



# **Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus** **Baseline Switch 2426-PWR Plus** **Baseline Switch 2250-SFP Plus** Installation and User Guide

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# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide describes how to install your 3Com Switch and perform initial management configurations. It covers the following switches:

**Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus (3CBLSF26)**  
**Baseline Switch 2426-PWR Plus (3CBLSF26PWR)**  
**Baseline Switch 2250-SFP Plus (3CBLSF50)**

Unless noted otherwise, the features, specifications and procedures described hereafter are shared by all the switch models covered in this guide. Device drawings, screen captures and command line interface examples are based on the 3CBLSF26PWR model. Where features vary significantly between the switches, examples are provided for each.

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[Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) list conventions that are used throughout this guide.

**Table 1** Notice Icons

Icon	Notice Type	Description
	Information note	Information that describes important features or instructions
	Caution	Information that alerts you to potential loss of data or potential damage to an application, system, or device
	Warning	Information that alerts you to potential personal injury

**Table 2** Text Conventions

Convention	Description
The words "enter" and "type"	When you see the word "enter" in this guide, you must type something, and then press Return or Enter. Do not press Return or Enter when an instruction simply says "type."
Keyboard key names	If you must press two or more keys simultaneously, the key names are linked with a plus sign (+). Example: Press Ctrl+Alt+Del
Words in <i>italics</i>	Italics are used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Emphasize a point.</li> <li>■ Denote a new term at the place where it is defined in the text.</li> <li>■ Identify menu names, menu commands, and software button names. Examples: From the <i>Help</i> menu, select <i>Contents</i>. Click <i>OK</i>.</li> </ul>

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# 1 INTRODUCING THE BASELINE SWITCH

This chapter provides an overview of the features and capabilities of the 3Com Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus, 3Com Baseline Switch 2426-PWR Plus, and 3Com Baseline Switch 2250-SFP Plus. It also identifies the contents of the Switch package and helps you get to know the physical features of the device.

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## Overview of the Baseline Switch

The 3Com® Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus is a versatile, easy-to-use configurable switch.

The 3Com® Baseline Switch 2426-PWR Plus is a versatile, easy-to-use configurable Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) Switch.

The 3Com® Baseline Switch 2250-SFP Plus is a versatile, easy-to-use configurable switch.

Each Switch is ideal for users who want the high-speed performance of 10/100 switching with the added functionality of Gigabit copper and fiber links, but do not need sophisticated management capabilities. The Switch is shipped ready for use. No configuration is necessary.

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## Features and Capabilities

The Switch has 24 or 48 shielded RJ-45, 10/100 Mbps auto-negotiating ports and 2 Gigabit combo ports (comprised of a RJ-45 port and a Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) transceiver slot) on the front panel for easy, flexible connection to fiber-based Gigabit media. A console port is also provided on the front panel to enable out-of-band configuration.

## Autosensing of MDI/MDIX Connections

All ports on the Switch can autosense both medium dependent interface (MDI) and medium dependent interface crossover (MDIX) connections. This allows you to connect network devices to each port using either a normal straight-through TP (twisted pair) cable or a 'crossover' TP cable.

Any port can therefore be used to connect to another switch port, server, or workstation without additional configuration.

## Autonegotiating 10/100 Mbps Ports

Each 10/100 Mbps port automatically determines the speed and duplex mode of the connected equipment and provides a suitable switched connection. The

10/100 Mbps ports can operate in either half-duplex or full-duplex mode.

### Power-over-Ethernet Capability

The Switch 2426-PWR Plus (3CBLSF26PWR) provides 24 front panel RJ-45 ports that support the IEEE 802.3af Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) standard. Any 802.3af compliant device attached to a port can directly draw power from the Switch over the Ethernet cable without requiring its own separate power source. This capability gives network administrators centralized power control for devices such as IP phones and wireless access points, which translates into greater network availability.

The Switch also supports a pre-standard implementation of 802.3at, delivering up to 29.6 W per port (measured at the PD, assuming 100 m Cat 5E cable connected between the PD and the Switch 2426-PWR), subject to the maximum power budget available.

### Gigabit Combo Ports (RJ-45/SFP)

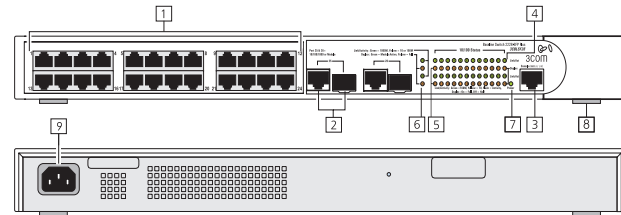
The 2 Gigabit combo ports support fiber Gigabit Ethernet short-wave (SX) and long-wave (LX) SFP transceivers in any combination. This offers the flexibility of using SFP transceivers to provide connectivity between the Switch and a 1000 Mbps core network.

When an SFP port is in operation, the corresponding 1000BASE-T port is disabled. The 1000 Mbps connections can only operate in full duplex mode.

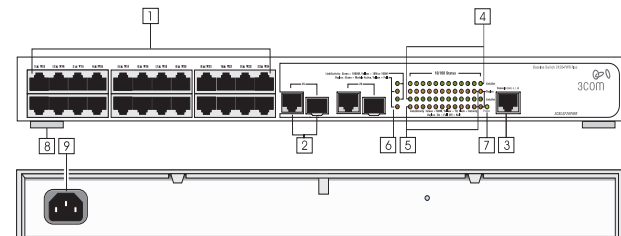
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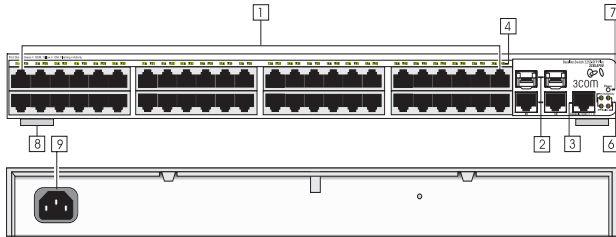
Figures 1, 2, and 3 show the front and rear panels of the Switch. The numbers in these diagrams refer to numbered sections in “Front Panel” on page 11 and “Rear Panel” on page 15.

**Figure 1** 3CBLSF26 Front and Rear Panels



**Figure 2** 3CBLSF26PWR Front and Rear Panels



**Figure 3** 3CBLSF50 Front and Rear Panels

## Front Panel

The front panel of the Switch contains a series of indicator lights (LEDs) that help describe the state of various networking and connection operations.

### (1) RJ-45 10/100 Ports



**WARNING:** *RJ-45 Ports.* These are shielded RJ-45 data sockets. They cannot be used as standard traditional telephone sockets, or to connect the unit to a traditional PBX or public telephone network. Only connect RJ-45 data connectors, network telephony systems, or network telephones to these sockets. Either shielded or unshielded data cables with shielded or unshielded jacks can be connected to these data sockets.



**AVERTISSEMENT:** *Points d'accès RJ-45.* Ceux-ci sont protégés par des prises de données. Ils ne peuvent pas être utilisés comme prises de téléphone conventionnelles standard, ni pour la connection de l'unité à un réseau

*téléphonique central privé ou public. Raccorder seulement connecteurs de données RJ-45, systèmes de réseaux de téléphonie ou téléphones de réseaux à ces prises.*

*Il est possible de raccorder des câbles protégés ou non protégés avec des jacks protégés ou non protégés à ces prises de données.*



**WARNHINWEIS:** *RJ-45-Porte.* Diese Porte sind geschützte Datensteckdosen. Sie dürfen weder wie normale traditionelle Telefonsteckdosen noch für die Verbindung der Einheit mit einem traditionellem privatem oder öffentlichem Telefonnetzwerk gebraucht werden. Nur RJ-45-Datenanschlüsse, Telefonnetzsysteme or Netztelefone an diese Steckdosen anschließen. Entweder geschützte oder ungeschützte Buchsen dürfen an diese Datensteckdosen angeschlossen werden.

The Switch has 24 or 48 10/100 Mbps auto-negotiating ports. Each port supports automatic MDI/MDI-X detection and can be connected to either a 10BASE-T, or 100BASE-TX device.

For each port, the speed and duplex mode (half duplex or full duplex for 10BASE-T and 100BASE-TX) are automatically determined by the capabilities of the connected device.

The 3CBLSF26PWR Switch also supports IEEE 802.3af-2003 standard (802.3af) and pre-standard P802.3at DTE Power via MDI Enhancements (PoE+). Each port can detect connected 802.3af/at-compliant

network devices, such as IP phones or wireless access points, and automatically supply the required DC power, up to a maximum of 29.6 W measured at the PD, assuming 100 m Cat 5E cable connected between the PD and the Switch 2426-PWR, subject to power being available from the overall power budget.

## (2) Gigabit Combo Ports (RJ-45/SFP)

The Gigabit combo ports (RJ-45/Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) ports) are numbered 25 and 26 on 3CBLSF26 and 3CBLSF26PWR, 49 and 50 on 3CBLSF50. If the link connection on the SFP port is active, the associated RJ-45 port of the same number is disabled.

The two SFP ports support fiber Gigabit Ethernet short-wave (SX – 3CSFP91) and long-wave (LX – 3CSFP92) SFP transceivers in any combination. This offers you the flexibility of using SFP transceivers to provide connectivity between the Switch and remote 1000 Mbps workgroups or to create a high-capacity aggregated link backbone connection. The default active port is the SFP port. The selection of active ports can be configured via the Web interface.

The SFP port supports full duplex mode only.



*SFP ports are numbered 25 and 26 on 3CBLSF26 and 3CBLSF26PWR, 49 and 50 on 3CBLSF50. When an SFP port is active it has priority over the 10/100/1000 port of the same number. The corresponding 10/100/1000 port is disabled when an SFP link connection is active.*

## (3) Console Port

The console port allows out-of-band access to the Switch's built-in Command Line Interface (CLI) that you can use to reset the Switch to factory defaults, change the IP address that is assigned to the Switch, set the admin password, reboot the Switch, or upgrade the Switch firmware via TFTP.

To connect to the Console Port, you need the following:

- The console cable provided in the Switch package, connected to the console port of the Switch, and to an available serial (com) port on your computer
- A terminal emulation application capable of VT100 emulation, installed on your computer
- Configure the com port connection parameters in your terminal emulator as follows:
  - Com port: Choose based on the computer serial port to which the console cable is attached (often COM1)
  - Speed (baud): **38400**
  - Data bits: **8**
  - Stop bits: **1**
  - Parity: **None**
  - Flow Control: **None**

#### (4) 10/100BASE-TX Link/Activity Status LEDs

The top row (3CBLSF50) and the first (top) and third rows (3CBLSF26/3CBLSF26PWR) of LEDs, which are colored yellow or green, show the link, activity and speed status of the related ports:

**Table 1** 10/100BASE-TX Link/Activity Status LEDs

Status	Meaning
Green	The link is operating at 100 Mbps.
Yellow	The link is operating at 10 Mbps.
Flashing Green	Packets are being received or transmitted on the port at 100 Mbps.
Flashing Yellow	Packets are being received or transmitted on the port at 10 Mbps.
Off	<p>The link has not been established, nothing is connected to the port, or there is a problem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Check that the attached device is powered on.</li> <li>■ Check that the cable is the correct type, is not faulty, and is inserted correctly.</li> </ul> <p>If these checks do not identify the cause of the problem, it may be that the unit or the device connected to the port is faulty. Contact your supplier for further advice.</p>

#### (5) 10/100BASE-TX Duplex Status LEDs (3CBLSF26 and 3CBLSF26PWR Only)

The second and fourth row of LEDs, which are colored yellow, show the duplex status of the related ports:

**Table 2** 10/100BASE-TX Duplex Status LEDs

Status	Meaning
Yellow	The link is operating in full duplex mode.
Off	<p>The link is operating in half duplex mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The duplex status of the ports on 3CBLSF50 (and 3CBLSF26/3CBLSF26PWR) can also be monitored from the user interface.</li> </ul>

#### (6) Gigabit Combo Port and Duplex Status LEDs

Each Gigabit combo port has two status LEDs which indicate functions dependant upon whether a connection has been made to the fixed 1000BASE-T port, or if an SFP Module has been inserted.

## 1000BASE-T Mode

**Table 3** 1000BASE-T Link/Activity Status LEDs

Link/Activity	Meaning
Green	The link is operating at 1000 Mbps.
Yellow	The link is operating at 10 or 100 Mbps.
Flashing Green	Packets are being received or transmitted on the port at 1000 Mbps.
Flashing Yellow	Packets are being received or transmitted on the port at 10 or 100 Mbps.
Off	<p>The link has not been established, nothing is connected to the port, or there is a problem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Check that the attached device is powered on.</li> <li>■ Check that the cable is the correct type, is not faulty, and is inserted correctly.</li> </ul> <p>If these checks do not identify the cause of the problem, it may be that the unit or the device connected to the port is faulty. Contact your supplier for further advice.</p>

**Table 4** 1000BASE-T SFP/Duplex Status LEDs

SFP/Duplex	Meaning
Yellow	The link is operating at full duplex.
Off	The link is operating at half duplex, or no link is established.



*1000BASE-T only operates in full-duplex mode. 10/100BASE-TX can operate in half- or full-duplex mode.*

## SFP Mode

**Table 5** SFP Link/Activity Status LEDs

Link/Activity	Meaning
Green	The link is operating at 1000 Mbps.
Flashing Green	Packets are being received or transmitted on the port at 1000 Mbps.
Off	<p>The link has not been established; Either nothing is connected to the port, or there is a problem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Check that the attached device is powered on.</li> <li>■ Check that the SFP module is inserted correctly.</li> <li>■ Check that the fiber cable is the correct type, is not faulty, and is inserted correctly.</li> <li>■ Ensure that the transmit (TX) and receive (RX) fiber cables are not swapped. TX on the remote device must be connected to RX on the local device; likewise, RX on the remote device must be connected to TX on the local device.</li> </ul> <p>If these checks do not identify the cause of the problem, it may be that the unit or the device connected to the port is faulty. Contact your supplier for further advice.</p>

**Table 6** SFP Mode SFP/Duplex Status LEDs

SFP/Duplex	Meaning
Green	The SFP module is inserted, regardless of the link status.
Off	The SFP module is not inserted.



*The SFP module will only disable the 1000BASE-T interface once there is a valid link on the module.*

### (7) Power LED

The Power LED shows the power status of the Switch.

**Table 7** Power Status LED

Status	Meaning
Green	The unit is powered on and ready for use.
Yellow	Internal power, POST, or loopback test has failed. Switch is in fail-safe mode.
Flashing	The Switch is undergoing the power up sequence, or a software upgrade is underway.
Off	The unit is not receiving power. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Check that the power cord is connected correctly.</li> <li>■ If the unit still does not operate, contact your supplier.</li> </ul>

### (8) Self-adhesive Pads

The unit is supplied with four self-adhesive rubber pads.



*Do not apply the pads if you intend to rack mount the unit.*

If the unit is to be part of a free-standing stack, apply the pads to each marked corner area on the underside of the unit. Place the unit on top of the lower unit, ensuring that the pads locate within the recesses of the lower unit.

### Rear Panel

The rear panel of the Switch contains the power supply socket.

### (9) Power Socket

The Switch automatically adjusts to the supply voltage. Only use the power cord that is supplied with the unit.

## Package Contents

Before installing and using the Switch, verify that your Switch package is complete. The Switch comes with:

- One power cord
- One console cable
- Four standard height, self-adhesive rubber pads
- One mounting kit (part number 123193-104)
- Installation CD
- This User Guide
- Warranty flyer

The Switch is powered from the AC supply.

If any of the above items are damaged or missing, contact your 3Com network supplier immediately.



# 2 INSTALLING THE SWITCH

This chapter contains information that you need to install and set up the Switch. It covers the following topics:

- [Important Safety Information](#)
- [Positioning the Switch](#)
- [Rack-Mounting or Free-Standing](#)
- [Supplying Power to the Switch](#)
- [Using SFP Transceivers](#)
- [Performing Spot Checks](#)

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## Important Safety Information

Please refer to the safety information found in the *3Com Switch Family Safety and Regulatory Information* manual included with this product. You can find the 3Com Switch Family Safety and Regulatory Information manual on the product CD-ROM that was included with your switch. You can also download the safety manual from the 3Com Web site: **[www.3Com.com](http://www.3Com.com)**

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## Positioning the Switch

The Switch is suitable for use in an office environment where it can be free-standing or mounted in a standard 19-inch equipment rack.

Alternatively, the Switch can be rack-mounted in a wiring closet or equipment room. A mounting kit, containing two mounting brackets and four screws, is supplied with the Switch.

When deciding where to position the Switch, ensure that:

- It is accessible and cables can be connected easily.
- Cabling is away from sources of electrical noise. These include lift shafts, microwave ovens, and air conditioning units. Electromagnetic fields can interfere with the signals on copper cabling and introduce errors, therefore slowing down your network.
- Water or moisture cannot enter the case of the unit.
- Air flow around the unit and through the vents on the side of the case is not restricted (3Com recommends that you provide a minimum of 25 mm (1 in.) clearance).
- The air is as free from dust as possible.
- Temperature operating limits are not likely to be exceeded. It is recommended that the unit is installed in a clean, air conditioned environment.



*It is always good practice to wear an anti-static wrist strap when installing network equipment, connected to a ground point. If one is not available, try to keep in contact with a grounded rack and avoid touching the unit's ports and connectors, if possible. Static discharge can cause reliability problems in your equipment.*

## Rack-Mounting or Free-Standing

The unit can be mounted in a 19-inch equipment rack using the mounting kit, or it can be free standing. Do not place objects on top of the unit or stack.



**CAUTION:** *If installing the Switch in a free-standing stack of different size Baseline or Superstack 3 units, the smaller units must be installed above the larger ones. Do not have a free-standing stack of more than six units.*

### Using the Mounting Kit

The Switch is supplied with two mounting brackets and four screws. These are used for rack mounting the unit. When mounting the unit, you should take note of the guidelines given in ["Positioning the Switch"](#) on [page 18](#).

The Switch is 1U (1.7 inches) high and will fit in a standard 19-inch rack.

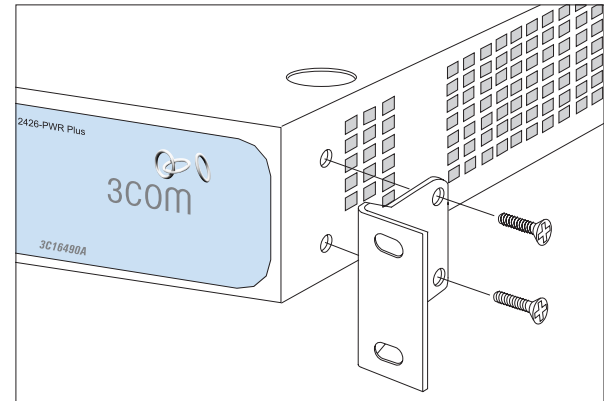


**CAUTION:** *Disconnect all cables from the unit before continuing. Remove the self-adhesive pads from the underside of the unit, if already fitted.*

To rack-mount the Switch:

- 1 Place the unit the right way up on a hard, flat surface with the front facing towards you.
- 2 Locate a mounting bracket over the mounting holes on one side of the unit.
- 3 Insert the two screws supplied in the mounting kit and fully tighten with a suitable screwdriver.

**Figure 4** Rack Mounting the Unit



- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the other side of the unit.
- 5 Insert the unit into the 19-inch rack and secure with suitable screws (not provided).
- 6 Reconnect the cables.

## Montagesatz Anweisungen

Der Switch wird mit zwei Halterungen und vier Schrauben geliefert. Diese werden für den Einbau in einem Baugruppenträger benutzt. Bei der Montage der Baugruppe beachten Sie die Anweisungen aus "[Positioning the Switch](#)" auf [page 18](#).

Der Switch ist eine Baueinheit hoch und passt in einen Standard 19" (Zoll) Baugruppenträger.



**ACHTUNG:** Entfernen Sie alle Kabel, bevor Sie fortsetzen. Entfernen Sie die selbstklebenden Polster (FüÙe) von der Unterseite der Baugruppe, falls diese bereits angebracht sind.

- 1 Platzieren Sie die Baugruppe aufrecht auf einer harten, ebenen Fläche mit der Vorderseite Ihnen entgegen.
- 2 Ordnen Sie eine der Halterungen über den Löchern an der Seite der Baugruppe an.
- 3 Stecken Sie zwei der mitgelieferten Schrauben in die Löcher und drehen Sie diese mit einem geeigneten Schraubendreher fest.
- 4 Wiederholen Sie die letzten zwei Schritte auf der anderen Seite der Baugruppe.
- 5 Führen Sie die Baugruppe in den 19" (Zoll) Baugruppenträger ein und sichern Sie die Baugruppe mit geeigneten Schrauben. (Nicht im Lieferumfang enthalten).
- 6 Schließen Sie alle Kabel wieder an.

## Placing Units On Top of Each Other

If the Switch units are free-standing, up to six units can be placed one on top of the other. If you are mixing a variety of Baseline and SuperStack units, the smaller units must be positioned at the top.

If you are placing Switch units one on top of the other, you must use the self-adhesive rubber pads supplied. Apply the pads to the underside of each Switch, sticking one in the marked area at each corner.

Place the Switch units on top of each other, ensuring that the pads of the upper unit line up with the recesses of the lower unit.

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## Supplying Power to the Switch

Power problems can be the cause of serious failures and downtime in your network. Ensure that the power input to your system is clean and free from sags and surges to avoid unforeseen network outages. 3Com recommends that you install power conditioning, especially in areas prone to blackout, power dips and electrical storms.

The unit is intended to be grounded. Ensure it is connected to earth ground during normal use. Installing proper grounding helps to avoid damage from lightning and power surges.



*Before powering on the Switch, verify that the network cables and the power cable are securely connected.*



**CAUTION:** The Switch has no ON/OFF switch. The only way to power on and power off the Switch is by connecting and disconnecting the power cord. This is called “power cycling”.

To power on the Switch:

- 1 Plug the power cord into the power socket on the rear panel of the Switch. Refer to “(9) Power Socket” on [page 15](#) for more information.
- 2 Plug the other end of the power cord into a power outlet.

When the Switch is powered on, the Power LED lights up. If the Power LED does not light up, refer to “(7) Power LED” on [page 15](#) for more information.

### Checking for Correct Operation

After you power on the Switch, it automatically performs a power-on self-test (POST). During POST, the Power LED on the front panel of the Switch flashes green.

When POST is complete, the Power LED turns green. If the Power LED turns yellow after POST, it means that POST failed and the Switch has entered fail-safe mode.

The following summarizes the possible colors for the Power LED after POST.

**Table 8** Power LED POST Indications

Status	Meaning
Green	The unit is powered on and ready to use.
Yellow	Power-on self-test or loopback test failed. The Switch is in fail-safe mode. This can happen if a port or ports fail when the Switch was powered on.
Off	The unit is not receiving power: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Verify that the power cord is connected correctly, and then try powering on the Switch again</li> <li>■ If the Switch still does not operate, contact your 3Com network supplier</li> </ul>

If POST fails, try the following:

- Power off the Switch, and then power it on again. Check the Power LED and see if POST was successfully completed.
- Reset the Switch. See “[Resetting to Factory Defaults](#)” on [page 75](#).



**CAUTION:** Resetting the Switch to its factory defaults erases all your settings. You will need to reconfigure the Switch after you reset it.


If these do not resolve the issue:

- Check the 3Com Knowledgebase for a solution. To visit the 3Com Knowledgebase Web site, start your Web browser, and then enter **<http://knowledgebase.3Com.com>**.
- Contact your 3Com network supplier for assistance.

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## Using SFP Transceivers

The following sections describe how to insert an SFP transceiver into an SFP slot.

 *SFP transceivers are hot-insertable and hot-swappable. You can remove them from and insert them into any SFP port without having to power down the Switch.*


## Approved SFP Transceivers

The following list of approved SFP transceivers is correct at the time of publication:

- 3CSFP91 SFP (SX)
- 3CSFP92 SFP (LX)

To access the latest list of approved SFP transceivers for the Switch on the 3Com Web site, enter this URL into your Internet browser:

**<http://www.3Com.com>**


 *3Com recommends using 3Com SFPs in the Switch. If you insert an SFP transceiver that is not supported, the Switch will not recognize it.*

## Inserting an SFP Transceiver

To be recognized as valid, the SFP transceiver must have the following characteristics:

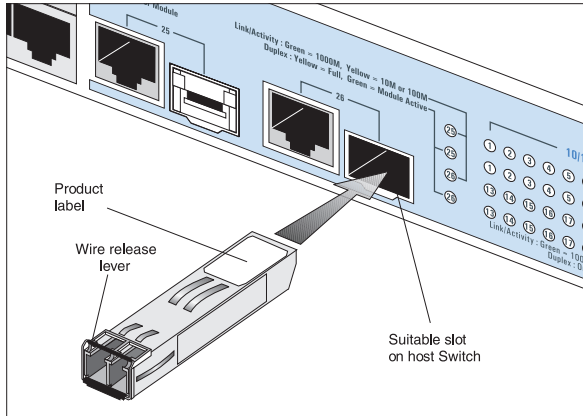
- 1000BASE-SX or 1000BASE-LX media type:

- 1000BASE-SX SFP transceiver  
Use this transceiver to connect the Switch directly to a multimode fiber-optic cable.
- 1000BASE-LX SFP transceiver  
Use this transceiver to connect the Switch directly to a single mode fiber-optic cable or to multimode fiber using a conditioned launch cable.

 *If the SFP transceiver is faulty, it will not operate within the Switch. See [“Troubleshooting” on page 75](#).*

To activate the SFP port:

- 1 Hold the transceiver so that the fiber connector is toward you and the product label is visible, as shown in [Figure 5](#). Ensure the wire release lever is closed (in the upright position).

**Figure 5** Inserting an SFP Transceiver

- 2 Gently slide the transceiver into the SFP slot until it clicks into place.



**CAUTION:** SFP transceivers are keyed and can be properly inserted only one way. If the transceiver does not click when you insert it, remove it, turn it over, and reinsert it.

- 3 Remove the plastic protective cover, if fitted.
- 4 Connect the fiber cable.
- 5 Attach a male duplex LC connector on the network cable into the duplex LC connector on the transceiver.

- 6 Connect the other end of the cable to a device fitted with an appropriate Gigabit Ethernet connection.
- 7 Check the Module Active LEDs on the front of the Switch to ensure that the SFP transceiver is operating correctly.

## Removing an SFP Transceiver

Removing an SFP transceiver does not require powering off the Switch.

To remove an SFP transceiver:

- 1 Disconnect the cable from the transceiver.
- 2 Move the wire release lever downwards until it is pointing toward you.
- 3 Pull the wire release lever toward you to release the catch mechanism.

The SFP transceiver should slide out easily.

## Performing Spot Checks

At frequent intervals, you should visually check the Switch. Regular checks can give you an early warning of a possible failure; any problems can then be attended to when there will be least effect on users.

3Com recommends periodically checking the items listed in [Table 9](#).

**Table 9** Items to Check

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Cabling	Check that all external cabling connections are secure and that no cables are pulled taut.
Cooling fan (3CBLSF26PWR only)	Where possible, check that the cooling fan is operating by listening to the unit. The fan is fitted near to the front right hand side of the unit (when viewed from the front).

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If you experience any problems operating the Switch, refer to [“Troubleshooting”](#) on [page 75](#).



# 3 CONNECTING TO THE WEB INTERFACE

The Switch has a built-in Web interface that you can use to set the admin password, change the IP address that is assigned to the Switch, and configure its advanced settings.



*If you only want the Switch to function as a basic layer 2 switch, you do not need to access the Web interface and configure the Switch.*

This chapter provides information on how to gain access to the Web interface using the Discovery application. It also introduces the menu items and buttons that are available on the Web interface.

The following topics are covered:

- [Requirements for Accessing the Web Interface](#)
- [Using the Console Command Line Interface \(CLI\)](#)
- [Logging On to the Web Interface](#)
- [Navigating the Web Interface](#)
- [Accessing the Switch using the 3Com Switch Detect Application](#)

The Switch support the following browsers:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer (V6.0 and subsequent releases)

- Mozilla Firefox (V2.0 and subsequent releases)
- Netscape (V7.0 and subsequent releases)

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## Requirements for Accessing the Web Interface

To connect to the Web interface, you need one or more of the following:

- The console cable that was supplied with your Switch.
- The 3Com Switch Detect application, that is included on the CD-ROM that was supplied with your Switch.
- A computer that is connected to the Switch and that has a Web browser.

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## Using the Console Command Line Interface (CLI)

In order to connect to the Web interface of the Switch, it is necessary to know its IP address. The IP addressing mode of the Switch is covered in Section 4 (Administration/IP Setup on [page 37](#)). In summary, the

switch will try to obtain an IP address from a DHCP server (assuming the Switch is connected into a network where one is available). If there is no DHCP server available, or you are configuring the Switch in a stand-alone mode, the Switch will allocate itself an “Auto IP” address of 169.254.xx.yy. These last two numbers are taken from the last two numbers of the MAC address. This default IP address can be seen on the label attached to the top cover of your Switch.

In order to see the IP address that has been allocated to the Switch by a DHCP server, or to manually assign one, it is necessary to use the console interface. The CLI Command Reference Guide is covered in [Appendix D](#).

Connect the supplied console cable to the console socket, located on the front panel of the Switch. This should be connected to a COM port on your PC (or MAC). Configure a suitable terminal emulator application for 38,400 baud, 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit. Flow control should be disabled.

When the Switch has completed its power up sequence and is ready to operate, pressing the carriage return on your keyboard will result in a prompt on the console interface. Enter the username *admin* with no password. You will now be presented with a short menu of commands.

Enter *summary* to display the basic settings for the Switch. Included in this information is:

- The IP address,
- Subnet mask and

#### ■ Default gateway

The Switch will take up to two minutes to try to obtain an IP address. During this time the above addresses will be displayed as 0.0.0.0. Only after this period if the Switch has not been able to obtain an IP address, will you see information similar to that shown in [Figure 6](#).

**Figure 6** CLI Summary with Default IP Address

```

3Com Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus, 2426-PWR Plus, 2250-SFP Plus - HyperTerminal
File Edit View Call Transfer Help
-----3Com Baseline Switch 2426-PWR Plus-----
Menu options:
?          - Displays Help information
initialize - Reset the device to factory default, except IP
ipSetup    - Configures IP address
logout     - Logout from this session.
ping       - Ping a remote station.
password   - Change password.
reboot     - Power cycles the device.
summary    - Summarises IP setup and software versions.
upgrade    - Software upgrade over TFTP.

Type ? for help.
-----3Com Baseli (1)-----
Select menu option: summ
IP Method:      auto
IP address:     169.254.239.35
Subnet mask:    255.255.0.0
Default gateway: 0.0.0.0
Runtime version: 0.00.00.05
Bootcode version: 0.00.00.06
Select menu option:
  
```

If the Switch has obtained a DHCP lease, the IP address will be shown. Make a note of it for use when you are ready to use your Web browser to connect to the Switch.

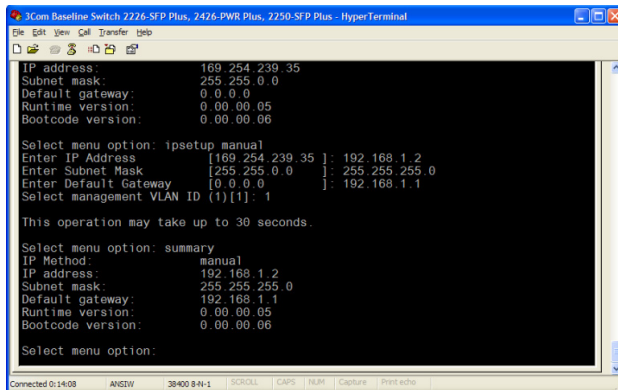
If the 169.254.xx.yy address is not suitable, you can change to a manually assigned IP address by entering *ipsetup manual* and then entering the required values after the prompts. Enter 1 in the VLAN ID. Enter

summary to display the new IP settings. [Figure 7](#) shows what you should expect to see.

Note that when a manual IP address has been assigned it will not revert back to the DHCP mode on subsequent re-boots.

You will now know either the DHCP or manual IP address and you can now move on to using the Web interface.

**Figure 7** CLI Summary with Assigned IP Address



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3Com Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus, 2426-PWR Plus, 2250-SFP Plus - HyperTerminal
File Edit View Call Transfer Help
IP address: 169.254.239.35
Subnet mask: 255.255.0.0
Default gateway: 0.0.0.0
Runtime version: 0.00.00.05
Bootcode version: 0.00.00.06

Select menu option: ipsetup_manual
Enter IP Address [169.254.239.35]: 192.168.1.2
Enter Subnet Mask [255.255.0.0]: 255.255.255.0
Enter Default Gateway [0.0.0.0]: 192.168.1.1
Select management VLAN ID (1)[1]: 1

This operation may take up to 30 seconds.

Select menu option: summary
IP Method: manual
IP address: 192.168.1.2
Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0
Default gateway: 192.168.1.1
Runtime version: 0.00.00.05
Bootcode version: 0.00.00.06

Select menu option:
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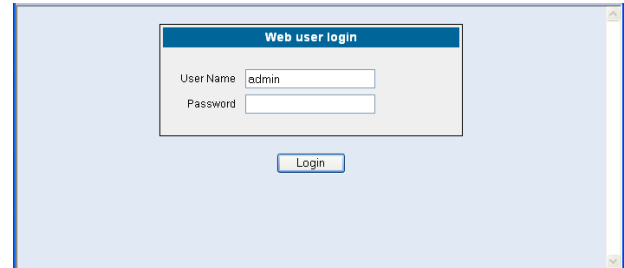
## Logging On to the Web Interface

Using the IP address you have obtained in the previous section, enter this into the URL field of your preferred Web browser. There is no need to add `http://` before the

IP address. After the Web interface loads in your Web browser, the first page that appears is the logon screen. On this screen, you need to enter the administration user name and password to gain access to the Web interface.

The browser's address bar also displays the IP address that the Switch is currently using.

**Figure 8** Logon Dialog Box



Web user login

User Name

Password

To log on to the Web interface:

- 1 In *User name*, type **admin**.
- 2 Leave the *Password* field blank.
- 3 Click *OK*.

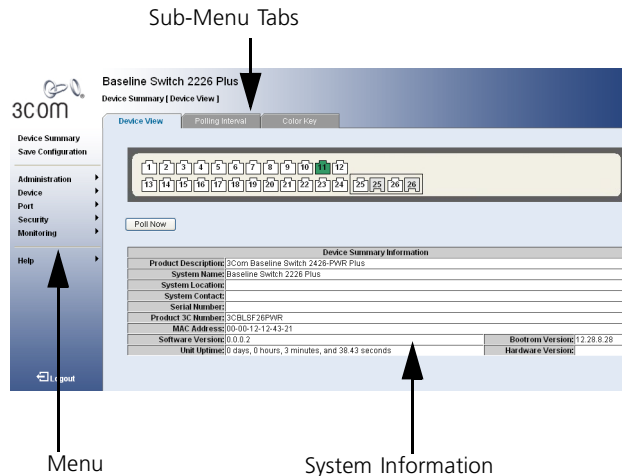
## Navigating the Web Interface

The Web interface has been designed to enable you to easily perform advanced configuration tasks and view information about the Switch.

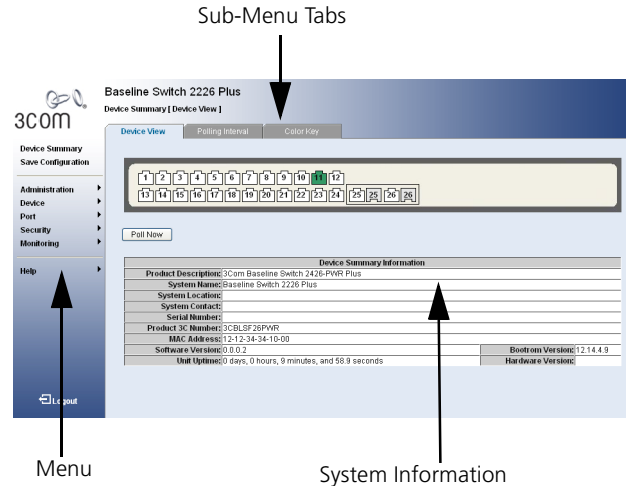
### Menu

The menu is located on the left side of the Web interface. When you click an item on the menu, the related screen appears in the main part of the interface. Some menu items will give you sub-menu tabs to choose from.

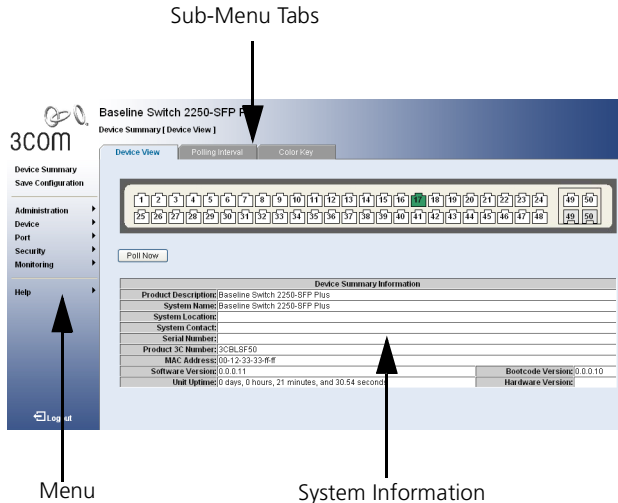
**Figure 9** 3CBLSF26 Switch Screen Layout



**Figure 10** 3CBLSF26PWR Switch Screen Layout



**Figure 11** 3CBLSF50 Switch Screen Layout LWP



[Table 1](#) lists the available items on the menu.

**Table 1** Available Menu Items

Menu Item	Description
Device Summary	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a summary of the Switch's basic settings and versions of current components.</li> <li>Set the polling interval in seconds.</li> <li>Display the description for each color coded port.</li> </ul>
Save Configuration	Saves the Switch's configuration.
Administration	Manages the device.
IP Setup	Allows you to setup, modify, or view the IP configuration parameters.
Backup & Restore	Allows you to backup and restore the Switch's configuration.
Firmware Upgrade	Upgrades the current firmware via HTTP.
Reset	Performs a system reboot and resets the Switch to factory default settings.
System Access	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Display user summary information.</li> <li>Create a new user.</li> <li>Modify existing users.</li> <li>Remove existing users.</li> </ul>
System Name	Sets a name, location, and contact information for the Switch
System Time	Allows you to set the system time.

Menu Item	Description
SNMP	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Set SNMP Agent Status.</li> <li>■ Add community strings.</li> <li>■ Remove community strings.</li> </ul>
Device	Configures the device.
VLAN	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Create a VLAN.</li> <li>■ Modify a VLAN.</li> <li>■ Modify VLAN membership for a port.</li> <li>■ Rename a VLAN.</li> <li>■ Remove a VLAN.</li> <li>■ Display VLAN membership for a port.</li> <li>■ Display VLAN information.</li> </ul>
Spanning Tree	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display spanning tree information for every port.</li> <li>■ Modify spanning tree global settings.</li> <li>■ Modify spanning tree settings for ports.</li> </ul>
IGMP Snooping & Query	Enables or disables IGMP snooping and IGMP query mode.
Broadcast Storm	Allows you to enable and configure, or disable rate limiting.
QoS	Configures Quality of Service.

Menu Item	Description
VoIP Traffic Setting	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display a summary of Voice VLAN settings.</li> <li>■ Enable Voice VLANs.</li> <li>■ Configure Voice VLAN port settings.</li> <li>■ Display Voice VLAN port details.</li> <li>■ Display the OUI list.</li> <li>■ Modify the OUI list.</li> </ul>
PoE	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display PoE summary.</li> <li>■ Configure PoE settings.</li> </ul>
Port	Configures the ports.
Administration	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display selected port information for the entire Switch.</li> <li>■ Display individual port information.</li> <li>■ Modify the port settings.</li> </ul>
Link Aggregation	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display link aggregation summary.</li> <li>■ Create an aggregation group.</li> <li>■ Modify the port memberships.</li> <li>■ Remove an aggregation group.</li> </ul>
Statistics	Display statistics for a selected port.
Security	Configures security settings.
Radius Client	Configures Radius Client settings and sets authentication parameters.

Menu Item	Description
802.1X Settings	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display an authentication summary for all ports.</li> <li>■ Configure system authentication settings.</li> </ul>
Monitoring	Display Switch monitoring information.
Address Table	Displays MAC address table information for ports and VLANs.
Port Mirroring	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Displays and modifies the current port traffic monitoring configuration.</li> <li>■ Removes port traffic monitoring settings.</li> </ul>
Cable Diagnostics	Contains tabs that allow you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Display cable diagnostics information for all ports.</li> <li>■ Perform cable diagnostics for selectd ports.</li> </ul>
Help	Displays 3Com contact information and describes how to use the online help system.
Log Out	Allows you to securely log off the Web interface.

## Buttons

Depending on the screen that is currently displayed, the following buttons may appear:

- *Apply* – Click to save and apply any changes that you have made
- *Cancel* – Click to discard any unsaved changes

## Port Status

There is an image of the Switch's front panel in the Device View page, which indicates ports that are currently in use.

To configure a port, click the port on the image for the following configuration options:

- View detailed port information
- Configure the port settings
- View port statistics

## Accessing the Switch using the 3Com Switch Detect Application

The 3Com Switch Detect application works by automatically locating your Switch, establishing what IP address it is using and then launching your default web browser to connect directly to it.



*The application will only locate your Switch if it is on the same subnet as the PC on which the application is running. It will not be able to locate your Switch if there is a router between your PC and the Switch. The application is only designed to run on Windows operating systems.*

## Running the 3Com Switch Detect Application

The 3Com Baseline Switch CD-ROM contains, in addition to the documentation, the 3Com Switch Detect Application.

To use 3Com Switch Detect to connect to the Web interface of your Switch, do the following:

- 1 On the computer that is connected to your Switch (either directly or on a network that is on the same subnet), insert the CD-ROM into its CD drive.

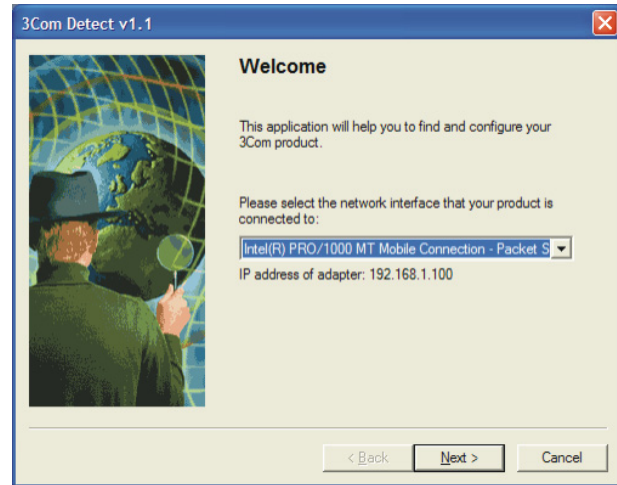
If you have autorun enabled, you will be presented with a menu showing the contents of the CD-ROM. Select the 3Com Detect Application link to install the utility. Follow the onscreen instructions.

If the auto-run program does not start, you should browse to your CD-ROM drive, go to the `/switch detect` directory and double click on `setup.exe`. Follow the prompts that will take you through the installation process.

Once installed, the 3Com Switch Detect Application can be accessed from the Windows Start/Programs list.

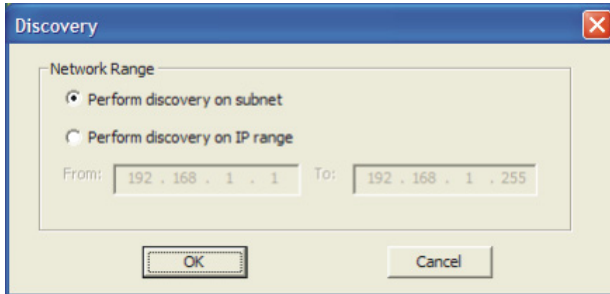
When the 3Com Detect application starts, you will be see the Welcome Screen (Figure 12).

**Figure 12** The 3Com Switch Detect Welcome Screen

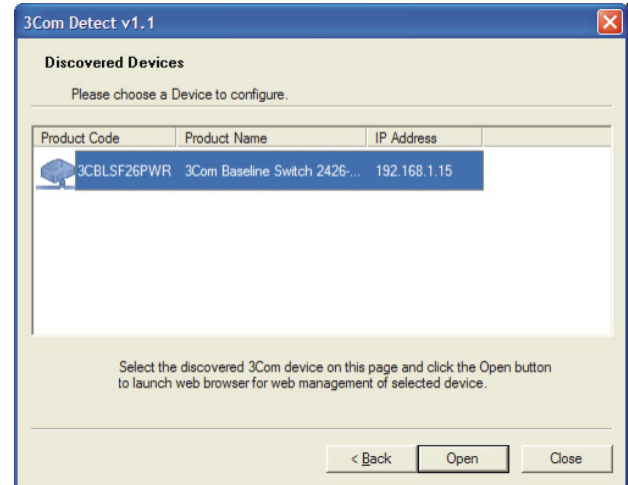


- 2 If the computer has multiple network adapters, select the adapter that connects the computer to the network or Switch, click "Next."
- 3 You will then be offered the choice of searching the same subnet that your PC is on for a connected switch (default), or specifying an IP range. Note that specifying a large range may take some time for the search to complete.



**Figure 13** The 3Com Switch Detect Search Screen

- 4 Once your Switch or Switches have been located, you will be presented with a list (Figure 14). Select the switch to which you want to connect and click on "Open." Your default Web browser will open and connect to the home page of the Switch.

**Figure 14** The 3Com Switch Detect Discovered Devices



# 4 CONFIGURING THE SWITCH FROM THE WEB INTERFACE

This chapter provides information on how to configure the Switch's advanced features. Topics include:

- [Device Summary Information](#)
- [Administration Settings](#)
- [Configuring VLANs](#)
- [Configuring Port Settings](#)
- [Security](#)
- [Monitoring](#)

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## Configuration Overview

The Switch is shipped ready for use. If you only want the Switch to function as a basic Layer 2 switch, you do not need to access the Web interface and configure the Switch.

You only need to access the Web interface if you want to:

- Set the administration password to the Web interface
- Assign an IP address to the Switch
- Configure the Switch's advanced features

- Upgrade the firmware

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## Device Summary Information

The Device Summary screen, which automatically loads after you log on to the Web interface, provides a snapshot of the Switch's basic settings and versions of current components.

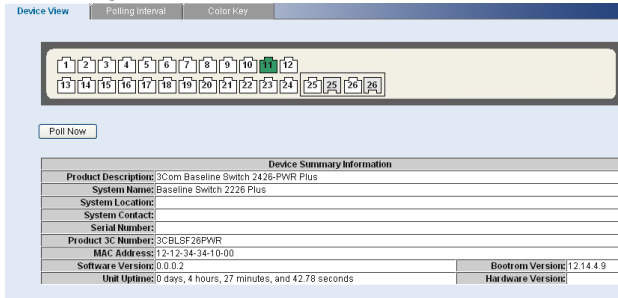
Click *Device Summary* on the menu. A screen appears with three tabs that include:

- Device View
- Polling Interval
- Color Key

## Device View

Contains fields that display the system, switch, and management information to identify the Switch. The fields include Product Description, System Location, System Contact, Serial Number, Product 3C Number, MAC Address, Software Version, Unit Uptime, Bootroom Version, and Hardware Version.

**Figure 15** Device View

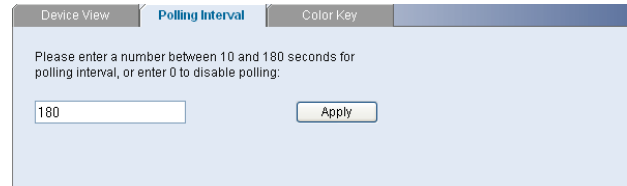


If you request for technical assistance from 3Com Support, you may be asked to print out the information on this screen.

## Polling Interval

Enter the interval in seconds you would like the Switch to refresh. (Range: 10 to 180 seconds; 0 to disable polling).

**Figure 16** Polling Interval

















To set the polling interval:

- 1 Click the *Device Summary* menu, then click *Polling Interval* tab.
- 2 Enter a number between 10 to 180 seconds for the polling interval. Enter a 0 to disable polling.

## Color Key

Description of the color coding.

**Figure 17** Color Key

Ports		Meaning
RJ45	SFP	
		White: Unconnected. No link detected.
		Yellow: Lower speed on 10/100/1000M capable port.
		Green: Maximum speed 10/100/1000M RJ45 or RJ45 SFP. Link detected.
		Light Blue: LX2X SFP. Link detected.
		Light Gray: Port has been set to inactive by User or Protocol.
		Dark Blue: Port has been selected by user.
		Red: Port or Module has failed POST or module is not recognized.

Description of port number:

- **Underline:** Aggregation number.

## Administration Settings

The Administration menu includes eight administration items:

- IP Setup
- Backup & Restore
- Firmware Upgrade
- Reset
- System Access

- System Name
- System Time
- SNMP

## Modifying the IP Address Settings

To enable devices on the network to communicate with the Switch, you need to assign an IP address to it — either by DHCP or by assigning a static IP address.

To enable devices on the network to communicate with the Switch, the Switch will either obtain an IP address from a DHCP server (default operation), or if this is not successful, will allocate itself an IP address. You can use the console interface or the 3Com Switch Detect application (with certain limitations) to see what IP address the Switch will use.

## Automatic IP Configuration

When you power on the Switch for the first time, it will, for a period of approximately 2 minutes, automatically request an IP address from a DHCP server. This is referred to as *auto* mode. If at the end of this period there has been no response from the DHCP server (if one is present in the network), it will allocate itself an Auto IP address.

The Switch will use the default IP address 169.254.x.y, where x and y are the last two bytes of its MAC address.



To determine the exact IP address that the Switch assigns to itself during auto IP configuration, refer to the label on the top cover of the Switch. This label contains the MAC address and default IP address of the Switch.

For example, if the MAC address is 08004E000102, the IP address would be 169.254.1.2. The Switch also assigns the subnet mask 255.255.0.0 (default class B mask) to itself.



3Com recommends assigning an IP address to the Switch (either by using DHCP or a static IP address) to ensure successful communication between the Switch and other network devices.

## IP Setup

Use these settings to change the IP addressing mode and the IP address of the Switch.

By default, the IP address configuration method will be DHCP. In this mode the Switch will obtain an IP address from a DHCP server. The IP address, subnet mask and default gateway details that have been allocated to the Switch can be seen, but they cannot be altered (greyed out).

To assign a manual IP address, select the *manual* button and enter your specific details then click on *Apply*.



If you change the IP address of the Switch it will be necessary to use this new address in the web browser in order to access the Switch at its new IP address.

**Figure 18** IP Setup Screen

The screenshot shows the 'IP Setup' configuration window. At the top, there are two radio buttons: 'Manual' (selected) and 'DHCP'. To the right of these buttons, text indicates that the 'Manual' option means 'User enters IP configuration' and the 'DHCP' option means 'IP configuration obtained by DHCP Server'. Below this, there are three input fields: 'IP Address' with the value '192.168.1.1', 'Subnet Mask' with the value '255.255.255.0', and 'Default Gateway' with the value '192.168.1.254'. At the bottom right of the window, there are two buttons: 'Apply' and 'Cancel'.

## Backup Configuration

To save the Switch configuration settings:

- 1 Click *Administration*, then *Backup & Restore* on the menu. The Backup Configuration screen appears.

**Figure 19** Backup Configuration

The screenshot shows the 'Backup Configuration' dialog box. It has a title bar with 'Backup Configuration' and 'Restore Configuration'. The main text reads: 'This operation backs up the saved configuration file of this device via HTTP. Caution: If you have changed the configuration since the last save, you are recommended to save the configuration file before backing it up.' Below this, it shows 'Source File : startup2.cfg'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'.

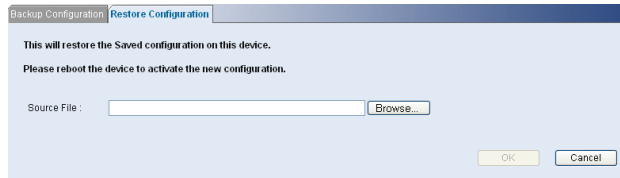
- 2 Click *OK*. You will be prompted to provide a location where the configuration file will be saved.

## Restore Configuration

To reload configuration settings that you previously saved to a file:

- 1 Click *Administration, Backup & Restore*, then the *Restore Configuration* tab. The Restore Configuration screen appears.

**Figure 20** Restore Configuration



- 2 Click *Browse* to locate the backup file on your computer to restore the configuration settings.
- 3 Click *OK* to copy the configuration back to the Switch.

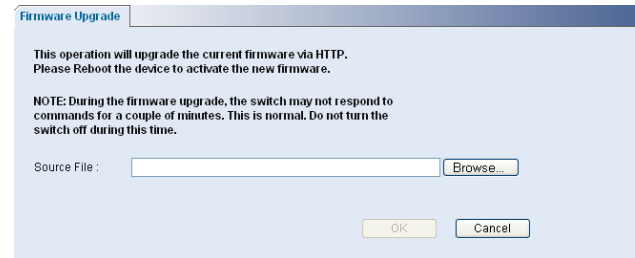
For security purposes, restoring the configuration does not change the password.

## Firmware Upgrade

The Upgrade facility allows you to install on the Switch any new releases of system firmware that 3Com may make available.

Newer versions of firmware can be downloaded via HTTP and copied to the Switch; the Switch will restart and apply the newer system firmware version.

**Figure 21** Upgrade Screen



- 1 Click *Administration*, then *Firmware Upgrade* on the menu. The Firmware Upgrade screen appears.
- 2 Once you have downloaded the firmware, use the *Browse* button to locate the file on your computer, and then click *OK*.



*You may need to change the file type in the dialog box displayed by your Web browser to \*.\* to be able to see the file.*

The file will be copied to the Switch, and once this has completed, the Switch will restart. Although the upgrade process has been designed to preserve your configuration settings, 3Com recommends that you make a backup of the configuration beforehand, in case the upgrade process fails for any reason (for example, the connection between the computer and the Switch is lost while the new firmware is being copied to the Switch).

A progress screen displays while the upgrade is taking place.

The upgrade procedure can take a few minutes, and is complete when the progress bar has finished running and the Power LED has stopped flashing and is permanently green.



**CAUTION:** Do not interrupt power to the Switch during the upgrade procedure. If you do, the firmware may be corrupted and the Switch may not start up properly afterwards.

## Reset

To reset the Switch to factory default settings, click *Administration*, then *Reset* on the menu.

## Reboot

Clicking on *Reboot* will reset the Switch (the equivalent of power cycling it). No configuration settings will be lost.

## Initialize, keep IP setting

Clicking on *Initialize, keep IP setting* will return the Switch to the factory default configuration (i.e. any configuration parameters you may have set up will be deleted). However, the IP address of the switch will not be altered, meaning you will not have to go through the process of establishing what IP address the Switch has taken. The Switch shall be reset.

## Initialize, discard IP setting

Clicking on *Initialize, discard IP setting* will return the Switch to the factory default configuration, including the IP address mode which shall be returned to DHCP enabled. The Switch shall be reset.



*Selecting any of the 3 options above will result in the Switch resetting. During this period any users connected to the Switch will lose connectivity to the rest of the network.*

## System Access

Click *Administration*, then *System Access* on the menu. A screen appears with four system access tabs:

- Summary
- Setup
- Modify
- Remove

To prevent unauthorized users from accessing the Web interface and modifying the Switch's settings, the interface is password-protected.

The default admin account settings are:

- User name – **admin**
- Password – blank (no password)



To ensure that unauthorized users do not access the Web interface, 3Com recommends that you set an admin password when you first configure the Switch.



*Even if you do not intend to actively manage the Switch, 3Com recommends that you change the password to prevent unauthorized access to your network.*



*The password can be up to 8 characters long and is case-sensitive.*

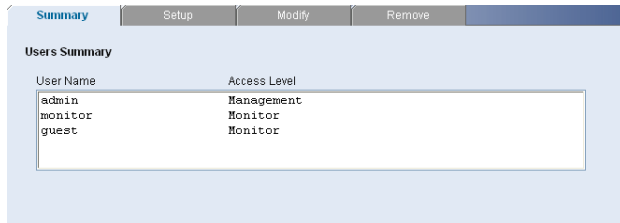


*If you forget the administration password after you set it, refer to ["Resetting to Factory Defaults"](#) on [page 75](#) for information on how to regain access to the Web interface.*

## User Summary

Displays the list of user names and their access level.

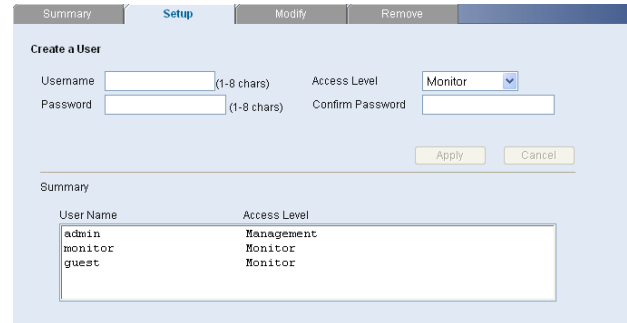
**Figure 22** User Summary Screen



## Create User

This page allows you to create a user and define the access level and password for that user.

**Figure 23** Create User Screen



## Modify User

This page allows you to modify a user's access level and password.

**Figure 24** Modify User Screen

User Name	Access Level
admin	Management
monitor	Monitor
guest	Monitor

Username  Access Level

Password Modify

Password  Confirm Password

(8 Character Maximum)

## Remove User

To remove a user from the Switch, click on the user name, then click *Remove*.

**Figure 25** Remove User Screen

User Name	Access Level
admin	Management
monitor	Monitor
guest	Monitor

Select user(s) from the list above and click Remove to remove the User(s).

## System Name

Use these user definable fields to help identify your switch.

**Figure 26** System Name Screen

## System Time

Click *Administration*, then *System Time* on the menu. This screen allows you to set the system time. You can set the Year, Month, Day, Hours, Minutes, and Seconds.

**Figure 27** System Time Screen

## SNMP

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is a communication protocol designed specifically for managing devices on a network. Equipment commonly managed with SNMP includes switches, routers and host computers. SNMP is typically used to configure these devices for proper operation in a network environment, as well as to monitor them to evaluate performance or detect potential problems.

Click *Administration*, then *SNMP* on the menu. A screen appears with three tabs:

- Setup
- SNMP Add
- SNMP Remove

### Setup

Enable or disable the SNMP Agent Status.

**Figure 28** SNMP Setup Screen

## SNMP Add

This page allows you to create community strings for management access.

**Figure 29** SNMP Add Screen

## SNMP Remove

This page allows you to remove community strings.

**Figure 30** SNMP Remove Screen

## Configuring VLANs

A virtual LAN (VLAN) is a collection of network nodes that share the same collision domain, regardless of their physical location or connection point in the network. A VLAN serves as a logical workgroup with no physical barriers, and allows users to share information and resources as though located on the same LAN.

You can use the Switch to create VLANs to organize any group of ports into separate broadcast domains. VLANs confine broadcast traffic to the originating group and help eliminate broadcast storms in large networks. This also provides for a more secure and cleaner network environment.

You can create up to 256 VLANs, add specific ports to a chosen VLAN (so that the port can only communicate with other ports on the VLAN), or configure a port make it a member of multiple or even all VLANs.

Communication between different VLANs can only take place if they are all connected to a router or layer 3 switch.

The Device menu includes five (or six for 3CBLS26PWR only) items:

- VLAN
- Spanning Tree
- IGMP Snooping and Query
- Broadcast Storm
- QoS
- PoE

## VLAN

Click *Device*, then *VLAN* on the menu. A screen appears with seven tabs that include:

- Setup
- Modify VLAN
- Modify Port
- Rename
- Remove
- Port Detail
- VLAN Detail

## Setup

Use the Setup screen to create VLANs on the Switch. To propagate information about VLAN groups used on this Switch to external devices, you must specify a VLAN ID for each VLAN.

**Figure 31** Setup Screen

Setup

Modify VLAN | Modify Port | Rename | Remove | Port Detail | VLAN Detail

Create VLANs:  ID(s)

Example: 3, 5-10

ID	Name
1	DefaultVlan

Available options on the Setup screen include:

- VLAN ID – ID of configured VLAN (1-4094, no leading zeroes)

For examples on setting up VLANs, refer to [“Sample VLAN Configurations”](#).



**CAUTION:** At least one port must always be an untagged member of VLAN 1 (the management VLAN). If you choose to connect all ports to VLANs other than VLAN 1, you will no longer be able to access the Web

interface. If this happens, you will need to reset the Switch to factory settings.

By default, all ports belong to VLAN 1 as untagged members. However, they can belong to multiple VLANs as tagged members. Also, newly created VLANs will initially have no ports associated with them.

## Modify VLAN

Use the Modify VLAN screen to change the VLAN to which a port belongs, and configure the port to communicate with all other VLANs, or a selected VLAN.

**Figure 32** Modify VLAN Screen

Setup

Modify VLAN | Modify Port | Rename | Remove | Port Detail | VLAN Detail

Select VLAN to modify:

Select membership type:

Untagged  Tagged  Not A Member  Not available for selection

**NOTE:**

- You may set different membership types on multiple ports before applying.
- To remove a port in a Link-aggregation, please select all the ports in the group.

Untagged Member(s): Port1, Port2, Port3, Port4, Port5, Port6, Port7, Port8, Port9, Port10, Port11, Port12, Port13, Port14, Port15, Port16, Port17, Port18, Port19, Port20, Port21, Port22, Port23, Port24, Port25, Port26,

Tagged Member(s):

- 1 Enter a set of VLANs or select all VLANs to configure, then click *Select*.
- 2 From the drop down menu, select a VLAN to modify.
- 3 Select a membership use. Available options for each port include (only one option can be associated with a single port):
  - Tagged
  - Untagged
  - Not a Member
- 4 Select ports to associate with the membership, then click *Apply*.

## Modify Port

Use the Modify Port screen to modify the VLAN membership of a port.

**Figure 33** Modify Port Screen

- 1 Select a membership use. Available options for each port include (only one option can be associated with a single port):
  - Not a member
  - Tagged
  - Untagged
- 2 Select a port to associate with the membership.
- 3 Enter a VLAN to apply these changes to, then click *Apply*.

## Rename

Use the Rename screen to change the name of a VLAN.

**Figure 34** Rename Screen

- 1 Enter a set of VLANs or select all VLANs to add to the rename list, then click *Select*.
- 2 From the list of selected VLANs, choose a VLAN to rename. Enter a new VLAN name and click *Apply*.

## Remove

Use the Remove screen to remove a VLAN.

**Figure 35** Remove Screen

ID	Name
1	DefaultVlan

- 1 Enter a set of VLANs or select all VLANs to add to the remove list, then click *Select*.
- 2 From the list of selected VLANs choose a VLAN to remove, or click the *Select All* button to select all the VLANs. Click *Remove* to remove the VLAN.



*To delete a VLAN, all port members must first be removed from the VLAN.*

## Port Detail

Choose a port to display the tagged and untagged VLAN memberships it is associated with.

**Figure 36** Port Detail Screen

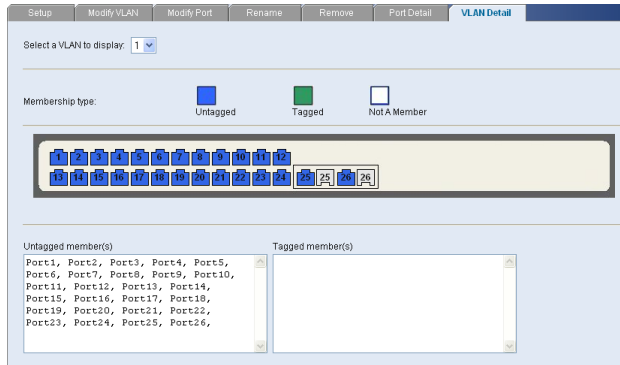


## VLAN Detail

Use this screen to display detailed VLAN information.

- 1 Enter a set of VLANs or select all VLANs to add to the details list, then click *Select*.
- 2 From the drop down menu, choose a VLAN to display the associated tagged and untagged member ports.

**Figure 37** VLAN Detail Screen



## Forwarding Tagged/Untagged Frames

Each port on the Switch is capable of passing tagged or untagged frames.

The following describes how the Switch will handle tagged and untagged frames.

- When a port receives a tagged frame with a VLAN ID and the port is a member (untagged or tagged) of that VLAN, the frame is accepted. Otherwise if the port is not a member of that VLAN, the frame is discarded.
- When a port receives an untagged frame and the port is an untagged member of a VLAN, the frame is accepted and assigned to that VLAN ID. Otherwise if the port is not an untagged member of any VLAN, the frame is discarded.

The Switch will only forward a frame to ports that are members (tagged or untagged) of the VLAN to which the frame is assigned. If the port is an untagged member, the egress frame will be stripped of the VLAN tag and forwarded as untagged. However, if the port is a tagged member, the egress frame is forwarded as tagged.

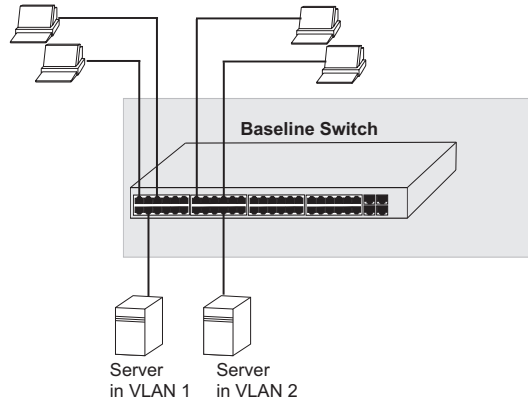
## Sample VLAN Configurations

To illustrate how you can segment network devices that are connected to the Switch, the following sample configurations are provided.

## Setting Up Two VLANs on the Same Switch

[Figure 38](#) illustrates how you can set up a simple VLAN on the Switch using desktop connections.

**Figure 38** Desktop VLAN Configuration  
Endstations in VLAN 1  
Endstations in VLAN 2



If you want to add ports 1, 3, and 26 to VLAN2 (as shown in [Figure 38](#)), so that the ports on the default VLAN1 and the ports on VLAN2 cannot communicate with each other, do the following:

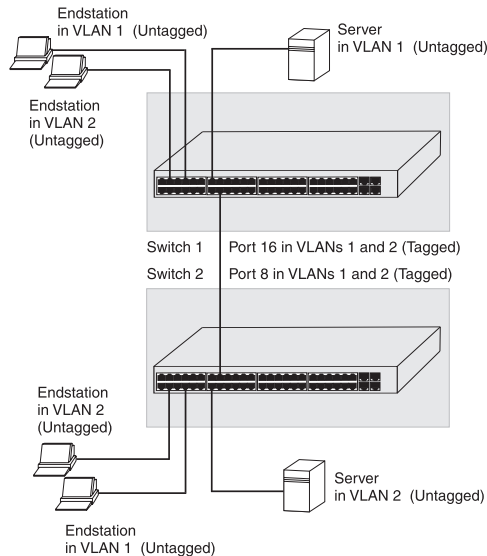
- 1 Create a new VLAN and set the VLAN ID to 2. Refer to [“Setup”](#) for instructions. VLAN1 is the default VLAN and already exists.
- 2 Set ports 1, 3, and 26 to associate with the *Untagged* membership in VLAN2.

- 3 Click *Apply*.

Ports 1, 3, and 26 now belong to VLAN2, and will not communicate with any other ports, unless you add other ports to the VLAN or change the port configuration.

## Setting Up VLAN Across Two Switches

This example explains how you can set up a VLAN across two Switches using *Tagged* ports. This enables ports that are members of the same VLAN (but are on different switches) to communicate, provided that a port on each Switch is set to *Tagged*, and that these ports are connected.

**Figure 39** Tagged VLAN Configuration

To set up the configuration shown in [Figure 39](#), do the following:

- 1 Create VLAN2 on both Switch 1 and Switch 2. You need not create VLAN1 since it exists by default.

- 2 On Switch 1, set the ports that you want to be part of VLAN2 to *Untagged*. Set one port (for example, port 16) to *Tagged*.  
Click *Apply*.
- 3 On Switch 2, set the ports that you want to be part of VLAN 2 to *Untagged*. Set one port (for example, port 8) to *Tagged*.  
Click *Apply*.
- 4 Connect the *Tagged* port on Switch 1 (in this example, port 16) to the *Tagged* port on Switch 2 (in this example, port 8).

Those ports on Switch 1 that are members of VLAN2 can now communicate with those ports on Switch 2 that are members of VLAN2.

## Spanning Tree

Spanning tree is a bridge-based system for providing fault tolerance on networks and can be used to detect and disable network loops. The spanning tree ensures that the optimal path is maintained between spanning tree-compliant networked devices by:

- Disabling redundant paths when the main paths are operational.
- Enabling redundant paths if the main paths fail.

Spanning tree uses a distributed algorithm to select a bridging device that serves as the root of the spanning

tree network. The bridging device, known as the Root Bridge, generates bridge protocol data units (BPDUs) on all ports at a regular interval, known as the Hello Time. All other spanning tree-compliant devices on the network have a designated Root Port. This is the Port nearest the Root Bridge and it is used for receiving the BPDUs initiated by the Root Bridge. If a bridge does not get a Hello BPDUs after a predetermined interval, the bridge assumes that the link to the Root Bridge is down. This bridge will then initiate negotiations with other bridges to reconfigure the network to reestablish a valid network topology.

After all the bridges on the network have determined the configuration of their ports, each bridge only forwards traffic between the Root Port and the ports that are the Designated Bridge Ports for each network segment. All other ports are blocked, which means that they are prevented from forwarding traffic.

Three tabs are available on the Spanning Tree page:

- Summary
- Setup
- Port Setup

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display Status, Edged Port, Link Type, Path Cost, State, or Port Priority for all the ports.

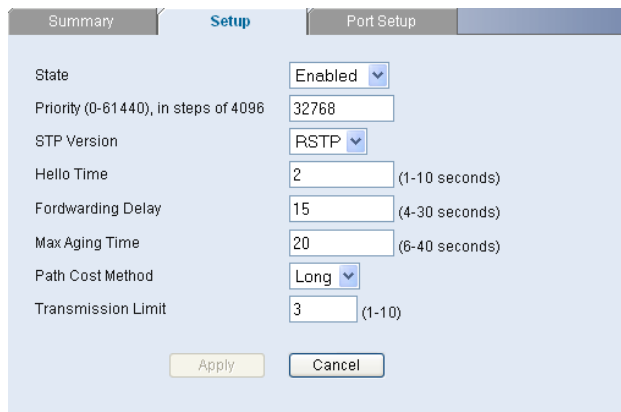
**Figure 40** Spanning Tree Summary Screen

Port	Status	Path Cost	Edge Port	State	Link Type	Port Priority
1	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
2	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
3	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
4	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
5	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
6	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
7	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
8	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
9	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
10	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
11	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Forwarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
12	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
13	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
14	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
15	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
16	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
17	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
18	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
19	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
20	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
21	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
22	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
23	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
24	Enabled	100000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
25	Enabled	10000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128
26	Enabled	10000	Enabled	Discarding	Auto[Point-to-Point]	128

## Setup

To use spanning tree, use the *Setup* tab and choose *Enabled* from the *State* drop down menu, fill in the setup parameters, and click *Apply*.

**Figure 41** Spanning Tree Setup Screen



The image shows a web-based configuration interface for Spanning Tree. It has four tabs: Summary, Setup (selected), Port Setup, and an unlabeled tab. The Setup tab contains the following fields:

State	Enabled
Priority (0-61440), in steps of 4096	32768
STP Version	RSTP
Hello Time	2 (1-10 seconds)
Forwarding Delay	15 (4-30 seconds)
Max Aging Time	20 (6-40 seconds)
Path Cost Method	Long
Transmission Limit	3 (1-10)

At the bottom of the Setup tab are two buttons: Apply and Cancel.

## Port Setup

This administrative tool supports the configuration of the Switch to forward, or block and discard 802.1D spanning tree BPDU packets.

Spanning tree is a bridge-based system for providing fault tolerance on networks and can be used to detect and disable network loops. The spanning tree ensures

that the optimal path is maintained between spanning tree-compliant networked devices by:

- Disabling redundant paths when the main paths are operational.
- Enabling redundant paths if the main paths fail.

Spanning tree uses a distributed algorithm to select a bridging device that serves as the root of the spanning tree network. The bridging device, known as the Root Bridge, generates BPDUs (Bridge Protocol Data Units) on all ports at a regular interval, known as the Hello Time. All other spanning tree-compliant devices on the network have a designated Root Port. This is the Port nearest the Root Bridge and it is used for receiving the BPDUs initiated by the Root Bridge. If a bridge does not get a Hello BPDU after a predetermined interval, the bridge assumes that the link to the Root Bridge is down. This bridge will then initiate negotiations with other bridges to reconfigure the network to re-establish a valid network topology.

After all the bridges on the network have determined the configuration of their ports, each bridge only forwards traffic between the Root Port and the ports that are the Designated Bridge Ports for each network segment. All other ports are blocked, which means that they are prevented from forwarding traffic.

Use the *Port Setup* tab to configure the spanning tree settings for each port. The following options are available:

- **Status** – Enables and disables spanning tree for the port.
- **Edged Port** – Enables and disables edged port for the port.
- **Link Type** – Choose between Point-to-Point, Shared, or Auto for the link type.
- **Path Cost** – The path cost is used to determine the best path between devices. The path cost method is used to determine the range of values that can be assigned to each interface.
- **Port Priority** – Used in selecting the root device, root port, and designated port. The device with the highest priority becomes the STA root device. However, if all devices have the same priority, the device with the lowest MAC address will then become the root device.

If you modify any of these settings, click *Apply* to save your changes.

**Figure 42** Spanning Tree Port Setup Screen

## IGMP Snooping & Query

This switch uses IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol) to query for any attached hosts that want to receive a specific multicast service. It identifies the ports containing hosts requesting to join the service and sends data out to those ports only. It then propagates the service request up to any neighboring multicast switch/router to ensure that it will continue to receive the multicast service. This procedure is called multicast filtering.

The purpose of IP multicast filtering is to optimize a switched network's performance, so multicast packets will only be forwarded to those ports containing multicast group hosts or multicast routers/switches, instead of flooding traffic to all ports in the subnet (VLAN).

Choose *Enabled* or *Disabled* from the *IGMP Snooping Mode* drop down menu.

**Figure 43** IGMP Snooping & Query Setup Screen

## Broadcast Storm

A broadcast storm occurs when an incorrect packet is sent out on a network, causing most hosts to respond all at once and typically with wrong answers that start the process over again. Broadcast storms use substantial network bandwidth and may cause network time-outs.

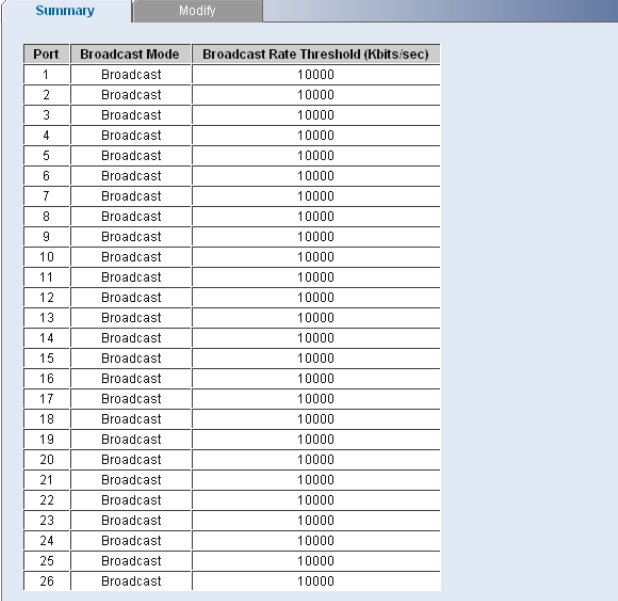
Two tabs are available on the Broadcast Storm page:

- Summary
- Modify

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display the broadcast mode and rate for all the ports.

**Figure 44** Broadcast Storm Summary Screen



Port	Broadcast Mode	Broadcast Rate Threshold (Kbits/sec)
1	Broadcast	10000
2	Broadcast	10000
3	Broadcast	10000
4	Broadcast	10000
5	Broadcast	10000
6	Broadcast	10000
7	Broadcast	10000
8	Broadcast	10000
9	Broadcast	10000
10	Broadcast	10000
11	Broadcast	10000
12	Broadcast	10000
13	Broadcast	10000
14	Broadcast	10000
15	Broadcast	10000
16	Broadcast	10000
17	Broadcast	10000
18	Broadcast	10000
19	Broadcast	10000
20	Broadcast	10000
21	Broadcast	10000
22	Broadcast	10000
23	Broadcast	10000
24	Broadcast	10000
25	Broadcast	10000
26	Broadcast	10000

## Modify

Use the *Modify* tab to set the Switch's broadcast storm control and threshold limits.

The settings include:

- Status – Enables and disables broadcast storm control.
- Packet Rate Threshold – Sets the broadcast storm threshold (64 to 1000000 kilobits per second).

**Figure 45** Broadcast Storm Modify Screen

## QoS VoIP Traffic Settings

Using the Web interface, you can configure the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) settings.

The QoS VoIP Traffic Setting menu includes six tabs:

- Summary

- Setup
- Port Setup
- Port Detail
- OUI Summary
- OUI Modify

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display the Voice VLAN settings for all the ports.

**Figure 46** QoS VoIP Summary Screen

Port	Mode	Security	Voice Client Detected
1	None	Disabled	No
2	None	Disabled	No
3	None	Disabled	No
4	None	Disabled	No
5	None	Disabled	No
6	None	Disabled	No
7	None	Disabled	No
8	None	Disabled	No
9	None	Disabled	No
10	None	Disabled	No
11	None	Disabled	No
12	None	Disabled	No
13	None	Disabled	No
14	None	Disabled	No
15	None	Disabled	No
16	None	Disabled	No
17	None	Disabled	No
18	None	Disabled	No
19	None	Disabled	No
20	None	Disabled	No
21	None	Disabled	No
22	None	Disabled	No
23	None	Disabled	No
24	None	Disabled	No
25	None	Disabled	No
26	None	Disabled	No



## Setup

Use the *Setup* tab to configure the global settings for the Voice VLAN. The following options are available:

- Voice VLAN Status – Enable or disable Voice VLAN for the switch.
- Voice VLAN ID – Input the Voice VLAN ID for the switch.
- Voice VLAN Aging Time – Input the aging time.



*You must first create a VLAN from the VLAN Setup page before you can assign and configure a Voice VLAN.*

**Figure 47** QoS VoIP Setup Screen

## Port Setup

Use the *Port Setup* tab to configure the port or trunk setting for Voice VLAN. The following options are available:

- Voice VLAN Port Mode– Select between None, Manual, or Auto.

- Voice VLAN Port Security – Enable or disable the security.

To configure the Voice VLAN settings for ports:

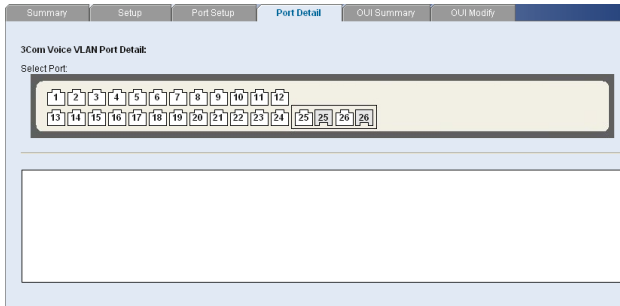
- 1 Select Voice VLAN Mode, and Security settings.
- 2 Select the ports you would like to apply these settings to.
- 3 Click *Apply*.

**Figure 48** QoS Port Setup Screen

## Port Detail

Use the *Port Detail* tab to display the Voice VLAN information for selected ports.

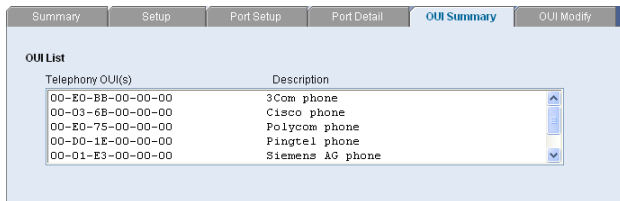
**Figure 49** QoS Port Detail Screen



## OUI Summary

Use the *OUI Summary* tab to display the list of Organizational Unique Identifier for a company and their description.

**Figure 50** QoS OUI Summary Screen



## OUI Add

Use the *OUI Modify* tab to add to the list of Organizational Unique Identifier. The following options are available:

- Telephony OUI – Input a new company identifier to add to the list.
- Description – Input a description for the new company identifier.

To add to the OUI list:

- 1 Enter a Telephony OUI and description.
- 2 Click *Add*.

To remove an OUI from the list:

- 1 Select a Telephony OUI from the list.
- 2 Click *Remove*.

Figure 51 QoS OUI Modify Screen

Specify a telephony OUI and click the Add button to add a telephone to the list.

Telephony OUI  (00-xx-xx-xx-xx-xx)

Description

Telephony OUI(s)	Description
00-E0-BB-00-00-00	3Com phone
00-03-6B-00-00-00	Cisco phone
00-E0-75-00-00-00	Polycom phone
00-D0-1E-00-00-00	Pingtel phone
00-01-E3-00-00-00	Siemens & G phone

## PoE (3CBLSF26-PWR only)

Click *Device*, then *PoE* on the menu. A screen appears with two tabs that include:

- Summary
- Setup

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display the device and port PoE settings.

Figure 52 PoE Summary Screen

**Device Power Display:**

State	Power Max (watts)	Power Used (watts)	Power Free (watts)
on	180.0	0.0	180.0

**Select Port:**

Grid of ports 1-24. Legend: Selected (blue), Power Supplying (green), Power Enabled (white), Power Disabled (grey), Not Support (dark grey), Power Fault (red).

**Port Power Display:**

Port	State	Mode	Power Max (watts)	Power Used (watts)	Voltage (V)	Current (mA)
[Empty table]						

## Setup

Use the *Setup* tab to configure the device and port PoE settings. The settings include:

- PoE State – Enables and disables PoE for the switch.
- Auto – Allows the switch to manage the PoE budget for selected ports.
- Guarantee – Manually input the maximum power you would like a connected device to receive. Note that this does not mean that the port has priority over other ports. (Range: 3 - 29.6 Watts)



Note that the Switch operates a port based PoE priority scheme. Lower numbered ports have priority over higher numbered ones. If you need to ensure that critical devices get power where you are likely to exceed the total power budget available, you should connect these to low port numbers and ensure these ports have their Guarantee power set.

**Figure 53** PoE Setup Screen

## Configuring Port Settings

Using the Web interface, you can configure the speed/duplex, flow control, and link aggregation settings of each port. You can also view the current connection status of each port or shut down or disable ports.

The Port menu includes three items:

- Administration
- Link Aggregation
- Statistics

## Administration

Three tabs are available on the Port Administration page:

- Summary
- Detail
- Setup

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display Port State, Flow Control, Speed, Default VLAN ID, and Duplex for all the ports.

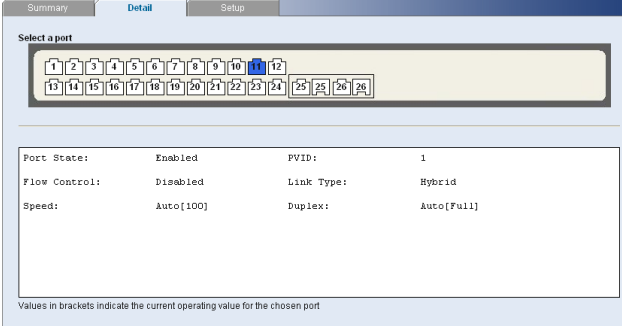
Figure 54 Port Administration Summary Screen

Summary					
Port	State	Flow Control	Speed	Duplex	PVID
1	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
2	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
3	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
4	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
5	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
6	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
7	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
8	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
9	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
10	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
11	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
12	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
13	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
14	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
15	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
16	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
17	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
18	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
19	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
20	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
21	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
22	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
23	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
24	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
25	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1
26	Enabled	Disabled	Auto	Auto	1

## Detail

Use the *Detail* tab to display detailed port setting information for a port.

Figure 55 Port Administration Detail Screen



Select a port

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

Port State:	Enabled	PVID:	1
Flow Control:	Disabled	Link Type:	Hybrid
Speed:	Auto[100]	Duplex:	Auto[Full]

Values in brackets indicate the current operating value for the chosen port.

## Setup

Use the *Setup* tab to configure the port settings. The following options are available:

- Port State – Enables and disables the port.
- Flow Control – Enables and disables flow control on the port. When flow control is enabled for the port, the Switch regulates the packet flow so that a sending device does not transmit more packets than a receiving device can process. If flow control is

disabled, packets may be dropped under certain periods of high traffic.

Flow control is disabled by default.

- **Speed** – Sets the speed mode of the port. Available options include auto, 10, 100, and 1000. For 1000 Mbps connections, see [“Speed/Duplex for 1000 Mbps Connections”](#) below.

Auto (or autonegotiation) sets the optimum combination of speed and duplex that can be supported by both ends of the link.

- **Duplex** – Sets the duplex mode of the port. Available options include Auto, Half, and Full.



**CAUTION:** *It is advised not to enable Flow Control on ports that will be connected to telephony and other time sensitive traffic as it may hamper the QoS performance.*

If you modify any of these settings, click *Apply* to save your changes.

**Figure 56** Port Administration Setup Screen

### Speed/Duplex for 1000 Mbps Connections

You cannot preset the speed to 1000 Mbps. To run a port at 1000 Mbps, you must enable autonegotiation for the port. When autonegotiation is enabled, the Switch will automatically connect at 1000 Mbps, providing the connected device also supports this speed.

1000 Mbps connections are always full-duplex. Half-duplex connections are only available for 10 Mbps and 100 Mbps settings.



**CAUTION:** Before manually setting a port to full-duplex, verify that the device connected to the port is also manually set to the same speed and duplex setting. If connecting link partners are left to autonegotiate for a link manually set on this switch to full-duplex, they will always negotiate to half-duplex, resulting in a duplex mismatch. This can result in a significant reduction in network performance. If you are unsure of how to configure the speed/duplex setting, simply enable autonegotiation for the port.



You cannot modify the speed/duplex settings of ports that are members of a trunk or aggregated link.



Supported SFP transceivers only operate at 1000 Mbps full-duplex. Inserting an SFP transceiver into a Gigabit port only disables the corresponding RJ-45 port when there is link on the SFP transceiver.



Disabling a port that is delivering power will not disable the power being delivered to a connected device.

## Link Aggregation

Link aggregation, also called “trunking”, refers to bonding multiple ports into a single group to effectively combine the bandwidth into a single connection or a “trunk”. If you are connecting the Switch to another

switch or to an Internet backbone, you can aggregate links on the Switch to increase throughput and prevent packet loopback between switches.

For link aggregation to work, the trunks must be configured on both ends (switches).

Four tabs are available on the Port Link Aggregation page:

- Summary
- Create
- Modify
- Remove

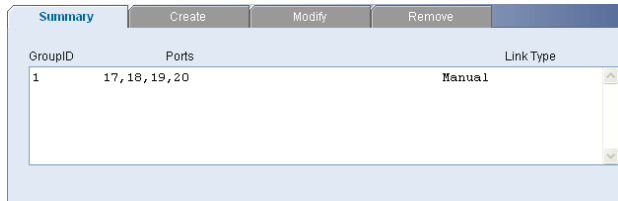
## Guidelines for Creating Trunks

- Any port on the Switch can be used for creating a trunk.
- The Switch supports a maximum of four trunks.
- Each trunk may contain up to eight members.
- A port may only be a member of one trunk at any one time.
- All ports in a trunk must be configured in an identical manner, including communication mode (that is, speed, duplex mode and flow control).
- Both 10/100 and Gigabit ports cannot be combined as members in a single trunk.

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display a list of configured link aggregation Group IDs and the associated member Ports.

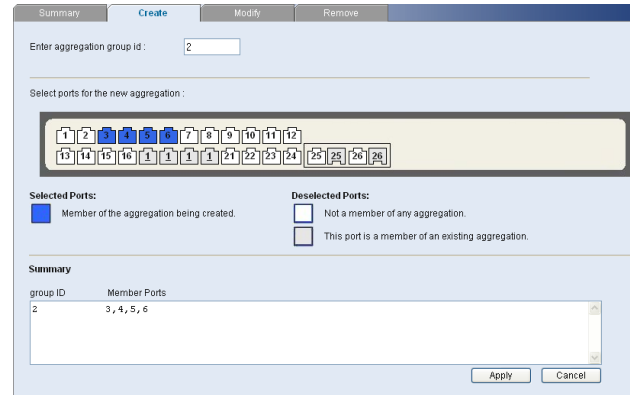
**Figure 57** Link Aggregation Summary Screen



## Create

Use the *Create* tab to add ports to a group membership.

**Figure 58** Link Aggregation Create Screen



To create a new link aggregation group:

- 1 Enter a link aggregation group ID in the text box.
- 2 Select the ports to add to the group.
- 3 Click *Apply*.



## Modify

Use the *Modify* tab to reassign member ports of a link aggregation group.

**Figure 59** Link Aggregation Modify Screen

Select Aggregation to Modify: 1

Select ports to add to aggregation or De-select ports to remove from aggregation:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**Selected Ports:**  
 Member of the modified aggregation.

**De-selected Ports:**  
 Not a member of any aggregation.  
 This port is a member of an existing aggregation.

**Summary**

group ID	Member Ports
1	17, 18, 19, 20

To modify a link aggregation group:

- 1 Select the aggregation group to modify, then click *Select*.
- 2 Select the ports to add to, and/or remove from, the group.
- 3 Click *Apply*.

## Remove

Use the *Remove* tab to delete a link aggregation group.

**Figure 60** Link Aggregation Remove Screen

Select Aggregation(s) to Remove:

Group ID	Member Ports
1	17, 18, 19, 20

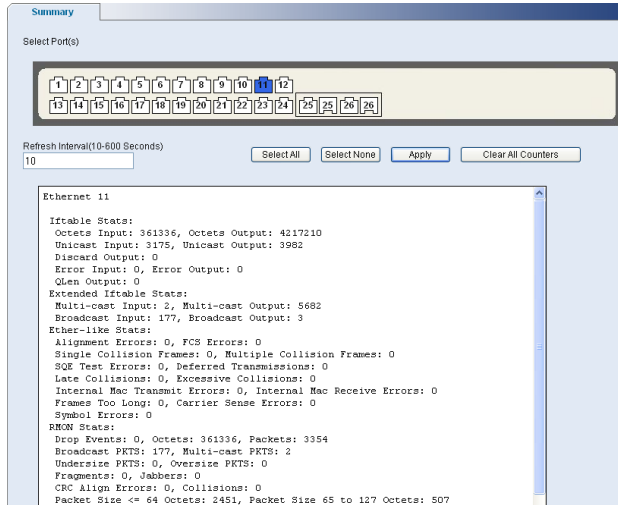
To remove a link aggregation group:

- 1 From the link aggregation group list, select the aggregated group to remove.
- 2 Click *Remove*.

## Statistics

The Switch allows you to display detailed statistics of one, several, or all ports.

**Figure 61** Port Statistics Screen



To display statistics for a port:

- 1 Access the Web interface. Click *Port*, then *Statistics* on the menu. The Port Statistics Screen appears.
- 2 Select one port, multiple ports, or choose *Select All*, and enter a refresh interval.
- 3 Click *Apply*.

Click *Select None* to remove all ports statistics.

Click *Clear All Counters* to set all port statistic counters back to zero.

## Security

Using the Web interface, you can configure the RADIUS Client and 802.1X settings.

The Security menu includes two items:

- RADIUS Client
- 802.1X Settings

## RADIUS Client

Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service (RADIUS) is a logon authentication protocol that uses software running on a central server to control access to RADIUS-aware devices on the network. An authentication server contains a database of multiple user name/password pairs with associated privilege levels for each user or group that require management access to a switch.

## Configure

The following parameters are available:

- Max Retries – Sets the number of retries of sending authentication requests.
- Timeout – Sets the interval between sending authentication requests.
- IP Address – The IP address of the RADIUS server.
- UDP port – The RADIUS server UDP port used for authentication messages.
- Key – Sets the RADIUS encryption key.



*A primary RADIUS server IP address must be specified for the Switch to implement IEEE 802.1X security. A secondary RADIUS server may also be specified as a backup should the primary server fail or become inaccessible.*

After you have filled in the parameters, click *Apply* to save your changes.

**Figure 62** RADIUS Client Configure Screen

**Configure**

**Radius configuration parameters:**

Max Retries:  (default=2 secs (1~30))      Timeout:  (default=5 secs (1~65535))

**Primary Authentication**

IP Address:

UDP port:  (default=1812)

**Secondary Authentication**

IP Address:

UDP port:  (default=1812)

Key:  (0-48)

Verify Key:  (0-48)

## 802.1X Settings

The IEEE 802.1X standard defines a port-based access control procedure that prevents unauthorized access to a network by requiring users to first submit credentials for authentication.

The 802.1X settings menu includes two tabs:

- Summary
- Setup

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display the 802.1X authentication settings for all the ports.

**Figure 63** 802.1X Summary Screen

Summary									
Setup									
Port	Current Port Control	Periodic Reauthentication	Reauthentication Period	Authenticator State	Authenticator Operation Mode	Authenticator Maximum Request	Authenticator Max Count	Authenticator Quiet / Period	Authenticator Transmit Period
1	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
2	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
3	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
4	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
5	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
6	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
7	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
8	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
9	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
10	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
11	Authorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
12	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
13	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
14	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
15	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
16	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
17	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
18	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
19	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
20	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
21	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
22	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
23	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
24	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
25	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30
26	Unauthorized	Disabled	3600	Force-Authorized	Single-Host	2	5	60	30

## Setup

Use the *Setup* tab to configure the 802.1X authentication settings. The following fields are available:

- System Authentication – Sets the global setting for 802.1X. (Default: Disabled)

- Operation Mode – Allows single or multiple hosts (clients) to connect to an 802.1X-authorized port. (Options: Single-Host, Multi-Host; Default: Single-Host)
  - Single-Host: Only one host may authenticate and pass traffic on a port.
  - Multi-Host: If at least one host authenticates on the port, the port is "unlocked" and other, non authenticated hosts can send and receive data.
- Mode – Sets the authentication mode to one of the following options:
  - Auto – Requires a dot1x-aware client to be authorized by the authentication server. Clients that are not dot1x-aware will be denied access.
  - Force-Authorized – Forces the port to grant access to all clients, either dot1x-aware or otherwise.
  - Force-Unauthorized – Forces the port to deny access to all clients, either dot1x-aware or otherwise.
- Maximum Request – Sets the maximum number of times the switch port will retransmit an EAP request packet to the client before it times out the authentication session. (Range: 1-10; Default 2)
- Mode Reauthentication – Sets the client to be re-authenticated after the interval specified by the Re-authentication Period. Re-authentication can be

used to detect if a new device is plugged into a switch port. (Default: Disabled)

- Max Count – The maximum number of hosts that can connect to a port when the Multi-Host operation mode is selected. (Range: 1-1024; Default: 5)
- Reauthentication Period – Sets the time period after which a connected client must be re-authenticated. (Range: 1-65535 seconds; Default: 3600 seconds)
- Quiet Period – Sets the time that a switch port waits after the Max Request Count has been exceeded before attempting to acquire a new client. (Range: 1-65535 seconds; Default: 60 seconds)
- Transmit Period – Sets the time period during an authentication session that the switch waits before re-transmitting an EAP packet. (Range: 1-65535; Default: 30 seconds)

After you have filled in the parameters, click *Apply* to save your changes.

**Figure 64** 802.1X Setup Screen

## Monitoring

Using the Web interface, you can display address table information, set up port mirroring, and perform cable diagnostics.

The Monitoring menu includes three items:

- Address Table
- Port Mirroring
- Cable Diagnostics

### Address Table

The Switch's address table contains the MAC addresses learned by monitoring the source address for traffic

entering the Switch. You can display the address table to find specific MAC addresses, or view MAC addresses associated with a specific port or VLAN.

The Address Table menu includes two tabs:

- Summary
- Port Summary

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display the address table information for all ports.



*Clicking on any entry in the address table will copy the entire contents of the address table into the clipboard for use with other applications.*

**Figure 65** Address Table Summary Screen

Port	MAC Address	VLAN	Status
11	00-30-F1-2F-BE-30	1	Dynamic

## Port Summary

Use the *Port Summary* tab to display the address table information for selected ports.

**Figure 66** Address Table Port Summary Screen

Port	MAC Address	VLAN	Status
11	00-30-F1-2F-BE-30	1	Dynamic

## Port Mirroring

The Switch allows you to monitor traffic going in and out of a particular port. For traffic monitoring to work, you need to attach a network analyzer to one port and use it to monitor the traffic of other ports on the Switch.

To set up traffic monitoring, you need to set a monitor port (the port that is connected to the analyzer), and a mirror port (the port that is to be monitored). Once the pair is defined, and you enable traffic monitoring, the

Switch takes all the traffic going in or out of the mirror port and copies it to the monitor port.



**CAUTION:** The monitor port should have a higher bandwidth than the mirror port. Otherwise, the Switch may not be able to copy all traffic effectively during periods of high traffic.

Two tabs are available on the Port Mirroring page:

- Setup
- Remove

## Setup

Use the *Setup* tab to create a port mirror session.

**Figure 67** Port Mirroring Setup Screen

Select port type

Monitor  Mirror  Mirror In  
 Mirror Out

Select port

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

Not available for selection

Monitor	Mirror In	Mirror Out
13	15	

Apply Cancel

To set up port mirroring:

- 1 Connect a network analyzer to a port.
- 2 Access the Web interface. Click *Monitoring*, then *Port Mirroring* on the menu. The Port Mirroring Setup Screen appears.
- 3 Click *Monitor* as the port type, then select the port number to which you connected the network analyzer. Traffic to or from the selected mirrored port will be forwarded to this port.
- 4 Click *Mirror* as the port type, then select the port number that you want to monitor. Traffic to or from this port will be forwarded to the monitor port.
- 5 Select *Mirror In* to monitor a port's incoming traffic, or *Mirror Out* to monitor a port's outgoing traffic.
- 6 Click *Apply*.

## Remove

Use the *Remove* tab to delete a port mirroring session.

**Figure 68** Port Mirroring Remove Screen

Monitor	Mirror In	Mirror Out
13	15	

Remove Cancel

To remove a port mirror session:

- 1 From the port mirror session list, select the session to remove.
- 2 Click *Remove*.

## Cable Diagnostics

The Switch provides a cable diagnostic utility, which helps you detect and resolve issues with the attached cables.

The Cable Diagnostics menu includes two tabs:

- Summary
- Diagnostics

## Summary

Use the *Summary* tab to display information on Test Result, Cable Fault Distance, or Last Update for every port on the switch.

**Figure 69** Cable Diagnostic Summary Screen

Summary		Diagnostics	
Port	Test Result	Cable Fault Distance	Last Update
1	Failed	1,1	2001-1-1 4:33:47
2	Not tested yet		
3	Not tested yet		
4	Not tested yet		
5	Not tested yet		
6	Not tested yet		
7	Not tested yet		
8	Not tested yet		
9	Not tested yet		
10	Not tested yet		
11	OK	0,0	2001-1-1 4:33:10
12	Not tested yet		
13	Not tested yet		
14	Not tested yet		
15	Not tested yet		
16	Not tested yet		
17	Not tested yet		
18	Not tested yet		
19	Not tested yet		
20	Not tested yet		
21	Not tested yet		
22	Not tested yet		
23	Not tested yet		
24	Not tested yet		
25	Not supported		
26	Not supported		

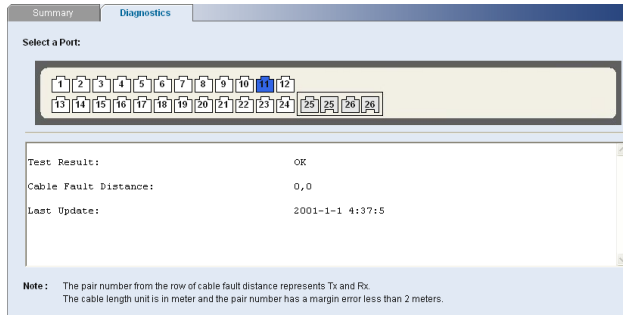
**Note:** The pair number from the row of cable fault distance represents Tx and Rx.  
The cable length unit is in meter and the pair number has a margin error less than 2 meters.



## Diagnostics

Use the *Diagnostics* tab to display individual port information on Test Result, Cable Fault Distance (in meters), and Last Update.

**Figure 70** Cable Diagnostic Screen



*In the example: "0,0", the first digit refers to the length of the transmit pairs. The second digit the length of the receive pairs.*



# 5 TROUBLESHOOTING

This chapter lists some issues that you may encounter while installing, using, and managing the Switch, with suggested courses of corrective action to take.

If you encounter an issue that is not listed here and you cannot solve it, check the 3Com Knowledgebase at <http://knowledgebase.3com.com> before contacting your local technical support representative.

For more information on how to obtain support for your Switch, refer to [Appendix A](#).

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## Resetting to Factory Defaults

If the Switch does not operate normally or if the firmware becomes corrupted, you can reset the Switch to factory defaults.

Connect to the console interface, as detailed elsewhere in this user guide.

During the power up sequence after the Power On Self Test has completed, the following message will be displayed:

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Press Ctrl+C within 5 seconds to get into
FailSafe mode
```

Do as instructed and wait for the remainder of the switch initialization to complete.

You will then be presented with 4 options:

- Initialize
- Password
- Reboot
- Upgrade

Selecting *Initialize* will delete all the stored configuration information, including IP address modes and passwords.

Selecting *Password* will delete all stored passwords. The default user name will now be *admin* with no password.

Selecting *Reboot* will restart the Switch without making any changes

Selecting *Upgrade* will initiate a firmware download via TFTP. Follow the instructions provided with your TFTP server to upgrade the firmware using this interface.



**CAUTION:** *Resetting the Switch to factory defaults erases all your settings. You will need to reconfigure the Switch after you reset it.*



*The Switch will perform automatic IP configuration after you reset it. See "[Automatic IP Configuration](#)" on [page 37](#) for more information.*

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## Forgotten Static IP Address

If you have forgotten the static IP address that you have assigned to the Switch and you need to access the Web interface, you can use the console interface. Use the *summary* command once you logged in to display the IP settings of the switch. Alternately, use the 3Com Detect application ([page 31](#)) to locate the Switch on your network

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## Solving LED Issues

This section lists some issues that are related to the LEDs on the front panel of the Switch. For information on basic LED checks, refer to the following topics in [Chapter 1](#):

- [\(2\) Gigabit Combo Ports \(RJ-45/SFP\)](#)
- [\(4\) 10/100BASE-TX Link/Activity Status LEDs](#)
- [\(7\) Power LED](#)

### **A link is connected, but the Link/Activity LED for the port is off.**

There is a problem with this connection. Verify that:

- The device being connected to is powered on and operating correctly.
- The cable is connected at both ends.
- The cable is not damaged.
- If the connection is to a workstation, that the workstation's network interface is installed and configured correctly.
- The correct category of cable is being used for the required link speed. Category 3 cables can be used for 10BASE-T operation only. Category 5 cable is required for 100BASE-TX or 1000BASE-T. 3Com recommends Category 5e or 6 cables for 1000BASE-T operation.

### **A fiber cable is connected, but the Module Active LED is off.**

Verify that:

- The fiber cable is in good condition.
- The SFP module is correctly inserted.
- A 3Com SFP module is being used. Refer to "[Approved SFP Transceivers](#)" on [page 22](#) for details.
- The equipment at the far end is installed and correctly configured.

### **The Link/Activity LED is on, but network performance is poor**

The Switch supports full-duplex autonegotiation. If the connected device does not support autonegotiation, ensure that it is configured for half-duplex operation only. If the connected device has autonegotiation disabled or overridden, and is configured as full-duplex, the Switch will configure the link as half-duplex, causing a mismatch that will reduce network performance when data is transmitting and receiving simultaneously on the same link.

Ensure that the connected device has either:

- Autonegotiation enabled, or
- The ports are configured for half-duplex operation

### **All ports appear to show continual activity.**

There may be broadcast storms on the network. Remove port connections one at a time, waiting a few seconds between each port. If the LEDs go off after removing a port connection, the device that was connected to that port is introducing an excessive amount of broadcast frames to the network. Some pieces of network equipment operate by sending out broadcast frames regularly.

Refer to the documentation that accompanies the device for information on disabling the broadcast operation.

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## **If the Problem Persists**

If the problem persists and the unit still does not operate successfully, contact your 3Com network supplier with the following information before returning the unit:

- Product number and serial number (printed on a label supplied with the unit).
- A brief description of the issue



# A OBTAINING SUPPORT FOR YOUR PRODUCT

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## Register Your Product

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To enhance response times or extend warranty benefits, contact 3Com or your authorized 3Com reseller. Value-added services like 3Com Express<sup>SM</sup> and Guardian<sup>SM</sup> can include 24x7 telephone technical support, software upgrades, onsite assistance or advance hardware replacement. Experienced engineers

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## Troubleshoot Online

You will find support tools posted on the 3Com Web site at [www.3com.com/](http://www.3com.com/)

**3Com Knowledgebase** helps you troubleshoot 3Com products. This query-based interactive tool is located at <http://knowledgebase.3com.com> and contains thousands of technical solutions written by 3Com support engineers.

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## Access Software Downloads

**Software Updates** are the bug fix/maintenance releases for the version of software initially purchased with the product. In order to access these Software

Updates you must first register your product on the 3Com Web site at <http://eSupport.3com.com/>.

First time users will need to apply for a user name and password. A link to software downloads can be found at <http://eSupport.3com.com/>, or under the Product Support heading at [www.3com.com/](http://www.3com.com/)

**Software Upgrades** are the feature releases that follow the software version included with your original product. In order to access upgrades and related documentation you must first purchase a service contract from 3Com or your reseller.

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## Telephone Technical Support and Repair

To obtain telephone support as part of your warranty and other service benefits, you must first register your product at <http://eSupport.3com.com/>

Warranty and other service benefits start from the date of purchase, so it is important to register your product quickly to ensure you get full use of the warranty and other service benefits available to you.

When you contact 3Com for assistance, please have the following information ready:

- Product model name, part number, and serial number
- Proof of purchase, if you have not pre-registered your product

- A list of system hardware and software, including revision level
- Diagnostic error messages
- Details about recent configuration changes, if applicable

To send a product directly to 3Com for repair, you must first obtain a return authorization number (RMA). Products sent to 3Com, without authorization numbers clearly marked on the outside of the package, will be returned to the sender unopened, at the sender's expense. If your product is registered and under warranty, you can obtain an RMA number online at <http://eSupport.3com.com/>. First time users will need to apply for a user name and password.

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## Contact Us

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Telephone numbers are correct at the time of publication. Find a current directory of support telephone numbers posted on the 3Com Web site at <http://csoweb4.3com.com/contactus/>



Country	Telephone Number
<b>Asia, Pacific Rim Telephone Technical Support and Repair</b>	
Australia	1800 075 316
Hong Kong	2907 0456
India	000 800 440 1193
Indonesia	001 803 852 9825
Japan	03 3507 5984
Malaysia	1800 812 612
New Zealand	0800 450 454
Philippines	1800 144 10220 or 029003078
PR of China	800 810 0504
Singapore	800 448 1433
South. Korea	080 698 0880
Taiwan	00801 444 318
Thailand	001 800 441 2152

Pakistan Call the U.S. direct by dialing 00 800 01001, then dialing 800 763 6780

Sri Lanka Call the U.S. direct by dialing 02 430 430, then dialing 800 763 6780

Vietnam Call the U.S. direct by dialing 1 201 0288, then dialing 800 763 6780

You can also obtain non-urgent support in this region at this email address: [apr\\_technical\\_support@3com.com](mailto:apr_technical_support@3com.com)  
Or request a return material authorization number (RMA) by FAX using this number: +61 2 9937 5048, or send an email at this email address: [ap\\_rma\\_request@3com.com](mailto:ap_rma_request@3com.com)

### Europe, Middle East, and Africa Telephone Technical Support and Repair

From anywhere in these regions not listed below, call: +44 1442 435529

Country	Telephone Number
From the following countries, call the appropriate number	
Austria	0800 297 468
Belgium	0800 71429
Denmark	800 17309
Finland	0800 113153
France	0800 917959
Germany	0800 182 1502
Hungary	06800 12813
Ireland	1 800 553 117
Israel	180 945 3794
Italy	800 879489
Luxembourg	800 23625
Netherlands	0800 0227788
Norway	800 11376
Poland	00800 4411 357
Portugal	800 831416
South Africa	0800 995 014
Spain	900 938 919
Sweden	020 795 482
Switzerland	0800 553 072
U.K.	0800 096 3266

You can also obtain support in this region using this URL:  
**<http://emea.3com.com/support/email.html>**

You can also obtain non-urgent support in this region at these email addresses:

Technical support and general requests:  
[customer\\_support@3com.com](mailto:customer_support@3com.com)

Return material authorization: [warranty\\_repair@3com.com](mailto:warranty_repair@3com.com)

Contract requests: [emea\\_contract@3com.com](mailto:emea_contract@3com.com)

Country	Telephone Number
<b>Latin America Telephone Technical Support and Repair</b>	
From the Caribbean, Central and South America, call:	
Antigua	1 800 988 2112
Argentina	0 810 444 3COM
Aruba	1 800 998 2112
Bahamas	1 800 998 2112
Barbados	1 800 998 2112
Belize	52 5 201 0010
Bermuda	1 800 998 2112
Bonaire	1 800 998 2112
Brazil	0800 13 3COM
Cayman	1 800 998 2112
Chile	AT&T +800 998 2112
Colombia	AT&T +800 998 2112
Costa Rica	AT&T +800 998 2112
Curacao	1 800 998 2112
Ecuador	AT&T +800 998 2112
Dominican Republic	AT&T +800 998 2112
Guatemala	AT&T +800 998 2112
Haiti	57 1 657 0888
Honduras	AT&T +800 998 2112
Jamaica	1 800 998 2112
Martinique	571 657 0888
Mexico	01 800 849CARE
Nicaragua	AT&T +800 998 2112
Panama	AT&T +800 998 2112
Paraguay	54 11 4894 1888
Peru	AT&T +800 998 2112
Puerto Rico	1 800 998 2112
Salvador	AT&T +800 998 2112
Trinidad and Tobago	1 800 998 2112
Uruguay	AT&T +800 998 2112
Venezuela	AT&T +800 998 2112
Virgin Islands	57 1 657 0888

Country	Telephone Number
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Spanish speakers, enter the URL: <b><a href="http://lat.3com.com/lat/support/form.html">http://lat.3com.com/lat/support/form.html</a></b>	
Portuguese speakers, enter the URL: <b><a href="http://lat.3com.com/br/support/form.html">http://lat.3com.com/br/support/form.html</a></b>	
English speakers in Latin America should send e-mail to: <b><a href="mailto:lat_support_anc@3com.com">lat_support_anc@3com.com</a></b>	
<b>US and Canada Telephone Technical Support and Repair</b>	
	1 800 876 3266

# B TECHNICAL INFORMATION

## 3CBLSF26 Related Standards

The **Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus** has been designed to the following standards:

**Functional** IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet), IEEE 802.3u (Fast Ethernet), IEEE 802.3ab and IEEE 802.3z (Gigabit Ethernet), IEEE 802.3x (Flow Control), IEEE 802.1D 1993 (Bridging), IEEE 802.1Q 1998 (Virtual LAN)

**MAC Address** 8192

**Safety** UL 60950-1, EN 60950-1, CSA 22.2 #60950-1, IEC 60950-1

**EMC Emissions** EN61000-3-2 & EN61000-3-3, EN 55022 Class A, FCC Part 15 Subpart B Class A, ICES-003 Class A, VCCI Class A, CISPR 22 Class A

**Immunity** EN 55024

## Environmental

**Operating Temperature** 0-40 °C (32–104 °F)

**Storage Temperature** -40-70 °C (-40-158 °F)

**Humidity** 0-95% (non-condensing)

**Standard** EN 60068 (IEC 68)—various parts

## Physical

**Width** 44 cm (17.3 in)

**Depth** 17.3 cm (6.8 in)

**Height** 4.4 cm (1.7 in) or 1U

**Weight** 1.66 kg (3.66 lbs)

**Mounting** Free standing, or 19 inch rack mounted using the mounting kit supplied

## Electrical

**Power Inlet** IEC 320

**AC Line Frequency** 50/60 Hz

**Input Voltage** 100–240 VAC (auto range)

**Current Rating** 1 Amp (maximum)

**Maximum Power Consumption** 30 W

**Maximum Power Dissipation** 102 BTU/hr

## 3CBLSF26PWR Related Standards

The **Baseline Switch 2426-PWR Plus** has been designed to the following standards:

<b>Functional</b>	IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet), IEEE 802.3u (Fast Ethernet), IEEE 802.3ab and IEEE 802.3z (Gigabit Ethernet), IEEE 802.3x (Flow Control), IEEE 802.1D 1993 (Bridging), IEEE 802.3af (Power over Ethernet), IEEE 802.3at (Power over Ethernet Plus)
<b>MAC Address</b>	8192
<b>Safety</b>	UL 60950-1, EN 60950-1, CSA 22.2 #60950-1, IEC 60950-1
<b>EMC Emissions</b>	EN 61000-3-2 & EN 61000-3-3, EN 55022 Class A, FCC Part 15 Subpart B Class A, ICES-003 Class A, VCCI Class A, CISPR 22 Class A
<b>Immunity</b>	EN 55024

## Environmental

<b>Operating Temperature</b>	0-40 °C (32–104 °F)
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-40-70 °C (-40-158 °F)
<b>Humidity</b>	0-95% (non-condensing)
<b>Standard</b>	EN 60068 (IEC 68)—various parts

## Physical

<b>Width</b>	44 cm (17.3 in)
<b>Depth</b>	23.8 cm (9.4 in)
<b>Height</b>	4.4 cm (1.7 in) or 1U
<b>Weight</b>	3.2 kg (7.05 lbs)
<b>Mounting</b>	Free standing, or 19 inch rack mounted using the mounting kit supplied

## Electrical

<b>Power Inlet</b>	IEC 320
<b>AC Line Frequency</b>	50/60 Hz
<b>Input Voltage</b>	100–240 VAC (auto range)
<b>Current Rating</b>	3.5 Amp (maximum)
<b>Maximum Power Consumption</b>	240 W
<b>Maximum Power Dissipation</b>	182 BTU/hr
<b>Maximum Power-over-Ethernet Budget</b>	190 W

## 3CBLSF50 Related Standards

The **Baseline Switch 2250-SFP Plus** has been designed to the following standards:

<b>Functional</b>	ISO 8802-3, IEEE 802.3 (Ethernet), IEEE 802.3u (Fast Ethernet), IEEE 802.3ab and IEEE 802.3z (Gigabit Ethernet), IEEE 802.3x (Flow Control), IEEE 802.1D (Bridging)
<b>MAC Address</b>	8192
<b>Safety</b>	UL 60950-1, EN 60950-1, CSA 22.2, #60950-1, IEC 60950-1
<b>EMC Emissions</b>	EN61000-3-2 & EN 61000-3-3, EN 55022, Class A, FCC Part 15, Subpart B Class A, ICES-003 Class A, VCCI Class A, CISPR 22 Class A
<b>Immunity</b>	EN 55024

## Environmental

<b>Operating Temperature</b>	0–40 °C (32–104 °F)
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-40–70 °C (-40–158 °F)
<b>Humidity</b>	0–95% (non-condensing)
<b>Standard</b>	EN 60068 (IEC 68)—various parts

## Physical

<b>Width</b>	440 mm (17.3 in)
<b>Depth</b>	215 mm (8.5 in)
<b>Height</b>	41 mm (1.6 in) or 1U
<b>Weight</b>	1.9 kgs (4.19 lbs)
<b>Mounting</b>	Free standing, or 19 inch rack mounted using the mounting kit supplied

## Electrical

<b>Power Inlet</b>	IEC 320
<b>AC Line Frequency</b>	50/60 Hz
<b>Input Voltage</b>	100–240 VAC (auto range)
<b>Current Rating</b>	1 Amp (maximum)
<b>Maximum Power Consumption</b>	30 W
<b>Maximum Power Dissipation</b>	184.3 BTU/hr

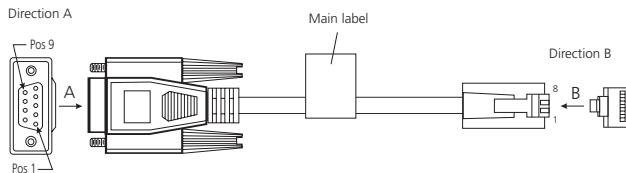


# C PIN-OUTS

## Console Cable

A Console cable is an 8-conductor RJ45-to-DB9 cable. One end of the cable has an RJ-45 plug for connecting to the switch's Console port, and the other end has a DB-9 socket connector for connecting to the serial port on the terminal, as shown in Figure 71.

**Figure 71** Console Cable

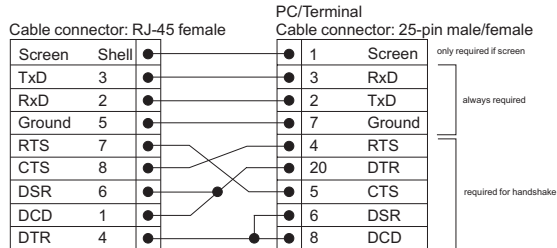


**Table 1** Console Cable Pinouts

RJ-45	Signal	Direction	DB9 (modem)	DB9 (console)
1	RTS	—	7	8
2	DTR	—	4	6
3	TXD	—	3	2
4	CD	—	1	5
5	GND	—	5	5
6	RXD	—	2	3
7	DSR	—	6	4
8	RTS	—	8	7

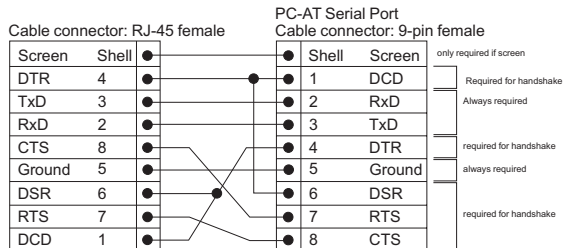
## Null Modem Cable

RJ-45 to RS-232 25-pin



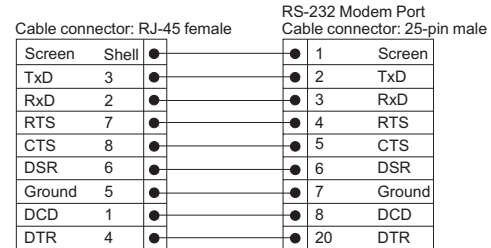
## PC-AT Serial Cable

RJ-45 to 9-pin



## Modem Cable

RJ-45 to RS-232 25-pin





## Ethernet Port RJ-45 Pin Assignments

**Table 2** RJ-45 MDI Pin Assignments

Pin Number	10/100	1000
<i>Ports configured as MDI</i>		
1	Transmit Data +	Bidirectional Data A+
2	Transmit Data -	Bidirectional Data A-
3	Receive Data +	Bidirectional Data B+
4	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data C+
5	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data C-
6	Receive Data -	Bidirectional Data B-
7	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data D+
8	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data D-

**Table 3** RJ-45 MDIX Pin Assignments

Pin Number	10/100	1000
<i>Ports configured as MDIX</i>		
1	Receive Data +	Bidirectional Data B+
2	Receive Data -	Bidirectional Data B-
3	Transmit Data +	Bidirectional Data A+
4	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data D+
5	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data D-
6	Transmit Data -	Bidirectional Data A-
7	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data C+
8	Not assigned	Bidirectional Data C-



# D 3COM CLI REFERENCE GUIDE

This section describes using the *Command Line Interface* (CLI) to manage the device. The device is managed through the CLI from a direct connection to the device console port.

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## Getting Started with the Command Line Interface

Using the CLI, network managers enter configuration commands and parameters to configure the device. Using the CLI is very similar to entering commands on a UNIX system.

### Console Port

To start using the CLI via a console port:

- 1 Connect the RJ-45 cable to the Console port of the switch to the serial port of the terminal or computer running the terminal emulation application.
- 2 Set the baud rate to 38400.
- 3 Set the data format to 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity.
- 4 Set Flow Control to **none**.
- 5 Under **Properties**, select **VT100** for **Emulation** mode.

- 6 Select **Terminal keys** for **Function, Arrow, and Ctrl keys**. Ensure that the setting is for **Terminal keys** (not **Windows keys**).

### Logging on to the CLI

The Login process requires a User Name and Password. The default user name for first time configuration is **admin**. No password is required. User names and passwords are case sensitive.

To logon to the CLI Interface:

- 1 Press **Enter** without typing in a username. The **Login** prompt displays:

Login:

- 2 Enter your **User Name** at the Login prompt.
- 3 Press **Enter**. The **Password** prompt displays:

Password:

The Login information is verified, and displays the following CLI menu:

Select menu option#

If the password is invalid, the following message appears and Login process restarts.

```
Incorrect Password
```

### Automatic Logout

The user session is automatically terminated after 30 minutes in which no device configuration activity has occurred. The following message is displayed:

```
Session closed by automatic logout.
```

### Concurrent CLI Sessions

The command line interface supports one CLI session.

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## CLI Commands

This Command section contains the following commands:

- ?
- Ping
- Summary
- ipSetup
- Upgrade
- Initialize
- Reboot
- Logout
- Password

?

The ? command displays a list of CLI commands on the device.

### Syntax

?

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

There are no user guidelines for this command.

### Example

The following displays the list presented for the ? command:

```
Select menu option#?
```

```
This command line console allows you to configure
and manage your system by making selections from
the displayed menu.
```

```
You can enter successive menu choices on the same
line instead of pressing the [Return] key after
each selection. For example, if you are at the
top level menu and wish to display the system
configuration, enter "system summary".
```

```
To specify a menu choice you need only type a
unique abbreviation.
```

```
For example, "system summary" can be abbreviated
"sy s".
```

```
To return to a previous menu, type "q".
```

```
To return to the top level menu or abort an
action, press the [Esc] key.
```

```
-- Enter <CR> to continue --:
```

```
Menu options: -----3Com Baseline Switch
2426-PWR Plus-----
```

```
?           - Displays Help information
initialize  - Reset the device to factory
default, except IP.
ipSetup     - Configures IP address.
logout      - Logout from this session.
ping        - Ping a remote station.
password    - Change password.
reboot      - Power cycles the device.
summary     - Summarises IP setup and software
versions.
upgrade     - Software upgrade over TFTP.
```

```
Type ? for help.
```

```
-----3Com Baseli (1)-----
```

```
Select menu option:
```

## Ping

The **Ping** command sends ICMP echo request packets to another node on the network.

### Syntax

```
ping [IP address | URL| hostname]
```

### Parameters

- *IP Address* — IP address to ping.
- *URL* — URL address to ping.
- *hostname* — hostname to ping. (Range: 1 - 158 characters)

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

There are no user guidelines for this command.

### Example

The following displays the result of a **Ping** command:

```
Select menu option: ping 192.168.1.9
Starting ping, resolution of displayed time is 10
milli-seconds.
Response from 192.168.1.9: TTL=128. time=20ms

Select menu option:
```

## Summary

The **Summary** command displays the current IP configuration and software versions running on the device. It is intended for devices that support separate runtime and bootcode Images.

### Syntax

#### Summary

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

There are no user guidelines for this command.

### Example

The following displays current IP configuration and software versions running on the device:

```
Select menu option: summary
IP Method:                manual
IP address:                192.168.1.1
Subnet mask:              255.255.255.0
Default gateway:         192.168.1.254
Runtime version:         0.00.00.11
Bootcode version:        12.26.13.43

Select menu option:
```

## ipSetup

The **ipSetup** command allows the user to define an IP address on the device either manually or via a DHCP server.

### Syntax

**ipSetup**

### Default Configuration

No default IP address is defined for interfaces.

### User Guidelines

When the IP address is configured manually by the user, the address must be in the range 0.0.0.0 through 223.255.255.255.

IP Addresses configured beyond the range of 224.0.0.0 are defined as multicast, experimental or broadcast addresses.

If a default gateway is configured manually, the IP-address and mask are required to be the same as the gateway-address and mask.

## Example

The following example displays an IP address configured manually:

```
Select menu option: ipSetup
Enter configuration method (auto,manual)[auto]:
manual
Enter IP Address           [0.0.0.0      ]:
192.168.1.1
Enter Subnet Mask         [255.255.0.0 ]:
255.255.255.0
Enter Default Gateway     [192.168.1.254 ]:
Select management VLAN ID (1)[1]:

This operation may take up to 30 seconds.

Select menu option:
```

The following example displays an IP address obtained via a DHCP server:

```
Select menu option: ipSetup
Enter configuration method (auto,manual)[manual]:
auto
Select management VLAN ID (1)[1]:

This operation may take up to 30 seconds.

Select menu option:
```





## Initialize

The **Initialize** command resets the device configuration to factory defaults, retaining the current IP configuration.

### Syntax

**Initialize**

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

The system prompts for confirmation of the request. If no response is entered within 15 seconds, timeout occurs and the command is not executed.

### Example

The following example resets the Switch to factory defaults:

```
Select menu option: initialize
WARNING: This command initializes the system to
factory defaults (excluding Management IP
configuration) and causes a reset.

Do you wish to continue (yes,no) [no]: yes

Saving configuration.....Saved config to all
units.

System rebooting.....
```

## Reboot

The **Reboot** command simulates a power cycle of the device.

### Syntax

**reboot**

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

There are no user guidelines for this command.

### Example

```
Select menu option: reboot
Are you sure you want to reset the system
(yes,no) [no]: yes
Saving configuration.....Saved config to all
units.

System rebooting.....
```

## Logout

The **Logout** command terminates the CLI session.

### Syntax

**logout**

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

There are no user guidelines for this command.

### Example

```
Select menu option: logout
```

## Password

The **Password** command changes the user's password.

### Syntax

**password**

### Default Configuration

This command has no default configuration.

### User Guidelines

The user needs to login to the session in order to change the password.

### Example

```
Select menu option: password
Old password:
Enter new password:
Retype password:

The command line interface password has been
successfully changed.

Select menu option:
```

# REGULATORY NOTICES

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## FCC Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference to radio communications, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

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## Information to the User

If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient the receiving antenna.
- Relocate the equipment with respect to the receiver.
- Move the equipment away from the receiver.
- Plug the equipment into a different outlet so that equipment and receiver are on different branch circuits.

If necessary the user should consult the dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions. The user may find the following booklet prepared by the Federal Communications Commission helpful:

*How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems*

This booklet is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, Stock No. 004-000-00345-4. In order to meet FCC emissions limits, this equipment must be used only with cables which comply with IEEE 802.3.

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## ICES Statement

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la Classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

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## CE Statements (Europe)

EU Representative:

3Com Europe Limited  
Peoplebuilding 2, Peoplebuilding Estate  
Maylands Avenue  
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire  
HP2 4NW  
United Kingdom

This product complies with the European Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC and EMC Directive 89/336/EEC as amended by European EMC Directive 2004/108/EC.

Warning: This is a class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

A copy of the signed Declaration of Conformity can be downloaded from the Product Support web page for the Baseline Switch 2226-SFP Plus, 2426-PWR Plus and 2250-SFP Plus at <http://www.3Com.com>.

Also available at [http://support.3com.com/doc/3CBLSF\\_EU\\_DOC.pdf](http://support.3com.com/doc/3CBLSF_EU_DOC.pdf)

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## Pre-Standard IEEE 802.3at and Cable Temperatures

3Com recommends that you do not operate your cables above 50°C (122°F) if you are using the higher power mode capability of the 3CBLSF26PWR. This switch can deliver up to 29.6 W per port (measured at the PD, assuming 100 m Cat 5E cable connected between the PD and the Switch 2426-PWR, subject to power being available), and in certain cable installations this may result in increased cable temperatures. If you are in anyway unsure of how your cable installation is laid out, you should contact an approved cable installation company for advice prior to using the higher power modes.

This guidance is only applicable to pre-standard 802.3at operation. When operating in 802.3af (15.4 W) mode it is not necessary to run at lower than rated cable temperatures.



# GLOSSARY

## **10BASE-T**

The IEEE specification for 10 Mbps Ethernet over Category 3, 4 or 5 twisted pair cable.

## **100BASE-TX**

The IEEE specification for 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet over Category 5 twisted-pair cable.

## **1000BASE-LX**

IEEE 802.3z specification for Gigabit Ethernet over 9/125 micron core single-mode fiber cable.

## **1000BASE-SX**

IEEE 802.3z specification for Gigabit Ethernet over two strands of 50/125 or 62.5/125 micron core multimode fiber cable.

## **1000BASE-T**

IEEE 802.3ab specification for Gigabit Ethernet over 100-ohm Category 5, 5e or 6 twisted-pair cable (using all four wire pairs).

## **Auto-negotiation**

Auto-negotiation is where two devices sharing a link, automatically configure to use the best common speed. The order of preference (best first) is: 1000BASE-T full duplex, 100BASE-TX full duplex, 100BASE-TX half duplex, 10BASE-T full duplex, and 10BASE-T half duplex. Auto-negotiation is defined in the IEEE 802.3 standard for Ethernet and is an operation that takes place in a few milliseconds. Auto-negotiation must be enabled for the 1000BASE-T ports to operate at 1000 Mbps, full duplex.

## **Bandwidth**

The information capacity, measured in bits per second, that a channel can transmit. The bandwidth of Ethernet is 10 Mbps, the bandwidth of Fast Ethernet is 100 Mbps and Gigabit Ethernet is 1000 Mbps.

## **BPDU**

Bridge Protocol Data Unit. A type of information packet that ensures that data is efficiently exchanged between Switches in a LAN. BPDU messages detect loops in a network, and remove them by shutting down the bridge causing the loop.

### Category 3 Cables

One of five grades of Twisted Pair (TP) cabling defined by the EIA/TIA-568 standard. Category 3 is voice grade cable and can only be used in Ethernet networks (10BASE-T) to transmit data at speeds of up to 10 Mbps.

### Category 5 Cables

One of five grades of Twisted Pair (TP) cabling defined by the EIA/TIA-568 standard. Category 5 can be used in Ethernet (10BASE-T) and Fast Ethernet networks (100BASE-TX) and can transmit data at speeds of up to 100 Mbps. Category 5 cabling is better to use for network cabling than Category 3, because it supports both Ethernet (10 Mbps) and Fast Ethernet (100 Mbps) speeds.

### Category 5e Cables

One of five grades of Twisted Pair (TP) cabling defined by the EIA/TIA-568 standard. Category 5e can be used in Ethernet (10BASE-T), Fast Ethernet (100BASE-TX) and Gigabit Ethernet (1000BASE-T) networks, and can transmit data at speeds of up to 1000 Mbps.

### Category 6 Cables

One of five grades of Twisted Pair (TP) cabling defined by the EIA/TIA-568-B standard. Category 6 can be used in Ethernet (10BASE-T), Fast Ethernet (100BASE-TX) and Gigabit Ethernet (1000BASE-T) networks, and can transmit data at speeds of up to 1000 Mbps.

### Client

The term used to describe the desktop PC that is connected to your network.

### DHCP

**Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol.** This protocol automatically assigns an IP address for every computer on your network. Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT 4.0 contain software that assigns IP addresses to workstations on a network. These assignments are made by the DHCP server software that runs on Windows NT Server.

### Ethernet

A LAN specification developed jointly by Xerox, Intel and Digital Equipment Corporation. Ethernet networks use CSMA/CD to transmit packets at a rate of 10 Mbps and 100 Mbps over a variety of cables.

### Ethernet Address

See MAC address.

### Fast Ethernet

An Ethernet system that is designed to operate at 100 Mbps.

### Gigabit Ethernet

An Ethernet system that is designed to operate at 1000 Mbps.

## Full Duplex

A system that allows packets to be transmitted and received at the same time and, in effect, doubles the potential throughput of a link.

## Half Duplex

A system that allows packets to be transmitted and received, but not at the same time. Half duplex is not supported for 1000 Mbps. Contrast with full duplex.

## IEEE

**Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.** This American organization was founded in 1963 and sets standards for computers and communications.

## IEEE 802.1D

Specifies a general method for the operation of MAC bridges, including the Spanning Tree Protocol.

## IEEE 802.1Q

VLAN Tagging - Defines Ethernet frame tags which carry VLAN information. It allows switches to assign endstations to different virtual LANs, and defines a standard way for VLANs to communicate across switched networks.

## IEEE 802.3ad

A standard that defines link aggregation. 802.3ad is now incorporated into the relevant sections of the IEEE Std. 802.3-2002.

## IETF

**Internet Engineering Task Force.** An organization responsible for providing engineering solutions for TCP/IP networks. In the network management area, this group is responsible for the development of the SNMP protocol.

## IP

**Internet Protocol.** IP is a layer 3 network protocol that is the standard for sending data through a network. IP is part of the TCP/IP set of protocols that describe the routing of packets to addressed devices. An IP address consists of 32 bits divided into two or three fields: a network number and a host number or a network number, a subnet number, and a host number.

## IP Address

**Internet Protocol Address.** A unique identifier for a device attached to a network using TCP/IP. The address is written as four octets separated with periods (full-stops), and is made up of a network section, an optional subnet section and a host section.

## ISP

**Internet Service Provider.** An ISP is a business that provides connectivity to the Internet for individuals and other businesses or organizations.

## LAN

**Local Area Network.** A network of end stations (such as PCs, printers, servers) and network devices (hubs and

switches) that cover a relatively small geographic area (usually not larger than a floor or building). LANs are characterized by high transmission speeds over short distances (up to 1000 metres).

## Layer 2

Data Link layer in the ISO 7-Layer Data Communications Protocol. This is related directly to the hardware interface for the network devices and passes on traffic based on MAC addresses.

## Link Aggregation

See Trunking.

## MAC

**Media Access Control.** A protocol specified by the IEEE for determining which devices have access to a network at any one time.

## MAC Address

**Media Access Control Address.** Also called the hardware, physical or Ethernet address. A layer 2 address associated with a particular network device. Most devices that connect to a LAN have a MAC address assigned to them as they are used to identify other devices in a network. MAC addresses are 6 bytes long.

## Network

A Network is a collection of computers and other computer equipment that are connected for the

purpose of exchanging information or sharing resources. Networks vary in size, some are within a single room, others span continents.

## Ping

**Packet Internet Groper.** An Internet utility used to determine whether a particular IP address is online. It is used to test and debug a network by sending out a packet and waiting for a response.

## Power over Ethernet

PoE technology describes a system to transmit electrical power, along with data, to remote devices over standard twisted-pair cable in an Ethernet network. This technology is useful for powering IP telephones, wireless LAN access points, network cameras, network hubs, embedded computers, and other appliances where it would be inconvenient, expensive or infeasible to supply power separately. It works with an unmodified Ethernet cabling infrastructure.

## Protocol

A set of rules for communication between devices on a network. The rules dictate format, timing, sequencing and error control.

## RJ-45

A standard connector used to connect Ethernet networks. The "RJ" stands for "registered jack."



## Server

A computer in a network that is shared by multiple end stations. Servers provide end stations with access to shared network services such as computer files and printer queues.

## SFP

Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) Connectors are based on an open standard that enables hot swapping of various type of fiber optic and copper-based transceivers into the host equipment.

## Subnet Address

An extension of the IP addressing scheme that allows a site to use a single IP network address for multiple physical networks.

## Subnet Mask

A subnet mask, which may be a part of the TCP/IP information provided by your ISP, is a set of four numbers configured like an IP address. It is used to create IP address numbers used only within a particular network (as opposed to valid IP address numbers recognized by the Internet, which must assigned by InterNIC).

## Subnets

A network that is a component of a larger network.

## Switch

A device that interconnects several LANs to form a single logical LAN that comprises of several LAN segments. Switches are similar to bridges, in that they connect LANs of a different type; however they connect more LANs than a bridge and are generally more sophisticated.

## TCP/IP

### **Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol.**

This is the name for two of the most well-known protocols developed for the interconnection of networks. Originally a UNIX standard, TCP/IP is now supported on almost all platforms, and is the protocol of the Internet.

TCP relates to the content of the data travelling through a network — ensuring that the information sent arrives in one piece when it reaches its destination. IP relates to the address of the end station to which data is being sent, as well as the address of the destination network.

## Traffic Monitoring

Enables the monitoring of port traffic by attaching a network analyzer to one switch port, in order to monitor the traffic of other ports on the Switch.

## Trunking

A method which specifies how to create a single high-speed logical link that combines several lower-speed physical links.

**VLAN**

A Virtual LAN is a collection of network nodes that share the same collision domain regardless of their physical location or connection point in the network. A VLAN serves as a logical workgroup with no physical barriers, and allows users to share information and resources as though located on the same LAN.

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