

White Rabbit Switch Basics



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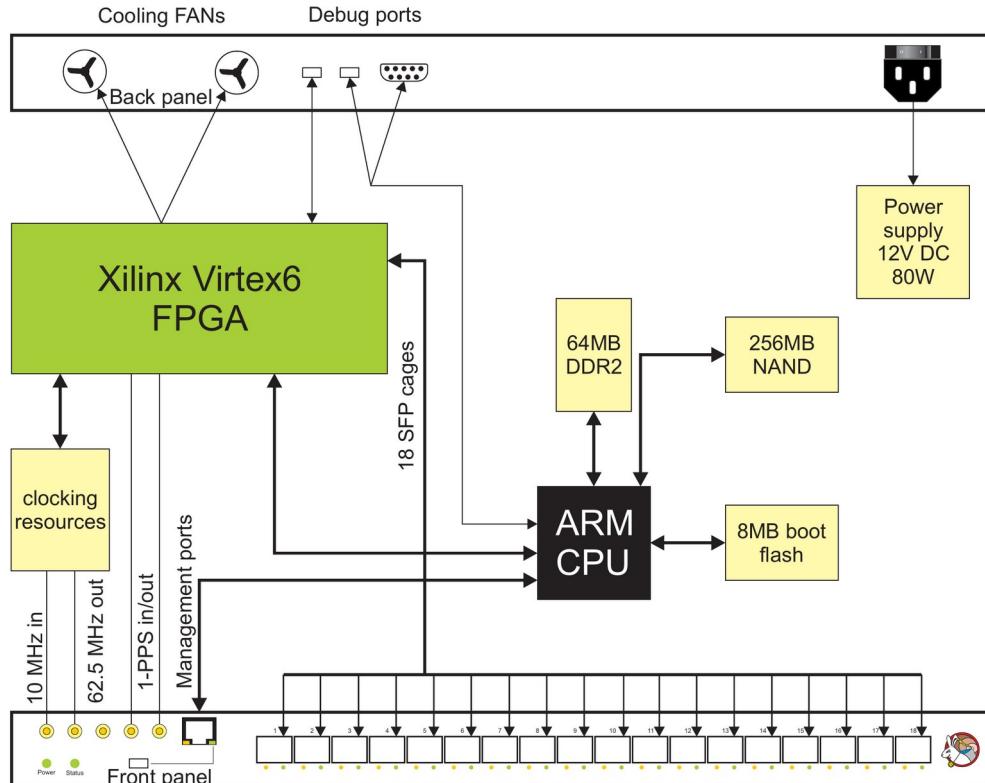
White Rabbit Switch Overview

- Central element of WR network
- 1U height
- 1 management port (100Mbit !)
- Serial console
(2-3 depends on version)
- 18 SFP ports 1GbE:
 - White Rabbit support
 - Ports with 1-12 LPDC
 - No management (may change in the future)
 - 5 SMA/SMC connectors (depends on version)



White Rabbit Switch Overview

- ARM CPU
 - Run Linux
 - Handling PTP messages
 - Management
- FPGA
 - Passing traffic between ports
 - Timestamping PTP messages



Basic CLI tools

Console connection

- Mini-USB
 - Front
 - Back (ARM)
- ssh

wr_mon

- The best tool to start with!
- Gives many important information about Switch status and configuration
- Information refreshes every 1s
- Divided into 4 parts:
 - Global values
 - Per port/instance values
 - Servo
 - Temperatures

```
WR Switch Sync Monitor v7.0 [q=quit,r=refresh,f=freeze,t=toggle servo,c=extra ppsi params]
WR time (TAI) : 2024-11-28 10:11:37.004341 Leap seconds: 37
Switch time (UTC): 2024-11-28 10:11:00.004299 TAI-UTC : +37.000042
PLL mode: BC PLL locking state: LOCKED BMCAI extPortCfg Domain: 0
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Grand Master Id | stepsRemoved | Grand Master Info | timeSource | accuracy | LogVar
7:bc:84:ff:fe:a0:02:c6 | 3rd hop | 6(GM) | 0x20(GNSS) | 0x21(100ns) | 47360
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Iface | Freq | Inst| Name | Config | MAC of peer port | PTP/EXT/PDETECT States | PrConf | VLANs
+ wr1 | Lock | 0 | wr1-1 | slave | 7:bc:84:a0:02:ab | SLAVE /NR:IDLE /EXT_ON | R-wH/W |
+-wr12 | 1 | wr12-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr13 | 2 | wr13-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr14 | 3 | wr14-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr15 | 4 | wr15-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr16 | 5 | wr16-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr17 | 6 | wr17-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr18 | 7 | wr18-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr19 | 8 | wr19-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr10 | 9 | wr10-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr11 | 10 | wr11-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr12 | 11 | wr12-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr13 | 12 | wr13-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr14 | 13 | wr14-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr15 | 14 | wr15-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr16 | 15 | wr16-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr17 | 16 | wr17-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
+-wr18 | 17 | wr18-1 | master | 00:00:00:00:00:00 | DISABLED /NR:IDLE /NONE | R-wH/W |
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Iface: +/- SFP in DB; PrConf-Protocol config: V-Eth over VLAN, U-UDP, R-Ethernet; a-ext autoneg; Profile: W-WR, L-HA
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Servo state: wr11:White-Rabbit: TRACK_PHASE
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Timing parameters | meanDelay : 46.245 nsec | err state: 3
| delayHS : 46.251 nsec | err offset: 3
| delayMM : 1131.273 nsec | err delta: 1
| delayAsymmetry : 0.006 nsec
| delayCoefficient : +0.00027429999999983 fpa : 1264985474854632
| ingressLatency : 281.011 nsec
| egressLatency : 240.245 nsec
| semistaticLatency: 0.000 nsec
| offsetFromMaster : 0.011 nsec
| Phase setpoint : 0.899 nsec
| Skew : 0.011 nsec
| Estimated link len: 9.439 meters
| Update counter : 1857762 times
| Master PHY delays TX: 238.848 nsec RX: 278.678 nsec
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Temperatures | FPGA: 47.88 PLL: 46.31 PSL: 33.88 PSR: 35.00
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```

wr_mon

- Gives many important information about Switch status and configuration:
 - Build version
(Of the tool! Not of the entire firmware.
For the release firmware is the same)
 - Local time
 - WR time
 - Leap seconds
 - Timing mode (actual)
 - PLL locking status
 - BMCA
 - Domain number
 - Details of a selected Grand Master
 - More parameters available after 'c' is pressed:
 - LocalClock details (ID, clockClass, prio1, prio2, etc.)

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Switch time (UTC): 2024-11-28 10:11:00.004299  TAI-UTC : +37.000042
PLL mode: BC  PLL locking state: LOCKED  BMCA: extPortCfg  Domain: 0
```

Grand Master Info					
Grand Master Id	stepsRemoved	clockClass	timeSource	accuracy	logVar
7c:bc:84:ff:fe:a0:02:c6	3rd hop	6(GM)	0x20(GNSS)	0x21(100ns)	47360

wr_mon

- Link status (up/down)
- SFP match to local database
- Ports' role configuration (master/slave/auto)
- MAC of a peer
- Protocol status
- Profile/extension configuration
- Used VLAN for PTP/WR
- More parameters available after 'c' is pressed:
 - Configured messages rates (Announce, Sync, delayReq/delayResp)

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HAL											
Iface	Freq	Inst	Name	Config	MAC of peer port	PPS1	PTP/EXT/PDETECT States	PrConf	VLANs	PrConf	VLANs
+wri1	Lock	0	wri1-1	slave	7c:bc:84:a0:02:ab	SLAVE	/WR:IDLE	/EXT_ON	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri2		1	wri2-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri3		2	wri3-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri4		3	wri4-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri5		4	wri5-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri6		5	wri6-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri7		6	wri7-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri8		7	wri8-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri9		8	wri9-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri10		9	wri10-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri11		10	wri11-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri12		11	wri12-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri13		12	wri13-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri14		13	wri14-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
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-*wri16		15	wri16-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri17		16	wri17-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	
-*wri18		17	wri18-1	master	00:00:00:00:00:00	DISABLED	/WR:IDLE	/NONE	R-wH/W	R-wH/W	

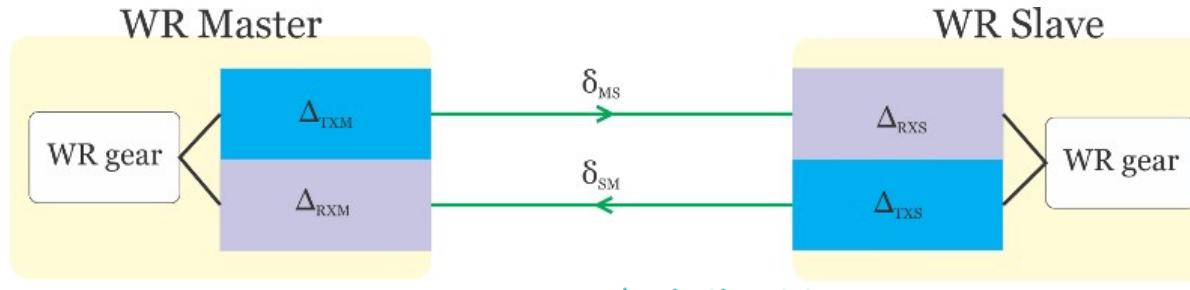
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wr_mon

In slave mode servo status:

- Servo state (e.g., TRACK_PHASE)
- meanDelay ($(\delta_{MS} + \delta_{SM}) / 2$)
- delayMS (δ_{MS})
- delayMM (includes deltas)
 $\delta_{MS} + \delta_{SM} + \Delta_{TXM} + \Delta_{RXM} + \Delta_{RXS} + (\varepsilon_S + \varepsilon_M)$
- delayAsymmetry ($\delta_{MS} - \delta_{SM}$) =
constantAsymmetry + $[a/(a+2)] * \text{meanDelay}$
- delayCoefficient (a)
- ingressLatency
- egressLatency
- semistaticLatency (0 for LPDC ports)
- offsetFromMaster
- estimated(!) link length
- Phase setpoint
- Skew ($\delta_{MS} - \delta_{MS_{prev}}$)
- Update counter
- Used calibration values (RX/TX deltas)

underline - configured values



Synchronization status		
Servo state:	wri1:White-Rabbit: TRACK_PHASE	
+ Timing parameters -		
meanDelay :	46.245 nsec	err state: 3
delayMS :	46.251 nsec	err offset: 3
delayMM :	1131.273 nsec	err delta: 1
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semistaticLatency:	0.000 nsec	
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Temperatures		
FPGA: 47.88 PLL: 46.31 PSL: 33.88 PSR: 35.00		

wrs_version

- Print details about switch's hardware version
 - Vendor of device
 - Serial number
 - HW Version (SCB, LJD)
- Version of this tool is used as the version of WRS firmware (e.g., by SNMP, LLDP)
- Provides the best answer for questions:
 - “Which version of WRS HW do you use?”
 - “Which version of WRS firmware do you use?”

```
# wrs_version -t
software-version: v7.0-54-gaf6c9b58-0
built-by: Adam Wujek
build-date: Nov 26 2024 14:34:30
backplane-version: 3.30
fpga-type: LX240T
manufacturer: 7S
serial-number: 706
scb-version: 3.4
gateware-version: 7.0
gateware-build: 26/11/24.01
wr_switch_hdl-commit: d9ee230
general-cores-commit: 2be7073
wr-cores-commit: 667ac5a
features:
```

wrs_sfp_dump

- Detailed information about used SFPs:
 - Vendor Name
 - Product Name
 - Vendor Serial
 - TX wavelength
- Include SFP's monitoring data
(DOM; if enabled in dot-config)
 - Temperature
 - Voltage
 - Bias Current
 - TX/RX power
- Can read data from HAL or directly from SFP
 - Reading directly via I2C, when HAL is running can corrupt SFP's EEPROM! Disable monit and HAL first!
- Can write SFP's EEPROM
 - e.g., fix corrupted EEPROM

See wrs_sfp_dump --help for details

```
wrch2#wrs_sfp_dump -p 3 -d -L
Reading SFP eeprom from HAL
===== port 3 =====
Identifier: 03
Extended Identifier: 04
Connector: 07
Transceiver: 0040000000070403
Encoding: 01
Nominal Bit Rate: 1300 Megabits/s
Length (9m): 20km
Length (9m): 20000m
Length (50m): 0m
Length (62.5m): 0m
Length (copper): 0m
Vendor Name: FS
Company ID: 000000
Vendor Part Number: GE-LC-1490
Vendor Revision:
TX Wavelength: 1490
Options: 1A00
Bitrate (MAX): 00
Bitrate (MIN): 00
Vendor Serial: C1904080513
Date Code: 190412
Temperature: 46.520 C
Voltage: 3.208 V
Bias Current: 14.624 mA
TX power: 0.233 mW
RX power: 0.331 mW
```

WRS configuration

WRS configuration file

- WRS uses Kconfig format used by Linux kernel for configuration
- Kconfig contains description of configuration options, constraints, default values etc.
- dot-config is the file with configuration
- Format {key}={value}
- .config sometimes used as temporary file with configuration

```
menu "Local Network Configuration"
choice
    prompt "Management port configuration (eth0)"
    default ETH0_DHCP

config ETH0_DHCP
    bool "DHCP forever"
    help
        Try DHCP on management port (eth0) forever.

config ETH0_DHCP_ONCE
    bool "Try DHCP, if fail use static address"
    help
        Try DHCP on management port (eth0) for a while, then configure
        static IP. Useful, when you move switch between various development
        environments.

config ETH0_STATIC
    bool "Static address"
    help
        Use static address on management port (eth0). Don't try to DHCP.

endchoice

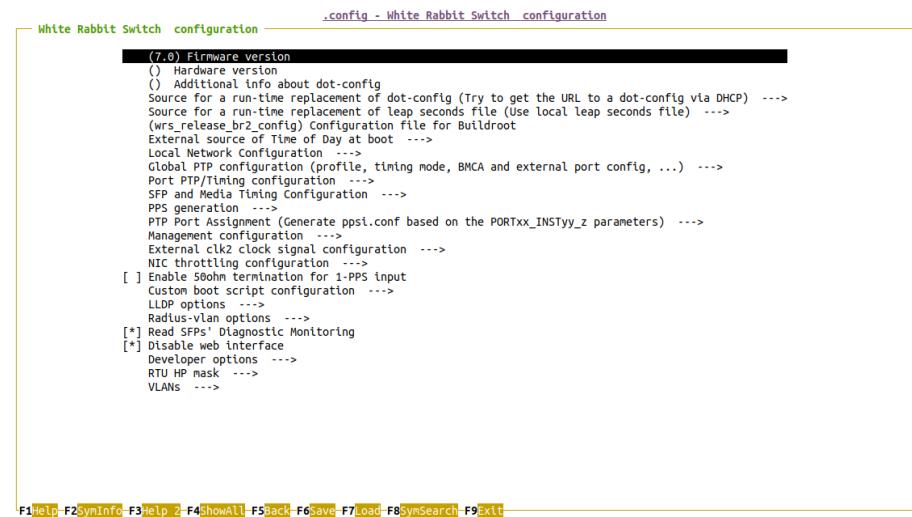
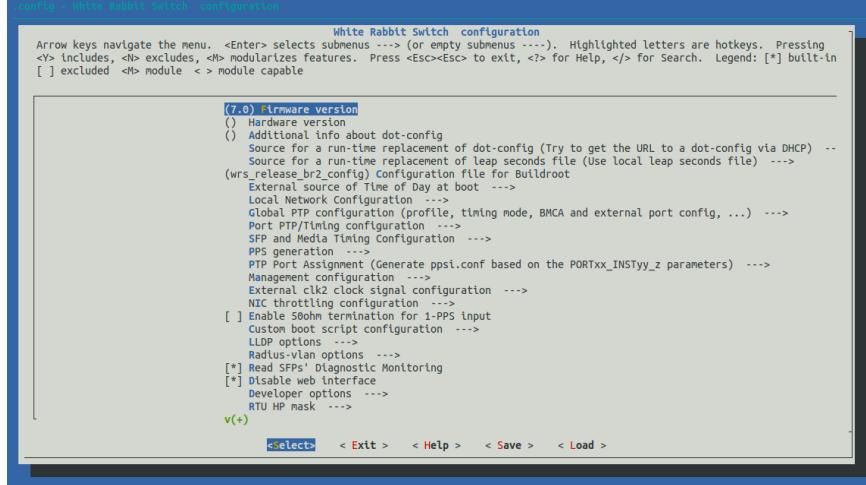
#
# Local Network Configuration
#
# CONFIG_ETH0_DHCP is not set
CONFIG_ETH0_DHCP_ONCE=y
# CONFIG_ETH0_STATIC is not set

[...]

# CONFIG_GLOBAL_PROFILE_PTP is not set
CONFIG_GLOBAL_PROFILE_HA_WR=y
# CONFIG_GLOBAL_PROFILE_TELECOM is not set
# CONFIG_GLOBAL_PROFILE_CUSTOM is not set
CONFIG_PTP_OPT_BMCA_STANDARD=y
# CONFIG_PTP_OPT_BMCA_EXT_PORT_CONFIG is not set
# CONFIG_TIME_GM is not set
CONFIG_TIME_FM=y
# CONFIG_TIME_BC is not set
# CONFIG_TIME_CUSTOM is not set
CONFIG_PTP_OPT_DOMAIN_NUMBER=0
CONFIG_PTP_OPT_PRIORITY1=128
CONFIG_PTP_OPT_PRIORITY2=128
```

WRS configuration editing

- Manual change
 - Extremely discouraged, can cause errors in configuration
- wrs_menuconfig (on WRS)
 - make menuconfig (from wr-switch-sw repo)
- wrs_nconfig (on WRS)
 - make nconfig (from wr-switch-sw repo)
- May work better on some terminals



WRS configuration editing

- Web interface
- Not recommended!
- Disabled by default
- Not maintained
- A number of serious security vulnerabilities
 - CVE-2023-22577

The screenshot shows the 'White-Rabbit Switch Manager' web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for network ports and a status indicator. Below the bar, a row of colored squares (green, red, yellow, green) corresponds to the status of various switch ports. The main menu on the left includes links for Dashboard, Network Setup, PPSI Setup, VLAN Setup, Endpoint Mode, Switch Management, and About. The dashboard on the right displays detailed information under two sections: 'Switch Info' and 'WRS Services'. The 'Switch Info' section lists the Hostname (192.168.1.10), IP Address (192.168.1.10), Mac Address (02:34:56:78:9A:BC), Kernel Version (2.6.39-wr-switch), Firmware Version (v4.1.1-324-gd64227f+), Hardware Version (scb: v000backplane: v3.30), FPGA Version (UNKNOWN), Manufacturer (Seven Solutions), Serial Number (UNKNOWN), and Kernel Compiled Date (#1 Mon Nov 17 11:00:54 CET 2014). The 'WRS Services' section shows the PPSI status as [on], the Net-SNMP Server status as [on] (port 161), and the NTP Server status as [off]. The bottom of the page features the White Rabbit logo, the text 'White Rabbit Project - Open Hardware and Source Project', and logos for Lighttpd and PHP.

Switch Info	
Hostname	192.168.1.10
IP Address	192.168.1.10
Mac Address	02:34:56:78:9A:BC
Kernel Version	2.6.39-wr-switch
Firmware Version	v4.1.1-324-gd64227f+
Hardware Version	scb: v000backplane: v3.30
FPGA Version	UNKNOWN
Manufacturer	Seven Solutions
Serial Number	UNKNOWN
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WRS Services	
White-Rabbit Date	98.184298000 TAI 1970-01-01 00:01:38.184298000 TAI 1970-01-01 00:01:03.184298000 UTC
PPSI	[on]
Net-SNMP Server	[on] (port 161)
NTP Server	[off]

WRS configuration editing

- Custom tools, e.g., CERN: Controls Configuration Data Editor (CCDE)
- Step 1: Web interface for DB, it generates WR Switch config in JSON format
- Step 2: Switch config is generated from JSON format by generator:
<https://gitlab.cern.ch/white-rabbit/wrs-config-generator>

Switch Configuration

Switch browser

Switch Name	Version [HW / FW]
wrs-test4	3.4 / 5.0
wrs-test1	3.4 / 5.0
wrs-test2	3.4 / 5.0.1
wrs-test3	3.4 / 5.0

+ Add new switch

Version browser

Hardware	Firmware
3.4	5.0
3.4	5.0.1
3.5	5.0.1

+ Add new version

Basic Advanced Ports

Host name: wrs-test1

Timing mode: Grand Master Boundary Clock Free-running Master

Hardware Version: 3.4 Firmware Version: 5.0

NTP server: ip-time-1.cern.ch 17/50 Syslog server: be-co-tracing 13/50

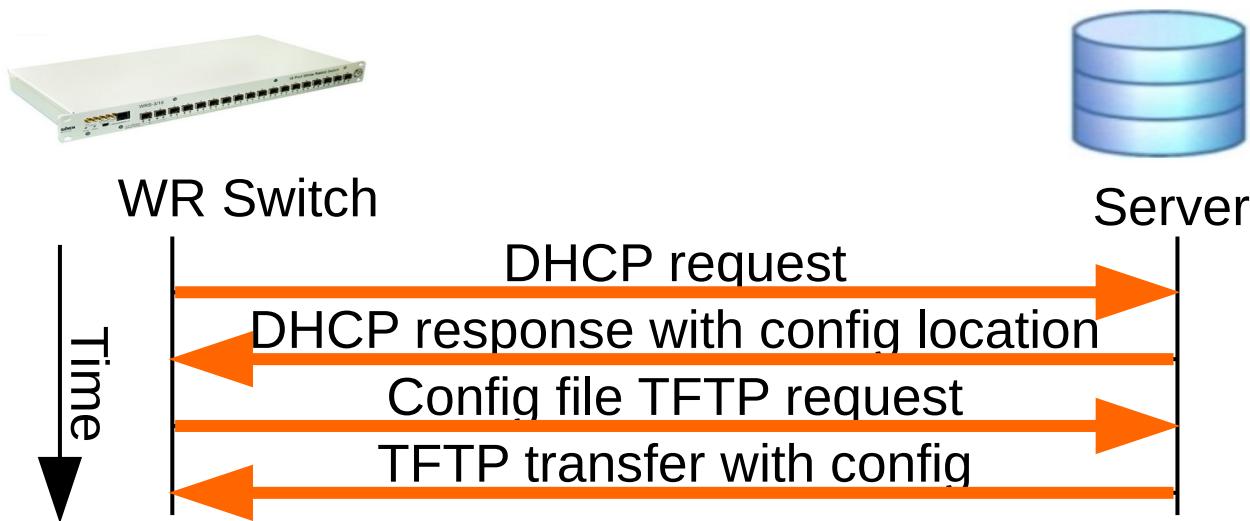
Additional details

Computer Name	Location	Responsible	Operational Support
wrs-test1			
HCP Image Path: /white_rabbit/config-	HCP Server: CS.CERN.CH	OS: LINUX EMBEDDED	
IPADDR Description: TEST SWITCH FOR DIAMON INTEGRATION.			



dot-config file handling

- Local on a switch
- Retrieved from a network at boot (via TFTP, FTP or HTTP)
- Path to a config provided in a DHCP response



Runtime reconfiguration

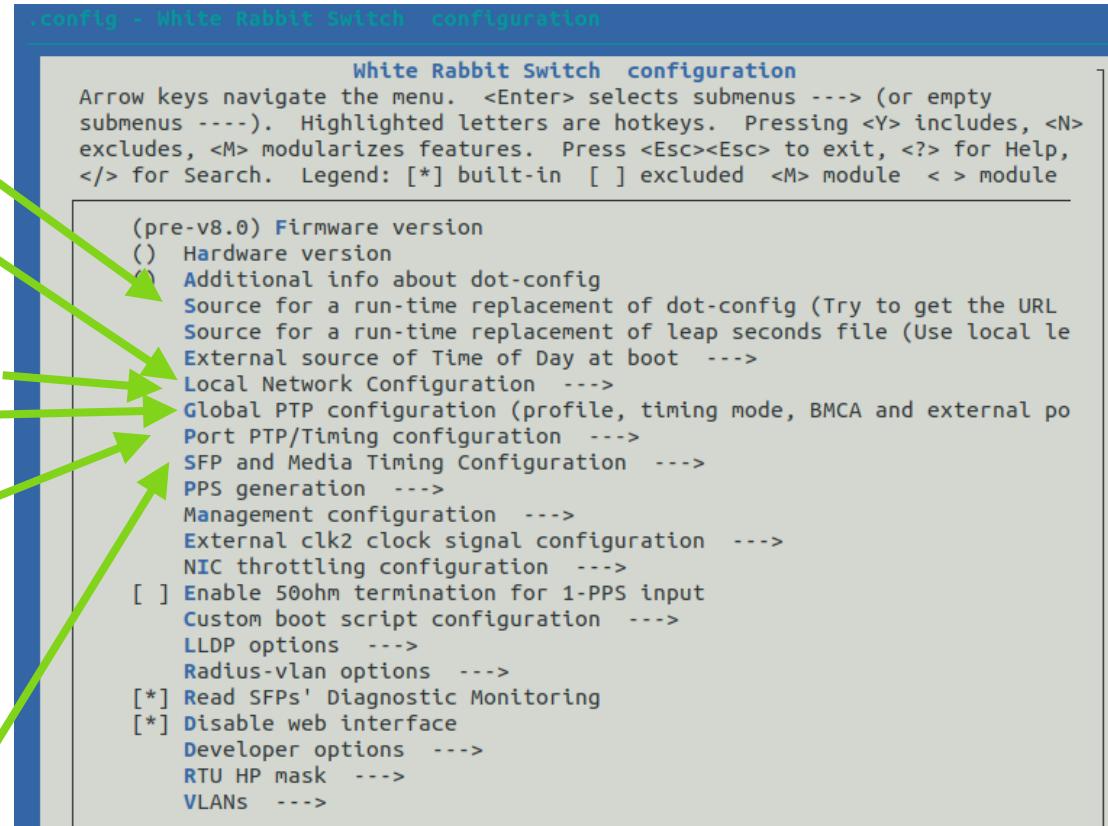
- Change of many parameters requires a restart
- There are number of parameters that can be changed in runtime:
 - Related to PTP (ppsi_conf):
 - priority1, priority2
 - extension (WR/L1S)
 - sync interval
 - delayReq interval
 - diagnostics level
 - Calibration values:
 - RX/TX delays (wrs_sw_hal_conf, new in v8.0)
 - DelayCoefficient a.k.a. alpha (ppsi_conf)
 - delayAsymmetry (ppsi_conf, new in v8.0)
 - VLANs (wrs_vlans)
 - Related to switching core (rtu_stat)
 - Static paths
 - Port mirroring
 - PPS-in-out delay (wrs_sw_hal_conf)
 - More to be implemented in the future
 - For details see: ppsi_conf --help; wrs_sw_hal_conf --help; wrs_vlans --help; rtu_stat --help

Initial configuration

Initial configuration

Steps required at initial configuration:

- dot-config source:
 - Local
 - Download at each boot (default)
- Management port configuration (IP)
 - Default: try DHCP, if fail set 192.168.1.254
- Setup root password (default: none)
- Switch role
 - Grandmaster
 - Boundary Clock (default)
- Ports' roles assignment
 - dynamic (BMCA)
 - static (external port configuration) (default)
 - Static role assignment
- SFP/fiber local database



Initial configuration (advanced)

Advanced steps at initial configuration:

- For Grandmaster
 - Connect 1-PPS and 10MHz
(for Low-Jitter version might be separate connector for 10MHz)
 - Leap seconds source
 - External source of Time of Day
 - Configure extra PTP parameters if needed
- Management/monitoring
 - Logging server
 - SNMP „password”
 - LLDP
 - SFP diagnostics
 - VLANs
 - Authorization of devices on WR ports (radius)
 - Custom boot script (if needed)

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.config - White Rabbit Switch configuration

White Rabbit Switch configuration
Arrow keys navigate the menu. <Enter> selects submenus ---> (or em
submenus ----). Highlighted letters are hotkeys. Pressing <Y> inc
excludes, <M> modularizes features. Press <Esc><Esc> to exit, <?>
</> for Search. Legend: [*] built-in [ ] excluded <M> module <



```
(pre-v8.0) Firmware version
() Hardware version
() Additional info about dot-config
Source for a run-time replacement of dot-config (Try to get
Source for a run-time replacement of leap seconds file (Use
External source of Time of Day at boot --->
Local Network Configuration --->
Global PTP configuration (profile, timing mode, BMCA and ex
Port PTP/Timing configuration --->
SFP and Media Timing Configuration --->
PPS generation --->
Management configuration --->
External clk2 clock signal configuration --->
NIC throttling configuration --->
[] Enable 50ohm termination for 1-PPS input
Custom boot script configuration --->
LLDP options --->
Radius-vlan options --->
[*] Read SFPs' Diagnostic Monitoring
[*] Disable web interface
Developer options --->
RTU HP mask --->
VLANs --->
```


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More info

WRS: User manual:

<https://ohwr.org/project/wr-switch-sw/-/wikis/uploads/d1f78666704fb292982453e1429b9f10/wrs-user-manual-v7.0.pdf>

WRS: Developer manual:

<https://ohwr.org/project/wr-switch-sw/-/wikis/uploads/1a5a73c1528ccfe7e739e0dfc8e0ecd1/wrs-developer-manual-v7.0.pdf>

WRS: Failures and Diagnostics:

https://ohwr.org/project/wr-switch-sw/-/wikis/uploads/7b9d6bcb88a793067d9150b972c64e08/wrs_failures-v7.0.pdf

WRS: Radius Vlan:

<https://ohwr.org/project/wr-switch-sw/-/wikis/uploads/5f86a996d29a2fb21a389c27da7781db/wrs-radiusvlan-v6.1.pdf>

Questions?