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[nagios@ns01ngmonp01 ~]$ /usr/local/nagios/libexec/check_ifoperstatus -H 172.20.25  
3.1 -C 3 -k up,1 down,0  
check_ifoperstatus v2.0.3 (nagios-plugins 2.0.3)  
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usage:  
check_ifoperstatus -k <IF_KEY> -H <HOSTNAME> [-C <community>]  
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check_ifoperstatus plugin for Nagios monitors operational status of a particular network interface on the target host

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Usage:  
-H (--hostname) Hostname to query - (required)  
-C (--community) SNMP read community (defaults to public,  
                  used with SNMP v1 and v2c  
-v (--snmp_version) 1 for SNMP v1 (default)  
                      2 for SNMP v2c  
                      SNMP v2c will use get_bulk for less overhead  
                      if monitoring with -d  
-L (--seclevel) choice of "noAuthNoPriv", "authNoPriv", or "authPriv"  
-U (--secname) username for SNMPv3 context  
-c (--context) SNMPv3 context name (default is empty string)  
-A (--authpass) authentication password (cleartext ascii or localized key  
                  in hex with 0x prefix generated by using "snmpkey" utility  
                  auth password and authEngineID  
-a (--authproto) Authentication protocol (MD5 or SHA1)  
-X (--privpass) privacy password (cleartext ascii or localized key  
                  in hex with 0x prefix generated by using "snmpkey" utility  
                  privacy password and authEngineID  
-P (--privproto) privacy protocol (DES or AES; default: DES)  
-k (--key) SNMP IfIndex value  
-d (--descr) SNMP ifDescr value  
-T (--type) SNMP ifType integer value (see http://www.iana.org/assignments  
      s/ianaiftype-mib)  
-p (--port) SNMP port (default 161)  
-I (--ifmib) Agent supports IFMIB ifXTable. Do not use if  
              you don't know what this is.  
-n (--name) the value should match the returned ifName  
              (Implies the use of -I)
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-w (--warn =i|w|c) ignore|warn|crit if the interface is dormant (default critic  
al)  
-D (--admin-down =i|w|c) same for administratively down interfaces (default war  
ning)  
-M (--maxmsgsize) Max message size - usefull only for v1 or v2c  
-t (--timeout)    seconds before the plugin times out (default=15)  
-V (--version)    Plugin version  
-h (--help)        usage help
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-k or -d or -T must be specified

Note: either -k or -d or -T must be specified and -d and -T are much more network intensive. Use it sparingly or not at all. -n is used to match against a much more descriptive ifName value in the IfXTable to verify that the snmpkey has not changed to some other network interface after a reboot.