RUTX08 Failover

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Summary

This chapter is an overview of the Failover, VRRP functions in RUTX08 device.

If you're having trouble finding this page or some of the parameters described here on your device's WebUI, you should **turn on "Advanced WebUI" mode**. You can do that by clicking the "Advanced" button, located at the top of the WebUI.

Multiwan

The **Failover** function allows you to backup your primary WAN connection in case it goes down.

In order to set priorities, simply press left mouse click on the interface bellow `Mode` section, then drag it to the 1st, 2nd or other position and then press Save & Apply.

Note: You will not see any extra interfaces unless you have LAN ports configured as WAN.

You can drag & drop an interface in order to change its position on the list. Interfaces that are higher on the list have a higher priority than the ones that are lower, i.e., the device will always use the WAN interface with the highest priority as long as it is available. If it goes down, the device will start using the interface with the second highest priority and so on.

Take note that changing an interface's position in the list here also changes its position in the following pages:

- *Network* → *WAN*

Failover Interface Configuration

A failover **Interface Configuration** page is used to configure how the device will determine whether an interface is online or offline. To enter an interface configuration page, click the 'Edit' button next to an interface.

After this you should be redirected to the configuration page of that interface.

Field	Value	Description
Enable	off | on; default: **off**	Turn the interface on or off.
Interval	integer [1..65000]; default: **3**	Number of seconds between each test
Flush connections on	Connected | Disconnected: **none**	Flushes established connections after the selected scenario occurs to renew the priorities of configured interfaces.
Method	Ping | Wget; default: **Ping**	Defines how health check will be performed on this interface when determining its state.
Track IP	ip | hostname; default: **1.1.1.1,8.8.8.8**	IP address(es) or hostname(s) that will be used to determine an interface's state. If the device receives no response from any of the specified hosts, the interface will be considered as 'Offline'. If this value is missing the interface is always considered up.
Reliability	integer [1..65000]; default: **1**	Number of hosts that must reply for the test to be considered successful. Make sure there are at least this many hosts defined in the 'Track IP' field, otherwise the interface will always be considered as 'Offline'.
Count	integer [1..65000]; default: **1**	Number of pings to send to each host with each test.
Up	integer [1..65000]; default: **3**	Number of successful tests required to considered an interface as 'Online'.
Down	integer [1..65000]; default: **3**	Number of failed tests required to considered an interface as 'Offline'.

Load Balancing

Load Balancing is a method of dividing traffic between multiple WAN interfaces. Load Balancing can be used to share the data load between different interfaces and increase the overall Internet speed for multiple users and connections. It is important to note that Load Balancing does not increase speed for any single connection. For example, if you're downloading a large file, using Load Balancing will not increase the speed of that download.

However, Load Balancing can be used to increase the speed of multiple connections. For example, when used in a WiFi network, Load Balancing would utilize the resources of multiple WAN interfaces to handle the many various requests of different clients.

Both Load Balancing and Failover cannot be used at the same time. If you wish to select Load Balancing, you can do that in the dropdown located under 'Mode' section:

Below is an example of the Load Balancing page.

When Load Balancing is selected, you can **assign ratio values** to WAN interfaces. The ratio value represents a percentage of traffic load that will go through an interface. For example, if you set it up like this:

- *Wired WAN Ratio:* **3**
- *Wired WAN2 Ratio:* **2**

then about 60 % (3/5) of traffic would go through the Wired WAN interface and about 40 % (2/5) would go through Wired WAN2. In this case if you played 100 different videos on the Internet, about 60 would be downloaded through Wired WAN and the other 40 would be downloaded via Wired WAN2.

Rules

A Load Balancing/Failover **Rule** is a set of conditions that define some type of network traffic. The traffic that matches the conditions set in the rule is handled in accordance to the specified **Policy**.

There is one default rule present on the device. You can add more rules with the 'Add' button or you can customize the existing rule by clicking the 'Edit' button next to it:

Field	Value	Description
Protocol	all | tcp | udp | icmp | esp; default: **all**	Protocol to match this rule.
Source address	ip/netmask; default: **none**	Source IP addresses to match this rule.

Destination address	ip/netmask; default: **0.0.0.0/0**	Destination IP addresses to match this rule.
Sticky	off | **on**; default: **off**	If turned on, traffic from the same source IP address that previously matched this rule within the sticky timeout period will use the same WAN interface.
Sticky timeout	integer [1..1000000]; default: **none**	Timeout in seconds.
Policy assigned	default (Load Balancing) | default (Failover) | Unreachable (Reject) | Blackhole (Drop) | Default (Use main routing table) | custom; default: **default (Failover)**	Selects the policy to apply to traffic that matches the conditions of this rule. You can create custom Load Balancing/Failover policies in the section below.

Policies

A **Policy** dictates what the the device should do when some network traffic matches the condition defined in a Failover/Load Balancing rule. There are two policies by default, one for Load Balancing, the other for Failover. You may create custom policies that use different interfaces for Failover/Load Balancing scenarios.

Field	Value	Description
Member used	wan | wwan | mobile wan; default: **all**	For a network interface to be used in mwan3, it must be defined as a member, which can then be used in policies.
Last Resort	Unreachable (reject) | Blackhole (drop) | Default (use main routing table); default: **Unreachable**	Determine the fallback routing behavior if all WAN members in the policy are down.

VRRP

Summary

Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (**VRRP**) is a computer networking protocol used for automatic default gateway selection for clients on a LAN network in case the main router (Master) becomes unavailable. Another VRRP router (Backup) then assumes the role of Master; thus backing up the connection.

This page is an overview of the VRRP section of RUTX08 devices.

VRRP Configuration

The **VRRP Configuration** section lists VRRP instances currently existing on the device. By default the list is empty thus, you must first create at least one instance in order to begin configuring VRRP.

1. Enter a custom name for the new VRRP configuration in the 'Name' field.
2. Click the 'Add' button.
3. Click the 'Edit' button next to the newly created instance.

After clicking the 'Edit' button you should be redirected to that VRRP instance's configuration page, which should look similar to this:

Field	Value	Description
Enable	off | on; default: **off**	Turns VRRP on or off.
Virtualize MAC	off | on; default: **off**	Turns the possibility to use virtual MAC addresses on or off.
Virtual ID	integer [1..255]; default: **1**	The Virtual Router Identifier (VRID) is a field in the VRRP packet IP header used to identify the virtual router in the VRRP cluster. Routers with identical IDs will be grouped in the same VRRP cluster.
Priority	integer [1..255]; default: **100**	VRRP priority of the virtual router. Higher values equal higher priority. The router with the highest priority is considered to be the *Master router* while other routers are *Backup routers*. sends periodic VRRP Advertisement messages • **Master router** - the first hop router in the VRRP cluster (i.e., the router that provides connectivity to LAN devices by default). • **Backup router** - assumes the role of Master router in case it becomes unavailable. If there multiple Backup routers in the VRRP cluster, the one with the highest priority will assume the role of Master.
Advertisement interval	integer [1..255]; default: **100**	Time interval (in seconds) between router advertisements on the VRRP network.
Interface	network interface; default: **LAN**	Selects which interface VRRP will operate on.
IP address	ip; default: **none**	Virtual IP address for the router's VRRP cluster.

Check connection

The **Check connection** section is used to set the parameters that define how the router will determine whether the connection is still available or not. This is done by periodically sending ICMP packets from interface, configured in VRRP Configuration section, to a defined host and awaiting responses. If no response is received after a defined period of time, the connection is determined to be down, and thus the role of Master is assumed by another router in the network.

Refer to the figure and table below for information on the fields contained in the Check connection section.

Field	Value	Description

Enable	yes | no; default: **no**	Turns connection checking on or off.
IP address or hostname	ip | host; default: **none**	IP address or hostname to which the router will send ICMP packets. This is used to determine whether the connection is still available or not. ICMP packets will be send from interface, configured in VRRP Configuration section, therefore make sure you enter reachable IP address or hostname.
Ping interval	integer; default: **10**	Time interval (in seconds) between two pings.
Ping timeout	integer; default: **1**	The maximum amount of time in seconds the router will wait for a response to a ping request. If it does not receive a response within the amount of time defined in this field, the ping request will be considered to have failed.
Ping packet size	integer; default: **56**	The size (in bytes) of sent ICMP packets.
Ping attempts	integer; default: **4**	Number of ping packets sent.
Ping retry count	integer; default: **5**	How many times the router will retry sending ping requests before determining that the connection has failed.