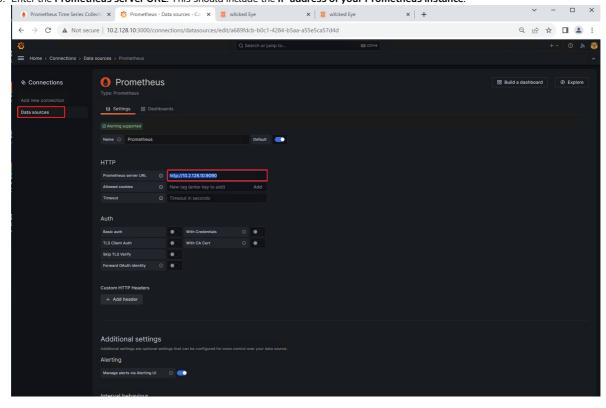
6. Search Prometheus on the Add new connection page and select it from the options.



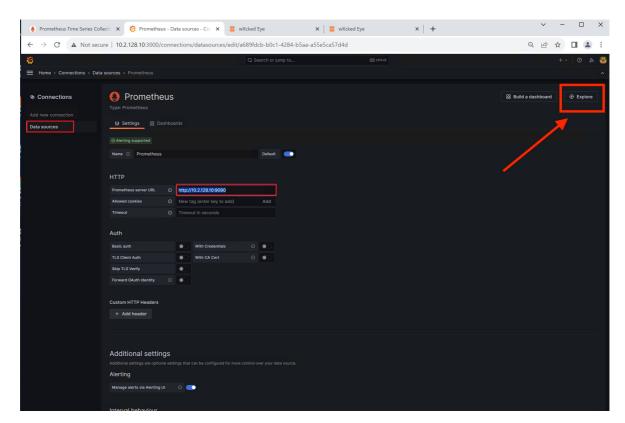
7. Click Create a Prometheus data source.



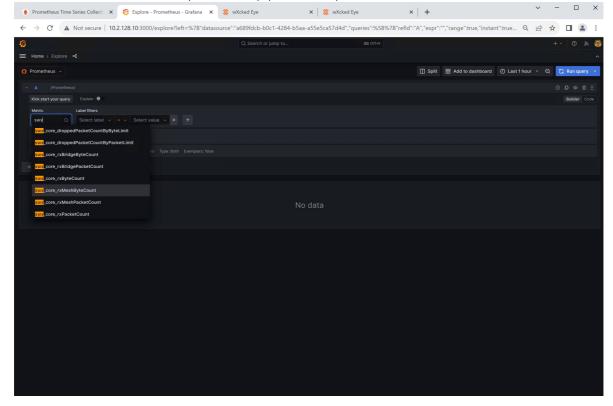
- 8. Go to **Data Sources** and select the **Prometheus** data source created.
- 9. Enter the Prometheus server URL. This should include the IP address of your Prometheus instance.



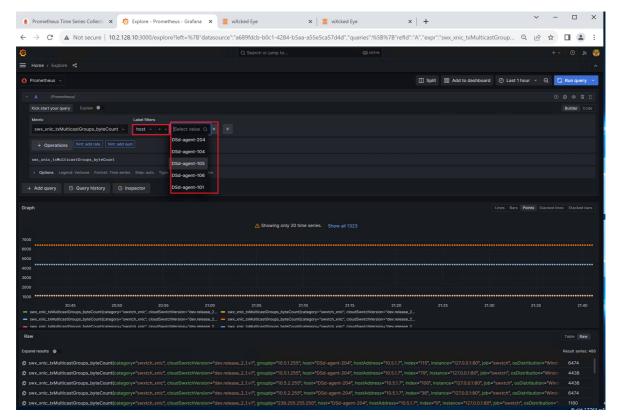
10. Click Explore.



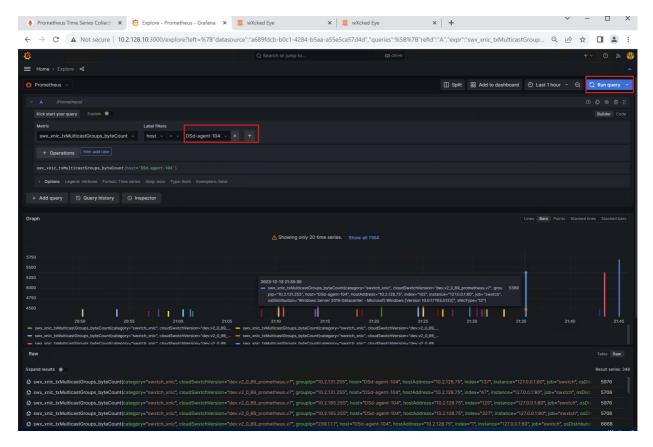
11. In the search bar under **Metric**, use the prefix "swx" to populate a list of potential data fields.



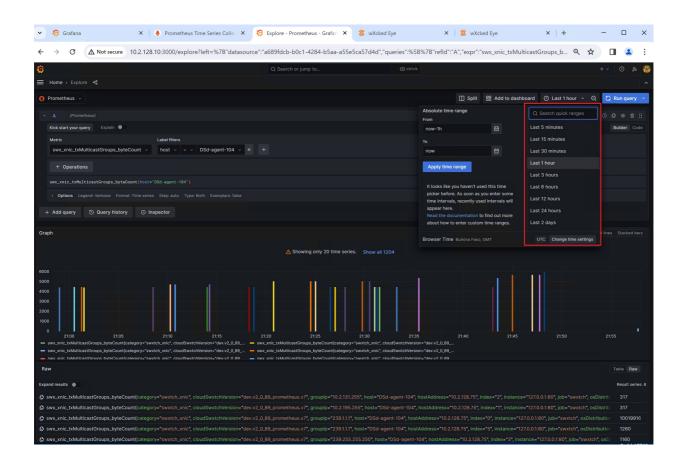
- 12. Scroll through the list and select what is desired.
- 13. Run the query. The results will appear below.



For xNIC-related metrics, users can specify a host under Label Filters and select an agent. After selecting an agent, a user will need to run the query again to populate the graph as shown above.



If desired, a user can also change the amount of time in the top of the window.



# Testing cloudSwXtch

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about the various tools that are available to them test their cloudSwXtch multicast network.

# cloudSwXtch Testing Tools

Included within the xNIC installation are four utilities that can be used to verify both the functionality and performance of their cloudSwXtch network.

- swxtch-perf: Simulates traffic movement throughout the cloudSwXtch network assigning machines with the xNIC installed as producers and consumers
- swxtch-top: Displays detailed system statistics from the console of any VM that has the xNIC software installed. This includes data regarding the xNIC, the cloudSwXtch Bridge, streams, mesh, and high availability.
- swxtch-tcpdump: As our version of tcpdump, this tool helps capture multicast packets sent to and from the cloudSwXtch with logic to decode our own head and display the original MC payload.
- swxtch-where: Allows users to call for hardware information regarding their cloudSwXtch VM

Each of the utilities above can be run from a VM which has the xNIC software installed. Detailed information can be found for each by entering in the --help command-line argument.

#### wXcked Eye for Monitoring

In addition to viewing cloudSwXtch statistics in swxtch-top, users can also use wXcked Eye from the web browser of a VM in the cloudSwXtch network. For more information, see <u>Using wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch</u>.

## **Universal Third-Party Test Tools**

There are a number of universal third-party tools available to test the fidelity of your cloudSwXtch network. For more information on these alternative tools, see our Universal Third-Party Test Tools article.

## swxtch-perf

#### Overview

To simulate traffic movement throughout the cloudswxtch overlay network you can use swxtch-perf to create producer and consumers on machines with the xNIC installed.

**swxtch-perf producer** has multiple parameters that can be configured to generate different traffic flows. There can be multiple instances of swxtch-perf generating traffic on a single machine.

```
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swxtch-perf producer --sendto <MC_ADDRESS:DEST_PORT> --nic <NETWORK_INTERFACE>

swxtch-perf consumer will pick up the traffic generated by the producer(s) in the network.

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swxtch-perf consumer --recvfrom <MC_ADDRESS:DEST_PORT> --nic <NETWORK_INTERFACE>
```

```
NOTE

<MC_ADDRESS> = Multicast Address
<DEST_PORT> = Destination Port
<NETWORK_INTERFACE> = Network Interface where xNIC conncted to. The network interface does not have to be specified in xNic
V1, but must be specified in xNic V2. (See xNIC Linux Installation for V1 and V2 differences.)
```

#### swxtch-perf

For a quick view at the functionality and usage of **swxtch-perf** use -h or -help.

```
Сору
swxtch-perf -h
Usage: swxtch-perf [options] command
Positional arguments:
                       [producer|consumer] suported commands
command
Optional arguments:
-h --help
                       shows help message and exits [default: false]
-v --version
                     prints version information and exits [default: false]
                      name of NIC to use this is Mandatory for swxtch-perf to work.
--nic
--recvfrom
                      IP:Port The IP and Port where packets come from [default: "239.5.69.2:10000"]
--sendto
                     IP:Port The IP and Port where packets are sent to [default: "239.5.69.2:10000"]
                       (consumer command only) List of SSM addresses to include (i.e. 192.168.2.1 193.168.2.4) [nargs: 1 or more]
 --ssm_include
                       (consumer command only) List of SSM addresses to exclude (i.e. 192.168.2.1 193.168.2.4) [nargs: 1 or more]
 --ssm exclude
--payload_length
                       (producer command only) number of bytes for the multicast udp payload [default: 100]
--total pkts
                      Total packets to send/receive. To run without this limit use 0 [default: 0]
--pps
                      (producer command only) packet-rate or packet per seconds [default: 1]
--seconds
                       Number of seconds to run the application. To run without this limit use 0 [default: 0]
--loopback
                     Receives packets from --recvfrom and sends packets to --sendto [default: false]
--generic
                      (consumer command only) to consume generic packets [default: false]
--latency
                      Enables timestamp propagation and measurement of latency [default: false]
--broadcast
                      Enables broadcast packets in NIC, this overrides IP argument [default: false]
--generic-broadcast
                      Sends broadcast packets to 255.255.255.255, valid only with --broadcast argument [default: false]
--broadcast-port
                       Port for broadcast traffic, valid only with --broadcast argument [default: 10000]
                       Enables timestamp propagation and measurement of RTT/2 where RTT = round trip time [default: false]
--one-way-latency
                       Enables timestamp propagation and measurement of one way latency [default: false]
--latency-buckets
                       Enables histogram of latency. Use with --latency [default: false]
--dbg
                       Enables more information in the logs [default: false]
--show-full-packet-bps Shows the bps with all headers included
```

#### **Parameters**

| Argument                 | Description   | Default<br>Value | Valid Range   | Machine<br>Type | Operating<br>System |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| h                        | Shows commands that are available.  |                  |   |                 | All                 |
| V                        | Shows version.  |                  |   | Both            | All                 |
| nic                      | Specify which network interface xNIC will listen to this command is Mandatory.  |                  |   | Both            | All                 |
| recvfrom                 | Specify the multicast group and port to listen for packets IPv4 addresses are valid; Ports: $1024 <= x <= 65535$ . Mandatory for Consumer Mode and Multicast. |                  |   | Consumer        | All                 |
| sendto                   | Specify the multicast group and port to send packets, mandatory for producer if using multicast.  | All              | IPv4 addresses are valid;<br>Ports: 1024 <= x <= 65535<br>Mandatory for Producer<br>Mode and Multicast. | Producer        | All                 |
| ssm_include              | List of SSM addresses to include (i.e. 192.168.2.1 193.168.2.4)   |                  | 1 or more   | Consumer        | All                 |
| ssm_exclude              | List of SSM addresses to exclude (i.e. 192.168.2.1 193.168.2.4)   |                  | 1 or more   | Consumer        | All                 |
| payload_length           | Number of bytes per packet.   | 100              | 8 and 65475   | Producer        | All                 |
| total_pkts               | Number packets to receive or send before exiting iperf.   | 0                | 8 and 3750  | Producer        | Windows             |
| pps                      | packet-rate or packets per second.  | 1                | 100000  | Producer        | All                 |
| seconds                  | Number of seconds to run the application, use 0 to run without a limit.   | 0                |   | Both            | Windows             |
| loopback                 | Receives packets from recvfrom and sends packets to sendto.   | false            | true:false  | Both            | All                 |
| generic                  | Consume generic packets.  | false            | true:false  | Consumer        | All                 |
| latency                  | Enables timstamp propagation and measurement of latency.  | false            | true:false  | Both            | Linux               |
| broadcast                | Sets swxtch-perf to use normal broadcast mode, when sending it will use the IP of thenic argument.  | false            | true:false  | Both            | All                 |
| generic-<br>broadcast    | Sets iperf to use broadcast mode using the IP of 255.255.255.255.   | false            | true:false  | Both            | All                 |
| broadcast-port           | Sets port to be used for broadcast, and is only valid withbroadcast andgeneric-broadcast arguement and is Mandatory forbroadcastgeneric-broadcast.            |                  | Ports: 1024 <= x <= 65535   | Both            | All                 |
| rtt-latency              | Enables timestamp propagation and measurement of RTT/2 where RTT = round trip time  | false            |   |                 | Windows             |
| one-way-<br>latency      | Enables timestamp propagation and measure of one way latency  | false            |   |                 | Windows             |
| latency-<br>buckets      | Enables histogram of latency. Use withlatency   | false            |   |                 | Windows             |
| dbg                      | Enables more information in the logs  | false            |   |                 | All                 |
| show-full-<br>packet-bps | Shows the bps with all headers included   |                  |   | Both            | All                 |

# Multicast - Example

These examples can be run from one machine or across multiple machines. Parameters for NIC names assume default installation options.

# EXAMPLE

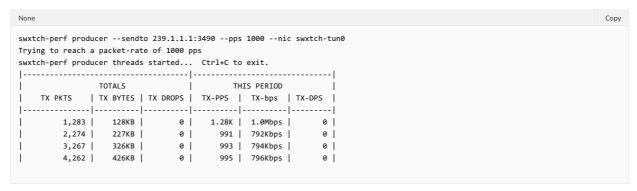
Single Producer, Single Consumer, and one multicast group

Run this command on a VM to create a multicast group on the address 230.1.1.1 and port 3490:

```
None

Linux:
swxtch-perf producer --sendto 239.1.1.1:3490 --pps 1000 --nic swxtch-tun0
Windows:
swxtch-perf producer --sendto 239.1.1.1:3490 --pps 1000 --nic swxtch-tun
```

Example with results:

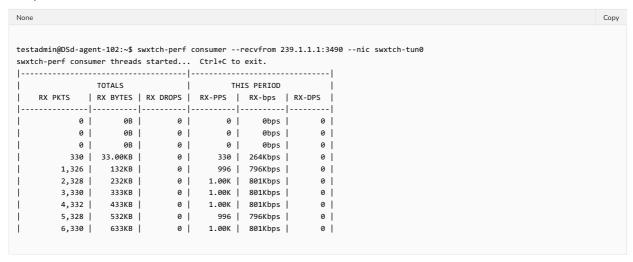


Run this command on one of the VMs to listen to traffic on the Multicast Address 230.1.1.1 port 13490 :

```
None

Linux:
swxtch-perf consumer --recvfrom 239.1.1.1:3490 --nic swxtch-tun0
Windows:
swxtch-perf consumer --recvfrom 239.1.1.1:3490 --nic swxtch-tun
```

#### Example with results:



• To add more consumers you simply run the same swxtch-perf command on new VMs.

## Broadcast - Example

These examples can be run from one machine or across multiple machines. Parameters for NIC names assume default installation options.

```
EXAMPLE
Single Producer, Single Consumer, and broadcast
```

Run this command on a VM to create a broadcast

```
None

Linux:
swxtch-perf producer --broadcast --nic eth1 --pps 1000 --broadcast-port 1234
Windows:
swxtch-perf producer --broadcast --nic 'Ethernet 2' --pps 1000 --broadcast-port 1234
```

Example with results:

```
None

PS C:\Users\testadmin> swxtch-perf producer --broadcast --nic 'Ethernet 2' --pps 1000 --broadcast-port 1234

Config:

Sending traffic to broadcast address.

Ip Address: 10.2.195.255

Port : 10000

Interface IP Address: 45

Running without a total packet counter limit

Running the application without a timing limit

Sent 972 total packets, throughput: 890.383 pkts/sec

Sent 2047 total packets, throughput: 993.128 pkts/sec

Sent 3123 total packets, throughput: 991.82 pkts/sec

Sent 4198 total packets, throughput: 990.419 pkts/sec
```

Run this command on one of the VMs to listen for broadcast

```
None

Linux:
swxtch-perf consumer --broadcast --nic eth1--pps 1000

Windows:
swxtch-perf consumer --broadcast --nic 'Ethernet 3' --pps 1000
```

# swxtch-top

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

swxtch-top is one of the utility applications included in xNIC installation. It can be run from the console of any VM that has the xNIC software installed, displaying real-time statistics of an attached cloudSwXtch instance. This includes data regarding mesh, high availability, multicast and PTP.

In this article, you will learn how to navigate through the different pages in swxtch-top and get better visibility on how data flows in your cloudSwXtch instance.

## Running swxtch-top

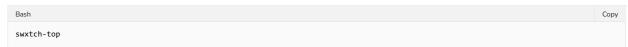
Depending on your operating system, you can use certain commands to run swxtch-top on your VM.

For both Windows and Linux agents (xNICs), users can enter the following into the terminal:



Bash Copy swxtch-top --swxtch 10.5.1.6

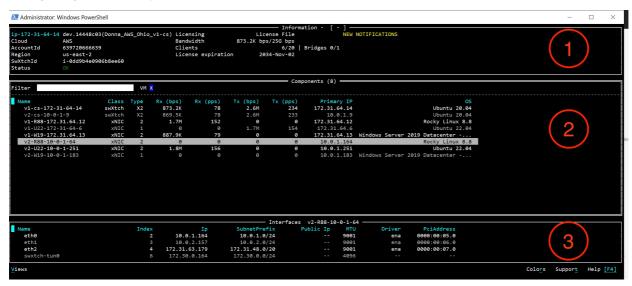
From the cloudSwXtch, users can enter the following command:



#### Updating cloudSwXtch for swXtch-top

The following screenshots have been taken on the latest version of cloudSwXtch. To learn how to upgrade your cloudSwXtch, please see the article, **Upgrading cloudSwXtch**.

# Navigating swxtch-top Dashboard



The swxtch-top dashboard is organized into 3 panels as shown in the screenshot above. While the top panel will remain static, displaying information regarding the cloudSwXtch, the bottom 2 panels will change depending on the selected view. The swxtch-top dashboard has 12 different views:

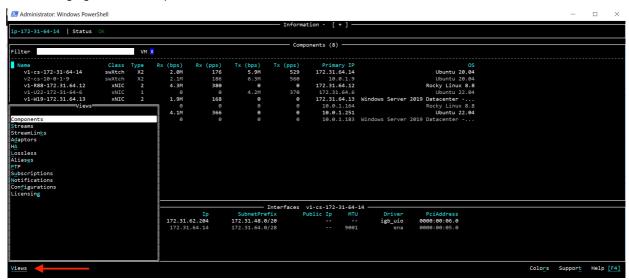
- 1. Components (Default)
- 2. Streams
- 3. StreamLinks
- 4. Adaptors
- 5. **H**A
- 6. Lossless
- 7. Alias**e**s
- 8. **P**TP
- 9. Subscriptions
- 10. Notifications

- 11. Configuration
- 12. Licensing

#### Switching Between swXtch-top Views

To switch between views, click on the Views option in the lefthand corner of swXtch-top and select the desired view from the menu. Alternatively, users can press CTRL + V to open the menu and then CTRL + the highlighted letter to switch to that view. For example, to toggle to "StreamLinks"," enter CTRL + V and CTRL + K.

**Note**: Opening the menu with the CTRL key is not necessary if you know the highlighted letter for your desired view. Simply entering CTRL + the highlighted letter will open the view.

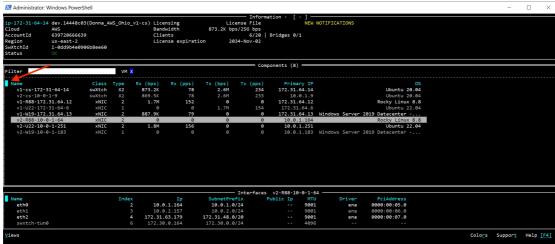


#### **Using the Setup Function**

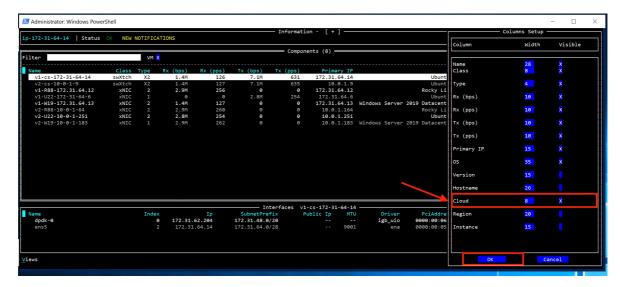
Users can modify what columns are visible in each of the views and the width of those columns. **Please note**: These changes will persist between swxtch-top sessions.

#### To do this:

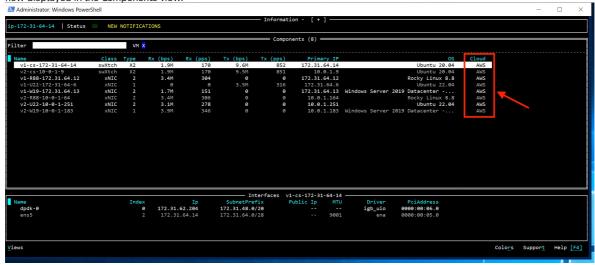
- 1. Select the [+] next to the first column. This will open the Setup menu for that specific panel.
  - a. Alternatively, you can click a panel to select it and press F3 to open the Setup menu. You can tell you selected panel by the increased thickness of its border.



- 2. Click one of the blue checkboxes under Visible to highlight the column you wish to add. An X will appear.
  - a. You can also change the width of the columns in swXtch-top in this panel.
- 3. Hit **OK** to confirm your selection.

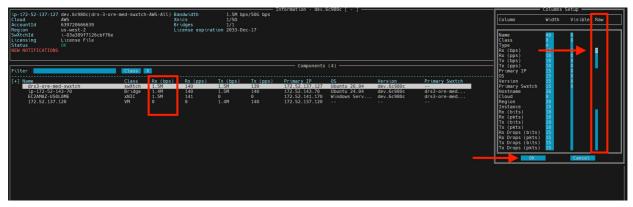


The new column should now appear in the swxtch-top view. In this example, the Cloud column was added by the user and is now displayed in the Components view.

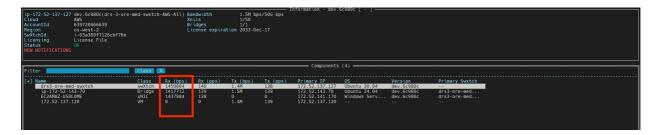


# Using Setup to Toggle Raw Totals On/Off

By default, swXtch-top will round the total of bits and packets into a simplified number. For example, instead of 1496892, swxtch-top will write 1.5 M (million). To toggle this on/off, go to the Setup menu and check the column that you would like the raw totals for and select OK.



The raw total should appear in a few seconds for the entire column.

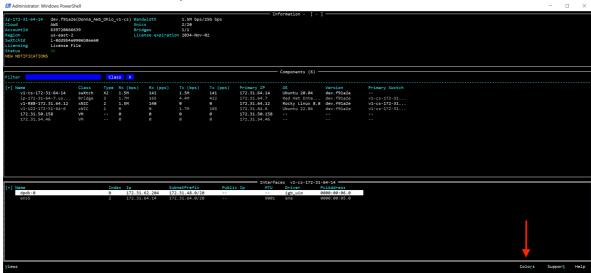


# Changing swXtch-top Colors

Users can change the colors displayed in swxtch-top by keying in different hex codes in the Colors Set-Up menu.

## To do this:

1. Click **Colors** at the bottom of swxtch-top or enter **CTRL** + **R**.



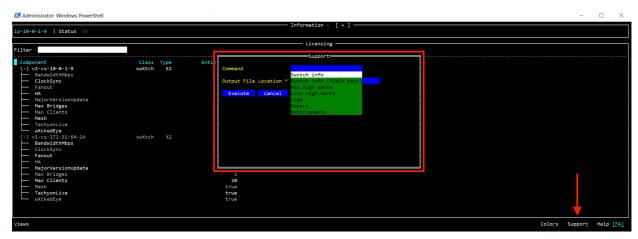
- $2. \ \ \mbox{Select Custom from the Scheme dropdown menu}.$
- 3. Enter the desired hex codes into one of the fields.
- 4. Click **Confirm** when you are happy with your color selections.



5. swxtch-top should now display the assigned colors.



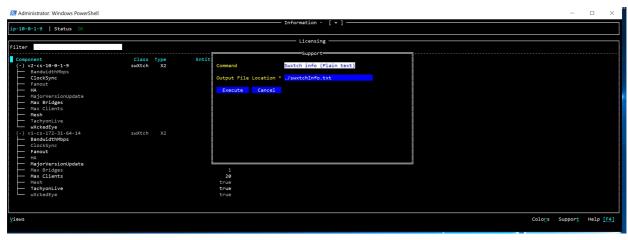
# **Exporting Support Logs**



The swXtch-top Support menu allows users to export cloudSwXtch logs, similar to the functionality found in the wXcked Eye Support page.

To navigate to this menu, you can enter CTRL + T or select Support in the bottom navigation bar.

Selecting one of the report options will prompt users to enter parameters as shown in the example below. **The report will save on the VM's user directory.** 



Panel 1: Information

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Information dev-
Inform
```

The first panel of the swxtch-top dashboard provides users with information regarding their cloudSwXtch as well as their subscription plan. Each cloud provider will have alternative titles for some of the listed items but for the most part, the information is the same.

### On the left side of the section:

- cloudSwXtch name
- Cloud (Azure, AWS, GCP, OCI)
- SubscriptionID (Azure), Account ID (AWS), or ID (GCP)
- ResourceGroupName (Azure) or Region (AWS and GCP)
- SwXtchID
- Status

### On the right side of the section:

- Licensing Type
- Bandwidth Allotment
- Number of Clients and Bridges
- License Expiration Date

The Information panel is fully collapsible by either selecting the (+) or (-) buttons. Users can also open and close the panel using the F2 key on their keyboard. The collapsed view will only display the cloudSwXtch name, the status, the licensing type, and new notifications.

When there are new notifications under the Notifications view, a "NEW NOTIFICATIONS" message will also display in this box.

For more information regarding licensing, please read the cloudSwXtch System Requirements article.

### Panel 2 and 3: Views

Panel 2 and 3 defaults to the Components view and is shown in the picture above. However, the display changes based on view selection. **To change views**, key in CTRL + the associated letter for that view.

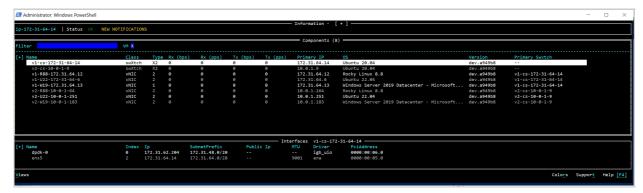
Please note: Not all views have a 3rd panel.

### Filter Bar

At the top of each view's main panel, there is a white search "Filter" bar. This allows users to filter through the contents in the current view. Simply type the information you would like to filter the list by, followed by an asterisk (\*), and hit Enter. For example,  $v1^*$  to see all the fields that have "v1" in in.



# Components

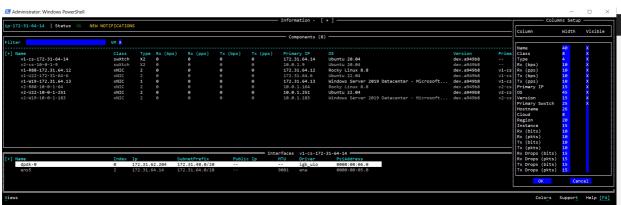


The Components view gives a detailed list of all the connected nodes in a cloudSwXtch's network. **To navigate to this view**, press CTRL+E or click on the view's name. To switch between components, use the up and down directional keys on your keyboard.

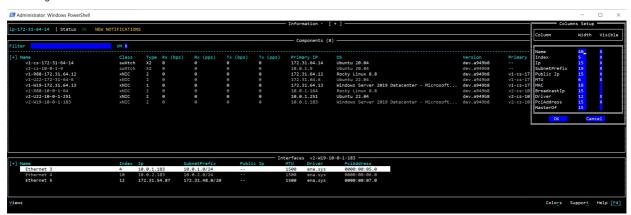
This view includes:

- Name The name of the component
- Class Either cloudSwXtch, xNIC, or VM (non-xNIC)
- Type X1 or X2 for cloudSwXtch or Type 1 or 2 for xNIC
- RX bps The total ingress bits per second that the component is receiving.
- RX pps The total ingress packets per second that the component is receiving.
- TX bps The total egress bits per second that the component is transmitting.
- TX pps The total egress packets per second that the xNIC is transmitting.
- Primary IP The primary interface IP address
- OS Operating System
- Primary Swxtch This lists the cloudSwXtch the xNIC was installed against

There are additional column options in the Setup menu:

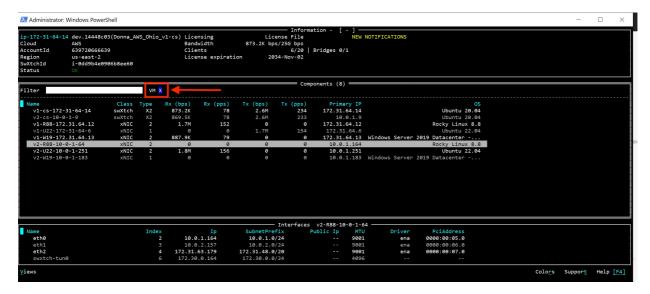


An Interfaces panel displays when in the Component view, detailing the interfaces of a selected component. This panel includes the following information for each interface:

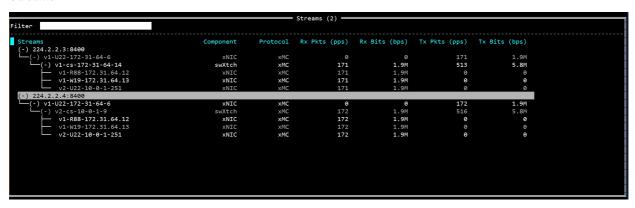


## Filtering Out Virtual Machines

Next to the Filter search bar, there is a checkbox with virtual machines (VMs) selected. This means that non-xNIC virtual machines will display in the components list. If a user wishes to hide these virtual machines and just focus on swXtch.io-based components, they can deselect this VM filter.



### **Streams**



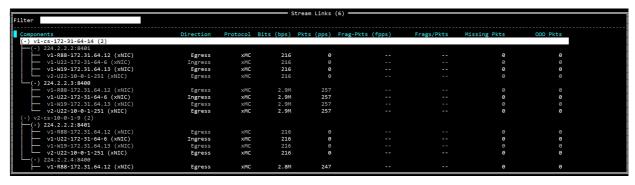
This tree view shows all the multicast groups that are being received and/or transmitted by the cloudSwXtch and how to interacts with the various endpoints. **To navigate to this view**, enter CTRL + S or click on the view's name.

This view includes:

- Stream The name of the stream IP and Port. This could also be an Alias set in wXcked Eye. For example, BaseballCamera1 and BaseballCamera2 were Aliases assigned in wXcked Eye.
- Components: swxtch, xNIC or VM (Virtual Machine w/o xNIC)
- **Protocol**: Multicast or Broadcast
- RX Pkts: The total ingress packets per second being received by the component.
- RX Bits: The total ingress bits per second that is received by the component.
- TX Pkts: The total egress packets per second that is transmitted by the component.
- TX Bits: The total egress bits per second that that is transmitted by the component.

In the example above, stream 224.2.2.3:8400 is listed. It is being transmitted by an **endpoint (v1-u22-172-31-64-6)** to the **cloudSwXtch (v1-c2-172-31-64-14)**, which is then sent to the other endpoints. That is why there are three additional endpoints listed under the cloudSwXtch.

### Stream Links

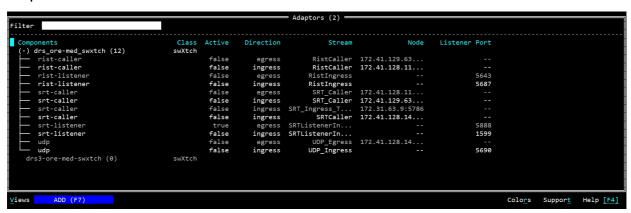


The Stream Links view displays all the cloudSwXtch network components (cloudSwXtch or xNIC) and the streams they are linked to. **To select this view**, press CTRL + K or click on the view's name. To expand a component, simply use the up and down keys on the keyboard and hit ENTER to select.

In this example, the cloudSwXtch (dsd-core-200) is selected with the singular stream 239.1.1.1:3490 expanded. Here, a user can see a list of endpoints receiving/transmitting the stream to/from the cloudSwXtch, dsd-core-200.

- Components: cloudSwXtch or endpoints (xNICs)
- Direction: Either Ingress or Egress, depending on whether data is being ingested or transmitted by the component
- Protocol: Multicast or Broadcast
- Bits (bps): Bits per second
- Pkts (pps): Packets per second
- Frag-Pkts (fpps): Fragmented packets per second
- Frags/Pkts: Total # of Fragmented Packets
- Missing Packets: Packets that did not make their destination
- OOO Pkts: Out of order packets

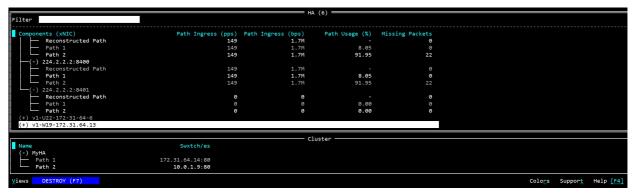
## Adaptors



The Adaptors view displays information regarding Protocol Conversion and Fanout. It includes a detailed list of configured protocols (UDP, SRT Caller/Listener, or RIST Caller/Listener), their direction (ingress/egress), the stream IP or stream name, the node, and Listener Port. Users can also add and delete adaptors. For more information, see the Configuring Adaptors for Protocol Fanout section.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + A or click on the view's name.

# **HA** (High Availability)



The HA view shows additional details for high availability from the perspective of the consumer. It will only show data if High Availability has been configured.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + H or click on the view's name. Go to High Availability for configuration details.

This view is organized into two sections: **HA** and **Cluster**.

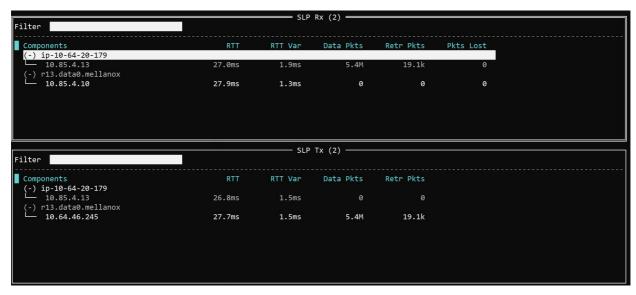
- HA: This section lists the xNIC components in the cloudSwXtch network that are consuming or producing HA paths. Expanding the consumer details will show the stream IP split into two paths (red and blue) and a reconstructed path.
- Cluster: This section displays the high availability clusters and the associated cloudSwXtches for each path.

The statistics by each line item is further explained below:

- Path Ingress pps The total ingress packets per second that is received in the path for the multicast group.
- Path Ingress bps The total ingress bits per second that is received in the path for the multicast group.
- Path Usage % The percentage that the path is used in the highly available multicast group.
- Missing packets The total number of missing packets for the path since the inception of the stream. If you stop the stream or cloudSwXtches, the number will stop increasing but will not reset.

Users can also create and destroy HA clusters in this view. For more information, see Configuring HA in swXtch-top.

#### Lossless



The Lossless view shows statistics for data flow using **s**wXtch **L**ossless UD**P**, or SLP, from ground to cloud through the cloudSwXtch Bridge.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + L or click on the view's name.

By default, the view is organized into two sections: SLP Rx and SLP Tx. Both sections will populate with information, illustrating traffic between the cloudSwXtch Bridge and the cloudSwXtch.

By default, the following columns are displayed for SLP Rx:

- RTT (ns): Round trip time in nanoseconds it takes for our connection to send a ping and receive a response. One way latency can be estimated by dividing this value in half.
- RTT Variance: The variance of the RTT measurement. A high variance is indicative of an unstable connection.
- Data Pkts: The total number of packets received (original and retransmitted)
- Retr Pkts: The number of packets received as a a retransmitted packet.
- Packets Lost: The total number of packets that were not recovered by the connection and are lost.

By default, the following columns are displayed for SLP Tx:

- RTT (ns): The round trip time in nanoseconds it takes for our connection to send a ping and receive a response. One way latency can be estimated by dividing this value in half.
- RTT Variance: The variance of the RTT measurement. A high variance is indicative of an unstable connection.
- Data Pkts: The total number of packets transmitted (original and retransmitted)
- Retr Pkts: The total number of retransmitted packets

Please note: Although the Setup feature has additional SLP-related statistics, they are mostly use for troubleshooting purposes by the swXtch.io. We recommend using the default columns above to monitor your SLP connection.

## **Aliases**



The Aliases section provides users with a detailed list of user-assigned names for components and streams. It is split into two sections: Component Aliases and Stream Aliases.

For Component Aliases, the following columns will display:

- Alias
- Primary IP
- Hostname
- Class

For Stream Aliases, there are only two columns: Alias and Stream.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + E or click on the view's name.

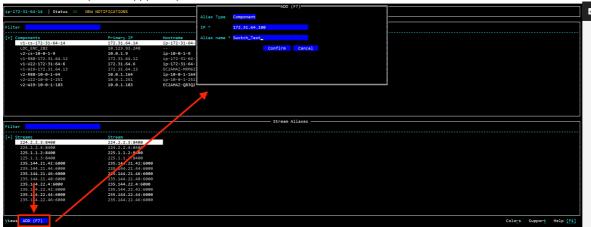
## Adding and Deleting Aliases

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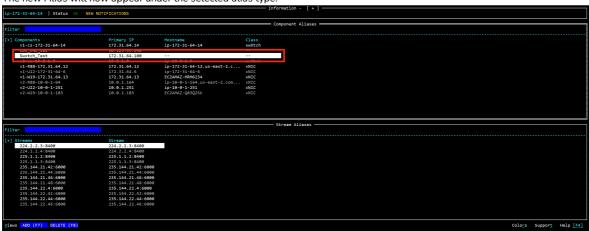
 $Users\ can\ add\ and\ delete\ aliases\ in\ swxtch-top.\ This\ can\ also\ be\ done\ in\ the\ Aliases\ tab\ on\ the\ wXcked\ Eye\ Settings\ page.$ 

## To add an alias:

- 1. Click the Add button at the bottom of swxtch-top or hit F7 on your keyboard.
  - a. A new window will open.
- 2. Select the Alias type: **Component** or **Stream**.
  - a. For Component, add an IP address and the assign an Alias name.
  - b. For Stream, add a Stream IP address, Port and assign an Alias.
- 3. Click Confirm once you are happy with your selections.

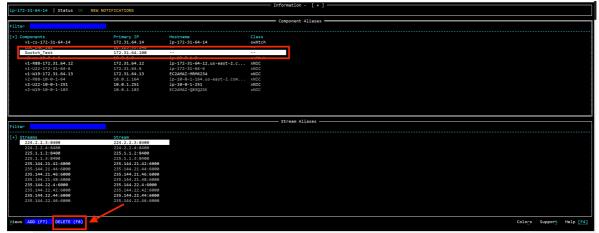


4. The new Alias will now appear under the selected alias type.



## To delete an alias:

- 1. Highlight an Alias from either the Component or Stream Aliases list.
- 2. Click Delete at the bottom of the swxtch-top window.



- 3. Click Confirm.
- 4. The Alias will disappear from list.

## PTP



The PTP view displays information regarding the clock sync configuration for the cloudSwXtch. The page in swxtch-top will only populate with information if the user has the PTP feature enabled.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + P or click on the view's name.

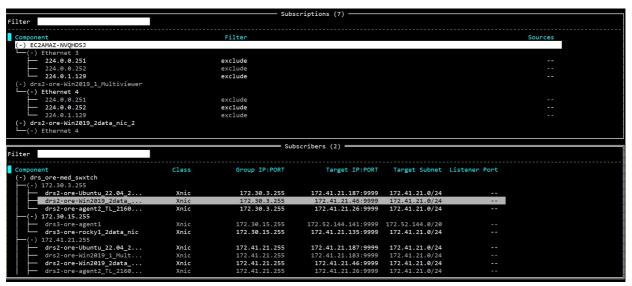
In the example above, the cloudSwXtch is acting as the Master Node and is the first line item listed. Below the cloudSwXtch are the follower nodes.

- Master Node- The Master Node is what the PTP configuration sets as the most reliable time source. This will send the true time it receives from the source clock to the Follower Nodes.
  - Name The name of the cloudSwXtch
  - Time Sync Service The source clock
- Follower Nodes- The Follower Nodes lists the agents/VMs that subscribe to the Master Node for accurate timing.
  - Name The name of the endpoints
  - Status The status of the endpoints, noting if the node is active in the PTP configuration
  - Local Offset The local offset denotes the offset in time from the cloudSwXtch to the xNIC.
  - Root Offset The root offset denotes the offset in time from the GrandMaster clock to the cloudSwXtch and its follower nodes (xNIC). Note how the root is larger than the local. This is normal behavior since the distance between the follower node and the Grandmaster clock is greater than the offset between a cloudSwXtch and xNIC.

### PTP Stabilization

After upgrading your cloudSwXtch system, you may notice that the local and root offset values are much larger than they actually are. It can take up to 30 minutes for the values to stabilize and return back to normal levels.

## Subscriptions



The Subscriptions page details the different source list configurations for single source multicast and multiple multicast groups. Here, users will get a detailed lists of included and excluded streams and the source they originate from.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + U or or click on the view's name.

### **Notifications**

```
Filter

| Id | Time | Host | System | Component | Type | Description |
| 2 | 2024-12-09 14:23:20 | ip-10-0-1-9 | swXtch | PTP | Alert | PTP | Services status: Not Installed - ClockSync Entitlement: true
```

The Notifications view compiles a list of cloudSwXtch-related notifications.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + N or click on the view's name.

A **New Notifications** alert will appear in the Information panel in swXtch-top as shown below. Visiting the Notifications view will remove this alert

```
Information - dev

License File NEW NOTIFICATIONS

ANS
ACCOUNTED

Region US-west-2

SwitchId : 0-0005b067da040f7e4

Status OK

Sinds Accounted

ANS
ACCOUNTED

License expiration 2033-Nov-08

SwitchId : 0-0005b067da040f7e4
```

### Configurations

The Configurations view gives users a visualization of the xNICs' configuration JSON files.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + F or click on the view's name.

### Licensing

The Licensing view gives a breakdown of the entitlements allotted to each of the cloudSwXtches included in the network.

Depending on their license, users will have a set number for their Max Bandwidth, Max Clients and Max bridges. In the example above, the user has a max bandwidthMbps of 236bps with 20 clients max and 1 bridges max. This section will also show if a user has the following features enabled: HA, Fanout, Clock Sync (PTP), wXckedEye, TachyonLive, and Major Version Update.

In addition to the Licensing details, the Details panel lists the expiration date of the license and the license type for a selected cloudSwXtch.

To navigate to this view, enter CTRL + G or click on the view's name.

## Configuring Adaptors for Protocol Fanout

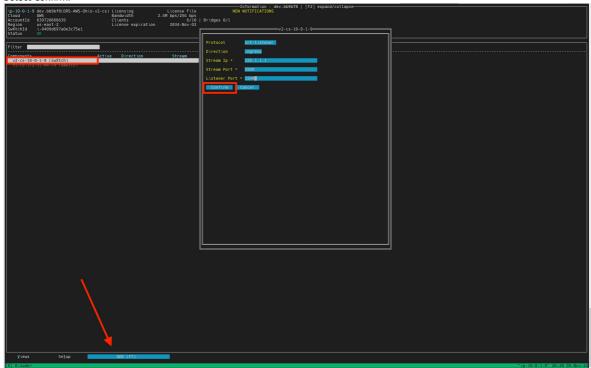
In the Adaptors view, users can configure adaptors for protocol fanout, a functionality that is also available in wXcked Eye. swXtch.io's protocol fanout feature allows users to configure unicast (UDP, SRT, RIST) for the cloudSwXtch and the cloudSwXtch Bridge and fan it out to multiple instances as UDP, SRT, RIST, or multicast. For swXtch-top, users have the ability to both add and delete an adaptor.

### Adding an Adaptor

1. Navigate to the Adaptors view in swXtch-top.

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- 2. Highlight a component (cloudSwXtch or cloudSwXtch Bridge) that you would like to add an adaptor. You can do this either by clicking on a listed component or using the navigation up and down navigation keys.
- 3. Press F7 or click the Add button at the bottom of swXtch-top.
  - a. A new window will open.
- 4. Enter the information for your adaptor. For an explainer on what each field means, see Protocol Conversion and Fanout with wXcked Eye.
- 5. Select Confirm.

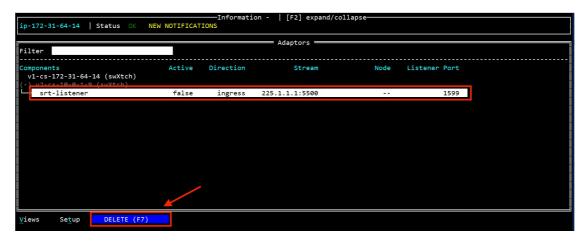


 ${\bf 6.} \ \ \underline{\bf The\ new\ adaptor\ will\ list\ under\ the\ cloudSwXtch\ or\ cloudSwXtch\ Bridge\ component.}$ 

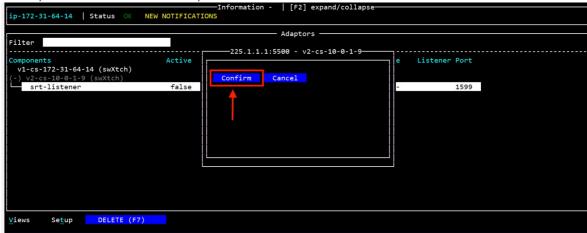


# **Deleting an Adaptor**

- 1. Navigate to the Adaptors view in swXtch-top.
- 2. Select an adaptor under a cloudSwXtch or cloudSwXtch Bridge component that you would like to delete. You can do this either by clicking on a listed component or using the navigation up and down navigation keys.
- 3. Press F7 or click the delete button at the bottom of swXtch-top.
  - a. A new window will open.



4. Confirm you wish to delete the selected adaptor.



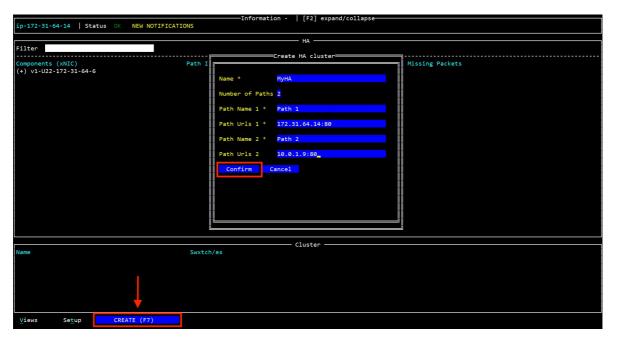
5. The new adaptor will be removed from under the cloudSwXtch or cloudSwXtch Bridge component.

# Configuring HA in swXtch-top

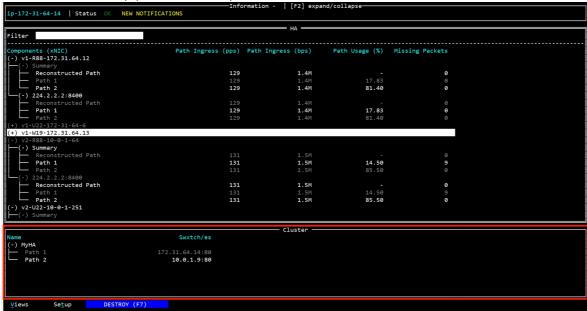
In the HA view, users can configure an HA cluster, a functionality that is also available in wXcked Eye. This includes creating or deleting an HA cluster. **Note**: You cannot reconfigure an HA cluster after creating one. You must delete it to start again.

# Creating an HA cluster

- $1. \ \ Navigate to the HA view in swXtch-top.$
- 2. Press F7 or click the Create button at the bottom of swXtch-top.
  - a. A Create HA cluster form will open.
- 3. Name your HA cluster.
- 4. Set the number of Paths.
  - a. For each path, assign a Path Name and a cloudSwXtch Control IP address.
- 5. Confirm when you are happy with your selections.



6. A new HA cluster will now populate in the Cluster panel.



 $After \ a \ cluster \ is \ added \ for \ this \ cloud SwXtch, \ the \ information \ will \ propagate \ to \ all \ relevant \ cloud SwXtches.$ 

# Deleting an HA cluster

- 1. Navigate to the HA view in swXtch-top.
- 2. Press F7 or click the Delete button at the bottom of swXtch-top.
  - a. A Delete HA cluster form will open.
- 3. Confirm that you wish to Destroy the HA cluster.



4. The HA cluster and the displayed HA stats will be removed.

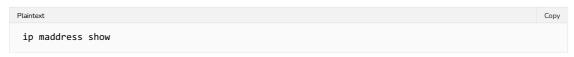
# **Troubleshooting swxtch-top**

- 1. If the swxtch-top "Status" is showing that there is a "Connection error:"
  - a. Check that the cloudSwXtch is started.
  - $b. \ \ Check \ that \ you \ entered \ in \ the \ proper \ clouds wxtch \ name \ or \ IP \ when \ running \ the \ swxtch-top \ command.$
  - c. If name does not work when running the swxtch-top command then the DNS is not set-up correctly, use the IP address instead.
- 2. If an xNIC was installed but is not showing up in swxtch-top:
  - a. Navigate to the swxtch-nic.conf file and validate that the "SwxtchSvcAddr" is correct.
    - Windows can be found at "C:\Program Files\SwXtch.io\Swxtch-xNIC"
    - Linux can be found at "/var/opt/swxtch/swxtch-xnic.conf"
  - b. Check that the firewall is open for the following ports:

| subnet      | protocol | ports       | vm          |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| ctrl-subnet | tcp      | 80          | cloudSwXtch |
| ctrl-subnet | udp      | 10800-10803 | all         |
| data-subnet | udp      | 9999        | all         |

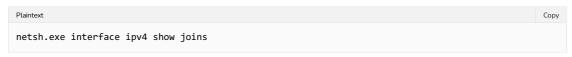
- 3. If a multicast group is not showing up then check that they have registered.
  - In Linux, run this command:

Text

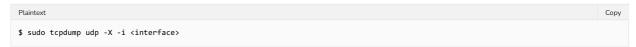


• In Windows, run this command in PowerShell:

Text



- If the joins are not showing here then the application is not joining the multi-cast group. In this case run swxtch-perf for the same IP:Port combination and then re-try in the program.
- If the joins are not showing here then the application is not joining the multi-cast group. In this case run swxtch-perf for the same IP:Port combination and then re-try in the program.
- If using Windows make use of Task Manager and view Performance to know where data is being sent/received.
- Validate using TCPdump or Wireshark to identify where traffic is going as it could be going to the wrong network interface, it should be going to the Data Interface if xNIC2 and Swxtch-tun0 if xNIC1. An example is below:



### NOTE

xNIC1 interface: swxtch-tun0

xNIC2 interface: data nic (usually eth1 for Linux, and "Ethernet 2" for Windows)

• Validate that a firewall is not stopping the multicast and open up the firewall to include port exceptions.

## swxtch-top on a cloudSwXtch

swxtch-top should be run from a virtual machine with an xNIC installed, it should be avoided to run it or anything else directly on a cloudSwXtch. That being said it can be done, but you must run it with sudo. Only run it on the cloudSwXtch if doing advanced troubleshooting.

sudo /swxtch/swxtch-top dashboard --swxtch localhost

Alternatively use 127.0.0.1 or swxtch-hostname or swxtch-IP in place of localhost

# swxtch-tcpdump

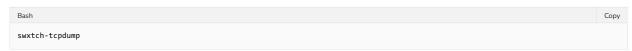
#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Users can use a cloudSwXtch specific version of tcpdump called swxtch-tcpcump. This tool helps with capturing multicast packets sent to and from the cloudSwXtch. It is the same as tcpdump but with logic to decode our own header and display the original MC payload.

In this article, users will learn about the available arguments for swxtch-tcpdump.

## Using swxtch-tcpdump

Execute the following command:



**Note**: The default is **swxtch-tun (Windows)** or **swxtch-tun0 (Linux)**. If their multicast is running on a different interface, then a user will need to specify that interface. To get a list of interfaces for Windows, you can use **ip config**. For Linux, you can use **ip a**. After you get the name of the correct interface, you can use the -i argument followed by your desired interface name.

### Example:

```
Bash Copy
swxtch-tcpdump -i ens6
```

#### Additional arguments

Users can use the -h argument as shown below to get a list of available arguments for swXtch-tcpdump.

# swxtch-where

### WHAT TO EXPECT

swxtch-where allows users to call for hardware information regarding their cloudSwXtch VM.

In this article, users will learn about the different arguments they can use with swxtch-where and example outputs they should expect.

### swXtch-where Cloud Type

Below are the Linux and Windows commands to call swxtch-where. An empty command (without an argument) like the examples below will only return the cloud type.

#### Windows

For Windows VM, swxtch-where must be called from the xNIC directory and have the .exe extension.



#### Linux

For Linux VM, a user would only need to input the following:



### swxtch-where Format

What is probably the most useful option in the swxtch-where argument list is **-f json** or **--format json**, which provides users with a json of hardware-related information regarding the cloudSwXtch VM. This is information is similar to the Hardware view in swxtch-top and Hardware panel in wXcked Eye's Settings' General tab. It presents a breakdown of the control and data subnet with information categorized as either metadata or operating system.

## Windows



### Linux

| Bash                 | Сору |
|----------------------|------|
| swxtch-where -f json |      |

## **Example Output in Windows:**

```
Bash
                                                                                                                                      Сору
S C:\Program Files\SwXtch.io\Swxtch-xNIC2> .\swxtch-where.exe --format json
 "cloudType": "AZURE",
 "nics": [
     "computed": {
        "isPreferredControlNic": false,
       "isPreferredDataNic": true,
       "isSRIOV": false
      "meta": {
        "ipAddress": "10.5.1.7",
       "ipBroadcast": "10.5.1.255",
       "ipSubnet": "10.5.1.0",
       "mac": "00:22:48:27:0e:dc",
       "subnetMask": "255.255.255.0"
      "os": {
        "driver": "mlx5.sys",
        "mac": "00:22:48:27:0e:dc",
       "mtu": 1500,
        "name": "Ethernet 261",
        "pciAddress": "65025:00:02.0"
   },
      "computed": {
       "isPreferredControlNic": true,
       "isPreferredDataNic": false,
       "isSRIOV": false
      "meta": {
       "ipAddress": "10.5.2.7",
       "ipBroadcast": "10.5.2.255",
"ipSubnet": "10.5.2.0",
       "mac": "00:22:48:27:07:14",
       "subnetMask": "255.255.255.0"
      "os": {
       "driver": "netvsc.sys",
       "ipAddress": "10.5.2.7",
       "ipBroadcast": "10.5.2.255",
       "ipSubnet": "10.5.2.0",
        "mac": "00:22:48:27:07:14",
       "mtu": 1500,
       "name": "Ethernet",
        "pciAddress": "",
        "subnetMask": "255.255.255.0"
```

## swxtch-where Version

Using the **-v** or **--version** argument after the swxtch-where command will return the version.

### Example in Windows:

```
PS C:\Program Files\SwXtch.io\Swxtch-xNIC2> .\swxtch-where.exe -v
1.0
```

## swxtch-where Help

The swXtch-where -h or --help argument provides users with a detailed list of available arguments.

### Example in Windows:

```
PS C:\Program Files\SwXtch.io\Swxtch-xNIC2> .\swxtch-where.exe - h
Usage: C:\Program Files\SwXtch.io\Swxtch-xNIC2\swxtch-where.exe [options]

swxtch-where utility.
Calling with no arguments simply returns the cloud type.

Optional arguments:
-h --help shows help message and exits [default: false]
-v --version prints version information and exits [default: false]
-f --format output format (example: "json")
```

# **Universal Third-Party Testing Tools**

### WHAT TO EXPECT

While xNIC installation provides you with a number of useful tools to test the functionality of your cloudSwXtch network (swxtch-perf, swxtch-tcpdump, etc.), there is also a wealth of universal third-party testing tools at your disposal.

In this article, we will take a deeper dive into these alternative options and understand their benefits and pitfalls.

- VLC
- ffmpeg/ffplay
- iPerf (v2)
- sockperf
- Python/Go

Please Note: These tools should be used for testing purposes only.

## **VLC**

VLC is a free and open-source cross-platform multimedia player and framework that plays most multimedia files, and various streaming protocols. As a highly visual tool, it can be used to demonstrate the delivery and fidelity of video streams from the cloudSwXtch to the xNIC.

### Example

In the following example, a producer is streaming a .ts file using the RTP protocol to the multicast address 239.1.1.2 to port 1000 in a indefinite loop. The agent is consuming the stream.

#### Producer:



#### Consumer:

PowerShell

vlc rtp://@239.1.1.2:10000

### vlc vs. cvlc

When using Linux, you can use cvlc instead of vlc. cvlc is an alias for "vlc -l dummy". It is VLC without the user interface, lighter and faster to open remotely, and will show a window playing the video only. **Note**: cvlc does not work for Windows.

# ffmpeg/ffplay

ffmpeg/ffply are command line tools to demonstrate the delivery of a stream. **ffmpeg** is the streamer, **ffplay** is the command to see the stream. While VLC requires a file to stream from the producer to the consumer, ffmpeg/ffplay can produce video test patterns. In the following example, we will use "testsrc", which will generate a test video pattern. This will display a color pattern with a scrolling gradient and a timestamp. If a stream appears, it means this was a successful delivery. **Please note**: Other test patterns are available for use.

# Example

In this example, the user is testing a stream signal with a resolution of  $640 \times 480$  at 30fps, in MPEG using labfi (Libavfilter input virtual device) for 1000 seconds to the multicast address 239.1.1.1, port 10000 using a packet size of 1316 bytes.

### Producer



Below is an example of ffmpeg producer output.

```
ubuntu@FS2A1AD22:~$ ffmpeg -hide_banner -f lavfi -re -i testsrc=duration=1000:size=640x480:rate=30 -f mpegts "udp://239.1.1.1:11000?pkt_size=1316"
Input #0, lavfi, from 'testsrc=duration=1000:size=640x480:rate=30':
    Duration: N/A, start: 0.000000, bitrate: N/A
    Stream #0:0: Video: rawvideo (RoB[24] / 0x18424752), rgb24, 640x480 [SAR 1:1 DAR 4:3], 30 tbr, 30 tbn, 30 tbc

Stream maping:
    Stream #0:0: > #0:0 (rawvideo (native) -> mpeg2video (native))

Press [q] to stop, [?] for help
    Uutput #0, mpegts, to 'udp://239.1.1:11000?pkt_size=1316':
    Metadata:
    encoder : Lavf58.76.100

Stream #0:0: Video: mpeg2video (Main), yuv420p(tv, progressive), 640x480 [SAR 1:1 DAR 4:3], q=2-31, 200 kb/s, 30 fps, 90k tbn
    Metadata:
    encoder : Lavc58.134.100 mpeg2video
    Side data:
        cpb: bitrate max/min/avg: 0/0/200000 buffer size: 0 vbv_delay: N/A

[rame= 517 fps= 30 q=31.0 size= 909kB time=00:00:17.13 bītrate= 434.8kbits/s speed=0.996x
```

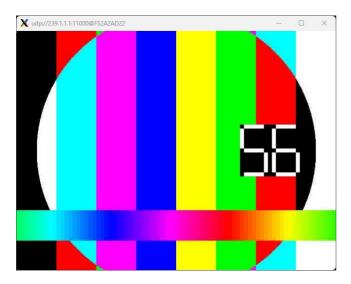
#### Consumer:

```
PowerShell

ffplay -hide_banner "udp://239.1..1:11000"
```

Below is an example ffplay consumer output.

A successful delivery of the stream will display the following stream in the consumer's VM:



# iPerf (v2)

Similar to swxtch-perf, iPerf is a multi-platform tool for network performance measurement and tuning. It is commonly used for bandwidth and latency measurements. However, what differs is that iPerf has additional arguments not found in swxtch-perf, our streamlined tool. Since iPerf (v3) does not support multicast, it is recommended to use iPerf (v2) for cloudSwXtch networking testing.

### Example

In this example, the user is creating a UDP stream at multicast address 239.1.1.3, port 1000 for 120 seconds with a buffer length of 1000 bytes. The enhanced report will display stats for every second with enhanced reporting.

#### Producer

```
PowerShell

iperf -c 239.1.1.3 -p 10000 -u -t 120 -i 1 -e -l 1000
```

## • Arguments Explained:

- -c: the machine as the producer, specifying the multicast address
- -p: the port
- -u: the producer will be sending UDP packets
- -t: the duration of the stream in seconds
- -i: the time interval stats will be reported. In this case, it is every second (1).
- -e: enhanced reporting (interval, transfer, bandwidth, write/err, PPS)
- -l: length of buffers to read or write (1000)

This is an example of an iPerf producer output.

```
ubuntu@FS2A1AD22:~$ iperf -c 239.1.1.3 -p 10000 -u -t 120 -i 1 -e -l 1000
Client connecting to 239.1.1.3, UDP port 10000 with pid 2535 (1 flows)
TOS set to 0x0 (Nagle on)
Sending 1000 byte datagrams, IPG target: 7629.39 us (kalman adjust)
UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)
          local 172.41.128.64%ens5 port 53524 connected with 239.1.1.3 port 10000 (sock=3) on 2024-05-31 15:07:03 (UTC)
Interval Transfer Bandwidth Write/Err PPS
                                                Transfer
130 KBytes
128 KBytes
                                                                                                                       133 pps
131 pps
131 pps
131 pps
          0.0000-1.0000 sec
1.0000-2.0000 sec
2.0000-3.0000 sec
                                                                        1.06 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                     0/0
                                                                                                     0/0
          3.0000-4.0000 sec
4.0000-5.0000 sec
5.0000-6.0000 sec
                                                                        1.05 Mbits/sec
                                                                        1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                                       131 pps
131 pps
131 pps
                                                                                                     0/0
                                                                                                      0/0
          6.0000-7.0000 sec
7.0000-8.0000 sec
8.0000-9.0000 sec
                                                                        1.05
                                                                                 Mbits/sec
                                                                        1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                                       131 pps
131 pps
                                                                                                      0/0
                                                                         1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
           9.0000-10.0000 sec
10.0000-11.0000 sec
11.0000-12.0000 sec
                                                   128 KBytes
                                                                                                                         131 pps
                                                    128 KBytes
128 KBytes
                                                                                                                           131 pps
131 pps
131 pps
                                                                                                        0/0
0/0
                                                    128 KBytes
128 KBytes
            12.0000-13.0000 sec
                .0000-14.0000 sec
                                                                                                         0/0
            14.0000-15.0000 sec
                                                            KBytes
```

## Consumer:

```
PowerShell

iperf -s -u -B 239.1.1.3 -p 10000 -i 1
```

## Arguments Explained:

• -s: server, signifying a consumer

- -u: consumer will be taking in UDP packets
- -B: bind, specifying the multicast address (Note the capitalization.)
- -p: the port
- -i: the time interval stats will be reported (1)

This is an example of an iPerf consumer output. Note how each line item coincides with the single second interval.

```
ubuntu@FS2A2AD22:~$ ./iperf -s -u -B 239.1.1.3 -p 10000 -i 1
Server listening on UDP port 10000
Joining multicast group 239.1.1.3
Server set to single client traffic mode (per multicast receive)
UDP buffer size: 208 KByte (default)
             local 239.1.1.3 port 10000 connected with 172.41.128.64 port 56156
Interval Transfer Bandwidth Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams
0.00-1.00 sec 129 KBytes 1.06 Mbits/sec 0.017 ms 7001/7133 (98%)
            Interval
0.00-1.00 sec
     ID]
                                                                         1.06 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                              0.017 ms 7001/7133

0.014 ms 0/131 (0%)

0.016 ms 0/131 (0%)

0.015 ms 0/131 (0%)

0.017 ms 0/132 (0%)

0.017 ms 0/132 (0%)

0.027 ms 0/131 (0%)

0.015 ms 0/131 (0%)
             1.00-2.00 sec
                                                128 KBytes
            2.00-3.00 sec
3.00-4.00 sec
                                               128 KBytes
128 KBytes
                                                                         1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
1.05 Mbits/sec
                                                128 KBytes
129 KBytes
128 KBytes
             4.00-5.00 sec
             5.00-6.00 sec
             6.00-7.00 sec
                                                128 KBytes
128 KBytes
128 KBytes
             7.00-8.00 sec
             8.00-9.00 sec
```

### No Consumer Output

On some older versions of iPerf 2, the consumer will not show any output. This can happen even when configured to do so. However, you can still check swxtch-top to see if the xNIC interface is getting traffic. To remedy this issue, ensure you have the latest version of iPerf 2.

## sockperf

Another alternative to swxtch-perf is **sockperf**, a Linux-only network benchmarking utility over socket API that is designed for testing the latency and throughput of high-performance systems. While it is similar to both swxtch-perf and iPerf, it has far less commands than its counterparts. It is recommended to use sockperf when saturating the NIC and using the VM's maximum amount of bandwidth.

### Example

In this example, the user will create a stream at multicast address 239.1.1.4, port 10000 using a message size of 1472, sending 2000 messages per second in 30 seconds.

# Producer (sockperf throughput):

```
PowerShell

sockperf throughput --ip 239.1.1.4 --msg-size 1472 --port 10000 --mps 2000 --time 30
```

## Consumer (sockperf server):

```
PowerShell
sockperf server --ip 239.1.1.4 --Activity 800 --port 10000
```

This will consume the traffic and print the activity for the last 800 messages processed. The consumer will continually wait for the producer until it is shut off.

## Python/Go

Users may choose to also build their own tool to test their cloudSwXtch network. Below are two examples using Python or Go programming language to test multicast messaging. What is great about cloudSwXtch is that when we say it requires no code changes, the same applies for testing.

### Python

As a pre-installed program on Linux-based machines, using Python is a simple way to test your xNIC.

### Producer

The key object here is the socket module and the instruction used to send is sock.sendto. As you can see in the code, no modification to the code is necessary in order to make "compatible" with the xNIC/cloudSwXtch. The following code will work on any multicast-compatible environment.

1. Create a producer.py file on the producer VM. One method is to use nano. Note: You can name the file anything.



2. Copy and paste the following script:

```
Profile
                                                                                                       Сору
import socket
import struct
import time
def send_multicast_message(ip, port, message, delay):
   # Create the socket
   multicast_group = (ip, port)
   sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
   # Set the time-to-live for messages to 1 so they do not go past the local network segment
   ttl = struct.pack('b', 1)
   sock.setsockopt(socket.IPPROTO_IP, socket.IP_MULTICAST_TTL, ttl)
   try:
        while True:
            # Send the message
            print(f'Sending "{message}" to {ip}:{port}')
            sock.sendto(message.encode('utf-8'), multicast_group)
            # Delay between messages
            time.sleep(delay)
   finally:
       print('Closing socket')
        sock.close()
# Example usage
send_multicast_message('239.1.1.1', 10000, 'Hello, Multicast!', 2)Save the file and close.
```

- 3. Save and close.
- 4. Run the script:

```
Profile Copy

python3 producer.py
```

Below is an example of the output:

```
ubuntu@FS2A1AD22:~$ python3 producer.py
Sending "Hello, Multicast!" to 239.1.1.1:10000
Sending "Hello, Multicast!" to 239.1.1.1:10000
Sending "Hello, Multicast!" to 239.1.1.1:10000
```

### Consumer

1. Create a receiver.py file on your consumer VM. One method is to use nano. Note: You can name the file anything.



2. Copy and paste the following script:

```
Profile
                                                                                                           Сору
import socket
import struct
def receive_multicast_message(ip, port):
    # Create the socket
    sock = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_DGRAM)
    # Bind to the server address
    sock.bind(('', port))
    \ensuremath{\text{\#}} Tell the operating system to add the socket to the multicast group
    group = socket.inet_aton(ip)
    mreq = struct.pack('4sL', group, socket.INADDR_ANY)
    sock.setsockopt(socket.IPPROTO_IP, socket.IP_ADD_MEMBERSHIP, mreq)
    # Receive/respond loop
    while True:
        print('Waiting to receive')
        data, address = sock.recvfrom(1024)
        print(f'Received "{data.decode("utf-8")}" from {address}')
# Example usage
receive_multicast_message('239.1.1.1', 10000)Save and close.
```

- 3. Save and exit.
- 4. Run the script:

```
PowerShell
python3 receiver.py

Copy
```

Below is an example of the output on the consumer VM:

```
ubuntu@FS2A2AD22:~$ python3 receiver.py
Waiting to receive
Received "Hello, Multicast!" from ('172.41.128.64', 36601)
Waiting to receive
Received "Hello, Multicast!" from ('172.41.128.64', 36601)
Waiting to receive
Received "Hello, Multicast!" from ('172.41.128.64', 36601)
Waiting to receive
```

### Go

Go is an alternative programming language. However, unlike Python, it must be installed manually. Use the following example scripts to test.

## Producer

The producer uses the command  $\mbox{\bf net.Dial}$  to send a message using multicast.

```
Сору
// producer.go
package main
import (
    "fmt"
   "net"
   "os"
    "time"
func main() {
   multicastAddr := "239.1.1.1:10000"
   conn, err := net.Dial("udp", multicastAddr)
      fmt.Println("Error connecting:", err)
       os.Exit(1)
    defer conn.Close()
       message := "Hello, Multicast!"
         , err = conn.Write([]byte(message))
       if err != nil {
          fmt.Println("Error sending message:", err)
           os.Exit(1)
       fmt.Println("Message sent:", message)
       time.Sleep(2 * time.Second)
```

## Consumer

The receiver uses the command net.ListenMulticastUDP.

```
Сору
// receiver.go
package main
import (
   "fmt"
    "net"
    "os"
func main() {
   multicastAddr := "239.1.1.1:10000"
   addr, err := net.ResolveUDPAddr("udp", multicastAddr)
   if err != nil {
       fmt.Println("Error resolving address:", err)
       os.Exit(1)
   conn, err := net.ListenMulticastUDP("udp", nil, addr)
    if err != nil {
       fmt.Println("Error listening for multicast:", err)
       os.Exit(1)
   defer conn.Close()
    buf := make([]byte, 1024)
    for {
      n, src, err := conn.ReadFromUDP(buf)
       if err != nil {
          fmt.Println("Error receiving message:", err)
           os.Exit(1)
       message := string(buf[:n])
       fmt.Printf("Received message from %v: %s\n", src, message)
```

### Other Programming Languages

As with Python or Go, you can create programs in virtually any language with the same logic for sending multicast traffic and let the xNIC + cloudSwXtch take care of the rest. For example, in Javascript, the commands will be **server.send** and **server.on**. In C++, the commands will be **sendto()** and **recvfrom()**.

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# How to View cloudSwXtch Logs for Troubleshooting

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn about accessing cloudSwXtch logs for the purpose of troubleshooting. We will break down two commands: **swx support** and **sudo journalctrl**. Common arguments that can be used when compiling information for the support team at swXtch.io will also be discussed.

Support may also request for you to send xNIC logs. For more information, see How to Find xNIC Logs.

## swx support Logs

When troubleshooting, swXtch.io Support will request a report detailing the statistical data stored within the cloudSwXtch during a certain period. This report will include max highmarks, list highmarks, logs, swxtch Info, xNIC Logs, License and Config -- all in a compressed tar.gz file.

### Accessing the Report

The following command will compile the data stored on the disk between a certain time period by executing all other commands, saving it in a compressed file.

```
Bash
./swx support -f "yyyy-mm-dd" -t "yyyy-mm-dd" -s localhost
```

An example output file would be swxtch-report-2024-05-22\_15-58-55.tar.gz.

Alternatively, you can export swx support logs using the wXcked Eye UI. To learn more, see the wXcked Eye Support Page article.

### Available swx support Arguments

## Exporting only xNIC Logs (xnic-logs)

Users can export xNIC logs by specifying it with the swx support command. In addition to the xnic-logs command, they must use the argument --xnic and specify the xNIC's control IP. In the example below, the xNIC's control IP is 10.5.1.4.

### Example:

```
Bash

./swx support xnic-logs -since 2h -s localhost --xnic 10.5.1.4
```

An example output file would be xnicLogs-10.5.1.4-2024-05-22\_20-27-55.tar.gz.

### Date from (-f) and date to (-t)

- Following the -f (date\_from), enter the starting date.
- Following the -t (date\_to), enter the end date.
- Both dates can also include the time, using the ISO 8601 date format (Example: 2006-01-02T15:04:05Z)

Please note: Both "From" and "to" are optional. If nothing is set, the default is over the past 7 days.

## Since hours/days (--since)

Following -since, users can specify number of days (d) or hours (h). For example, if a user would like to get logs since 8 hours ago, they would specify -since 8h. If they would like 4 days ago, they would specify -since 2d.

## Example:

```
Hours
$ ./swx support -s localhost --since 8h

Days
$ ./swx support -s localhost --since 2d
```

## Core dumps (--dump)

Add **-dump** if you wish to include the core dumps in the report.

## Help (-h) for additional commands

Add a -h to the command if you wish to see an extensive list of available commands. For example, you can specify a certain section of the report to export as a tar.gz file, similar to the xNIC logs example above.

### Example:

```
Сору
root@dsd-core-200:/swxtch# ./swx support -h
Swxtch support tool
Usage:
  swx support [flags]
 swx support [command]
Available Commands:
 bridge-log
              Bridge log file
  list-highmarks List highmarks metrics within time range
 logs
              Logs
 max-highmarks Max highmarks metrics
 swxtch-info Swxtch Info
 xnic-logs
             xNIC logs file
Flags:
  -b, --bridge string
                                    bridge address
 -f, --date-from string
                                    Date from
  -t, --date-to string
                                    Date to
                                    Dump enable
 -h, --help
                                     help for support
                                    Path location
 -o, --path string
 -s, --service-host-address string Host swxtch address in the form <host>[:port] (default "localhost")
 -c, --since string
                                    Since
  -x, --xnic string
Use "swx support [command] --help" for more information about a command.
```

# cloudSwXtch Service Logs

In addition to the swx support logs, swXtch.io Support might request logs for the -ctrl/-repl services. For log requests, the standard command, **sudo journalctl -u**, can used with either **swxtch-ctrl.service** or **swxtch-repl.service** to get a detailed breakdown of cloudSwXtch activity.

- swxtch-ctrl.service This will display information regarding the cloudSwXtch's control plane.
- swxtch-repl.service This will display information regarding the cloudSwXtch's replicator app that is on the data plane.

In addition, the log request command can be used for swxtch-bridge2 (Bridge Type 2) and swXtch-bridge (Bridge Type 1) for bridge-related logs.

It is recommended for users to send logs from both services to support@swxtch.io. The logs should cover 24 hours worth of time, starting from before the issue to up until now.

Users can use any combination of the arguments below to create their logs.

## Accessing and Following Logs (-f)

The following command will begin to display logs for either the swxtch-ctrl or swxtch-repl service at the time of the request. The -f argument will follow the logs and continually update. Logs prior to the call will not display.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u <swxtch-ctrl.service OR swxtch-repl.service> -f
```

Note: A user will need to choose between swxtch-ctrl or swxtch-repl. The .service is not necessary and will work with or without.

## Listing a Certain Number of Lines in a Log (-n)

The following argument can be used to list a specific number of lines in a log.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u <swxtch-ctrl OR swxtch-repl> -n <number of lines>
```

## Example:

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u swxtch-repl -n 200
```

## Displaying Logs within a Timeframe (--since --until)

The following command will display logs within a set timeframe (between 2 dates).

```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u <swxtch-ctrl or swxtch-repl> --since <yyyy-mm-dd> --until <yyyy-mm-dd>
```

## Example:

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```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u swxtch-repl --since 2023-03-07 --until 2023-03-10
```

### --since "Yesterday", "today", "now"

You can also use the words "yesterday," "today" or "now" after --since to get logs from that time period.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u swxtch-repl --since yesterday
```

# Displaying Logs since Last Boot (-b)

To display logs since last boot, users can use the -b argument.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u <swxtch-ctrl OR swxtch-repl> -b
```

## List boots (--list-boot)

The following argument can be used to list all the boots in date/time order.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u <swxtch-ctrl OR swxtch-repl> --list-boot
```

## Exporting Logs (>)

The following command will export your logs to a .txt file. Logs should be emailed to support@swxtch.io.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u <swxtch-ctrl or swxtch-repl> > <file-name>.txt
```

## Example:

```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u swxtch-repl > cloudswxtch-test.txt
```

You can also combine arguments to export logs from a timeframe or from last boot. It is recommended that logs should cover 24 hours worth of time, starting from before the issue to up until now.

### Example:

```
Bash

LAST BOOT:
sudo journalctl - u swxtch-ctrl -b > cloudswxtch-test.txt

TIMEFRAME:
sudo journalctl - u swxtch-repl --since 2023-03-07 --until 2023-03-10 > cloudswxtch-test.txt
```

# Change Logs to UTC (--utc)

To switch logs from local time to UTC, use the following argument:

```
Bash Copy
sudo journalctl --utc
```

# How to Install xNIC Dependencies in an Air-Gapped Environment

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to download and install the appropriate packages necessary to successfully deploy an xNIC in an air-gapped environment. Without the dependencies already on your air-gapped client, xNIC installation will fail.

Please follow the instructions based on your operating system:

- RHEL-based Distros
- <u>Ubuntu</u>

# Installing Dependencies for RHEL-based Distros

The easiest way to install dependencies on RHEL-based distros is using the built-in tool called repotrack. By using this tool, users can download the necessary packages with their dependencies using a single command. Then, they can copy the rpm files from an **ancillary VM** to the **target agents** (the VMs within the air-gapped environment) and install them there.

## List of dependencies

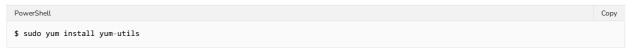
Based on the version of operating system, a user will have different package requirements.

| Major Version | Packages list                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| RHEL 8 or 9   | libpcap iproute-tc bpftool jq      |
| Amazon Linux  | libpcap iproute-tc bpftool wget jq |

Make sure you download the correct packages for your operating system.

## Prerequisites: Install yum-utils to get repotrack

If you want to use repotrack, you will need to install yum-utils. To do this, enter the following command and respond yes when asked:



Here is an example output:

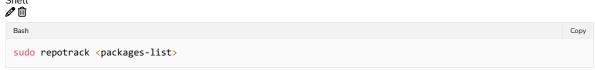


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## STEP ONE: Download All Packages and Dependencies onto your Ancillary VM

- 1. Select a VM that is connected to a repository or the internet that is similar to the one that will be used as an agent in your airgapped environment. This will act as your "ancillary VM."
- Execute the following command, replacing <packages-list> with the list associated with the correct version.



a. This will download the packages and ALL their dependencies onto your ancillary VM.

### STEP TWO: Copy the .rpm files to the Target VM

 Secure copy the files now to the target machine on the air-gapped environment by issuing the following command. Here, we use a SCP command but there are other ways to move files. SCP needs both the ancillary and target VMs be connected, and sometimes that's not an option.
 Shell



## STEP THREE: Install the packages and dependencies on the Target VM

1. In the folder containing all the RPM files sent from the ancillary VM, issue the following command on the Target VM: Shell

scp -i ~/.ssh/key.priv \*.rpm swxtchadmin@172.41.130.20:/home/swxtchadmin

```
Sudo dnf install *.rpm --disablerepo=* --allowerasing --skip-broken
```

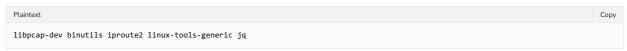
a. This will analyze the system, skip what's already installed, give a report, and ask for confirmation.

You are now ready to install the xNIC.

## Installing Dependencies for Ubuntu distros

### List of dependencies

The following packages must be installed on the target VM in order to successfully deploy an xNIC in an air-gapped environment:

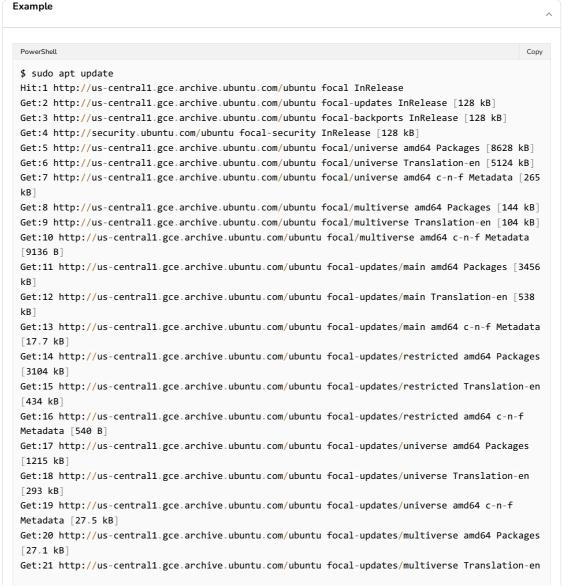


#### Instructions

- 1. Select a VM that is connected to a repository or the internet that is similar to the one that will be used as an agent in your airgapped environment. This will act as your "ancillary VM."
- Run the following command in the ancillary VM to acquire the updated repositories: PowerShell



a. Here is an example output:



```
[7936 B]
Get:22 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-updates/multiverse amd64 c-n-f
Metadata [616 B]
Get:23 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/main amd64 Packages
Get:24 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/main Translation-en
[16.3 kB]
Get:25 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/main amd64 c-n-f
Metadata [1420 B]
Get:26 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/restricted amd64 c-n-f
Metadata [116 B]
Get:27 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/universe amd64 Packages
[25.0 kB]
Get:28 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/universe Translation-en
[16.3 kB]
Get:29 http://us-centrall.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/universe amd64 c-n-f
Metadata [880 B]
Get:30 http://us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-backports/multiverse amd64 c-n-f
Metadata [116 B]
Get:31 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/main amd64 Packages [3086 kB]
Get:32 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/main Translation-en [459 kB]
Get:33 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/main amd64 c-n-f Metadata [14.0 kB]
Get:34 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/restricted amd64 Packages [2985 kB]
Get:35 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/restricted Translation-en [417 kB]
Get:36 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/restricted amd64 c-n-f Metadata [544 B]
Get:37 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/universe amd64 Packages [996 kB]
Get:38 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/universe Translation-en [211 kB]
Get:39 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/universe amd64 c-n-f Metadata [20.9 kB]
Get:40 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/multiverse amd64 Packages [24.8 kB]
Get:41 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/multiverse Translation-en [5968 B]
Get:42 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu focal-security/multiverse amd64 c-n-f Metadata [540 B]
Fetched 32.1 MB in 5s (6704 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
22 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
```

PowerShell



- 3. Create an empty folder and enter that folder. This will house the dependencies.
- Use the following command to get the list of URLs that will be downloaded: PowerShell

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PowerShell

apt-get -y install --print-uris libpcap-dev binutils iproute2 linux-tools-generic jq | cut -d\' -f2 |
grep http:// > apturls

- a. This will not generate a visible output.
- 5. Download all the files with the following command:

PowerShell

PowerShell
wget -i apturls

a. Here is an example output:



Сору

```
35.224.11.34, 35.193.225.125, 35.184.25.42, ...
Connecting to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com (us-
central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com) | 35.224.11.34 | :80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 20828 (20K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
Saving to: 'libnuma1_2.0.12-1_amd64.deb'
libnuma1_2.0.12-1_amd64.deb
                                    100%
20.34K --.-KB/s in 0.001s
2024-07-26 15:07:14 (20.2 MB/s) - 'libnuma1_2.0.12-1_amd64.deb' saved [20828/20828]
--2024-07-26 15:07:14-- http://us-
central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/b/binutils/binutils-common_2.34-
6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 207936 (203K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
Saving to: 'binutils-common_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb'
binutils-common_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb 100%
203.06K --.-KB/s in 0.009s
2024-07-26 15:07:14 (22.5 MB/s) - 'binutils-common_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb' saved
[207936/207936]
--2024-07-26 15:07:14-- http://us-
central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/b/binutils/libbinutils_2.34-
6ubuntu1.9 amd64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 474932 (464K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
Saving to: 'libbinutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb'
libbinutils 2.34-6ubuntu1.9 amd64.deb
                                   100%
[----->]
463.80K --.-KB/s in 0.01s
2024-07-26 15:07:14 (32.8 MB/s) - 'libbinutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb' saved [474932/474932]
--2024-07-26 15:07:14-- http://us-
central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/b/binutils/libctf-nobfd0_2.34-
6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 48248 (47K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
Saving to: 'libctf-nobfd0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb'
libctf-nobfd0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb 100%
47.12K --.-KB/s in 0s
2024-07-26 15:07:14 (145 MB/s) - 'libctf-nobfd0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb' saved [48248/48248]
--2024-07-26 15:07:14-- http://us-
central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/b/binutils/libctf0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
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central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/b/binutils/binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu_2.34-
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HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 50196 (49K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
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central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/g/glibc/libc-dev-bin_2.31-
0ubuntu9.16_amd64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 71612 (70K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
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libc-dev-bin_2.31-0ubuntu9.16_amd64.deb 100%
69.93K --.-KB/s in 0.001s
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--2024-07-26 15:07:14-- http://us-
central 1.gce. archive. ubuntu. com/ubuntu/pool/main/l/linux/linux-libc-dev\_5.4.0-190.210\_amd 64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com: 80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1138252 (1.1M) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
Saving to: 'linux-libc-dev_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb'
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central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/libx/libxcrypt/libcrypt-dev_4.4.10-
10ubuntu4 amd64.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
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HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
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central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/l/linux/linux-tools-common_5.4.0-
190.210 all.deb
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HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 225144 (220K) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
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central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/l/linux/linux-tools-5.4.0-190_5.4.0-
190.210 amd64.deb
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190.210_amd64.deb
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meta/linux-tools-generic_5.4.0.190.188_amd64.deb
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Saving to: 'linux-tools-generic_5.4.0.190.188_amd64.deb'
linux-tools-generic_5.4.0.190.188_amd64.deb 100%
[------]
2.42K --.-KB/s in 0s
2024-07-26 15:07:14 (410 MB/s) - 'linux-tools-generic_5.4.0.190.188_amd64.deb' saved
[2480/2480]
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central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu/pool/main/m/manpages/manpages-dev_5.05-1_all.deb
Reusing existing connection to us-central1.gce.archive.ubuntu.com:80.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 2265524 (2.2M) [application/vnd.debian.binary-package]
Saving to: 'manpages-dev_5.05-1_all.deb'
manpages-dev 5.05-1 all.deb
                                                                                 100%
[=========]
2.16M --.-KB/s in 0.05s
2024-07-26 15:07:14 (47.2 MB/s) - 'manpages-dev_5.05-1_all.deb' saved [2265524/2265524]
FINISHED --2024-07-26 15:07:14--
Total wall clock time: 0.5s
Downloaded: 22 files, 14M in 0.4s (40.0 MB/s)
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6. Compress every .deb file into a .tar.gz file:

PowerShell

tar -czvf debs.tar.gz \*.deb

a. Here is an example output:

Example

```
$ tar -czvf debs.tar.gz *.deb
binutils-common_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
binutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
jq_1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1_amd64.deb
libbinutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
libc-dev-bin_2.31-0ubuntu9.16_amd64.deb
libc6-dev_2.31-0ubuntu9.16_amd64.deb
libcrypt-dev_4.4.10-10ubuntu4_amd64.deb
libctf-nobfd0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
libctf0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
libdw1_0.176-1.1ubuntu0.1_amd64.deb
libjq1_1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1_amd64.deb
libnuma1_2.0.12-1_amd64.deb
libonig5_6.9.4-1_amd64.deb
libpcap-dev_1.9.1-3_amd64.deb
libpcap0.8-dev_1.9.1-3_amd64.deb
linux-libc-dev_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb
linux-tools-5.4.0-190-generic_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb
linux-tools-5.4.0-190_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb
linux-tools-common_5.4.0-190.210_all.deb
linux-tools-generic_5.4.0.190.188_amd64.deb
\texttt{manpages-dev\_5.05-1\_all.deb}
```

- 7. Move that **debs.tar.gz** to the target VM in the air-gapped environment. One option is to use the SCP command if both VMs are connected over the network and there's no firewall blocking traffic.
- 8. Check the file details with the following command:



a. Here is an example output:



9. Uncompress the .tar.gz in the air-gapped VM:



a. Here is an example output:



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$ tar -xvzf debs.tar.gz
binutils-common_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
binutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
jq_1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1_amd64.deb
libbinutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
libc-dev-bin_2.31-0ubuntu9.16_amd64.deb
libc6-dev_2.31-0ubuntu9.16_amd64.deb
libcrypt-dev_4.4.10-10ubuntu4_amd64.deb
libctf-nobfd0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
libctf0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
libdw1_0.176-1.1ubuntu0.1_amd64.deb
libjq1_1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1_amd64.deb
libnuma1_2.0.12-1_amd64.deb
libonig5_6.9.4-1_amd64.deb
libpcap-dev_1.9.1-3_amd64.deb
libpcap0.8-dev_1.9.1-3_amd64.deb
linux-libc-dev_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb
linux-tools-5.4.0-190-generic_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb
linux-tools-5.4.0-190_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb
linux-tools-common_5.4.0-190.210_all.deb
linux-tools-generic_5.4.0.190.188_amd64.deb
manpages-dev_5.05-1_all.deb
```

10. Install all the .deb files with the following command:

```
PowerShell
sudo dpkg -i *.deb
```

a. Here is an example output:

```
Example
 PowerShell
 $ sudo dpkg -i *.deb
 Selecting previously unselected package binutils-common:amd64.
 (\textit{Reading database } \dots \textit{ 62143 files and directories currently installed.})
 Preparing to unpack binutils-common_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking binutils-common:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ..
 Selecting previously unselected package binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu.
 Preparing to unpack binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
 Selecting previously unselected package binutils.
 Preparing to unpack binutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking binutils (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
 Selecting previously unselected package jq.
 Preparing to unpack jq_1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1_amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking jq (1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1) ...
 Selecting previously unselected package libbinutils:amd64.
 Preparing to unpack libbinutils_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking libbinutils:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ..
 Selecting previously unselected package libc-dev-bin.
 Preparing to unpack libc-dev-bin 2.31-0ubuntu9.16 amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking libc-dev-bin (2.31-0ubuntu9.16) ...
 Selecting previously unselected package libc6-dev:amd64.
 Preparing to unpack libc6-dev 2.31-0ubuntu9.16 amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking libc6-dev:amd64 (2.31-0ubuntu9.16) ...
 Selecting previously unselected package libcrypt-dev:amd64.
 Preparing to unpack libcrypt-dev_4.4.10-10ubuntu4_amd64.deb ...
 Unpacking libcrypt-dev:amd64 (1:4.4.10-10ubuntu4) ...
 Selecting previously unselected package libctf-nobfd0:amd64.
```

```
Preparing to unpack libctf-nobfd0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb
Unpacking libctf-nobfd0:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libctf0:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libctf0_2.34-6ubuntu1.9_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libctf0:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libdw1:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libdw1_0.176-1.1ubuntu0.1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libdw1:amd64 (0.176-1.1ubuntu0.1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libjq1:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libjq1_1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libjq1:amd64 (1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libnuma1:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libnuma1_2.0.12-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libnuma1:amd64 (2.0.12-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libonig5:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libonig5_6.9.4-1_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libonig5:amd64 (6.9.4-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libpcap-dev:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libpcap-dev_1.9.1-3_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libpcap-dev:amd64 (1.9.1-3) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libpcap0.8-dev:amd64.
Preparing to unpack libpcap0.8-dev_1.9.1-3_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking libpcap0.8-dev:amd64 (1.9.1-3) ...
Selecting previously unselected package linux-libc-dev:amd64.
Preparing to unpack linux-libc-dev_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking linux-libc-dev:amd64 (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Selecting previously unselected package linux-tools-5.4.0-190-generic.
Preparing to unpack linux-tools-5.4.0-190-generic_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking linux-tools-5.4.0-190-generic (5.4.0-190.210) ..
Selecting previously unselected package linux-tools-5.4.0-190.
Preparing to unpack linux-tools-5.4.0-190_5.4.0-190.210_amd64.deb ...
Unpacking linux-tools-5.4.0-190 (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Selecting previously unselected package linux-tools-common.
Preparing to unpack linux-tools-common 5.4.0-190.210 all.deb ...
Unpacking linux-tools-common (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Selecting previously unselected package linux-tools-generic.
Preparing to unpack linux-tools-generic 5.4.0.190.188 amd64.deb ...
Unpacking linux-tools-generic (5.4.0.190.188) ...
Selecting previously unselected package manpages-dev.
Preparing to unpack manpages-dev_5.05-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking manpages-dev (5.05-1) ...
Setting up binutils-common:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Setting up libbinutils:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Setting up libc-dev-bin (2.31-0ubuntu9.16) ...
Setting up libcrypt-dev:amd64 (1:4.4.10-10ubuntu4) ...
Setting up libctf-nobfd0:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Setting up libctf0:amd64 (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Setting up libdw1:amd64 (0.176-1.1ubuntu0.1) ...
Setting up libnuma1:amd64 (2.0.12-1) ...
Setting up libonig5:amd64 (6.9.4-1) ...
Setting up linux-libc-dev:amd64 (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Setting up linux-tools-common (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Setting up manpages-dev (5.05-1) ...
Setting up binutils-x86-64-linux-gnu (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Setting up binutils (2.34-6ubuntu1.9) ...
Setting up libc6-dev:amd64 (2.31-0ubuntu9.16) ...
Setting up libjq1:amd64 (1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1) ...
Setting up libpcap0.8-dev:amd64 (1.9.1-3) ...
Setting up linux-tools-5.4.0-190 (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Setting up jq (1.6-1ubuntu0.20.04.1) ...
Setting up libpcap-dev:amd64 (1.9.1-3) ...
Setting up linux-tools-5.4.0-190-generic (5.4.0-190.210) ...
Setting up linux-tools-generic (5.4.0.190.188) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.1-1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-0ubuntu9.16) ...
```

11. You should now be able to Install an xNIC without an internet connection.

## How to View swXtchBridge Logs

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, users will learn how to access swXtchBridge logs for the purpose of troubleshooting. Common arguments that can be used when compiling information for the Support team at swXtch.io will also be discussed.

Support may also request for you to send xNIC logs. For more information, see How to Find xNIC Logs.

## swXtchBridge Service Logs

For log requests, the standard command, **sudo journalctl -u** can be used with either **swxtch-bridge3-ctrl** or **swxtch-bridge3-data** to get a detailed breakdown of swXtchBridge control or data service, respectively.

For example:



It is recommended to send logs to support@swxtch.io, covering 24 hours worth of time, starting form before the issue to up until now.

Users can use any combination of arguments below to create their logs.

### Accessing and Following Logs (-f)

The following command will begin to display swXtchBridge logs at the time of the request. The **-f** argument will follow the logs and continually update. Logs prior to the call will not display.



**Note**: You will have to select which swXtchBridge service you would like your logs for: **control** (swxtch-bridge3-ctrl) or **data** (swxtch-bridge3-data).

#### Example:

Bash

Sudo journalctl -u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl -n 200

## Displaying Logs within a Timeframe (--since --until)

The following command will display logs within a set timeframe (between 2 dates).

```
Bash

Sudo journalctl - u <swxtch-bridge3-ctrl or swxtch-bridge3-data> --since <yyyy-mm-dd> --until <yyyy-mm-dd>
```

#### Example:

```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl --since 2023-03-07 --until 2023-03-10
```

### --since "Yesterday", "today", "now"

You can also use the words "yesterday," "today", or "now" after --since to get logs from that time period.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl - u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl --since yesterday
```

### Displaying Logs since Last Boot (-b)

To display logs since last boot, users can use the **-b** argument.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl -b
```

# List boots (--list-boot)

The following argument can be used to list all the boots in date/time order.

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```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl --list-boot
```

# **Exporting Logs (>)**

The following command will export your logs to a .txt file. Logs should be emailed to support@swxtch.io.

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u <swxtch-bridge3-ctrl or swxtch-bridge3-data> > <file-name>.txt
```

#### Example:

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl > cloudswxtch-test.txt
```

You can also combine arguments to export logs from a timeframe or from last boot. It is recommended that logs should cover 24 hours worth of time, starting from before the issue to up until now.

#### Example:

```
Bash

LAST BOOT:
sudo journalctl - u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl -b > cloudswxtch-test.txt

TIMEFRAME:
sudo journalctl - u swxtch-bridge3-ctrl --since 2023-03-07 --until 2023-03-10 > cloudswxtch-test.txt
```

# Change Logs to UTC (--utc)

To switch logs from local time to UTC, use the following argument:



## How to Find xNIC Logs

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this article, you will learn how to find xNICs logs on your VM and how to alter its verbosity level.

swXtch.io Support may also request for you to send cloudSwXtch logs. For more information, see <u>How to View cloudSwXtch Logs</u> <u>for Troubleshooting</u>.

### Locating xNIC Logs

An xNIC installed on a virtual machine creates one .log file per day with the following naming structure: **swxtch-xnic-YYYYMMDD.log**. If the file size exceeds the maximum within the same day (16MB), it will be renamed by adding a counter as a suffix. Then, a new file will be created.

To find your logs, use the following file paths:

#### Windows

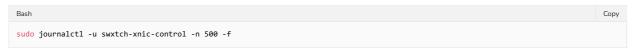
- C:\Users\Public\swx\logs\xnic-control
- C:\Users\Public\swx\logs\xnic-data

#### Linux

- /var/log/swx/xnic-control
- /var/log/swx/xnic-data

For Linux, logs can also be viewed by using either journalctl examples below:

#### xnic-control



#### xnic-data

```
Bash

sudo journalctl -u swxtch-xnic-data -n 500 -f
```

Please note: Standard journalctl arguments apply. The above examples use -n for number of lines and -f to follow.

Log File Deletion

Log files older than 30 days are automatically deleted.

### What is verbosity?

Depending on the level of verbosity detailed in the xNIC config file, a log will contain different application messages and usage statistics. The default verbosity level after xNIC installation is 0, which means that no periodic statistics are being reported. It will only show start and stop information as well as critical errors.

A user can change the verbosity to pull more information out from their xNIC. The levels are detailed below:

- Level 0: Only show start and stop info as well as critical errors. This is the default.
- Level 1: Shows statistics and IGMP messages
- Level 2: Additional control messages
- Level 3: Hexadecimal dumps of control/config packages
- Level 4: Hexadecimal dumps of data packages

An average user would typically only need up to Level 2 for troubleshooting issues with their xNIC.

#### Verbosity and File Size

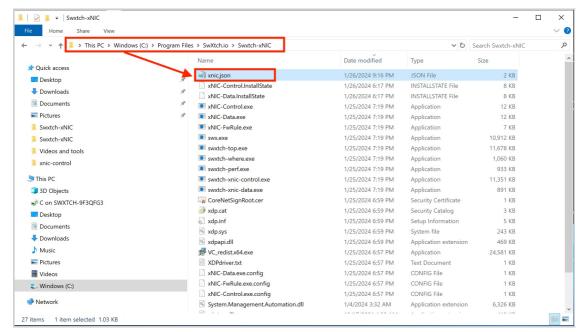
Please note that increasing the verbosity level of future logs will result in larger file sizes. It is recommended to revert back to the default Level 0 when testing and troubleshooting is complete.

## How to Change Verbosity

To change the verbosity, a user can manually edit the xNIC config file on their VM.

#### For Windows:

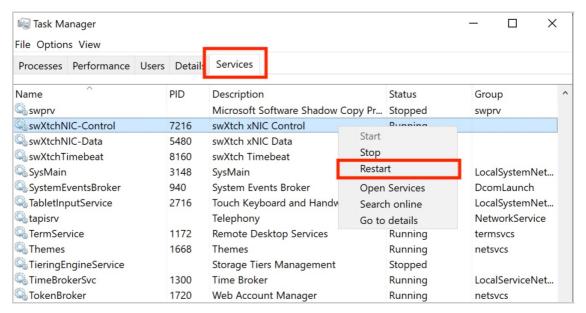
- 1. Go to the Swxtch-xNIC folder on the VM you have an xNIC installed. Make sure it is the xNIC you want logs for.
  - a. C:\Program Files\SwXtch.io\Swxtch-xNIC



- 2. Open the xnic.json file.
- 3. For xNIC-Data, change the number next to "verbosity" so that it matches the level you desire. The default is 0.
- 4. For xNIC-Control, modify the StatsReportWait to change the time in seconds of the report stats.

```
xnic.json - Notepad
                                                                                 X
File Edit Format View Help
{
    "swxtch": "10.2.128.10",
    "controlInterface": "Ethernet",
    "dataInterface": "Ethernet 2",
    "dataPort": 9999,
    "xnicType": 1,
    "dataPlaneSpecs": {
        "verbosity": 0
         virtualInterface": {
             "name": "swxtch-tun0",
             "ip": "172.30.0.0",
             "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
             "mtu": 4096
        }
   },
"ha": {
    "ma
        "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50,
        "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072,
        "protocol": "rtp"
    },
"streamSpecs": {
         "mmcProducerEnable": true,
         "multipleMulticastGroups": [
             {
                 "parent": "239.2.2:4000",
                 "children": [
                     "239.1.1.1:4000",
                     "239.1.1.2:4000"
                 1
            },
{
                 "parent": "239.3.3.3:4000",
                 "children": [
                     "239.1.1.3:4000",
                     "239.1.1.4:4000"
             }
        ]
    "statsReportWait": 60
}
                                            Windows (CRLF)
                                                                       100%
                                                          Ln 1, Col 1
```

- 5. Save and Close the json file.
- 6. Open "Task Manager" and go to the "Services" tab towards the top of the window.
- 7. To apply changes from the json file, **scroll** down to "swXtchNIC-Control" and **right-click** on it.
- 8. Select"Restart."
  - a. Please note: Only xNIC-Control has to be restarted to update both control and data logs.



Your selection in verbosity will now be applied to future logs. This should only be changed if directed by swXtch.io and ensure that they are set back to default when troubleshooting is complete.

#### For Linux:

Enter the following command to view your config file in the Bash terminal. Make sure it is on the xNIC you want logs for.
 Text



- 2. For xNIC-Data, change the number next to "verbose" so that it matches the level you desire. The default is 0.
- 3. For xNIC-Control, modify the StatsReportWait to change the time in seconds of the report stats.

```
GNU nano 4.8
   "swxtch": "10.2.128.10",
   "controlInterface": "eth0",
   "dataInterface": "eth1",
   "dataPort": 9999,
   "xnicType": 1,
   "dataPlaneSpecs": {
       "verbosity": 0,
       "virtualInterface": {
           "name": "swxtch-tun0",
           "ip": "172.30.0.0",
           "subnet": "255.255.0.0",
           "mtu": 4096
  },
"ha": {
       "maxTimeToBufferPacketsMs": 50,
       "bufferSizeInPackets": 131072,
       "protocol": "rtp"
streamSpecs": {
       "mmcProducerEnable": true,
       "multipleMulticastGroups": [
               "parent": "239.2.2:4000",
               "children": [
                    "239.1.1.1:4000",
                    "239.1.1.2:4000"
               "parent": "239.3.3.3:4000",
               "children": [
"239.1.1.3:4000",
                    "239.1.1.4:4000"
   "statsReportWait": 60
```

- 4. Save and Exit the file.
- 5. **Restart** your swxtch-xnic-control by using the following command. **Please note**: Only xNIC-Control has to be restarted to update both control and data logs.

Text

```
Bash

sudo systemctl restart swxtch-xnic-control
```

Your selection in verbosity will now be applied to future logs. This should only be changed if directed by swXtch.io and ensure that they are set back to default when troubleshooting is complete.

#### PRO-TIP

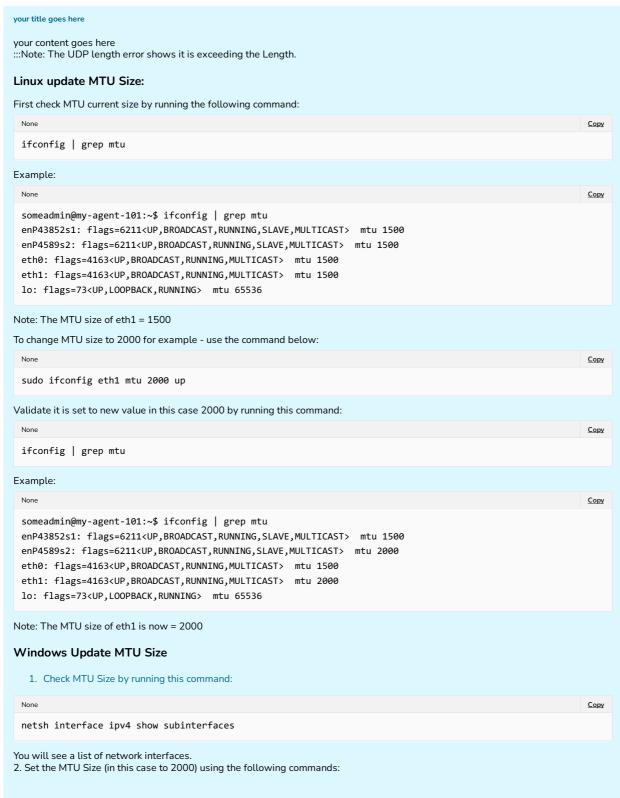
Rename your existing log file before restarting the xNIC service in order to differentiate it with the freshly generated log file containing the new verbosity data.

### How to set MTU size

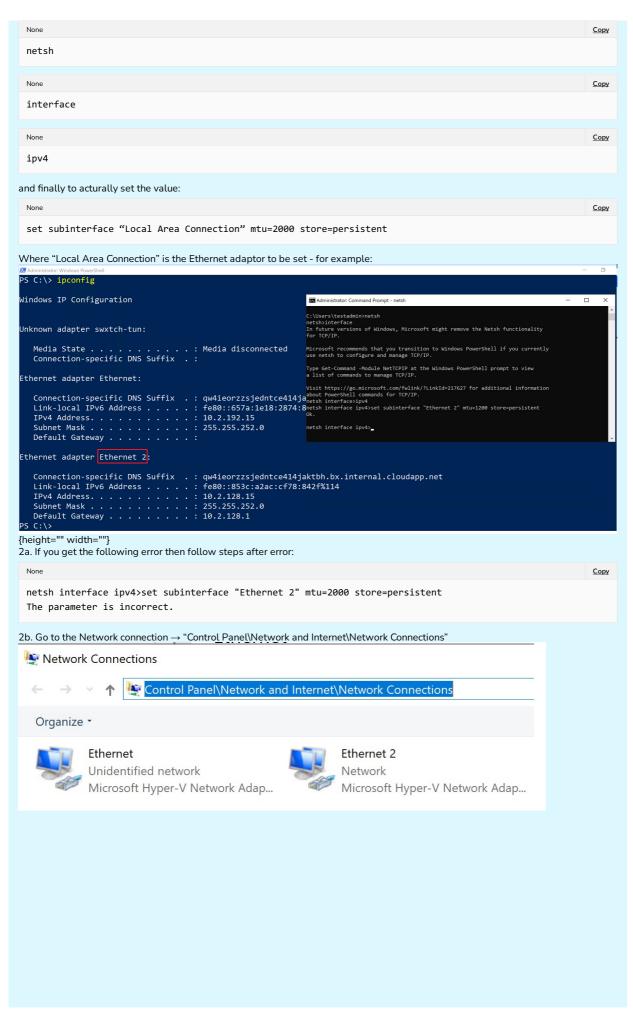
In some cases the MTU Size of the multicast group may exceed the 1500 set limit in Windows and Linux virtual machines. This article will explain how to increase the MTU size if this should occur.

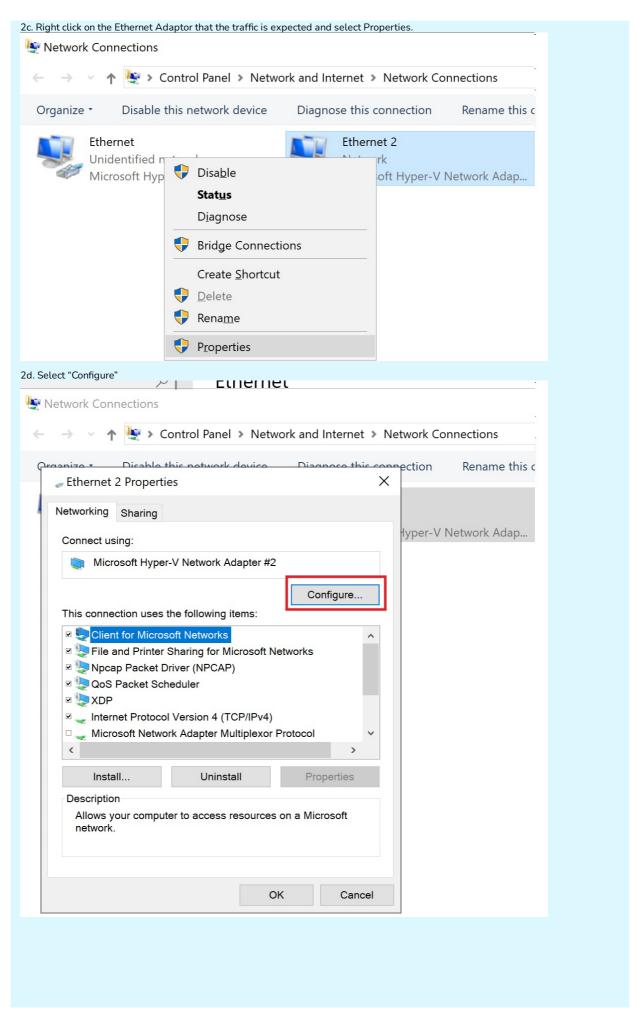
To know if the MTU size has been exceeded Wireshark or tcpdump can be used. Below is an example from Wireshark.

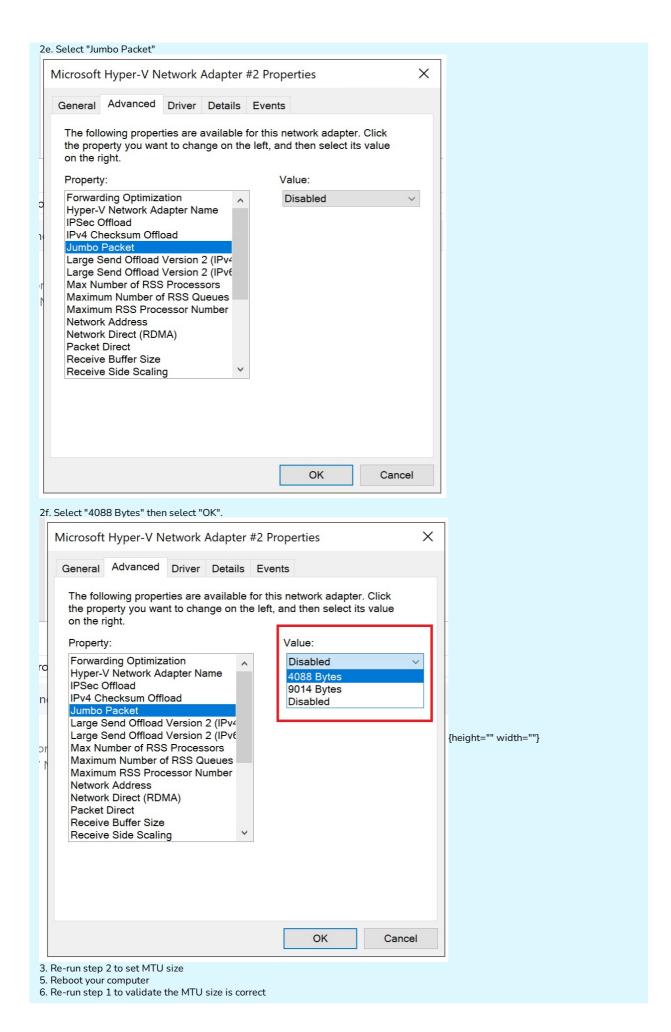




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# How to Peer between VPCs in Different Regions for AWS

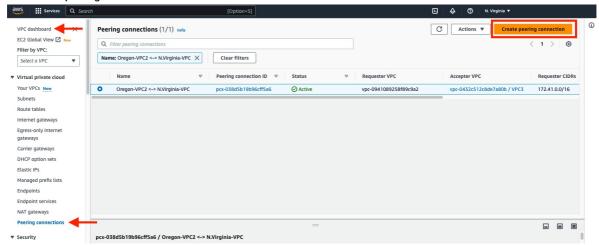
#### WHAT TO EXPECT

In order to successfully do Peering Connections between VPCs in different regions on AWS, a user must configure their route tables to allow traffic between instances. This will ensure that packets destined for a specific network segment on the other region/VPC/subnet are correctly routed.

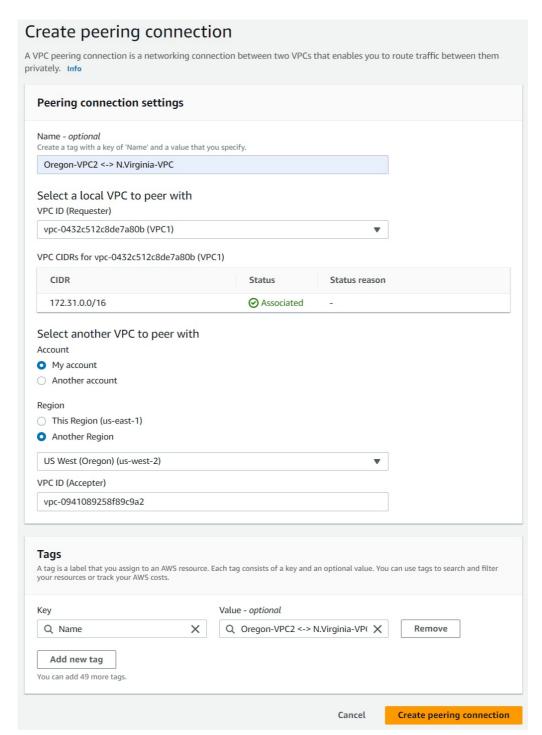
In this article, users will learn how to <u>Create a Peering Connection between Different Regions</u>, <u>Modify Route Tables</u> and <u>Edit Subnet Associations</u>. Step 2 and 3 of the process will need to be repeated for both regions.

### STEP ONE: Create a Peering Connection between Different Regions

- 1. Go to the VPC Dashboard and select Peering Connections.
- 2. Click Create peering connection.



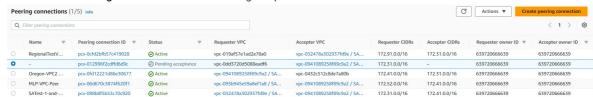
- 3. Edit the following in the **Create peering connection** form:
  - a. Set a descriptive name. In the example, the user lists the connection between VPCs from Oregon and N. Virginia.
  - b. Select the VPC of the instance you want to connect from.
  - c. Select Another Region and select the destination region from the dropdown menu.
  - d. Enter the **VPC ID** of the target VPC in the target region.
  - e. Add any tag needed for organization purposes.



4. Click **Create peering connection**. A new Peering Connection should now be listed for the region you're on. <u>Please note</u>: A "mirrored connection" will be created on the "destination" region. It must be accepted manually to be active.



- 5. Change to the other region.
- 6. Go to Peering Connections.
- 7. Select the new **Peering Connection** listed as "Pending acceptance."



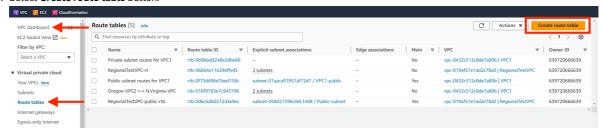
8. Under the Actions dropdown, select Accept request.



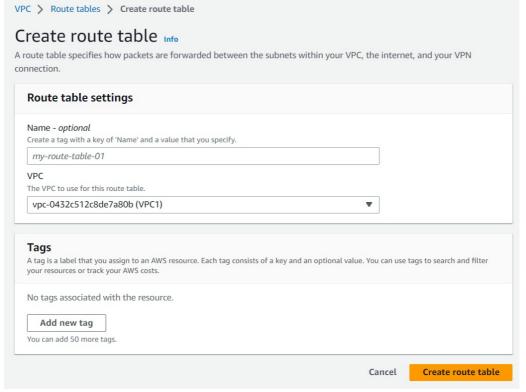
## STEP TWO: Modify Route Tables in Both Regions

Once the peering connections are created, the route table must be modified in both regions. Start with the 1st region and complete STEP TWO and STEP THREE.

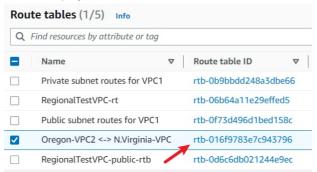
- 1. Go to the VPC Dashboard.
- 2. Click on Route tables in the Virtual private cloud section.
- 3. Select Create route table button.



- 4. Edit the following in the  ${\bf Create\ route\ table}$  form:
  - a. Enter a descriptive name.
  - b. Select the correct VPC.
  - c. Add any necessary tags.

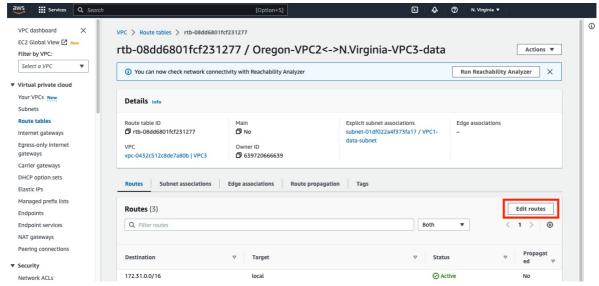


- 5. Select Create route table.
- 6. Select the **Route table ID** of the route table you just created.

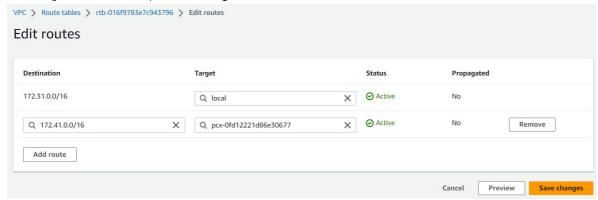


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7. Select Edit routes button the next screen.



- 8. Add the **Destination** by entering the CIDR of the destination network.
- 9. Under Target, select the recently created **Peering Connection** from the list.



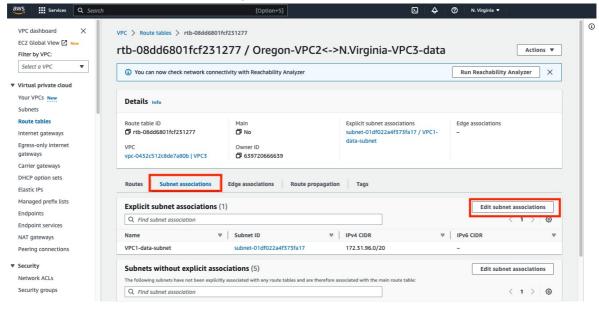
10. Click the Save changes button.

Internet Access

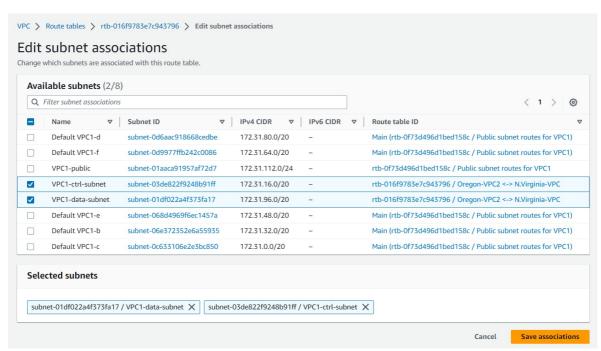
If you need the agents to have access to the internet, you will also need to add the route for the 0.0.0.0/0 towards the NAT gateway.

## STEP THREE: Edit Subnet Associations

- 1. Select Subnet associations tab.
- 2. Select Edit subnet associations button under the Explicit subnet associations box.



3. Select the subnet(s) of the instance that must be connected to the destination.



4. Click the Save associations button.

**Security Groups** 

It is important that security groups on each EC2 and on each Subnet on both Regions match and should both encompass the port exceptions listed in the <a href="mailto:cloudSwXtch System Requirements">cloudSwXtch System Requirements</a> article.

Repeat STEP TWO and THREE for the Other Region

# How to Modify CPU Core Usage in Icore for Large Instances

### WHAT TO EXPECT

There is a known issue where users with large instance types experience reduced performance. To solve this issue, users can manually modify their CPU core usage to ensure an optimal thread configuration.

### Prerequisites

- Aim to use only one CPU per core to maximize efficiency.
- Restrict usage to CPUs from the same socket, most likely from SOCKET 0.
- Try not to use more than 14 CPUs as listed in the lcores setting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact support@swxtch.io <u>before</u> attempting reconfiguration.

1. Check your core topology by using the following command on your cloudSwXtch VM:

```
PowerShell

1scpu --extend --all

Example Output:
```

```
PowerShell
CPU NODE SOCKET CORE L1d:L1i:L2:L3 ONLINE MAXMHZ MINMHZ
          0 0 0:0:0:0 yes 2800 0000 800 0000
              0 0:0:0:0
                             yes 2800.0000 800.0000
                             yes 2800.0000 800.0000
              1 1:1:1:0
                             yes 2800.0000 800.0000
              1 1:1:1:0
          0
0
             2 2:2:2:0
                              yes 2800.0000 800.0000
 4
                             yes 2800.0000 800.0000
          0
              2 2:2:2:0
 5
        0
                        yes 2800.0000 800.0000
              3 3:3:3:0
 6
     0
          0 3 3:3:3:0
                              yes 2800.0000 800.0000
```

2. Adjust your thread assignment by editing the <code>/swxtch/lcores.json</code> configuration file. This file specifies which CPU your application should use.

This is an example of the format you can use in lcores.json:

```
PowerShelt

{
    "lcores": "1,3,4,6,8-12"
}
```

## How to Install Docker on RHEL and Ubuntu

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this section, users will learn how to install docker for either RHEL or Ubuntu. For a more detailed instructions, see their respective pages on the Docker documentation site:

- Ubuntu: https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/ubuntu/
- RHEL: https://docs.docker.com/engine/install/rhel/

### Installing Docker on RHEL

1. Run the following command to prepare the repositories for the docker install:

```
Sudo dnf config-manager --add-repo https://download.docker.com/linux/rhel/docker-ce.repo
cat /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
sudo sed -i 's/$releasever/9/g' /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
cat /etc/yum.repos.d/docker-ce.repo
sudo dnf -y install dnf-plugins-core
```

2. Install Docker:

```
Bash

sudo dnf install docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io docker-buildx-plugin docker-compose-plugin
```

3. Continue on to Enabling Docker.

### Installing Docker on Ubuntu

1. Install Docker:

```
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curl https://get.docker.com/ > dockerinstall && chmod 777 dockerinstall && sudo ./dockerinstall
```

2. Continue on to Enabling Docker.

## **Enabling Docker**

 $After installing\ Docker\ on\ either\ RHEL\ or\ Ubuntu,\ run\ the\ following\ commands\ to\ enable\ it\ on\ your\ machine:$ 

```
Bash

Sudo usermod -aG docker $USER

sudo systemctl enable docker

sudo systemctl start docker
```

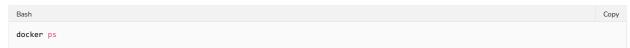
# **Helpful Docker Service Commands**

### WHAT TO EXPECT

In this section, users will find helpful docker service commands used during cloudSwXtch Bridge and Licensing Server installations and upgrades.

## docker ps

This command will list all the docker containers currently running on your machine.



### **Example Output:**



#### **Container ID**

Using docker ps will list all the container IDs found on your machine. You will use these for other commands in this article.

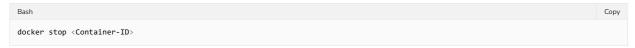
## docker logs

This command will list the logs related to a container.



## docker stop

This command stops the docker service on your machine.



### Example:

Bash

ubuntu@ip-10-64-29-105:~\$ docker stop 4a6499471644
4a6499471644

#### WARNING

If you plan on restarting the same container, it is important that you record the Container ID. A stopped container will not appear when you do a  $\frac{1}{2}$  docker  $\frac{1}{2}$  ps .

### docker start

This command starts the docker service on your machine.



#### Example:

```
Сору
ubuntu@ip-10-64-29-105:~$ docker start 4a6499471644
4a6499471644
```

#### **Example Output:**

```
e/cbuyaba/ceb swxtch-bridge "/entrypoint.sh" 30 minutes ago Up 29 minutes swxtch-bridge-control-1
[ecc2_user@ip-172_41-128_60 -]$ docker logs bfb1dee3743d -f
[ecc2_user@ip-172_41-128_60 -]$ docker logs bfb1dee3743d -f
[ecc2_user@ip-172_41-128_60 -]$ docker logs bfb1dee3743d -f
[ecc2_user@ip-172_41-128_60 us-west-2_compute.internal #7 swx_bridge_data.cpp[35]: STARTING BRIDGE APPLICATION
[en 05_20_48:19 ip-172_41-128_60 us-west-2_compute.internal #7 dataplaneManager.cpp[51]: Handling Start RPC Message
[en 05_20_48:19 ip-172_41-128_60 us-west-2_compute.internal #7 dataplaneManager.cpp[56]: Config received: Bridge Start Configuration:
Data Interface Name ... eth!
Data Interface IP Address ... i 172_41_21.21
User Interface IP Address ... i 172_41_21.21
User Interface IP Address ... i 172_41_21.21

User Interface IP Address ... i 172_41_21.21

WTU ... 1500
Verbosity ... 1
[PU ... ... 172_41_21_26 us ... 1500
Verbosity ... 1
[PU ... ... 172_41_21_26 us ... 1500
Verbosity ... 1
[Feb 05_20_48:19_in_172_41_28_60 us ... 1500
Verbosity ... 1
```

## docker remove

This command will remove the docker service from your machine.

```
Сору
ubuntu@ip-10-64-29-105:~$ docker rm <Container-ID>
```

#### Example:

```
Bash
                                                                                                                                       Сору
ubuntu@ip-10-64-29-105:~$ docker rm 4a6499471644
4a6499471644
```

# **Media Use Cases**

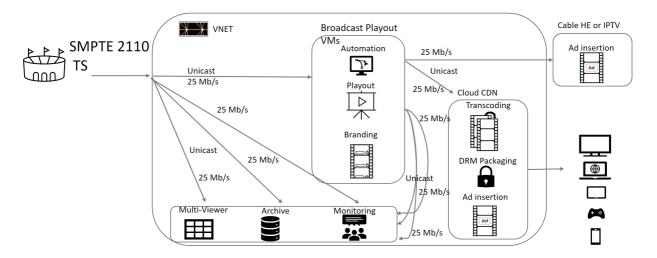
The media market can take advantage of several cloud SwXtch features such as:

- Multicast
- Hitless Merge
- Compression support
- Protocol Fanout
- Disaster Recovery

## Media Multicast made easy with cloudswXtch

Media companies want to build dynamic workflows on the cloud, but clouds only support unicast workflows. This makes media workflows cumbersome as each stream would need to be configured for each reciever. Network provisioning and administration is complex, distributed, difficult to modify and must be be replicated for every workflow as shown below:

### Unicast Playout in cloud without cloudSwXtch

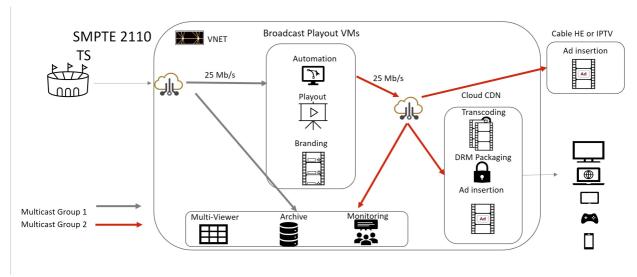


With unicast there are a number of issues:

- Network provisioning and administration is complex, distributed, difficult to modify and must be replicated for each channel or workflow
- The users cannot add endpoints without reconfiguring servers
- Larger VMs are required to support unicast which equates to higher cloud costs.
- Disaster Recovery is difficult to execute
- The load to the network is much larger
- SMPTE 2110 100+x more bandwidth

## Multicast Playout in cloud with cloudSwXtch Multicast

cloudSwXtch enables true and seamless IP-multicast. Using multicast instead of unicast optimizes your network configuration and reduces your cloud distribution and egress costs. In addition, receivers can dynamically subscribe and unsubscribe to your streams as workflows dictate. cloudSwXtch eliminates having to configure and unconfigure unicast streams to accommodate configuration changes.



#### With cloudSwXtch Multicast:

- Network may be modified and extended simply by joining multicast groups, with powerful centralized control and monitoring.
- Users can dynamically add new endpoints without playout server (or any other workflows/products) involvement.
- VM Sizes are minimized to workflow/product needs
- Disaster recovery is easy to set-up

• Minimal network load

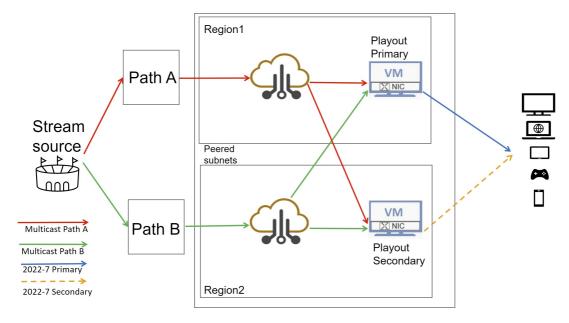
# Hitless Merge - 2022-7

It is never good enough to have one broadcast instance, we all know things can and will go wrong. The show must always go on, media companies are used to having primary and backup streams to ensure the best user experience with NO downtime.



cloudSwXtch SMPTE 2022-7 Hitless Merge protects against data path failures by supporting two or more data paths. It

compares packet reception from the multiple streams, detecting dropped packets, and reconstructs the output stream in the correct packet order.



# Media support for Compressed and Uncompressed Workflows

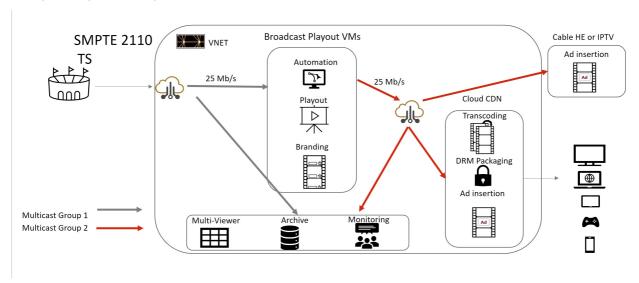


At swXtch.io we know that the media companies rely highly on both compressed and uncompressed content. cloudSwXtch has

SMPTE 2110 support without the necessity of additional gateways or other on-ramp/off-ramp appliances. The **cloudSwXtch** architecture is designed to treat content the same whether it is compressed or uncompressed. This means the ingest of streams from on-prem to the cloud and the streaming of content within the cloud, whether unicast or multicast, is the same regardless of the content type. No SDK is required for uncompressed video, and the cloud network becomes an extension of your broadcast network.

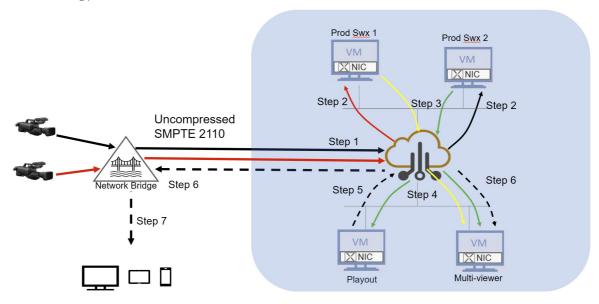
There are two workflow examples below, one is a compressed workflow and the other is an uncompressed workflow. The compressed workflow is a typical playout scenario where compressed inputs come into the cloud environment and are distributed via multicast to the necessary VM workloads by **cloudSwXtch**. All that is required is for the workloads to subscribe to the necessary multicast group(s). This eliminates the need to continually update unicast configurations to ensure your streams get to where they need to go. However, if there are workloads that only work with unicast, **cloudSwXtch** can map multicast streams to unicast devices.

### Example Compressed Playout in the Cloud with SMPTE 2110 Multicast TS



# Example Uncompressed Playout in the Cloud with SMPTE 2110 Multicast

Consider the following production workflow:



The workflow consists of a playout server which receives multiple camera feeds via 2 production switchers and determines which camera's to take to air. The **cloudSwXtch** is used to deliver the various streams via mulitcast to the workloads that subscribe to the stream:

- Step 1: Two inputs red and black go from Network Bridge into **cloudSwXtch**.

  Step 2: Red stream goes from **cloudSwXtch** to Production Switcher 1 and black stream goes to production switcher 2.
- Step 3: The modified output stream from production switcher 1 is represented by the yellow path and the modified output stream from production switcher 2 is represented by the green path to the **cloudSwXtch**.
- Step 4: All streams are multicasted to the multiviewer, via **cloudSwXtch**, so the director can make operational decisions.

  Step 5: The playout server is directed to process and output one of the switcher outputs as represented by the dotted black to the **cloudSwXtch**.
- Step 6: cloudSwXtch outputs the stream to the multiviewer, and the network bridge.
- Step 7: The network bridge distributes to the clients for viewing consumption.

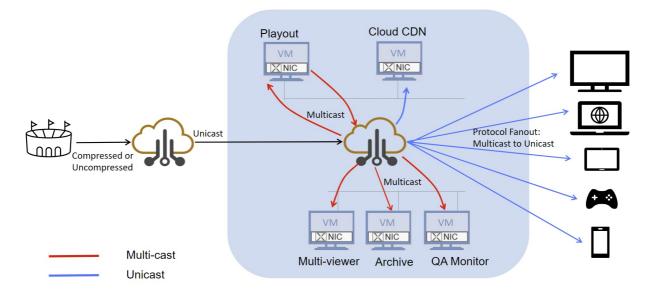
## **Protocol Fanout**

\*\*\*\*Media companies have many devices. Some require unicast, and some require multicast. Configuring for each device can be difficult and supporting both unicast and multicast for the same stream is impossible. Additionally multicast is not offered in the cloud see .



swXtch.io has the answer to your needs with the 'Protocol FanOut' feature which can take non-multicast packet protocols and

fan them out in the same way that multicast does. It can forward a stream to many interested receivers or distribute a multicast stream to many unicast devices. This integrates unicast and multicast workflows in a way that hasn't been possible in the cloud.



# **Disaster Recovery**

## **Disaster Recovery Scenerio**

Coupling Hitless Merge - 2022-7 with redundant media workloads ensures high availability uptime for critical content and provides a new method to create highly available disaster recovery pathways in and between clouds.

There are many configurations that cloudSwXtch can recommend for redundancy, one is depicted below.

### Path Redundancy

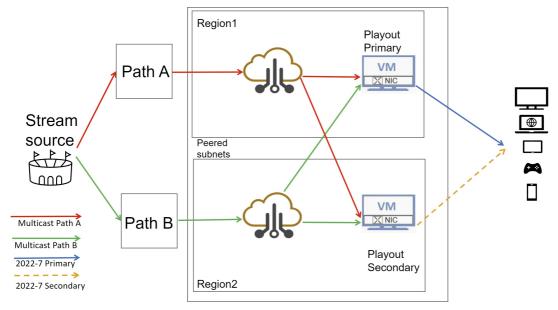
- The **cloudswXtch** in Region 1 can recieve the stream from Path A to Region 2.
- The **cloudswXtch** in Region 2 can recieve the stream from Path B to Region 1.
- If either path were to fail then the stream is still available in both Region 1 and 2 due to the redundancy.

## **Playout Redundancy**

- Each Region has a playout system, "Primary Playout" in Region 1 and "Secondary Playout" in Region 2.
- If the "Primary Playout" should fail, the stream is still playing out in the "Secondary Playout".
- As long as it is just the playout server that fails, then there is still stream redundancy from Path A and Path B.

### Region Redundancy

If one region should fail the playout should still succeed in the other Region.



This depiction only shows two stream paths, there could be a third or more. In any of these scenarios the paths could be in different regions or different clouds. This is done by using a **cloudSwXtch** as a **Bridge** between clouds or from on-prem to cloud.

## **Monitoring API**

#### Overview

The swXtch.io Monitoring API allows the integration of data from various cloudSwXtch component types into third party tools for monitoring and topology purposes within a customer's user interfaces. This section will outline the API, with examples of data results. Unless otherwise noted, these API calls are only applicable to cloudSwXtch versions 3.0.0 or greater.

#### Prerequisites

- A cloudSwXtch must exist as well as two or more agents with xNICs.
- Traffic (multicast, broadcast, SRT, RIST, or unicast) should be flowing between the cloudSwXtch and the endpoints.
  - Note: SRT, RIST and unicast require additional configuration on the cloudSwXtch.

By using a GET command, data will be provided in the response.

### swXtch.io API Concepts Explained

Before you start, there are a number of key concepts and terms that are important to understand before diving into the complexities of the monitoring and topology API.

#### Source Address vs. Adjacent Address

In the example responses, users will notice both an source and adjacent address. A **source address** represents a producer's control NIC. This is where the stream originated from.

The adjacent address represents the data NIC of either the producer/consumer that is sending out or receiving multicast data. In the monitoring API, this value is dependent on whether it is in the **rxStreamLinks** or the **txStreamLinks** section of the response.

- Under rxStreamLinks, the adjacent address is the IP address of the producer an endpoint sending traffic to the cloudSwXtch
- Under txStreamLinks, the adjacent address is the IP address of the consumer an endpoint receiving traffic from the cloudSwXtch.

In the topology API, this value is dependent on whether it is in the ingress or egress streamLinks section.

- Under ingress, the adjacent address is the IP address of the producer an endpoint sending traffic to the cloudSwXtch
- Under egress, the adjacent address is the IP address of the consumer an endpoint receiving traffic from the cloudSwXtch.

## **Protocol Types**

In the streamLinks section of the cloudSwXtch stats example response, the API specifies the protocol of the stream.

- xMC: multicast or broadcast
- SRT (C): SRT Caller
- SRT (L): SRT Listener
- RIST (C): RIST Caller
- RIST (L): RIST Listener

#### Timestamps

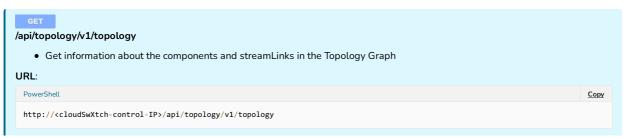
To track time as a running total of seconds, the Timestamps are in Unix Timestamp. This count starts at the Unix Epoch on January 1st, 1970, at UTC. At any point in time, the API can be run, and certain metrics can be obtained from the response payload by calculating certain counter and timestamp Delta values.

### Monitoring API

The monitoring API allows developers to get data from the cloudSwXtch as well as data about its xNIC's. This data is broken down into 5 categories:

- Topology
- Cloud information
- cloudSwXtch information
- cloudSwXtch Stats
- xNIC Totals
- xNIC Stats

## Topology



```
Example URL:
http://10.2.128.10/api/topology/v1/topology
Request:
Empty
Response:
200 - successful response
  Example Response \rightarrow
    PowerShell
                                                                                                                                  Сору
        "components": {
            "10.2.128.10": {
                "general": {
                    "id": "10.2.128.10",
                    "name": "dsd-core-100",
                    "componentKind": {
                         "code": "swxtch",
                         "displayName": "swXtch"
                 "environment": {
                    "hostname": "dsd-core-100",
                    "cloud": "AZURE",
                    "osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
"region": "eastus",
                    "instanceType": "Standard_D8as_v4"
                 "hardware": {
                    "nics": {
                         "eth0": {
                             "name": "eth0",
                             "index": 2,
                             "ip": "10.2.128.10",
                             "subnetPrefix": "10.2.128.0/22",
                             "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                             "mtu": 1500,
                             "mac": "00:0d:3a:19:cc:e1",
                             "broadcastIp": "10.2.131.255",
                             "driver": "hv_netvsc",
                             "pciAddress": ""
                             "publicIp": null,
                             "masterOf": null,
                             "vpc": null
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                             "name": "eth1",
                             "index": 3,
                             "ip": "10.2.192.116",
                             "subnetPrefix": "10.2.192.0/22",
                             "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                             "mtu": 1500,
                             "mac": "00:0d:3a:54:0f:37"
                             "broadcastIp": "10.2.195.255",
                             "driver": "mlx5_core",
                             "pciAddress": "a6bd:00:02.0",
                             "publicIp": null,
"masterOf": "enP42685s2",
                             "vpc": null
                     "vpcs": {}
                 "swxGeneral": {
                    "dataInterfaceName": "eth1",
                    "controlInterfaceName": "eth0",
                    "dataPort": 9999,
                    "version": "dev.7f1520",
                    "configuration": null,
                    "services": null,
                    "subscriptions": null
                 "parentId": null,
                 "timing": {
                    "Master": null,
                    "LocalOffset": null,
                    "RootOffset": null,
                    "TimebeatPresent": null
```

```
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       "isActive": false,
       "alive": true,
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       "sourcePort": 0,
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       "socketPort": 0,
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       "counters": \{
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           "txBytes": 0,
           "rxPackets": 0,
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           "txLostBytes": 0,
           "rxLostPacket": 0,
           "rxLostBytes": 0,
           "txRetransmittedPackets": 0,
           "txRetransmittedBytes": 0,
           "rxRetransmittedPackets": 0,
           "rxRetransmittedBytes": 0
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           "protocol": "srt-caller",
           "direction": "egress",
           "streamIp": "239.4.2.3",
           "streamPort": 5400,
           "nodeIp": "10.2.128.37",
           "nodePort": 5401,
           "listenerPort": null,
            "options": []
   },
       "id": "4777854487999137884",
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       "sourcePort": 0,
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       "counters": {
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           "txBytes": 0,
            "rxPackets": 0,
           "rxBytes": 0,
           "txLostPackets": 0,
           "txLostBytes": 0,
           "rxLostPacket": 0,
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           "txRetransmittedBytes": 0,
           "rxRetransmittedPackets": 0,
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           "id": "4777854487999137884",
           "protocol": "srt-caller",
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           "streamIp": "239.4.2.3",
           "streamPort": 5400,
           "nodeIp": "10.2.128.36",
           "nodePort": 5400,
           "listenerPort": null,
           "options": []
       }
   },
       "id": "5062225067104987852",
       "isConnected": false,
       "isActive": false,
       "alive": true,
```

```
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       "socketIp": "0.0.0.0",
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       "timestamp": 1724082856715416700,
       "counters": {
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           "txLostBytes": 0,
           "rxLostPacket": 0,
           "rxLostBytes": 0,
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           "rxRetransmittedPackets": 0,
           "rxRetransmittedBytes": 0
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           "protocol": "srt-listener",
           "direction": "egress",
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           "nodePort": null.
           "listenerPort": 6000,
           "options": []
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       "isActive": false,
       "alive": true,
       "clientIp": "0.0.0.0",
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           "txBytes": 0,
           "rxPackets": 0,
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           "rxRetransmittedPackets": 0,
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   }
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   "totals": {
       "eth1": {
           "tx": {
               "packets": 9032846,
               "bytes": 1734306432
            "txRate": {
               "packets": 1834,
                "bytes": 352169
```

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               "rxDrops": null,
                "timestamp": 1724082855663650000
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                "ingress": {
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                       "packets": 6521926,
                       "bytes": 1252209792,
                       "protocol": "xMC",
                       "protocolStats": null,
                       "timestamp": 1724082855608192400,
                       "packetsRate": 921,
                       "bytesRates": 176757,
                       "haPaths": [
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                       "fragStats": null
                   }
                "egress": {
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                       "timestamp": 1724082855634894800,
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                       "bytesRates": 176765,
                       "haPaths": [
                          0
                       "fragStats": null
               }
           }
        "hsCounters": {
           "eth1": []
       "hsSummary": {},
       "slp": {
           "rxSlpStats": {},
           "txSlpStats": null
    "isRemote": false
"10.2.128.15": {
   "general": {
      "id": "10.2.128.15",
       "name": "DSd-agent-105",
       "componentKind": {
           "code": "xnic",
           "displayName": "xNIC"
    "environment": {
```

```
"hostname": "DSd-agent-105",
   "cloud": "AZURE".
   "osDistribution": "Windows Server 2019 Datacenter - Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.6189]",
   "region": "eastus",
   "instanceType": "Standard_D8s_v4"
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           "vpc": null
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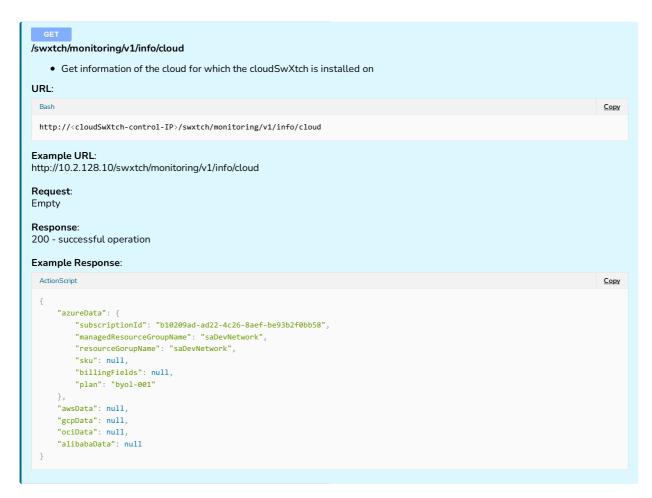
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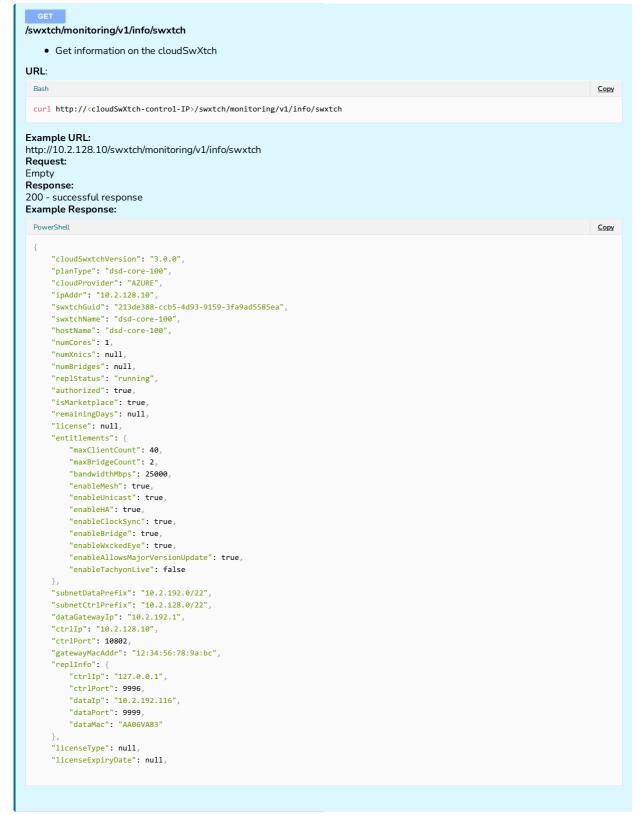
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    "dataPort": 9999,
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                    "protocol": "xMC"
                    "protocolStats": null,
```

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                               "bytesRates": 176781,
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                                  1
                               "fragStats": null
                          }
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       "sockets": {},
       "streams": {
          "225.1.1.1:1599": "SRT_L__I_225_1_1_1_1599",
           "239.4.2.3:5400": "SRT_C_239_4_2_3_1400"
}
```

## **Cloud Information**



cloudSwXtch Information



### cloudSwXtch Stats

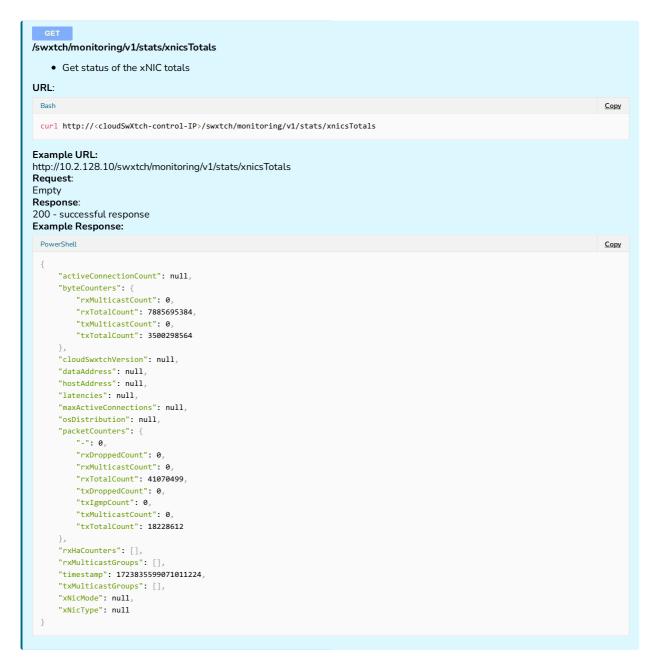


```
http://10.2.128.10/swxtch/monitoring/v1/stats/swxtch
Request: Empty
Response:
200 - successful response
  Example Response -->
    PowerShell
        "host": "10.2.192.116".
        "sequence": 9907,
        "rxCount": 18717937
        "txCount": 21711090
        "rxBytes": 3593894567
        "txBytes": 4168642226,
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        "rxBridgeCount": 0,
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                    "sourceAddress": "10.2.192.24:50583"
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                    "fragStats": null,
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                    "packets": 13136117,
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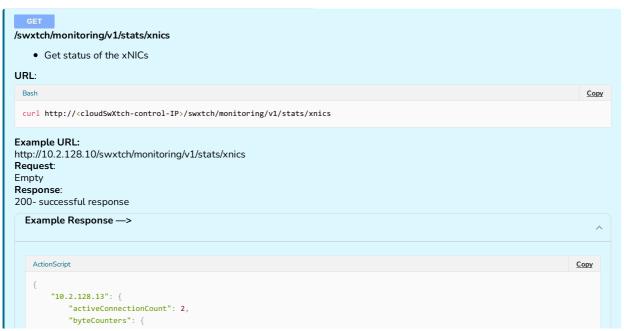
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"sourceAddress": "10.2.128.15:57795"
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                 "protocol": "xMC",
                 "protocolstats": null,
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                 "timestamp": 1723834796276642010,
                 "groupAddress": "239.1.1.2:3490",
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                 "sourceAddress": "10.2.128.15:57449"
}
```

For definitions of source/adjacent addresses and protocol types, see <a href="mailto:swXtch.io">swXtch.io</a> API Concepts explained above.

## xNIC Totals



### xNIC Stats



```
"rxMulticastCount": 0,
    "rxTotalCount": 6170369908,
   "txMulticastCount": 0,
   "txTotalCount": 2832
"cloudSwxtchVersion": "dev.ac84d0",
"dataAddress": "10.2.192.11",
"hostAddress": "10.2.128.13",
"latencies": {
   "buckets": {},
   "count": 0,
   "sum": 0
\verb"maxActiveConnections": 2,\\
"osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
"packetCounters": {
   "-": 0,
   "rxDroppedCount": 0,
   "rxMulticastCount": 0,
   "rxTotalCount": 32137435,
   "txDroppedCount": 0,
   "txIgmpCount": 0,
   "txMulticastCount": 0,
   "txTotalCount": 22
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        "groupIp": "239.1.1.3"
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   {
        "byteCount": 294,
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        "protocolType": 0,
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        "sourcePort": 0,
        "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
        "byteCount": 89,
        "destinationCount": 0,
```

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"groupIp": "255.255.255.255",
            "packetCount": 1.
            "protocolType": 0,
            "sourceIp": "",
            "sourcePort": 0,
            "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
    "xNicMode": "HA",
    "xNicType": "t2"
"10.2.128.15": {
    "activeConnectionCount": 2,
    "byteCounters": {
       "rxMulticastCount": 0,
       "rxTotalCount": 59072,
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       "txTotalCount": 2546472892
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    "packetCounters": {
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            "egressPacketCount": 1,
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                    "ingressByteCount": 275,
                    "ingressPacketCount": 1,
                     "missingPacketCount": 0,
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                    "ingressPacketCount": 1,
                     "missingPacketCount": 0,
                    "usedPacketCount": 1
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            "egressPacketCount": 1,
            "enqueueFailureCount": 0,
            "groupIp": {
                "ip": 4290970122,
                "port": 35328
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            "paths": [
                {
                    "ingressByteCount": 275,
                    "ingressPacketCount": 1,
                    "missingPacketCount": 0,
                    "usedPacketCount": 0
```

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"ingressByteCount": 275,
                    "ingressPacketCount": 1,
                    "missingPacketCount": 0,
                   "usedPacketCount": 1
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       {
           "byteCount": 1925,
           "destinationCount": 0,
           "groupIp": "10.2.131.255",
           "packetCount": 7,
           "protocolType": 0,
           "sourceIp": "",
           "sourcePort": 0,
           "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
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           "destinationCount": 0,
           "groupIp": "10.2.195.255",
           "packetCount": 9,
           "protocolType": 0,
           "sourceIp": "",
           "sourcePort": 0,
           "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
    "timestamp": 1723837734873976100,
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       {
           "byteCount": 1273105920,
           "destinationCount": 0,
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           "protocolType": 0,
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           "packetCount": 6630760,
           "protocolType": 0,
           "sourceIp": "",
           "sourcePort": 0,
           "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
       }
    "xNicMode": "Normal",
    "xNicType": "t2"
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    "activeConnectionCount": 2,
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       "rxMulticastCount": 0,
       "rxTotalCount": 6094630132,
       "txMulticastCount": 0,
       "txTotalCount": 3968082038
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    "packetCounters": {
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       "rxMulticastCount": 0,
       "rxTotalCount": 31742957,
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        "txIgmpCount": 0,
```

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"txMulticastCount": 0,
    "txTotalCount": 20667102
"rxHaCounters": [
        "egressByteCount": 1273770240,
        "egressPacketCount": 6634220,
        "enqueueFailureCount": 0,
        "groupIp": {
            "ip": 33620463,
            "port": 41485
        "outputStreamLossCount": 0,
        "paths": [
           {
                "ingressByteCount": 1273767936,
                "ingressPacketCount": 6634208,
                "missingPacketCount": 11,
                "usedPacketCount": 18
                "ingressByteCount": 1273770240,
                "ingressPacketCount": 6634220,
                "missingPacketCount": 0,
                "usedPacketCount": 6634202
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   {
        "byteCount": 1771408320,
        "destinationCount": 0.
        "groupIp": "239.1.1.2"
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        "protocolType": 0,
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        "sourcePort": 0,
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        "protocolType": 0,
        "sourceIp": "",
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        "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
        "byteCount": 1775448576,
        "destinationCount": 0,
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        "protocolType": 0,
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        "byteCount": 1984039872,
        "destinationCount": 0,
        "groupIp": "239.1.1.3"
        "packetCount": 10333541,
        "protocolType": 0,
"sourceIp": "",
```

```
"sourcePort": 0,
         "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
         "byteCount": 1984039872,
         "destinationCount": 0,
         "groupIp": "239.1.1.3",
         "packetCount": 10333541,
        "protocolType": 0,
"sourceIp": "",
"sourcePort": 0,
         "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
         "byteCount": 111,
         "destinationCount": 0,
         "groupIp": "255.255.255.255",
         "packetCount": 1,
        "protocolType": 0,
"sourceIp": "",
"sourcePort": 0,
         "updateTime": "0001-01-01T00:00:00Z"
"xNicMode": "HA",
"xNicType": "t2"
```

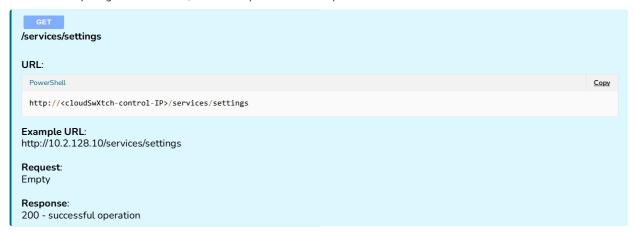
# **Configuration API**

### Overview

The cloudSwXtch Configuration API is intended for use to integrate the cloudSwXtch data with third party tools for configuring High Availability and Protocol Fanout.

## **Prerequisites**

A cloudSwXtch must exist as well as two or more agents with xNICs. To have data, agents must be producing and consuming data via the cloudSwXtch. By using a GET command, data will be provided in the response.



The wXcked Eye Settings API call will give users information based on the "Settings" page in the wXcked Eye UI, specifically General, High Availability, and Protocol Fanout. While it takes one call to get all this information, we will be split it into sections based on the appropriate tab.

```
Expand for an example response of the Settings call:
     "general": {
         "hostName": "dsd-core-100",
         "switchName": "dsd-core-100",
         "version": "dev.7f1520",
         "numCores": 1,
         "entitlements": {
             "maxClientCount": 40,
             "maxBridgeCount": 2,
             "bandwidthMbps": 25000,
             "enableMesh": true,
             "enableUnicast": true,
             "enableHA": true,
             "enableClockSync": true,
             "enableBridge": true,
             "enableWxckedEye": true,
             "enableAllowsMajorVersionUpdate": true,
             "enableTachyonLive": false
         "subnetDataPrefix": "10.2.192.0/22",
         "subnetCtrlPrefix": "10.2.128.0/22",
         "dataGatewayIp": "10.2.192.1",
         "ctrlIp": "10.2.128.10",
         "ctrlPort": 10802,
         "gatewayMacAddr": "12:34:56:78:9a:bc",
         "replInfo": {
             "ctrlIp": "127.0.0.1",
             "ctrlPort": 9996,
             "dataIp": "10.2.192.116",
             "dataPort": 9999,
             "dataMac": "AA06VA83"
         "numClientsConnected": 8,
         "hardwareInfo": {
             "control": {
                     "mac": "00:0d:3a:19:cc:e1",
                     "ipAddress": "10.2.128.10",
```

```
"ipBroadcast": "10.2.131.255",
                 "ipSubnet": "10.2.128.0",
                 "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                "mtu": null,
                "driver": null,
                 "masterOf": null,
                "ifIndex": null,
                "vpc": null,
                "publicIpAddress": null
             "os": {
                "mac": "00:0d:3a:19:cc:e1",
                "ipAddress": "10.2.128.10",
"ipBroadcast": "10.2.131.255",
                "ipSubnet": "10.2.128.0",
                "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                "mtu": 1500,
                "driver": "hv_netvsc",
"masterOf": null,
                "ifIndex": 2,
                "vpc": null,
                "publicIpAddress": null,
                "name": "eth0",
"pciAddress": "",
                "state": "up"
             "computed": {
                "isPreferredControlNic": true,
                "isPreferredDataNic": false
        },
        "data": {
            "meta": {
                "mac": "00:0d:3a:54:0f:37",
                "ipAddress": "10.2.192.116",
"ipBroadcast": "10.2.195.255",
                "ipSubnet": "10.2.192.0",
                "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                "mtu": null,
                "driver": null,
                "masterOf": null,
                "ifIndex": null,
                "vpc": null,
                "publicIpAddress": null
            "os": {
                "mac": "00:0d:3a:54:0f:37",
                "ipAddress": "10.2.192.116",
                "ipBroadcast": "10.2.195.255",
                "ipSubnet": "10.2.192.0",
                "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                "mtu": 1500,
                "driver": "mlx5_core",
                "masterOf": "enP42685s2",
                "ifIndex": 3,
                "vpc": null,
                "publicIpAddress": null,
                "name": "eth1",
"pciAddress": "a6bd:00:02.0",
                "state": "up"
            "computed": {
                "isPreferredControlNic": false,
                "isPreferredDataNic": true
      }
    "httpPort": 80
"mesh": {
   "config": null,
   "routingTable": null
"ha": {
    "config": {
       "uid": "cf81bcbb-2afd-ac36-72d0-a67ec56c742c",
        "name": "100-200HA",
       "paths": [
           {
                "name": "100",
                "color": "#fc0303",
                "swxtches": [
```

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"10.2.128.10:80"
               ]
                "name": "200",
                "color": "#033dfc",
                "swxtches": [
                   "10.5.1.6:80"
    "membersData": {
        "10.2.128.10:80": {
           "ipAddr": "10.2.128.10:80",
            "isAlive": true,
            "host": null
        "10.5.1.6:80": {
           "ipAddr": "10.5.1.6:80",
"isAlive": true,
            "host": null
"fanout": {
    "16704273857340480058": {
       "id": "16704273857340480058",
        "protocol": "srt-caller",
        "direction": "egress",
        "streamIp": "239.4.2.3",
        "streamPort": 5400,
        "nodeIp": "10.2.128.37",
        "nodePort": 5401,
        "listenerPort": null,
        "options": []
    "4777854487999137884": {
        "id": "4777854487999137884",
        "protocol": "srt-caller",
        "direction": "ingress",
        "streamIp": "239.4.2.3",
        "streamPort": 5400,
        "nodeIp": "10.2.128.36",
        "nodePort": 5400,
        "listenerPort": null,
        "options": []
   },
"5062225067104987852": {
        "id": "5062225067104987852",
        "protocol": "srt-listener",
        "direction": "egress",
        "streamIp": "225.1.1.1",
        "streamPort": 1599,
        "nodeIp": null,
        "nodePort": null,
        "listenerPort": 6000,
        "options": []
    "9489213241930010873": {
        "id": "9489213241930010873",
        "protocol": "srt-listener",
"direction": "ingress",
        "streamIp": "225.1.1.1",
        "streamPort": 1599,
        "nodeIp": null,
        "nodePort": null,
        "listenerPort": 1599,
        "options": []
"channels": null,
"streams": {
    "exclusions": {
        "10.0.0.136": {
           "all": true,
            "ports": {},
            "except": {}
        "10.0.0.197": {
            "all": true,
            "ports": \{\},
```

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"except": {}
    "10.0.0.224": {
        "all": true,
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   "y": -8.62
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   "y": -51.07
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    "v": -55.22
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    "y": -51.09
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   "y": -8.38
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   "y": -8.55
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   "x": 1217.66,
   "y": 466
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   "x": 917.66,
   "y": 166
"xnic-10.2.128.13": {
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           "y": 319.47
       "xnic-10.2.128.27": {
          "x": 1917.66,
          "y": 1166
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          "x": 617.66,
          "y": -134
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           "y": 966
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   "nodes": null
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   "entries": {
       "10.2.128.10": {
          "name": "dsd-core-100",
           "componentKind": {
               "code": "swxtch",
               "displayName": "swXtch"
           "environment": \{
               "hostname": "dsd-core-100",
               "cloud": "AZURE",
               "osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
               "region": "eastus",
               "instanceType": "Standard_D8as_v4"
           "interfaces": {
               "eth0": {
                   "ip": "10.2.128.10",
                   "name": "eth0"
               "eth1": {
                  "ip": "10.2.192.116",
                   "name": "eth1"
          }
       "10.2.128.104": {
           "name": "aks-nodepool1-23164585-vmss00001Z",
            "componentKind": {
               "code": "xnic",
"displayName": "xNIC"
            "environment": {
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               "cloud": "AZURE",
"osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
               "region": "eastus",
               "instanceType": "Standard_Ds2_v2"
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               "cilium_host": {
                   "ip": "10.0.0.54",
                   "name": "cilium_host"
               "eth0": {
    "ip": "10.2.128.104",
                   "name": "eth0"
                "swxtch-tun0": {
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                   "name": "swxtch-tun0"
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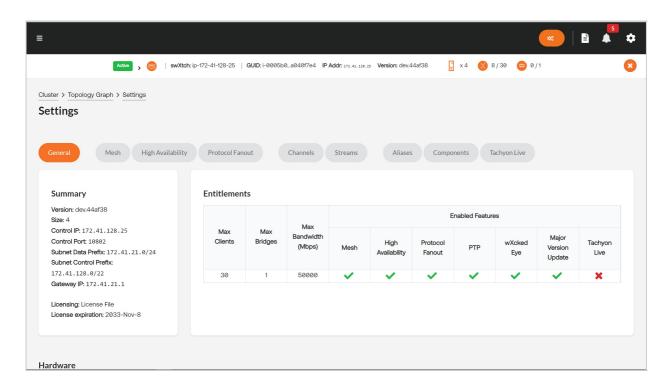
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        "cloud": "AZURE",
"osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
        "region": "eastus",
        "instanceType": "Standard_Ds2_v2"
    },
    "interfaces": {
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           "ip": "10.2.128.106",
           "name": "eth0"
        "swxtch-tun0": {
           "ip": "172.30.0.106",
            "name": "swxtch-tun0"
},
"10.2.128.13": {
    "name": "DSd-agent-102",
    "componentKind": {
        "code": "xnic",
        "displayName": "xNIC"
    "environment": \{
       "hostname": "DSd-agent-102",
        "cloud": "AZURE",
"osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
        "region": "eastus",
        "instanceType": "Standard_D4s_v4"
    "interfaces": {
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           "ip": "10.2.128.13",
            "name": "eth0"
        "eth1": {
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            "name": "eth1"
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            "name": "swxtch-tun0"
        }
    }
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    "componentKind": {
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        "displayName": "xNIC"
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        "osDistribution": "Windows Server 2019 Datacenter - Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.6189]",
        "region": "eastus",
        "instanceType": "Standard_D8s_v4"
    "interfaces": {
        "Ethernet": {
           "ip": "10.2.192.15",
            "name": "Ethernet"
        "Ethernet 2": {
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            "name": "Ethernet 2"
"10.2.128.27": {
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    "componentKind": \{
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"code": "xnic",
        "displayName": "xNIC"
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"osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
        "region": "eastus",
        "instanceType": "Standard_D4ds_v4"
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           "ip": "10.2.128.27",
            "name": "eth0"
        "eth1": {
            "ip": "10.2.192.24",
            "name": "eth1"
        "swxtch-tun0": {
            "ip": "172.30.0.27",
            "name": "swxtch-tun0"
   }
"10.2.128.75": {
    "name": "DSd-agent-104",
    "componentKind": {
       "code": "xnic",
        "displayName": "xNIC"
    "environment": {
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        "cloud": "AZURE",
"osDistribution": "Windows Server 2019 Datacenter - Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17763.6189]",
        "instanceType": "Standard_D8s_v4"
    "interfaces": {
       "Ethernet": {
           "ip": "10.2.128.75",
            "name": "Ethernet"
        "Ethernet 2": {
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"name": "Ethernet 2"
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       "displayName": "Bridge"
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        "eth1": {
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            "name": "eth1"
        }
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    "componentKind": {
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       "displayName": "xNIC"
    "environment": {
       "hostname": "DSd-agent-201",
        "cloud": "AZURE",
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                 "region": "eastus",
                 "instanceType": "Standard_D4s_v4"
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                     "ip": "10.5.1.4",
                     "name": "eth0"
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                    "ip": "10.5.2.4",
                     "name": "eth1"
                 "swxtch-tun0": {
                     "ip": "172.30.0.4",
                     "name": "swxtch-tun0"
             "name": "dsd-core-200",
             "componentKind": {
                "code": "swxtch",
                "displayName": "swXtch"
             "environment": {
                "hostname": "dsd-core-200",
                "cloud": "AZURE",
"osDistribution": "Ubuntu 20.04",
                 "region": "eastus",
                "instanceType": "Standard_D8s_v4"
             "interfaces": {
                 "eth0": {
                    "ip": "10.5.1.6",
                     "name": "eth0"
                 "eth1": {
                     "ip": "10.5.2.6",
                     "name": "eth1"
      }
   }
"vms": null,
"aliases": {
    "components": {},
    "sockets": {
       "10.2.128.36:5400": "10.2.128.36_win-10-100",
        "10.2.128.37:5401": "10_2_128_37_5401_Win-10_101"
    "streams": {
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"239.4.2.3:5400": "SRT_C_239_4_2_3_1400"
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        "gatewayMac": "12:34:56:78:9a:bc",
        "lastTime": "2024-08-19T16:43:15.8684573Z",
        "mcGroups": []
   }
"topology": {
    "graph": {
        "nClusterLinks": 4,
        "minPps": 1
"tachyonlive": null
```

# General

The general tab shows information about the cloudSwXtch networking and entitlements.

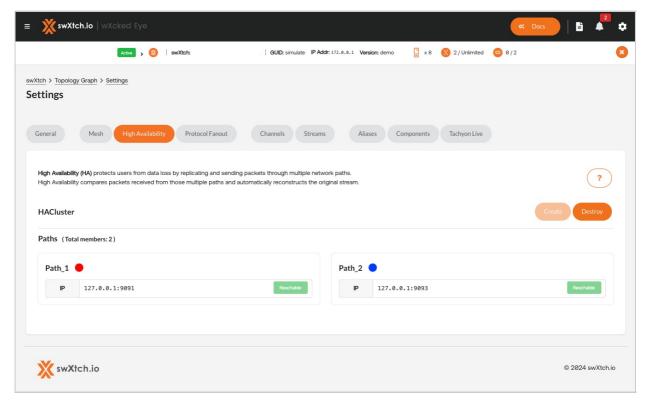


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Expand to see the portion of the Settings call detailing information on the General tab —>
 Bash
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     "general": {
         "hostName": "dsd-core-100",
         "switchName": "dsd-core-100",
         "version": "dev.7f1520",
         "numCores": 1,
         "entitlements": {
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             "maxBridgeCount": 2,
             "bandwidthMbps": 25000,
             "enableMesh": true,
             "enableUnicast": true,
             "enableHA": true,
             "enableClockSync": true,
             "enableBridge": true,
             "enableWxckedEye": true,
             "enableAllowsMajorVersionUpdate": true,
             "enableTachyonLive": false
         "subnetDataPrefix": "10.2.192.0/22",
         "subnetCtrlPrefix": "10.2.128.0/22",
         "dataGatewayIp": "10.2.192.1",
         "ctrlIp": "10.2.128.10",
         "ctrlPort": 10802,
         "gatewayMacAddr": "12:34:56:78:9a:bc",
          "replInfo": {
             "ctrlIp": "127.0.0.1",
             "ctrlPort": 9996,
             "dataIp": "10.2.192.116",
             "dataPort": 9999,
             "dataMac": "AA06VA83"
         "numClientsConnected": 8,
         "hardwareInfo": {
             "control": {
                  "meta": {
                     "mac": "00:0d:3a:19:cc:e1",
                     "ipAddress": "10.2.128.10",
                     "ipBroadcast": "10.2.131.255",
                     "ipSubnet": "10.2.128.0",
                     "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
                     "mtu": null,
                     "driver": null,
                     "masterOf": null,
                     "ifIndex": null,
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"vpc": null,
             "publicIpAddress": null
            "mac": "00:0d:3a:19:cc:e1",
            "ipAddress": "10.2.128.10",
            "ipBroadcast": "10.2.131.255",
             "ipSubnet": "10.2.128.0",
             "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
             "mtu": 1500,
             "driver": "hv_netvsc",
             "masterOf": null,
             "ifIndex": 2,
            "vpc": null,
             "publicIpAddress": null,
            "name": "eth0",
"pciAddress": "",
             "state": "up"
             "isPreferredControlNic": true,
            "isPreferredDataNic": false
    "data": {
        "meta": {
            "mac": "00:0d:3a:54:0f:37",
            "ipAddress": "10.2.192.116",
            "ipBroadcast": "10.2.195.255",
            "ipSubnet": "10.2.192.0",
            "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
            "mtu": null,
            "driver": null,
            "masterOf": null,
             "ifIndex": null,
            "vpc": null,
            "publicIpAddress": null
        }.
         "os": {
            "mac": "00:0d:3a:54:0f:37",
            "ipAddress": "10.2.192.116",
"ipBroadcast": "10.2.195.255",
            "ipSubnet": "10.2.192.0",
             "subnetMask": "255.255.252.0",
             "mtu": 1500,
            "driver": "mlx5_core",
             "masterOf": "enP42685s2",
            "ifIndex": 3,
             "vpc": null,
             "publicIpAddress": null,
            "name": "eth1",
"pciAddress": "a6bd:00:02.0",
             "state": "up"
         "computed": {
             "isPreferredControlNic": false,
             "isPreferredDataNic": true
},
"httpPort": 80
```

# **High Availability**

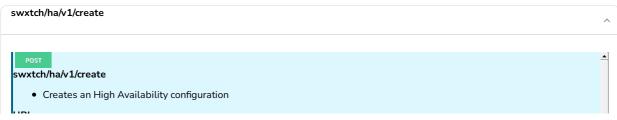
The High Availability tab shows the cloudSwXtches that are configured to be in a HA 2022-7 configuration. Note that both High Availability and Mesh are configured here for example purposes. Mesh and High Availability are, however, not compatible with the same cloudSwXtches.

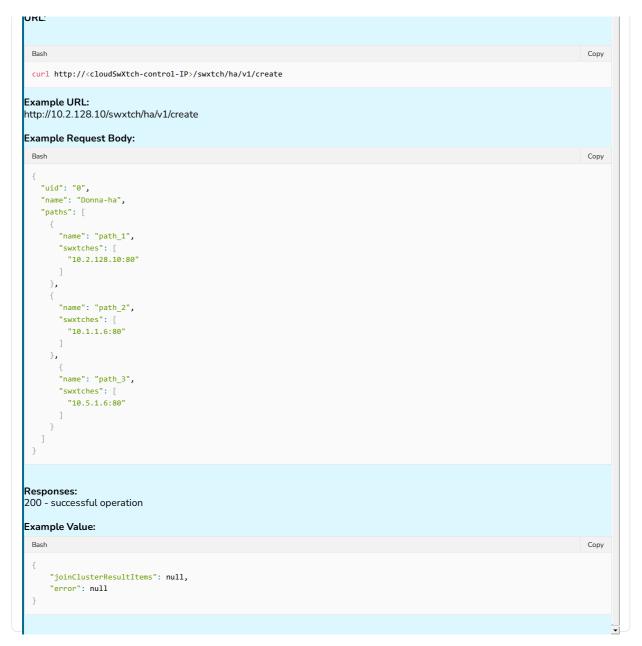


Below is a portion of the Settings call response detailing information on High Availability:

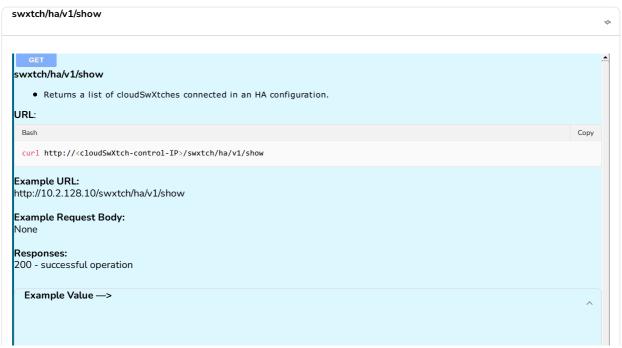
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Bash
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        "config": {
            "uid": "cf81bcbb-2afd-ac36-72d0-a67ec56c742c",
            "name": "100-200HA",
            "paths": [
                    "name": "100",
                    "color": "#fc0303",
                    "swxtches": [
                       "10.2.128.10:80"
                },
                    "name": "200",
                    "color": "#033dfc",
                    "swxtches": [
                       "10.5.1.6:80"
               }
           ]
        "membersData": {
            "10.2.128.10:80": {
               "ipAddr": "10.2.128.10:80",
"isAlive": true,
               "host": null
            "10.5.1.6:80": {
               "ipAddr": "10.5.1.6:80",
               "isAlive": true,
                "host": null
```

#### Create HA



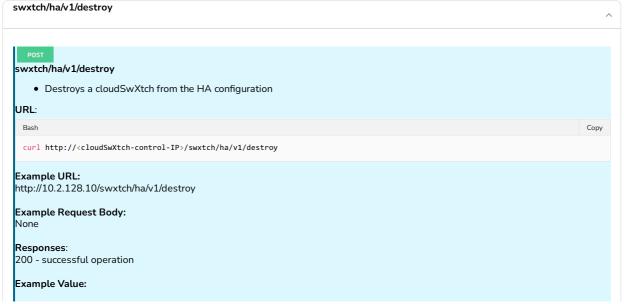


# Get HA List



```
Bash
    "clusterConfig": {
         "uid": "377a7cd7-98ed-47e3-27c9-fcf123de530a",
         "name": "Donna-ha",
         "paths": [
            {
                  "name": "path_1",
                 "color": null,
                  "swxtches": [
                     "10.2.128.10:80"
             },
                  "name": "path_2",
                  "color": null,
                 "swxtches": [
                     "10.1.1.6:80"
             },
                 "name": "path_3",
"color": null,
                 "swxtches": [
                      "10.5.1.6:80"
             }
        ]
     "memberData": {
         "10.1.1.6:80": {
            "ipAddr": "10.1.1.6:80",
"isAlive": true,
            "host": null
         "10.2.128.10:80": {
             "ipAddr": "10.2.128.10:80",
"isAlive": true,
             "host": null
         "10.5.1.6:80": {
            "ipAddr": "10.5.1.6:80",
"isAlive": true,
             "host": null
```

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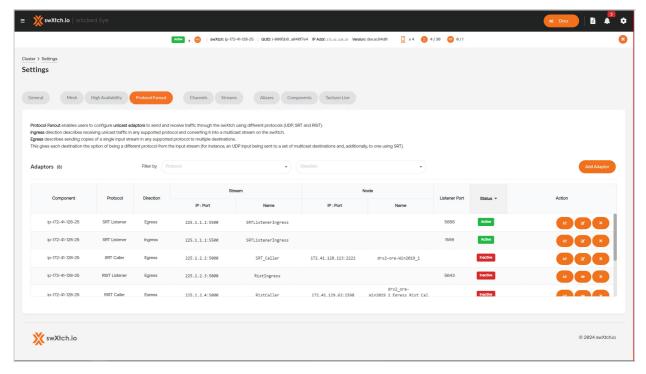


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Bash

{
    "Message": "HA destroyed successfully"
}
```

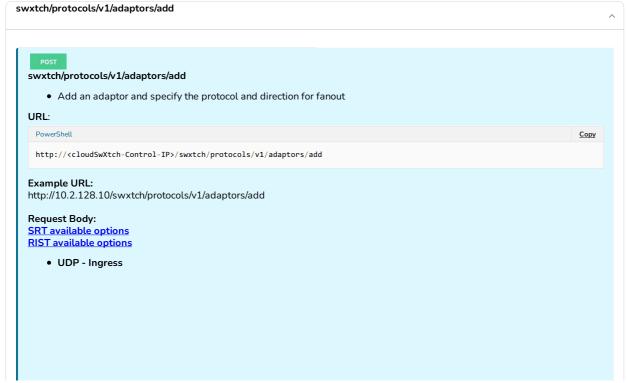
# **Protocol Fanout Adaptors**

The Protocol Fanout tab shows the cloudSwXtches that are configured for Protocol Fanout: multicast, UDP (Unicast), SRT Caller/Listener, and RIST Caller/Listener.



Below is a portion of the Settings call response detailing information on Protocol Fanout.

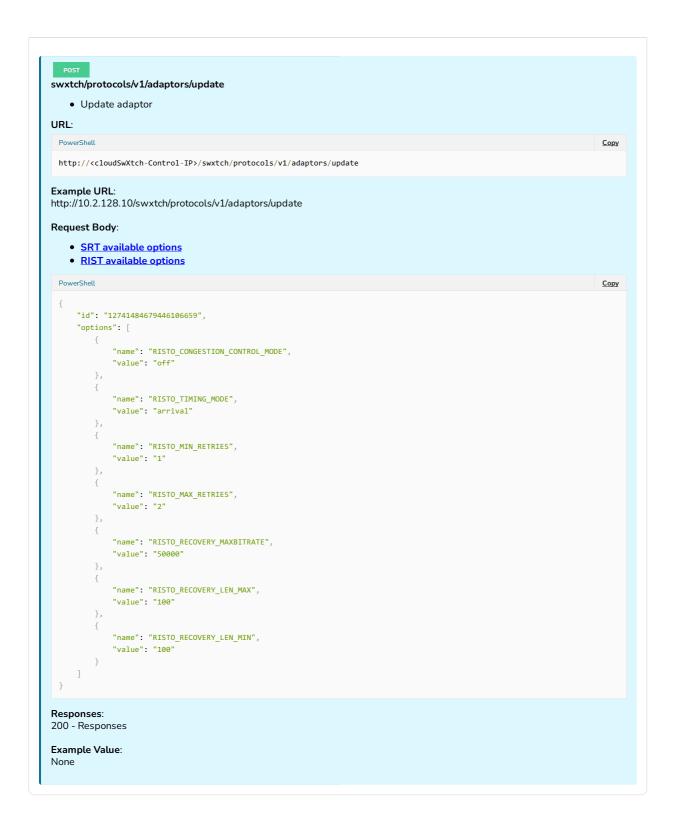
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Сору
"fanout": {
        "16704273857340480058": {
           "id": "16704273857340480058",
           "protocol": "srt-caller",
           "direction": "egress",
           "streamIp": "239.4.2.3",
           "streamPort": 5400,
           "nodeIp": "10.2.128.37",
           "nodePort": 5401,
           "listenerPort": null,
            "options": []
        "4777854487999137884": {
           "id": "4777854487999137884",
            "protocol": "srt-caller",
           "direction": "ingress",
           "streamIp": "239.4.2.3",
           "streamPort": 5400,
           "nodeIp": "10.2.128.36",
           "nodePort": 5400,
           "listenerPort": null,
            "options": []
        "5062225067104987852": {
           "id": "5062225067104987852",
           "protocol": "srt-listener",
           "direction": "egress",
           "streamIp": "225.1.1.1",
           "streamPort": 1599,
           "nodeIp": null,
           "nodePort": null,
           "listenerPort": 6000,
            "options": []
        "9489213241930010873": {
           "id": "9489213241930010873",
            "protocol": "srt-listener",
            "direction": "ingress",
           "streamIp": "225.1.1.1",
"streamPort": 1599,
           "nodeIp": null,
           "nodePort": null,
           "listenerPort": 1599,
           "options": []
```



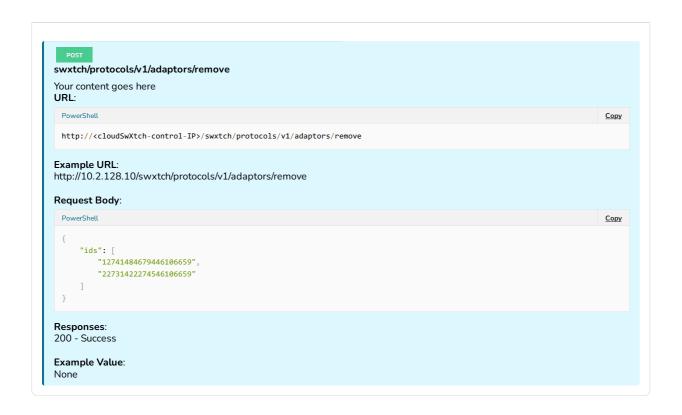
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PowerShell
                                                                                                                           Сору
    "protocol": "udp",
   "direction": "ingress",
   "streamIp": "224.0.0.1",
   "streamPort": 4000,
   "listenerPort": 3500
  • UDP - Egress
PowerShell
                                                                                                                           Copy
   "protocol": "udp",
   "direction": "egress",
   "streamIp": "224.0.0.2",
   "streamPort": 4001,
   "nodeIp": "10.0.0.1",
   "nodePort": 3501,
    "nodeMac": "00:22:48:37:8a:f9"
  • SRT Caller - Ingress
PowerShell
                                                                                                                           Сору
    "protocol": "srt-caller",
   "direction": "ingress",
   "streamIp": "224.0.0.3",
   "streamPort": 4002,
   "nodeIp": "10.0.0.2",
"nodePort": 3502
  • SRT Caller - Egress
PowerShell
   "protocol": "srt-caller",
   "direction": "egress",
   "streamIp": "224.0.0.4",
   "streamPort": 4003,
   "nodeIp": "10.0.0.3",
   "nodePort": 3503
  • SRT Listener - Ingress
                                                                                                                           Сору
    "protocol": "srt-listener",
   "direction": "ingress"
   "streamIp": "224.0.0.5",
   "streamPort": 4004,
   "listenerPort": 3504
  • SRT Listener - Egress
PowerShell
                                                                                                                           Сору
   "protocol": "srt-listener",
   "direction": "egress",
   "streamIp": "224.0.0.6",
   "streamPort": 4005,
    "listenerPort": 3505
  • RIST Caller - Ingress
```

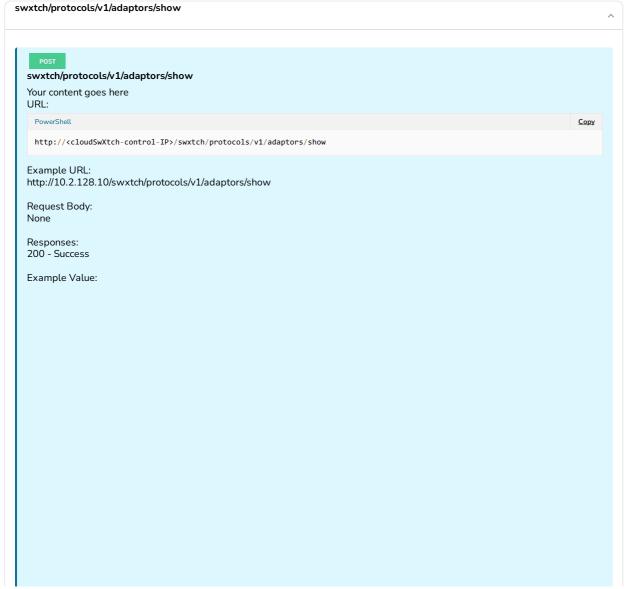
```
PowerShell
                                                                                                                         Сору
     "protocol": "rist-caller",
     "direction": "ingress",
     "streamIp": "227.0.0.3",
     "streamPort": 4012,
     "nodeIp": "10.1.2.2",
     "nodePort": 4555
   • RIST Caller - Egress
 PowerShell
     "protocol": "srt-caller",
     "direction": "egress",
     "streamIp": "224.0.0.4",
     "streamPort": 4003,
     "nodeIp": "10.0.0.3",
     "nodePort": 3503
   • RIST Listener - Ingress
     "protocol": "rist-listener",
     "direction": "ingress",
     "streamIp": "226.2.2.2",
     "streamPort": 8000,
     "listenerPort": 3502
   • RIST Listener - Egress
 PowerShell
                                                                                                                        Copy
     "protocol": "rist-listener",
    "direction": "egress",
     "streamIp": "225.1.2.3",
     "streamPort": 5000,
     "listenerPort": 8000
Responses:
200 - Success
Example Value:
None
```

# swxtch/protocols/v1/adaptors/update

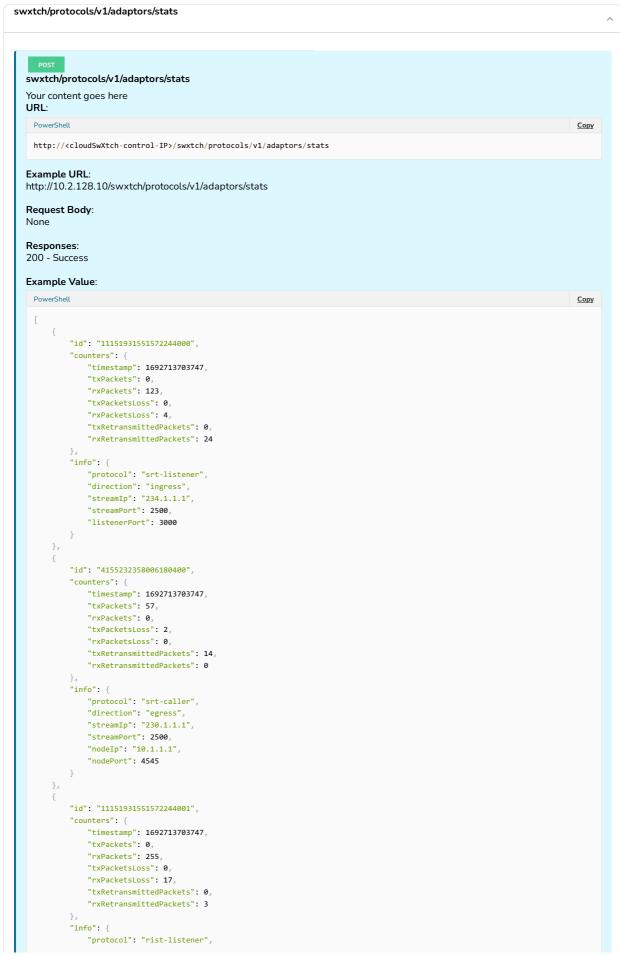


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swxtch/protocols/v1/adaptors/remove
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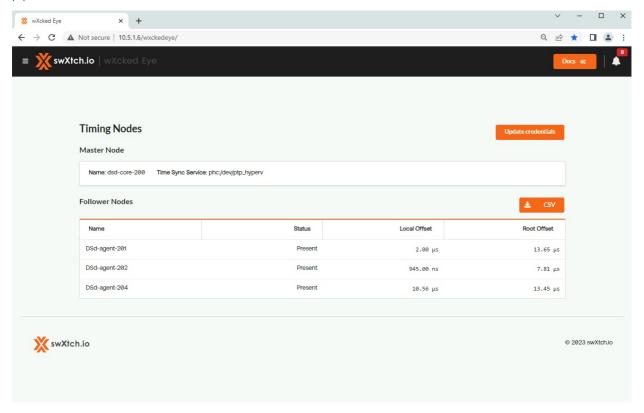
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PowerShell
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```



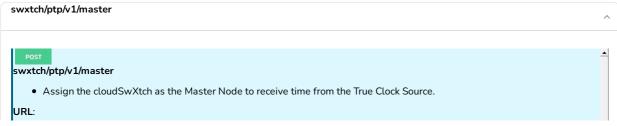
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# **Precision Timing Protocol (PTP)**

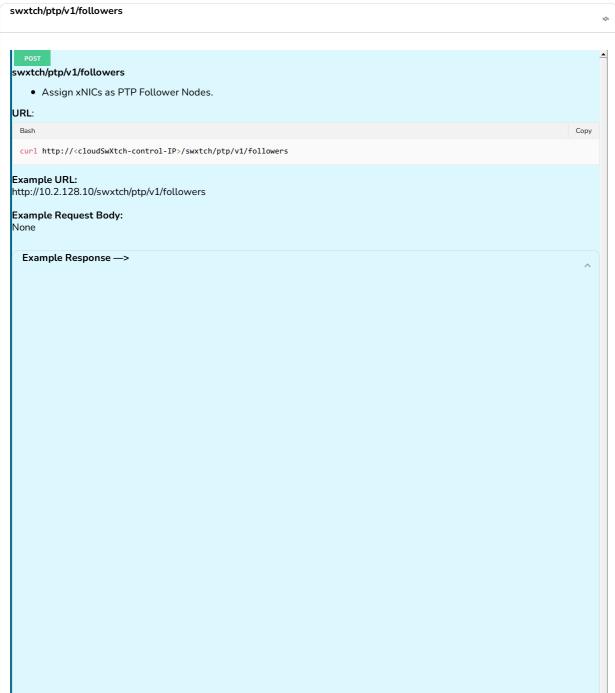
The Timing Nodes page displays information regarding clock sync configuration for the cloudSwXtch. The page in wXcked Eye will only populate with information if the user has the PTP feature enabled.



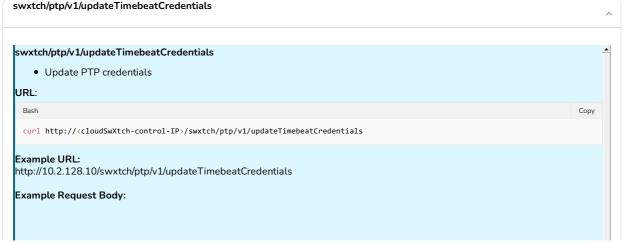
## PTP Master

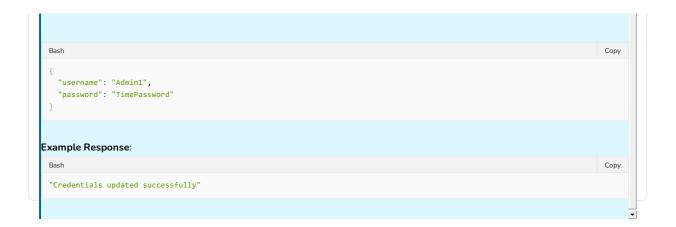






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Bash
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      ]
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## Release Notes

## WHAT TO EXPECT

In this section, users will find release notes for current and past versions of our product. If you have any questions regarding your particular version, please contact us at info@swxtch.io.

To see past versions of our documentation site, please check out our **Resources** page.

3.3.7 Release Notes - June 13, 2025

# Bug Fixes

- Fixed issue where Windows xdp driver could cause the VM to be unresponsive.
- Fixed issue where swxtch-top cloudSwXtch RX goes to 0 then TX follows, then it displays normally again.

3.3.6 Release Notes - May 6, 2025

#### **Bug Fixes**

- Fixed issue where if Windows needed a reboot, xNIC installer will not reboot, instead it will end in error, this allows users to have full control when upgrading using scripts.
- Fixed issue where swxtch-top could crash if user when in column setup selected name to be visible.

3.3.4 Release Notes - April 2, 2025

# Improvements

• We've reduced the amount of lag experienced in wXcked Eye when handling a higher number of flows.

3.3.3 Release Notes - March 20, 2025

# **Bug Fixes**

• Improved SLP connections handling: Old SLP connections will be cleared after disconnecting the cloudSwXtch Bridge.

3.3.2 Release Notes - March 10, 2025

# Improvements

- xNIC
  - Users can now install xNIC on Kubernetes nodes that have more than 32 virtual interfaces. There is no longer any limitations for the upper bounds.
  - The xNIC will no longer send multiple notifications per xNIC in the event of a version mismatch with the cloudSwXtch.

3.3.1 Release Notes - February 21, 2025

## **New Features**

• The wXcked Eye Topology Graph has been revamped, improving user accessibility. For more information, see here.

#### Improvements

• Performance and stability improvements to both the cloudSwXtch and the cloudSwXtch Bridge.

#### 3.3.0 Release Notes - February 10, 2025

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#### **New Features**

- The cloudSwXtch Bridge can now connect to multiple cloudSwXtch instances. Prior to 3.3, cloudSwXtch Bridges were only able to create a 1:1 connection with a cloudSwXtch. In this new cloudSwXtch Bridge to Multi-cloudSwXtch feature, users can better utilize their on-premises hardware. To learn more about configuring the bridge for multiple cloudSwXtches, see here.
- The cloudSwXtch Bridge can now be installed via Docker. For more information on how to install via Docker, see here.
- A revamped self-hosted Licensing Server is now available for installation via Docker on your cloudSwXtch network. The Licensing Server allows users to self manage a bundle of cloudSwXtch licenses with matching entitlements for their deployments. Users would no longer need to request a single license per cloudSwXtch and can easily swap licenses between cloudSwXtch instances. Read more about it here.
- A new wXcked Eye Network Page allows users to switch between cloudSwXtches in the same browser window.
- Multiple Multicast and Source Specific Multicast configuration has been relocated to the wXcked Eye High Availability Settings page. Users can also Import and Export their HA Streams Config here to allow for easier configuration in future sessions.

#### **New Improvements**

- xNIC
  - The xNIC is now supported on Ubuntu 24.04.

#### • cloudSwXtch Bridge

- Users can now specify their control interface during cloudSwXtch Bridge installation.
- There are new arguments available when running the cloudSwXtch Bridge installer. This includes specifying interfaces, setting the control and data as the same interface, running installer via docker, and initiating high performance mode. For a complete list of arguments, see here.

#### wXcked Eye

- A new xNIC Config option is available when selecting a cloudSwXtch component in the Topology Graph. Here, users can configure multiple xNICs associated with the highlighted cloudSwXtch for high availability and deduplication. For more information, see here.
- The Topology Graph will now display TX and RX rates at the end of each stream link to allow for improved monitoring. In addition, Out of Order (OoO) and Missing packets will also display at each probe point within the flow. To see what that looks like, view wXcked Eye Topology Graph article.
- The Navigation Menu has been updated to include the new Network page.
- The Current cloudSwXtch ribbon, detailing information about the cloudSwXtch, has been integrated into the swXtch.io black banner at the top of wXcked Eye.

## swXtch-top

- Users can resize Panels in swXtch-top.
- Users can assign and delete aliases for their components and streams in swXtch-top.
- Users can display the raw total amounts for bit and packet statistics.
- The Components view will now have a Primary swXtch column to show what cloudSwXtch a component was been installed against.
- The color selector has been expanded to allow for more customization.
- Some swXtch-top views include an expanded filter option where users can select specific categories to highlight.
- The Prometheus metrics output has been standardized, replacing all mentions of "xNIC" with "component." To see the changes, see Prometheus Monitoring.

## **Bug Fixes**

- Containerized cloudSwXtch Bridge via Docker resolves a number of issues with potentially corrupted packages during install.
- Fixed an issue in swXtch-to where descriptions in the Notification view were cut off. Descriptions are now justified in the window and will display fully.
- Fixed an issue where wXcked Eye Topology Graph filters were not being saved between sessions. Now, all filters and settings will persist.

# 3.2.1 Release Notes - December 13, 2024

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#### **New Features**

• Multiple Multicast (MMC) producers can be configured for Linux xNIC Type 2.

## New Improvements

#### • cloudSwXtch Bridge

• Ground-to-cloud and cloud-to-ground connections for swXtch Lossless Protocol (SLP) are optional and can be toggled on and off via the cloudSwXtch Bridge's JSON file.

#### swXtch-top

• New performance enhancements allow users to monitor up to 50,000 streams.

- The Setup function for column configuration has been relocated to a blue box next to the first column's name. Users can click here to select what columns are displayed in the view and the size for each. In addition, users can press the F3 button while highlighting a specific panel to open column setup.
- Settings has been split into two separate views: Aliases and Licensing. Aliases will display user assigned names for streams while Licensing will list the entitlements allotted to a specific cloudSwXtch.
- Users can configure the colors used in swXtch-top with the new Colors menu.
- Users can export cloudSwXtch reports for troubleshooting from swXtch-top, similar to the wXcked Eye Support page.
- A new Help (F4) menu provides users a breakdown of all the swXtch-top shortcuts.
- The cloudSwXtch information panel is fully collapsible using the F2 key.
- A new VM filter shortcut allows users to filter out non-xNIC VMs from their list of Components.
- The Filter search bar is no longer case-sensitive.
- The number of line items under each view will display by the view's name. For example, if a user has 10 components, that number will appear at the top.

#### wXcked Eye

- wXcked Eye will assign colors to each of the subnets when the Interfaces layer is selected in the Topology Toolbox. Users can highlight specific ones by selecting it from a new Subnets pop-up.
- Users will no longer have to specify a MMC producer when configuring an xNIC for high availability in the endpoint's component information panel.
- Adaptors for protocol fanout from the cloudSwXtch Bridge have been added to the Protocol Fanout stats page.
- Making a selection in the View By/Filter By bar will highlight those components and streams while completely hiding other items in the graph. This will allow users to focus on specific workflows in the UI.
- Sockets will center around a component node regardless of its resizing.

#### 3.2.0 Release Notes - November 8, 2024

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#### **New Features**

- cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 3 will now be known simply as cloudSwXtch Bridge. cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 1 and 2 will no longer be supported.
- The cloudSwXtch Bridge can run on any NIC. Certain NICs can be used to run the Bridge in a high performance mode for higher throughput. For a complete list, see <a href="here">here</a>.
- swXtch Lossless UDP (SLP) is now supported for cloud-to-ground traffic (C2G).
- Multiple Multicast Group (MMC) and Source Specific Multicast (SSM) is now configurable in the wXcked Eye Topology graph, applying changes directly to the xNIC config JSON file from the UI. For more information, see wXcked Eye Topology Graph.
- Users can configure adaptors and HA clusters directly in swXtch-top interface.
- xNIC Type 2 on Windows now uses XDP Driver version 1.0.2 and will no longer require Test Mode on Windows VM.
- Users are no longer required to disable Windows SecureBoot UEFI during xNIC installation on Windows machines.

## New Improvements

#### swXtch-top

- Users can click directly into the swxtch-top interface to navigate between views and interact with line items.
- The top cloudSwXtch information panel is now collapsible.
- The navigation bar has been moved into a Views hideaway menu, decluttering the swXtch-top UI and making room for additional views in the future.
- New default columns have been set in the Lossless view for both SLP RX and TX stats, highlighting the most commonly used monitoring metrics.
- The Setup function will open in a relocated side panel, where users can alter what columns are displayed and their width.

## wXcked Eye Topology Graph

- A new SLP layer highlights swXtch Lossless UDP traffic traveling to and from the cloudSwXtch and the cloudSwXtch Bridge.
- The SLP stats now match the default columns in the Lossless view on swXtch-top, streamlining the most commonly used monitoring metrics.
- An updated HA layer is responsive to path usage with the shadow density for either paths reflective of the percentage being used.
- The Interfaces layer will now minimize when zoomed out.

## **Bug Fixes**

- Fixed an issue where metrics for HA path usage in wXcked Eye and swXtch-top weren't matching.
- Fixed an issue in the wXcked Eve Topology Table where the producers and consumers filtering options weren't working.
- Fixed an issue where the cloudSwXtch's total bandwidth use was not displaying the swXtch-top.
- Fixed an issue where the argument to install PTP for xNIC on Windows was incorrectly set as -ptp\_install . It is now --ptp true as noted in the helper.
- Added a fix for Override Source IP in Multiple Multicast Groups configurations.
- Fixed an issue where users could not click into the Filter search bar in swXtch-top to start a search.

#### Known Issue

- cloudSwXtch Bridge installer and its relevant commands will still mention "bridge 3." This will be removed in the next version as we transition out of multiple cloudSwXtch Bridge types.
  - Workaround: Review Install cloudSwXtch Bridge article for up to date commands.
- Configurations in the JSON file and wXcked Eye for the cloudSwXtch Bridge and the xNIC will not persist between upgrades.

• Workaround: Before upgrading your cloudSwXtch Bridge and xNIC, it is recommended for users to download their respective JSON files into a local folder and then using them to replace their empty counterparts post-reinstall.

#### 3.1.0 Release Notes - October 7, 2024

#### **New Features**

- Two new arguments have been added to the xNIC and Bridge JSON file for improved flexibility and control over high availability configurations.
  - HA Enable: The enable flag allows users to tell the xNIC/cloudSwXtch Bridge whether or not it should join a cloudSwXtch cluster for data and control traffic.
  - Deduplication: Users can now specify in the xNIC JSON file whether or not to deduplicate data plane traffic in favor of their own application at the endpoint.

#### New Improvements

#### • cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 3

- The number of necessary 3rd party packages for cloudSwXtch Bridge 3 installation have been reduced. Please see here for updated list. (#3463)
- A new --ag or --airgap argument has been added when running the installation script for air-gapped environments. Using ag requires users to download 3rd party packages onto their VM before bridge installation since there will be no internet access.
- A new Firewall exception has been added to the cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 2 and 3 installer for IGMP. Review all firewall exceptions here.

#### xNIC

• Precision Time Protocol installation is now optional and disabled by default.

#### wXcked Eye Topology Graph

- Users can add cloud to ground subscriptions for the cloudSwXtch Bridge in the Component Information panel.
- Both the View By/Filter By bar and the Filters panel in the wXcked Eye Topology Graph are now collapsible. (#5913)
- The Glossary, Settings, Center Graph, and Resize Node controls have been relocated to the right hand side of the graph. (#5913)
- The Component Information panel is now moveable across the Topology Graph.
- There is a new Interfaces layer which displays a streamSocket's interface. (#5912)
- The velocity of the stream links will animate differently based on bps. (#6041)
- The graph is now reactive to zoom with StreamSocket information only displayed when fully zoomed in.

# swXtch-top

• Filtering is now implemented in every view in swXtch-top. (#5941)

#### Known Issues

- [Resolved 3.2.0] The filtering option in swXtch-top will not work if a user clicks into the Filter search bar.
  - Workaround: While using swXtch-top, do not click into the Filter search bar. Simply type the value you're searching for, followed by an asterisk (\*), to begin filtering. Reminder: Filtering is case-sensitive.
- [Resolved 3.2.0] The argument to enable PTP for xNIC on Windows is incorrectly defined when using the --help command as --ptp true.
  - Workaround: Users should use -ptp\_install true when enabling PTP for the xNIC on Windows.

## 3.0.0 Release Notes - September 6, 2024

## New Features:

- A new way of bridging with cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 3!
  - With added support on RHEL 9 and for non-Mellanox NICs, cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 3 is a DPDK-based variant, touting higher throughput and the ability to run swXtch Lossless UDP for Ground-to-Cloud. For more information on installation, see here.
  - This includes major enhancements, such as configurable parameters that can be manually tuned when establishing a ground-to-cloud link.
  - High availability and Protocol Fanout is configurable in wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch Bridge.
- We've added support for Cinnafilm's Tachyon LIVE for cloudSwXtch, adding a multitude of video transformations in wXcked Eye. For more information about installation, contact support@swxtch.io.
- We've added multiple NIC support for High Availability configuration on the xNIC. This allows users to completely separate 2022-7 or high availability traffic for each path. In addition, users can enable multiple agents to communicate with multiple cloudSwXtches without requiring peering. For more information, see here.
- A new and improved way of seeing things with wXcked Eye!
  - The wXcked Eye Topology graph has been overhauled, introducing a slew of new features to allow for real-time monitoring with new streams and channels views.
    - Each graph component opens an information sidebar when selected. This information includes general, environment, hardware, total rx/tx, related streams, and related adaptors.
    - A new Layers toggle feature allows for users to view different combinations of data as required: name components, clouds, streams, rates, regions, sockets, instances, and precision time protocol.

- **Protocol Fanout** is now configurable directly in the Topology Graph. Users can add and edit adaptors via the components information panel.
- High Availability and swXtch Lossless UDP stats are now visible directly on the Topology Graph.
- A new **Topology Table** view gives users a detailed look into individual streams and channels. Additionally, users can view streams in a tree view with components pulled directly from the topology graph.
- A new **wXcked Eye Components** page allows users to merge interfaces into a single VM, removing duplicate virtual machines in the topology graph. This page also allows users to manually enter missing environment information for non-xNIC VMs.
- A new wXcked Eye Aliases tab allows users to assign user-friendly names and colors for Streams, Sockets, and Topology Graph Components.
- An updated Support page allows users to define log ranges by number of days and/or hours.
- The Settings page has a new Channels tab, allowing users to add channels based on streams linked by converter.
- Users can specify certain colors for HA paths, streams, and channels to carry throughout the wXcked Eye UI.
- Users can configure their cloudSwXtch for Tachyon LIVE via the wXcked Eye Settings page. Please contact support@swXtch.io for more information.

#### New Improvements:

#### Updates to swXtch-top:

- swXtch-top has been refactored with all new layout and updated navigation menu.
  - A new Components view to mirror what users see in wXcked Eye for their individual topology graph nodes.
  - Users can also see swXtch Lossless UDP stats from Ground-to-Cloud in a new Lossless view.
  - A new Subscriptions view details different source list configurations for single source multicast and multiple multicast groups.
  - A new Configurations page displays xNIC JSON configuration files.
- Users can now navigate between different views by clicking directly into swXtch-top.
- A new Setup function allows users to modify what columns are visible in a view and the width of those columns.
- To see all the updates to the interface, see swXtch-top under Testing cloudSwXtch.

#### Updates to API:

- Our Monitoring and Configuration API has been updated with new responses. A topology API call has been added as well.
  - An issue with /stats/xnics showing multiple entries in RxMulticastGroups for the same Group IP has been resolved
  - The Dashboard API (/wXckedEye/v1/dashboard) has been deprecated. Please use the Topology API call.
  - The Protocol Fanout Adaptor API calls have been streamlined with different body/payloads for each protocol. Old calls for specific protocols have been deprecated.

#### Known Issues:

- There are IP conflicts when multiple xNICs on different VPCs have a ctrl IP with similar host names. (4857)
  - Workaround: Avoid using the same IP and hostname between VPCs.
- Users may experience reduced performance on instances with large configurations. (5821)
  - Workaround: The issue stems from suboptimal thread configuration. For more information on how to manually modify core CPU usage, see here.

#### 2.2.0 Release Notes - March 18, 2024

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#### New Features:

- Say hello to updates to Bridge Type 2!
  - **Protocol Fanout** is now available on the cloudSwXtch Bridge in Type 2. Previously, it was only available on the cloudSwXtch in the cloud. For more information on configuring the cloudSwXtch Bridge for Protocol Fanout, see the following article.
  - 2022-7 for High Availability is now configurable on a cloudSwXtch Bridge in both Type 2. For more information, see the High Availability article under Configuring cloudSwXtch.
- Keep things secure with our verifiable xNIC installers!
  - We now provide an optional way to verify the legitimacy of our xNIC installer script and installation packages against signed hash files with a swXtch.io public key. For more information, see Verifying Installer Files in the Install xNIC on Linux articles.
    - Currently, only available on Linux.

## New Improvements:

- Improved performance for AWS:
  - c6in or m6in EC2 instance families are now recommended for cloudSwXtch instances running version 2.2.0 or greater. This ensures that users get the best performance out of their cloudSwXtch network on AWS. Any current m5zn cloudSwXtch based instances should migrate to one of the two family types.
- Updates to swXtch-top:
  - A new Bridge view has been added to swXtch-top, displaying data flow stats specifically for Bridge Type 2. For more information, see swXtch-top article.

## **Bug Fixes:**

- Fixed issue where a double join was occurring in Cloud-to-Ground.
- Fix stream stats in swxtch-top showing intermittent negative values when the replicator service is restarted.

#### Known Issues:

- There are IP conflicts when multiple xNICs on different VPCs have a ctrl IP with similar host names. (4857)
  - Workaround: Avoid using the same IP and hostname between VPCs.
- [Resolved 3.0.0] /stats/xnics can show multiple entries in RxMulticastGroups for the same Group Ip. (4893)
  - Workaround: None. This will be addressed in an upcoming release.

#### 2.1.3 Release Notes - March 5, 2024

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#### New Improvements:

- Updates to swXtch-top:
  - A new Search bar in the interface will allow users to filter items in the xNICs, Streams and Notification views. (4743)
  - Navigating between swXtch-top's views will require hitting both the CTRL button on a user's keyboard and the associated letter. For example, to get to the xNICs view, a user will need to key in CTRL + X to switch to that page.
  - The Hardware view is now called "Environment."
  - A new Notifications view has been added. (4709)
  - Both the HA Summary and HA view will only list in the navigation menu when HA is configured.
    - For more information, check out the swxtch-top page under Testing cloudSwXtch.
- Updates to wXcked Eye:
  - The wXcked Eye Navigation menu will now properly scroll if using the UI on a lower resolution screen. (5029) [Known Issue 2.1.2]
- Updates to swx support:
  - Users can now export xNIC logs using the swx support command. For more information, see How to View cloudSwXtch Logs for Troubleshooting. (4574)

#### **Bug Fixes:**

• We corrected a bug that would happen when PTP service start-up fails and the master node in swxtch-top shows as empty. (5110) [Known Issue 2.1.2]

#### Known Issues:

- There are IP conflicts when multiple xNICs on different VPCs have a ctrl IP with similar host names. (4857)
  - Workaround: Avoid using the same IP and hostname between VPCs.
- [Resolved 3.0.0] /stats/xnics can show multiple entries in RxMulticastGroups for the same Group Ip. (4893)
  - Workaround: None. This will be addressed in an upcoming release.

#### 2.1.2 Release Notes - February 15, 2024

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## New Improvements:

- Updates to xNIC:
  - Users can now download and install the xNIC without having a valid license authorizing their cloudSwXtch. However, to begin packet flow from the cloudSwXtch to the xNIC(s), a license is required. (4974)
- Updates to swx support:
  - New parameters have been added to the swx support command. For a complete list, please see How to View cloudSwXtch Logs for Troubleshooting. (4574)
- Updates to wXcked Eye:
  - The Protocol Fanout stats page will now display the Alias name by the stream IP address. The page also allows users to filter Adaptors by multiple protocols. (4572)
  - The Protocol Fanout tab in Settings will also now display the Alias name next to the Stream and Node IP addresses in the Adaptors table. (4572)
  - The Support page will now allow users to export xNIC logs.(4574)
- Updates to Licensing Server:
  - The Licensing Server will no longer require a manual start after initial install. (4919) [Known issue in 2.1.1]

#### Known Issues:

- [Resolved 2.1.3] PTP service start-up fails and swxtch-top shows that the master node is empty. (5110)
  - Workaround: Use the following four commands in succession to remedy this issue:

Sudo systemctl start elasticsearch.service
sudo systemctl enable elasticsearch.service
sudo systemctl start grafana-server.service
sudo systemctl enable grafana-server.service

• There are IP conflicts when multiple xNICs on different VPCs have a ctrl IP with similar host names. (4857)

- Workaround: Avoid using the same IP and hostname between VPCs.
- [Resolved 2.1.3] wXcked Eye navigation menu does not scroll.
  - Workaround: Ensure you're using wXcked Eye in a high-res screen.
- [Resolved 3.0.0] /stats/xnics can show multiple entries in RxMulticastGroups for the same Group Ip. (4893)
  - Workaround: None. This will be addressed in an upcoming release.

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#### New Improvements:

- Updates to wXcked Eye:
  - The Alias tab is now split into two separate pages, one for streams and exclusions and another for nodes.
- Updates to Prometheus API:
  - swx\_maxClientCount and swx\_numClientsConnected are two new metrics added to Prometheus while both swx\_xnic\_maxActiveConnections and swx\_xnic\_activeConnectionCount have been deprecated.
  - When calling for metrics regarding nodes, only current active ones will display. Inactive or disconnected nodes will no longer list.
- Updates to xNIC Logs:
  - File paths in Windows and Linux for xNIC logs have been changed. Please see the article, How to Find xNIC Logs, for more information.
- Updates to xnic.json file:
  - "childs" has been updated to "children" in the xnic.json file for configuring HA paths. For more information, please see High Availability under Configuring cloudSwXtch.

#### Known Issues:

- [Resolved 2.1.2] The Licensing Server does not automatically start after install. (4919)
  - Workaround: After the initial installation, please use the following command to start the licensing server.



Subsequent start-ups will happen automatically when the licensing server VM is turned on.

- There are IP conflicts when multiple xNICs on different VPCs have a ctrl IP with similar host names. (4857)
  - Workaround: Avoid using the same IP and hostname between VPCs.
- [Resolved 2.1.3] wXcked Eye navigation menu does not scroll.
  - Workaround: Ensure you're using wXcked Eye in a high-res screen.
- [Resolved 3.0.0] /stats/xnics can show multiple entries in RxMulticastGroups for the same Group Ip. (4893)
  - Workaround: None. This will be addressed in an upcoming release.

#### 2.1.0 Release Notes - January 2024

# New Features:

- Users can now configure their High Availability for Multiple Multicast Groups (mMC-7). For more information on how to configure the xNIC for mMC-7, please see High Availability under Configuring cloudSwXtch. (4239)
- The cloudSwXtch can now perform Source Specific Multicast (SSM) as a method of delivering multicast packets where the receiver includes or excludes them through a specific source address.
- A new swx support command is now available for users to export a tar.gz file detailing statistical data stored within a cloudSwXtch during a set period of time. This is especially helpful when troubleshooting with swXtch.io Support. (4107, 4488)
- A self-hosted Licensing Server is now available for installation on your cloudSwXtch network. This allows users to self
  manage cloudSwXtch licenses instead of having to request one for each instance from swXtch.io. Read more about it here.
- Kubernetes support expanded to include GCP (GKE) and AWS (EKS) in addition to existing Azure (AKS) support.

#### New Improvements:

- Updates to wXcked Eye:
  - The new wXcked Eye Cluster view provides users with an expansive look of all cloudSwXtches connected in a high availability or mesh configuration. Serving as the new main page, users can easily navigate between cloudSwXtches for additional metrics. A universal Cluster quick view side panel has also been added, displaying up to 5 cloudSwXtches. (4568)
  - A new wXcked Eye Support Page has been added, allowing users to export a JSON file with a full cloudSwXtch report over a certain period of time. This is especially helpful when troubleshooting with swXtch.io Support. (4269)
  - A new batch select and delete feature has been added to the Aliases tab under Settings. (4320)
  - Users can now exclude certain streams via IP addresses from wXcked Eye and swXtch-top monitoring. (3732)

- The Hardware panel in the General tab under Settings now lists metadata and OS for the control and data subnets. (4351–4352)
- A new Protocol Fanout Stats page displays SRT and RIST data flow to and from the cloudSwXtch. Previously, only
  multicast data flow was displayed across the UI. (4322)
- A new cloudSwXtch information banner now displays at the top of each page in wXcked Eye. (4571)
- The Network Graph is now called Topology.
- Timing Nodes page has been relocated to under Monitoring.
- wXcked Eye is fully scalable with responsive views and page resizing. (4328)
- wXcked Eye and swXtch-top are both unified in their performance metrics and cloudSwXtch information.
- Users can now return to previously visited pages in the UI using a navigation history tool at the top of each page.

#### Updates to xNIC:

- The xNIC installer script will automatically install xNIC Type 2 as the default and recommended xNIC. From now on, whenever the documentation refers to the xNIC, it means Type 2. (4249)
- The xNIC installer script will automatically open recommended ports in a user's firewall.
- HA Configuration for an xNIC is now automatic as long as only one multicast group is required. (4305, 4460)
- The xNIC configuration file is now a .json.
- Precision Time Protocol (PTP) install is now optional for both the cloudSwXtch and the xNIC. (4368)
- The xNIC has been enhanced to work with a single-NIC configuration if the cloudSwXtch's ctrl and data NIC share a single subnet.
- Support for the following Operating Systems has been added: AlmaLinux 8.8, Amazon Linux 2023, RHEL 9.2, Rocky Linux 8 + 9, and Ubuntu 22.04. For a comprehensive list, see xNIC System Requirements. (4414, 4314, 3371, 4261, 4154)

#### • Updates to xNIC on K8s:

• The procedure to install the xNIC on a Kubernetes cluster has been updated with a new installer. See Install xNIC on K8s Cluster for more information. (3131, 4358)

#### Updates to Prometheus API:

- The Prometheus API metrics are now swx\_core for the cloudSwXtch and swx\_xnic for the xNICs. (4437)
- The data for the xNICs are now grouped together, allowing users to filter by name.

#### • Updates to swXtch-top:

- A new Hardware view has been added to swxtch-top, displaying metadata and OS for control and data subnets. (4351)
- xNIC will now display as either Type 1 (t1) or Type 2 (t2). Type 2 is the default xNIC. (4445)

## • Updates to swXtch-perf:

• Single Source Multicast (SSM) include and exclude consumer commands have been added. In addition, a command to show the bps of all packet headers has also been included. For more information, see <a href="mailto:swxtch-perf">swxtch-perf</a> article. (4386,

#### Bridge Installation

• Bridge installation command has been updated.

#### **Bug Fixes:**

• Fixed an issue with Protocol Fanout Egress Adaptors not working with xNIC Type 2. (4520)

#### 2.0.34 Release Notes - October 2023

New Features:

• Say hello to cloudSwXtch on Google Cloud Platform (GCP) and Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)!

- cloudSwXtch is now available on GCP as a Cloud agnostic VM install. For more information, see Cloud agnostic cloudSwXtch VM Install. These instructions can be applied to any cloud as an alternative method of installation.
- cloudSwXtch is now available as a BYOL in the OCI Marketplace. For more information, see cloudSwXtch on OCI.
- Please note: Both installations will require a license from swXtch.io.
- Users can now **simplify** their cloudSwXtch and xNIC networking structure with the **new single-subnet configuration**. For more information, see System Requirements for cloudSwXtch and xNIC.

## New Improvements:

#### • Updates to wXcked Eye:

- Improved usability for Protocol Fanout configuration by creating a separate tab for Stream and Node Aliases. This new naming mechanism will work for both Protocol Fanout and for the Network Graph. (3733, 3840)
- Rename High Availability paths directly in the UI (3849)
- wXcked Eye and swXtch-top will now warn users if their cloudSwXtch license has less than 7 days left or has expired. (4101, 4199, 4205)
- Added new warning messages in HA and Mesh settings page to remind users that these two configurations are mutually exclusive. (3794)
- Fixed zoom scrolling capabilities in the wXcked Eye Network Graph to improve ease of use. (3657)
- Expanded SMPTE 2022-7 Support: For more information, see High Availability under Configuring cloudSwXtch. (3784)
- Added support for Ubuntu 22.04 with xNIC2 as the default. (4109)
- Added support for Amazon Linux 2 and Linux 2023. (3821)

# 2.0.10 Release Notes - July 2023

#### New Features:

- Introducing wXcked Eye, a brand new user interface to monitor and configure your cloudSwXtch environment. For more information on its functionality, see Using wXcked Eye for cloudSwXtch. (2714)
- Added support for xNIC installation on AKS Cilium Native. For more information, see Install xNIC on AKS Cilium Native. (3841)
- Added support for Prometheus and Grafana Monitoring for cloudSwXtch. For more information, see Prometheus Monitoring. (3598)
- Added support for Protocol Fanout and Conversion including SRT to the wXcked Eye UI. For more information, see Protocol Conversion and Fanout with wXcked Eye. (3181)
- Implemented Simple Packet Fragmentation for cloudSwXtch Bridge Type 2. (3276)

#### New Improvements:

- swXtch-top view 5 and 6 will now be dynamically hidden when a high availability configuration is destroyed. (3797)
- swxtch-top will now display a user's entitlements. (3738)
- Added support for Linux 2 on AWS for swXtch-xnic installation. (3570)
- Added in xNIC installer capability to add control and data NIC as well as unattended option. For more information, see Install xNIC on Linux or Install xNIC on Windows. (3696)
- Updates to API For more information on the changes below, see Monitoring API and Configuration API. (2714)
  - The following additions break out the http://<cloudSwXtch\_IP>/api/wxckedeye/v1/dashboard API into separate calls. The Dashboard call is still available, but will be deprecated in 2.1.0.
    - Added a new call to get information about the cloudSwXtch
    - Added a new call to get information about the Cloud
    - Added a new call to get statistics on the cloudSwXtch
    - Added a new call to get statistics on the xNIC's
    - Added a new call to get xNIC totals data
  - For mesh data the listMembersAddress was deprecated and replaced with show.
  - The word "switch" has been replaced with "swXtch" in all calls.
  - Added new calls for Streams to be used with Protocol Fanout: Add Stream, Update Streams, Show Streams and Remove Stream.
  - Added new calls for Nodes to be used with Protocol Fanout: Add Node, Update Node, Show Node and Remove Node.
  - Protocol Fanout Unicast changes:
    - Enable call has been changed from "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/unicast-adaptor/enable" to "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/protocols/udp/v1/ingress/enable".
    - Enable call has been changed from "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/unicast-adaptor/join" to "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/protocols/udp/v1/ingress/join", additionally, the body format has changed to add "Target Port" and "Group Port".
    - Added Unicast Adaptor "Ingress Show" call.
    - Added Unicast Adaptor "Egress Show" call.
    - Leave call has been changed from "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/unicast-adaptor/leave" to "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/protocols/udp/v1/ingress/leave", additionally, the body format has changed to add "Target Port" and "Group Port".
    - Disable call has been changed from "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/unicast-adaptor/disable" to "http://<cloudSwXtch>/swxtch/protocols/udp/v1/ingress/disable".
  - Protocol Fanout SRT for both "Caller" and "Listener" modes have been added.
  - PTP API has been added to get timing data and to update timing credentials

## **Bug** Fixes:

- Fixed an install error when Timebeat returned a fail status. (3472)
- Fixed an issue where Mesh configuration was sometimes not persisted. (3640)
- Fixed an issue for xNIC2 in Windows, optimizing it for lower CPU utilization when idle. (2805)

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#### **New Features**

• Azure Air-Gapped (No Internet) Image and Installation instructions are now available. (3694)

#### New Improvements:

- Updates to PTP interface config:
  - Modified the installation files for cloudSwXtch and xNIC so that they support Linux Ubuntu 18.x.20.x for both xNIC Type 1 and xNIC Type 2. (3522)
- We updated install\_swxtch.sh to force a reboot if the UIO driver/module was installed. (3322)
- Added capability to add Gateway IP to Bridge Config.

# Bug Fixes:

- swXtch-top:
  - Outdated or incorrect text has been fixed for the Mesh and Config views. (3560, 3562)
  - We removed duplicated flow values. (3436)

- We fixed spacing in between rows in HA Paths view. (3546)
- We fixed BigPacket detection and reset BigPacket counter for Linux xNIC2. (3401)

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# New Features

- We added support for Precision Time Protocol (PTP). (3068)
- Updates to the wXcked Eye UI:
  - The wXcked Eye UI main page is now the **Network Graph**, presenting users with a high-level view of their cloudSwXtch and its endpoints. For more information on this functionality, please refer to the "wXcked Eye Network Graph" article. (2771)
  - Under Configuration, a new **Settings** page has been added, allowing users to configure their cloudSwXtches for **Mesh**, **High Availability** and **Protocol Fanout**. A **General** tab displays information regarding their cloudSwXtch and the entitlements allowed by their license. (3087)
  - Under Configuration, a new Notifications page displays updates regarding a user's cloudSwXtch. (3344)
  - Under Configuration, a new Timing Nodes page has been added, displaying information on PTP. (3113)
- Updates to swXtch-top:
  - We added three new views: HA Streams, Config and PTP.
  - We condensed HA and multi-cloudSwXtch information into one column. (3275)

#### **Improvements:**

- xNIC2 for Windows will now allow tunneling and broadcast traffic to pass.
- Updates to swxtch-perf on Windows and Linux: (3117)
  - Consumer loopback mode
  - Producer loopback mode
  - Increase logging information (dbg)
- Updates to swxtch-perf on Windows: (3117)
  - One-way latency
  - RTT latency
  - One way/RTT latency buckets
- Added Windows 11 support.
- Linux xNIC now uses the payload size of the received packets instead of the Data NIC MTU size when producing a loopback. This will prevent packets from dropping. (3180)
- Updated the maximum payload length for **swxtch-perf** to the maximum UDP payload length size (65507) SWX header size (32 bytes) = 65475 bytes. This will allow swxtch-perf to be used in more versatile scenarios with large packets and not be constrained by payload length. (3274)

## **Bug Fixes:**

- We corrected issues with installing xNIC on Centos7 for AWS. (3349)
- We fixed an issue where Windows xNIC2 wasn't able to send packets with a payload of 1470 and bigpackets counter didn't modify its value in the situation. This detection of big packets was also fixed on Windows and Linux xNIC1. (3401)

# Resources

# **PDFs**

cloudSwXtch User Guide v1.9.85

cloudSwXtch User Guide v2.0.34

cloudSwXtch User Guide v2.1.0

cloudSwXtch User Guide v2.1.1

cloudSwXtch User Guide v2.1.2

cloudSwXtch User Guide v2.3.2

cloudSwXtch User Guide v3.0.0

cloudSwXtch User Guide v3.1.0

cloudSwXtch User Guide v3.2.0

cloudSwXtch User Guide v3.2.1

# Quotas

# cloudSwXtch

All bandwidth and packet per second values are aggregate values (i.e ingress + egress) unless otherwise noted.

| Name                                   | Default Value  | Configurable |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Multicast Packet Size                  | Up to 3750     | Yes          |
| Endpoint Connections                   | Unlimited      | NA           |
| Max Throughput per cloudSwXtch         | Up to 100 Gb/s | No           |
| Max Bandwidth per flow                 | Up to 15 Gb/s  | No           |
| Max Packets per second per cloudSwXtch | Up to 10M      | No           |
| Max cloudSwXtch instances per mesh     | 32             | No           |
| Max Bridge instances per cloudSwXtch   | 4              | No           |
| Max fanout outputs per cloudSwXtch     | 1000           | No           |

# cloudSwXtch Sizing

# cloudSwXtch Multicast (Marketplace)

| # Endpoints | Bandwidth      | Core | Memory   | Hard Drive |
|-------------|----------------|------|----------|------------|
| 10 (max)    | 100 Mbps (max) | 8    | 16GB DDR | 64GB SSD   |

# cloudSwXtch BYOL (Marketplace)

| # Endpoints | Bandwidth       | Core | Memory   | Hard Drive |
|-------------|-----------------|------|----------|------------|
| Up to 100   | 2 Gb/s (max)    | 16+  | 16GB DDR | 64GB SSD   |
| Up to 200   | More than 2Gb/s | 64+  | 16GB DDR | 64GB SSD   |

# xNIC

| Name                        | Default Value | Configurable |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Multicast Packet Size       | Up to 3750    | Yes          |
| Multicast Groups            | Unlimited     | NA           |
| Max cloudSwXtch Connections | 4             | No           |
| Max Bandwidth               | Up to 15 Gb/s | Yes          |