

Interfaces

OPNsense allows you to set up Interfaces, which can be used to set up separate networks. I set up 2 interfaces to allow my homelab to operate on 1, and all other devices (including my roommates) to operate on the other. The Interface assignments are as follows:

Interface	Identifier 	Device
[LAN]	lan	 igb0 (a0:36:9f:2f:85:b0) ▼
[WAN]	wan	 igb2 (a0:36:9f:2f:85:b2) ▼
[homeLAB]	opt1	 igb1 (a0:36:9f:2f:85:b1) ▼

[Save](#)

[+ Assign a new interface](#)

Device	 igb3 (a0:36:9f:2f:85:b3) ▼
Description	<input type="text"/>

[Add](#)

Here, you can see the devices (ports) and the interfaces you've assigned.

- igb0 = Port 1 of my NIC, which is connected directly to my Eero Mesh Router
- igb1 = Port 2 of my NIC, which connected to an 8-port gigabit switch, for my homelab
- igb2 = Port 3 of my NIC, which is my WAN connection from my modem to my OPNsense machine
- igb3 = Port 4 of my NIC, which is currently open and not connected to anything.

You can reassign these ports in the Interfaces --> Assignments tab, should you happen to change anything in the future.

Interface Configurations

After hardware connections and assigning interfaces to each port, you'll have to enable the interface. Navigate in the sidebar to Interfaces ---> OPT1. Enable the interface and give it a name in the description section.

Basic configuration

i Enable

Enable Interface

i Lock

Prevent interface removal

i Identifier

opt1

i Device

igb1

i Description

homeLAB

Next, assign your Interface a Static IPv4 address, and select "24" to give that IP the full range of associates IPs. I've given my homeLAB interface a static IP of 192.168.2.1/24

Static IPv4 configuration

i IPv4 address

192.168.2.1

24 ▲

i IPv4 Upstream Gateway

Auto-detect ▼

After saving changes, you'll need to first apply the changes and then adjust your DHCP server range. To do this, navigate to Services --> ISC DHCPv4 --> homeLAB (or whatever your name your new LAN). Enable DHCP server on the interface, and then designate a range of addresses in between the available range.

i Enable

Enable DHCP server on the homeLAB interface

i Deny unknown clients

i Ignore Client UIDs

i Subnet

192.168.2.0

i Subnet mask

255.255.255.0

i Available range

192.168.2.1 - 192.168.2.254

i Range

from

192.168.2.10

to

192.168.2.240

Save your changes and apply if needed. To confirm you've configured everything properly, navigate to Services --> ISC DHCPv4 --> Leases and filter for your interface, in my case, homeLAB. Here, you'll find active devices on your interface. In my case, I have my homeLAB interface going through a NETGEAR switch which is connected to my Dell PowerEdge server:

Services: ISC DHCPv4: Leases

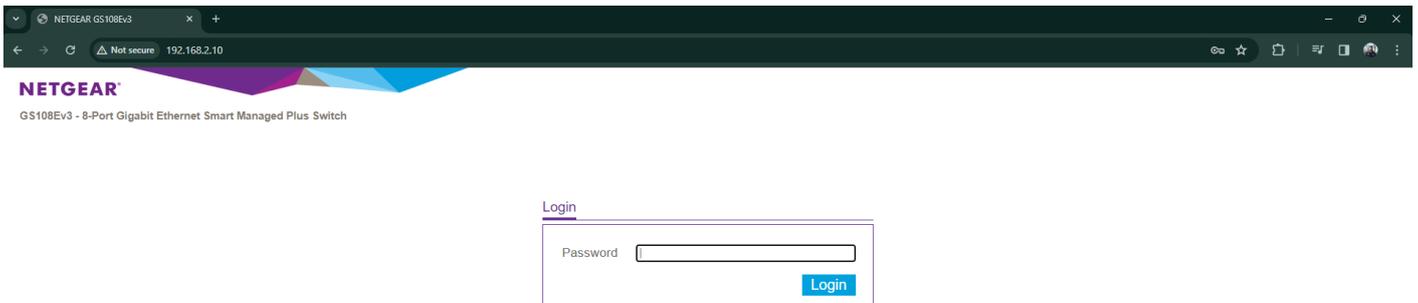
Show inactive

Search homeLAB All

Interface	IP Address	MAC Address	Hostname	Description	Start	End	Status	State	Lease Type
homeLAB	192.168.2.10	e0:46:ee:20:e5:93 NETGEAR			2024/03/19 22:48:43	2024/03/20 00:48:43	✔	active	dynamic
homeLAB	192.168.2.11	c8:1f:66:ea:96:96 Dell Inc.			2024/03/19 23:15:54	2024/03/20 01:15:54	✘	active	dynamic

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To further test it, I'll check if I can access my switch's Web GUI:



You can view all of Interface information in the Overview tab under the relevant Interfaces Section. With everything configured, it should look somewhat similar to whats below:

Status	Interface	Device	VLAN	Link Type	IPv4	IPv6	Gateway	Routes	Commands
✔	LAN (lan)	igb0		static	192.168.1.1/24	fe80::a236:9fff:fe2f:85b0/64		192.168.1.0/24 fe80::%igb0/64	⚙️ 📄 🔍
✔	homeLAB (opt1)	igb1		static	192.168.2.1/24			192.168.2.0/24	⚙️ 📄 🔍
✔	WAN (wan)	igb2		dhcp		fe80::a236:9fff:fe2f:85b2/64		default [REDACTED] Expand	🔄 ⚙️ 📄 🔍
✘	Unassigned Interface	igb3							🔍
✔	Loopback (lo0)	lo0		static	127.0.0.1/8	::1/128 fe80::1/64		[REDACTED] 127.0.0.1 Expand	📄 🔍
✘	Unassigned Interface	enc0							🔍
✘	Unassigned Interface	plog0							🔍

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