Pica8 Operating System

Pica8 pioneered open networking with PicOS™, the first network operating system that enables customers to easily integrate standard networking with software-defined networking (SDN) using commodity bare metal switches. PicOS supports all major routing and switching protocols and delivers SDN solutions through Pica8’s adoption of Open-vSwitch (OVS).

Smooth integration of SDN - Choose how much and when
• Switching and routing support is key for easy integration into existing network topologies
• PicOS delivers SDN solutions through Pica8’s adoption of Open-vSwitch (OVS) and northbound interfaces
• CrossFlow technology enables the stitching of OpenFlow into traditional switching and routing networks
• Table Type Patterns (TTP) and memory table management for greater flow scale

The best of both worlds - Choose how to manage
• PicOS offers a comprehensive and flexible configuration management environment from a feature-rich command line interface (CLI) or a Linux shell
• PicOS runs as an application on an un-modified Linux kernel, enabling automation tools such as Chef, Puppet, Ansible, or Salt to run natively
• Ensure rapid service provisioning through multiple open programming interfaces and enabling DevOps automation

Its software! - Choose how you want it delivered
• PicOS is easy to install, leveraging the open-source Open Network Install Environment (ONIE) boot loader as well as Zero-Touch Provisioning (ZTP) tools
• PicOS is qualified on multiple bare metal switches and from a variety of manufacturers
• Licensing options include perpetual (one time), site, and pre-loaded systems where Pica8 delivers a fully integrated package

First switching, routing and SDN open networking operating system.
PicOS - Three Editions to Leverage

A base configuration starts with the Base L2 Package, which includes the Linux OS. For additional functionality, select either the Routing or OpenFlow Add-on, or the PicOS Bundle depending on your use case.

**Features Included**

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<th>Base L2 Package</th>
<th>Routing Add-on</th>
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- Network operation system using user space standard Debian Linux environment
- Leverage vast array of standard Linux tools as a common management and operations framework
- Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP) functionality coupled with ONIE delivers a true bare metal to application environment
- Rich Layer-2 protocol stack with MLAG, seamlessly integrating into existing architectures
- Full Layer-2 & Layer-3 ACL support
- IPv4 & IPv6 Static Routing

- Rich OSPF and BGP protocol stacks integrating into existing spine / leaf architectures
- IPv6 routing protocol support (OSPFv3, MBGP)
- Multicast PIM Support (PIM SM, PIM SSM)
- MPLS Support (Labeled-BGP)
- NAT (depends on ASIC support)
- VXLAN network virtualization (depends on ASIC support)

- Leading OpenFlow 1.4 support through OVS 2.3
- Deliver true seamless migration to SDN through CrossFlow mode (Layer-2 / Layer-3 and OpenFlow simultaneously)
- Leveraging OpenFlow to control MPLS, GRE, NVGRE or VXLAN tunnels, delivering on the promise of open programmability
- Support for all major OpenFlow controllers (for example: OpenStack Neutron ML2, ONOS, OpenDaylight, Ryu)
- Table Type Patterns for optimized use of ASIC capacity
- OpenFlow 1.5 User Defined Fields for looking deep into packets
- CrossFlow technology for improved OpenFlow integration, scale, and management

**Pica8 Support**

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Protocols and Standards Supported (Release 2.9)

Layer 2 Features
- Non-blocking wire speed L2 switching
- Jumbo frames up to 9,216 bytes
- Flow control
  - IEEE 802.3x for full-duplex mode
  - Back-pressure flow control in half-duplex mode
- Broadcast, unicast, and multicast storm protection
- IGMP [v1/v2] snoopings, up to 1K groups
- VLAN support
  - IEEE 802.1Q VLANs
  - 4,094 VLANs
- Port-based VLANs
- Spanning Tree
  - IEEE 802.1D STP
  - IEEE 802.1w RSTP
  - IEEE 802.1s MSTP
- Port security
- Back-pressure flow control in half
- IEEE 802.3x for full-duplex mode
- IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation & LACP
- Up to 8 ports per trunk group
- Per-VLAN Spanning Tree (PVST)
- Link aggregation
  - Up to 48 trunk groups
  - Up to 8 ports per trunk group
- IEEE 802.3ad Link Aggregation & LACP
- Port mirroring [many-to-one]
- Port security
- LDP/LDPMED
- Qin-Q
- Multi-chassis Link Aggregation (MLAG)
- MLAG with Spanning Tree support
- VXLAN Tunnel Endpoint (VTEP) support
- 802.1x support

Layer 3 Routing Features
- ECMP: 32 next hops
- ECMP resilient hashing (depends on ASIC support)
- RIPv2
- OSPFv2
- MP-BGP (IPv4, IPv6)
  - Static MPLS LSP
  - Labeled BGP [RFC3107]
- VRRP
- DHCP-relay including DHCP option-82 and ARP inspection Layer 3 Multicast
- PIM-SM and PIM-SSM
- IGMPv1/v2/v3
- VXLAN Tunnel Endpoint (VTEP)
- VxLAN over mLAG
- 802.1x support
- GRE tunneling over LAG interfaces
- IPv6 Layer 3 Routing Features
  - RIPng
  - IPv6 routing
  - MBGP for IPv6 NLRI

Security
- User/password protected system management
- L2/L3/L4 ACLs
- TACACS+ AAA
- SSHv1/v2
- SSLv3/TLS v1
- DoS attack protection

Network Management
- Command line interface (CLI)
- Telnet and SSH remote login
- Centralized control plane policing and filtering
- SNMPv1/v2c
- AAA Radius support
- IFIX (NetFlow) / sFlow

OpenFlow and CrossFlow
- Based on Open-vSwitch (OVS) 2.3
- Compatible with OpenFlow 1.4 specification
- TCAM Flow Optimization for better scalability and performance
- Web interface / GUI for OVS configuration
- Interoperable with OpenDaylight, ONOS, HPE’s VAN and RYU
- OpenFlow encapsulation: L2oGRE, L3oGRE, NVGRE, PBB, VXLAN, MPLS (depending on ASIC support)
- Network Address Translation (NAT) depending on ASIC support
- Table Type Patterns (TTP) support for Uncast and Multicast pipelines
- Drop counters statistics on ASIC
- QoS [1R2C/2R3C, WRR, WRED]
- Support for User-defined-flows (UDF) with L2/L3/L4 offset for inner headers matching

Operational Programming Tools
- Automate PicOS installation via ONIE
- Auto provisioning with scripting capacity (Zero Touch Provisioning)
- Debian 7.0 Linux distribution
- Modular PicOS: Service daemon for L2/L3 Mode and OVS Mode
- Standard Debian Based package upgrade (apt-get)
- Extensible CLI with Scripts and APIs
- Configuration Commit / Check / Rollback
- C/C++, Ruby, Python, Perl
- Configuration Management: Puppet, Chef, CFEngine (user-installed), Ansible, Salt
- 802.1ag Connectivity Fault Management (CFM) in PicOS OVS / OpenFlow mode
- VLAN push/ pop operation in an MPLS action
- NETCONF/YANG model support for L2/L3 mode.

Standards Compliance
- 802.1D Bridging and Spanning Tree Protocol
- 802.1s Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol
- 802.1w Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol
- 802.1p QoS/COS
- 802.1Q VLAN Tagging
- 802.1X Port-based Network Access Control (PNAAC)
- 802.1ah PBB (MAC in MAC)
- 802.3ad Link Aggregation with LACP
- 802.3ab 1000BASET
- 802.3z Gigabit Ethernet
- 802.3ae 10 Gigabit Ethernet
- 802.3ay 25/50 Gigabit Ethernet
- 802.3ba 40 Gigabit Ethernet
- 802.3ba 100 Gigabit Ethernet

RFCs & MIBs
- RFC 1157 SNMPv1
- RFC 1212 Concise MIB definition
- RFC 1213 MIB II
- RFC 1215 SNMP traps
- RFC 1256 ICMP router discovery
- RFC 1493 Bridge MIB
- RFC 1573 Interface Evolution MIB
- RFC 1643 Etherlike MIB
- RFC 1901 Community based SNMPv2
- RFC 1905 Protocol Operations for SNMPv2
- RFC 1906 Transport Mappings for SNMPv2
- RFC 1907 Management Information Base for SNMPv2
- RFC 1908 Coexistence between SNMPv1 and SNMPv2
- RFC 1997 BGP Communities Attribute
- RFC 2021 RMON2 probes
- RFC 2096 IP Forwarding table MIB
- RFC 2233 The Interface Group MIB using SNMPv2
- RFC 2439 BGP Route Flap Damping
- RFC 2545 Use of BGP-4 Multiprotocol Extensions for IPv6 Inter-Domain Routing
- RFC 2665 Ethernet-like Interfaces
- RFC 2796 BGP Route Reflection – An Alternative to Full Mesh IBGP
- RFC 3065 Autonomous System Confederations for BGP
- RFC 3392 Capabilities Advertisement with BGP-4
- RFC 4893 BGP Support for Four-octet AS Number Space
- RFC 3107 - Labeled BGP
- RFC 4607 - PIM-SSM
- RFC 3376 - IGMPv3
- RFC 6241 - NETCONF
- Pica8 Private MIB

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