Chapter 5

Configuring the Switch

Arista switches ship from the factory in Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP) mode. ZTP configures the switch without user intervention by downloading a startup configuration file or a boot script from a location specified by a DHCP server. To manually configure a switch, ZTP is bypassed. The initial configuration provides one username (*admin*) accessible only through the console port because it has no password.

When bypassing ZTP, initial switch access requires logging in as *admin*, with no password, through the console port. Then you can configure an *admin* password and other password protected usernames.

This manual configuration procedure cancels ZTP mode, logs into the switch, assigns a password to *admin*, assigns an IP address to the management port, and defines a default route to a network gateway.

- **Step 1** Provide power to the switch (Section 4.1).
- **Step 2** Connect the console port to a PC (Section 4.2).

As the switch boots without a *startup-config* file, it displays the following through the console:

The device is in Zero Touch Provisioning mode and is attempting to download the startup-config from a remote system. The device will not be fully functional until either a valid startup-config is downloaded from a remote system or Zero Touch Provisioning is cancelled. To cancel Zero Touch Provisioning, login as admin and type 'zerotouch cancel' at the CLI.

localhost login:

Step 3 Log into the switch by typing **admin** at the login prompt.

localhost login:admin

Step 4 Cancel ZTP mode by typing **zerotouch cancel**. *IMPORTANT: This step initiates a switch reboot.*

localhost>zerotouch cancel

Step 5 After the switch boots, log into the switch again by typing **admin** at the login prompt.

Arista EOS localhost login:admin Last login: Fri Mar 15 13:17:13 on console

Step 6 Enter global configuration mode.

localhost>enable
localhost#config

Step 7 Assign a password to the *admin* username with the **username secret** command.

localhost(config) #username admin secret pxq123

Step 8 Configure a default route to the network gateway.

localhost(config)#ip route 0.0.0.0/0 192.0.2.1

Step 9 Assign an IP address (192.0.2.8/24 in this example) to an Ethernet management port.

localhost(config)#interface management 1
localhost(config-if-Mal)#ip address 192.0.2.8/24

Step 10 Save the configuration by typing write memory or copy running-config startup-config.

localhost(config-if-Mal)#copy running-config startup-config

When the management port IP address is configured, use this command to access the switch from a host, using the address configured in step 9:

ssh admin@192.0.2.8

Refer to the Arista Networks User Manual for complete switch configuration information.