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Hardware

This user manual is for the NETGEAR GS305E Gigabit Ethernet Easy Smart Managed Essentials Switch.

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [Related documentation](#)
- [Status LEDs](#)
- [Safety instructions and warnings](#)

Note:

- This user manual complements the installation guide that came with your switch. You can also download the installation guide by visiting netgear.com/support/download/.
- For more information about the topics covered in this manual, visit the support website at netgear.com/support
- Firmware updates with new features and bug fixes are made available from time to time at netgear.com/support/download/. You can check for and download new firmware manually. If the features or behavior of your product does not match what is described in this guide, see the latest firmware release notes for your switch model.

Related documentation

The following related documentation is available at netgear.com/support/download/:

- Installation guide
- Data sheet

Status LEDs

This section describes the LED designations of model GS305E.

Table 1. LEDs on the front panel for GS305E

LEDs		Description
Power LED	Solid green	The switch is powered on and operating normally.
	Off	Power is not supplied to the switch.
Left port LEDs	Right port LEDs	Combined, these RJ-45 port LEDs indicate link, speed, and activity.
Solid green	Solid green	A valid 1 Gbps port link is established.
Blinking green	Blinking green	The port is transmitting or receiving packets at 1 Gbps.
Solid green	Off	A valid 100 Mbps port link is established.
Blinking green	Off	The port is transmitting or receiving packets 100 Mbps.
Off	Solid green	A valid 10 Mbps port link is established.
Off	Blinking green	The port is transmitting or receiving packets 10 Mbps.
Off	Off	No port link is established.

Safety instructions and warnings

Use the following safety guidelines to ensure your own personal safety and to help protect your system from potential damage.

To reduce the risk of bodily injury, electrical shock, fire, and damage to the equipment, observe the following precautions:

- This product is designed for indoor use only in a temperature-controlled and humidity-controlled environment.

Note the following:

- For more information about the environment in which this product must operate, see the environmental specifications in the appendix or the data sheet.
- If you want to connect the product to a device located outdoors, the outdoor device must be properly grounded and surge protected, and you must install an Ethernet surge protector inline between the indoor product and the outdoor device. Failure to do so can damage the product.

 **Warning:** Before connecting the product to outdoor cables or devices, see <https://kb.netgear.com/000057103> for additional safety and warranty information.

Failure to follow these guidelines can result in damage to your NETGEAR product, which might not be covered by NETGEAR's warranty, to the extent permissible by applicable law.

- Observe and follow service markings:
 - Do not service any product except as explained in your product documentation. Some devices should never be opened.
 - If applicable to your product, opening or removing covers that are marked with the triangular symbol with a lightning bolt can expose you to electrical shock. We recommend that only a trained technician services components inside these compartments.
- If any of the following conditions occur, unplug the product from the power outlet, and then replace the part or contact your trained service provider:
 - Depending on your product, the power adapter, power adapter cable, power cable, extension cable, or plug is damaged.
 - An object fell into the product.
 - The product was exposed to water.
 - The product was dropped or damaged.
 - The product does not operate correctly when you follow the operating instructions.
- Keep the product away from radiators and heat sources. Also, do not block cooling vents.
- Do not spill food or liquids on your product components, and never operate the product in a wet environment. If the product gets wet, see the appropriate section in your troubleshooting guide, or contact your trained service provider.
- Do not push any objects into the openings of your product. Doing so can cause fire or electric shock by shorting out interior components.
- Use the product only with approved equipment.

- If applicable to your product, allow the product to cool before removing covers or touching internal components.
- Operate the product only from the type of external power source indicated on the electrical ratings label. If you are not sure of the type of power source required, consult your service provider or local power company.
- To avoid damaging your system, if your product uses a power supply with a voltage selector, be sure that the selector is set to match the power at your location:
 - 115V, 60 Hz in most of North and South America and some Far Eastern countries such as South Korea and Taiwan
 - 100V, 50 Hz in eastern Japan and 100V, 60 Hz in western Japan
 - 230V, 50 Hz in most of Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East
- Be sure that attached devices are electrically rated to operate with the power available in your location.
- Depending on your product, use only a supplied power adapter or approved power cable:

If your product uses a power adapter:

- If you were not provided with a power adapter, contact your local NETGEAR reseller.
- The power adapter must be rated for the product and for the voltage and current marked on the product electrical ratings label.

If your product uses a power cable:

- If you were not provided with a power cable for your system or for any AC-powered option intended for your system, purchase a power cable approved for your country.
 - The power cable must be rated for the product and for the voltage and current marked on the product electrical ratings label. The voltage and current rating of the cable must be greater than the ratings marked on the product.
- To help prevent electric shock, plug the system and peripheral power cables into properly grounded power outlets.
 - If applicable to your product, the peripheral power cables are equipped with three-prong plugs to help ensure proper grounding. Do not use adapter plugs or remove the grounding prong from a cable. If you must use an extension cable, use a three-wire cable with properly grounded plugs.
 - Observe extension cable and power strip ratings. Make sure that the total ampere rating of all products plugged into the extension cable or power strip does not exceed 80 percent of the ampere ratings limit for the extension cable or power strip.

- To help protect your system from sudden, transient increases and decreases in electrical power, use a surge suppressor, line conditioner, or uninterruptible power supply (UPS).
- Position system cables, power adapter cables, or power cables carefully. Route cables so that they cannot be stepped on or tripped over. Be sure that nothing rests on any cables.
- Do not modify power adapters, power adapter cables, power cables or plugs. Consult a licensed electrician or your power company for site modifications.
- Always follow your local and national wiring rules.

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Get Started

This chapter describes how you can access the switch in your network, change the switch password, change the language, and register your product.

The chapter covers the following topics:

- [About configuring the switch](#)
- [Access the switch using a web browser](#)
- [Use the NETGEAR Discovery Tool to discover the switch's IP address and access the device UI](#)
- [Assign a fixed IP address to the switch](#)
- [Change the language for the device UI](#)
- [Register the switch](#)

About configuring the switch

Gigabit Ethernet Easy Smart Managed Essentials Switches are plug-and-play, so they can be used without any configuration. Just connect power, connect to your network and to your other devices, and you're done.

For easiest access, we recommend that you cable the switch to a network with a router or DHCP server that assigns IP addresses and power on the switch. However, it is also possible to configure the switch connected directly only to the computer that you are using to configure it, and not connected to the network (off-network).

You can configure and manage advanced features of the switch by using your computer's web browser and accessing the switch at its IP address.

If you use a Mac or a 64-bit Windows-based computer, you can use the NETGEAR Discovery Tool to discover the switch in your network and access the device user interface (UI) of the switch.

For more information, see the following sections:

- [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11
- [Use the NETGEAR Discovery Tool to discover the switch's IP address and access the device UI](#) on page 13
- [Assign a fixed IP address to the switch](#) on page 15
- [Manage Universal Plug and Play](#) on page 40

Access the switch using a web browser

This manual describes how to use the device user interface, referred to as the device UI.

You can access and configure the switch directly through its device UI by entering the IP address of the switch in the address bar of a browser.

When you access the device UI to configure the switch, you can configure the switch with it connected to your network, router, or modem, (on-network) but you must determine the IP address that is assigned to the switch. (By default, the switch is a DHCP client.)

You can also configure the switch not connected to your network (off-network) using its default IP address. In that case, you must temporarily set the computer that you are

using to configure the switch to a static IP address in the same subnet as the default IP address of the switch.

Access a switch that is connected to a network

By default, the DHCP client of the switch is enabled. To access the switch, use the IP address that the DHCP server assigned to the switch.

To determine the IP address of the switch, do one of the following:

- If you use a Mac or a 64-bit Windows-based computer, use the NETGEAR Switch Discovery Tool to detect the IP address (see [Use the NETGEAR Discovery Tool to discover the switch's IP address and access the device UI](#) on page 13).
- Access the DHCP server.
- Use an IP scanner utility.

To use your web browser to configure a switch that is connected to a network:

1. Cable the switch to a network with a router or DHCP server that manages IP addresses.
2. Power on the switch.
The DHCP server assigns the switch an IP address.
3. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
4. Determine the IP address of the switch.

By default, the DHCP client of the switch is enabled. Use the IP address that the DHCP server assigned to the switch.

5. Open a web browser, and enter the IP address of the switch.

The login window opens.

6. Enter the switch password.

The default password is **password**. The password is case-sensitive. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password.

7. Click the **Login** button.

You can now configure additional options for the switch through the device UI.

For information about setting up a fixed (static) IP address for the switch, see [Specify IP address settings for the switch](#) on page 37.

Access a switch that is off-network

To use your web browser to configure a switch that is not connected to a network:

1. Record your computer's TCP/IP configuration settings, and then configure the computer with a static IP address of 192.168.0.210 and 255.255.255.0 as the subnet mask.

ⓘ Note: If you are unsure how to do this, visit the support website at netgear.com/support and search for Static IP address on computer.

2. Plug the switch into a power outlet and then connect your computer to the switch using an Ethernet cable.

You can connect the Ethernet cable to any port on the switch.

3. Open a web browser, and enter **http://192.168.0.239**.

This is the default address of the switch.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The default password is **password**. The password is case-sensitive. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Click the **Login** button.

You can now configure additional options for the switch through the device UI.

For information about setting up a fixed (static) IP address for the switch, see [Specify IP address settings for the switch](#) on page 37.

6. After you complete the configuration of the switch, reconfigure the computer that you used for this process to its original TCP/IP settings.

You can now connect your switch to your network using an Ethernet cable.

Use the NETGEAR Discovery Tool to discover the switch's IP address and access the device UI

The NETGEAR Discovery Tool (NDT, formerly referred to as NSDT) discovers the switch in your network so you can access the device UI of the switch from a web browser.

To install the NDT, discover the switch in your network, access the switch, and discover the switch IP address:

1. Download the NDT by visiting netgear.com/support/product/netgear-discovery-tool.aspx.
Download the version for your operating system.
2. Temporarily deactivate the firewall, Internet security, antivirus programs, or all of these on the computer that you are using to configure the switch.
3. Unzip the NDT file, and double-click the **.exe** or **.dmg** file (for example, **NETGEAR+Discovery+Tool+Setup+1.2.103.exe** or **NetgearSDT-V1.2.103.dmg**) to install the program on your computer.
Depending on your computer setup, the installation process might add the **NETGEAR Discovery Tool** icon to the dock of your Mac or the desktop of your Windows-based computer.
4. Activate the security services on your computer.
5. Power on the switch.
The DHCP server assigns the switch an IP address.
6. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired connection. The computer and the switch must be on the same Layer 2 network.
7. Open the NDT.
If the **NETGEAR Discovery Tool** icon is in the dock of your Mac or on the desktop of your Windows-based computer, click or double-click the icon to open the program.
The initial page displays a menu and a button.
8. From the **Choose a connection** menu, select the network connection that allows the NDT to access the switch.
9. Click the **Start Searching** button.
The NDT displays a list of switches that it discovers on the selected network.
For each switch, the tool displays the IP address.
10. To access the device UI of the switch, click the **ADMIN PAGE** button.
The login page of the device UI opens.
11. Enter the device management password.
The default password to access the switch is **password**. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays and shows the IP address that is assigned to the switch.

! Note: You can copy and paste the IP address into a new shortcut or bookmark it for quick access on your computer or mobile device. However, if you restart the switch, a dynamic IP address (assigned by a DHCP server) might change the IP address, and the bookmark might no longer link to the login page for the switch. When you restart the switch, you must repeat this procedure so that you can discover the new IP address of the switch in the network and update your bookmark accordingly. You can also set up a fixed (static) IP address for the switch (see [Assign a fixed IP address to the switch](#) on page 15) to make sure that the new bookmark always links to the login page for the switch, even after you restart the switch.

Assign a fixed IP address to the switch

By default, the switch is configured to automatically receive an IP address from a DHCP server (or a router that functions as a DHCP server) in your network. However, certain events can cause the DHCP server to issue a new IP address to the switch, so if you need the switch to persistently have the same IP address, you can assign a fixed (static) IP address to the switch. For example, you may want to attach a shared device such as a printer or file server, configure port forwarding, or set up the switch so you can connect remotely from a mobile device.

To change the IP address of the switch, use one of the following methods:

- **Connect to the switch through the network:** If the switch and your computer are connected to the same network, you can change the IP address of the switch through a network connection (see [Set a fixed IP address for the switch through a network connection](#) on page 15).
- **Connect directly to the switch:** If you cannot connect to the switch over a network connection, you can change the IP address of the switch by using an Ethernet cable to connect a directly to the switch (see [Assign a fixed IP address by connecting directly to the switch off-network](#) on page 16).

Set a fixed IP address for the switch through a network connection

If the switch and your computer are connected to the same network, you can set a fixed IP address on the switch through a network connection.

To disable the DHCP client of the switch and change the IP address of the switch to a fixed IP address by using a network connection:

1. Open a web browser from a computer that is connected to the same network as the switch.
2. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
3. Enter the switch password.
The default password is **password**. The password is case-sensitive. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password.
The Switch Information page displays.
4. In the **DHCP Mode** menu, select **Disable**.
The IP Address, Subnet Mask, and Gateway Address fields are enabled.
5. Enter the fixed (static) IP address that you want to assign to the switch and the associated subnet mask and gateway IP address.
You can also either leave the address in the **IP Address** field as it is (with the IP address that was issued by the DHCP server) or change the last three digits of the IP address to an unused IP address.
6. Write down the complete fixed IP address.
You can bookmark it later.
7. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved. Your switch web session is disconnected when you change the IP address.
8. If the login page does not display, enter the new IP address of the switch in the address field of your web browser.
The login window opens.
9. For easy access to the device UI, bookmark the page on your computer.

Assign a fixed IP address by connecting directly to the switch off-network

If you cannot connect to the switch over a network connection, you can use an Ethernet cable to connect your computer directly to the switch, and then you can set the IP address of the switch.

To disable the switch's DHCP client and change the IP address of the switch to a fixed IP address through a direct connection:

1. Connect an Ethernet cable from your computer to an Ethernet port on the switch.
2. Change the IP address of your computer to be in the same subnet as the default IP address of the switch.

The default IP address of the switch is 192.168.0.239 and, to connect to it, your computer's IP address must be on the same subnet (192.168.0.x).

The method to change your computer's IP address depends on the operating system of your computer.

3. Launch a web browser.
4. In the address field of your web browser, enter **192.168.0.239**.

The login window opens.

5. Enter the switch password.

The default password is **password**. The password is case-sensitive. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password.

The Switch Information page displays.

6. In the **DHCP Mode** menu, select **Disable**.

The IP Address, Subnet Mask, and Gateway Address fields are enabled.

7. Enter the fixed (static) IP address that you want to assign to the switch and the associated subnet mask and gateway IP address.

8. Write down the complete fixed IP address.

You can bookmark it later.

9. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved. Your switch web session disconnects when you change the IP address.

10. Disconnect the switch from your computer and install the switch in your network.

11. Restore your computer to its original IP address.

12. Verify that you can connect to the switch with its new IP address:

- a. Open a web browser from a computer that is connected to the same network as the switch.

- b. Enter the new IP address that you assigned to the switch.

The login window opens.

- c. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

Change the language for the device UI

By default, the language for the device UI is set to Auto so that the switch can automatically detect the language. However, you can set the language to a specific one.

To change the language for the device UI:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. From the language menu at the top right of the page, select a language.
By default, the selection from the menu is **Auto**.
A pop-up warning window opens.
6. Click the **YES** button.
Your settings are saved and the language changes.

Register the switch

Registering your switch allows you to receive email alerts and streamlines the technical support process. You can register your switch through the device UI.

To register your switch through the device UI:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection.

ⓘ Note: You must access the switch while connected to the network (on-network) to register the switch.

2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **Help > Registration**.
The Product Registration page displays.
6. Click the **Register** button.
7. Follow the onscreen process to register your product.

3

Use VLANs for Traffic Segmentation

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [VLAN overview](#)
- [Basic port-based VLANs: Assign ports to VLANs](#)
- [Advanced port-based VLANs: Assign ports to multiple VLANs](#)
- [Basic 802.1Q-based VLANs: Assign ports to VLANs](#)
- [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Create VLANs](#)
- [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Add tagged or untagged ports](#)
- [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Specify a port PVID](#)

VLAN overview

You can set up a VLAN (virtual local area network) to group traffic passing through the switch and other networked devices so that members of the VLAN function as part of a single isolated network. VLANs can offer benefits such as enhanced security, improved load balancing, better use of shared resources, and more efficient network management.

Ports can be grouped in VLANs using either the port-based or 802.1Q tag-based method:

- **Port-based VLANs:** These are the simplest types of VLANs. To set up a port-based VLAN, you select the ports that you want to be members of the VLAN, which creates a virtual network consisting of all devices connected to the member ports.

If the switch is the only switch in your network and you do not need a VLAN to function across multiple network devices (such as a router, another switch, a WiFi access point, or any network device that supports VLANs), we recommend that you use a port-based VLAN. The switch supports the following types of port-based VLANs:

- **Basic port-based VLAN:** If each port only needs to belong to a single VLAN (except the uplink port, which is the port that connects your switch to your router), you can use a basic port-based VLAN. To set up a basic port-based VLAN, you assign the same VLAN ID to one or more ports. Except for the uplink port, a port belongs to a single basic port-based VLAN only, so the number of basic port-based VLANs cannot be greater than the number of ports on the switch.
- **Advanced port-based VLAN:** If you want ports to belong to multiple VLANs, you can use an advanced port-based VLAN. To set up an advanced port-based VLAN, you assign the same VLAN ID to one or more ports to make them members of this VLAN, but you can also assign other VLAN IDs to these ports to make them members of other VLANs.
- **802.1Q-based VLANs (tag-based VLANs):** Tagged VLANs are more flexible, and the switch can support many more tagged VLANs than port-based VLANs. The switch supports the IEEE 802.1Q standard, which lets you assign tags to Ethernet frames to route VLAN traffic. When a port receives data tagged for a VLAN, the port accepts the data only if the port is a member of that VLAN. Otherwise, the port discards the data. You can also route traffic from the switch through an 802.1Q VLAN that is set up on another network device in your LAN (or even outside your LAN) by using the same VLAN ID on both network devices.

If you need a VLAN to function across multiple network devices (such as a router, another switch, a WiFi access point, or any network device that supports VLANs), we recommend that you use an 802.1Q-based VLAN. The switch supports the following types of 802.1Q-based VLANs:

- **Basic 802.1Q-based VLAN:** If you do not need custom tagging on a port, you can use a basic 802.1Q-based VLAN. When you use a basic 802.1Q-based VLAN, VLAN 1 is added to the switch and all ports are assigned as untagged members

of VLAN 1. You can then assign a port to a different VLAN in a range from 1 to 4093, but the port can belong to a single VLAN only.

- **Advanced 802.1Q-based VLAN:** If you need custom tagging on a port, you must use an advanced 802.1Q-based VLAN. When you use an advanced 802.1Q-based VLAN, VLAN 1 is added to the switch and all ports are untagged members of VLAN 1, but you can tag or untag ports, remove ports from the VLAN, assign ports to different VLANs in a range from 1 to 4093, and manage port PVIDs.

Basic port-based VLANs: Assign ports to VLANs

A port-based VLAN configuration lets you assign ports on the switch to a VLAN. The number of VLANs is limited to the number of ports on the switch. In a basic port-based VLAN configuration, ports with the same VLAN ID are placed into the same VLAN.

You can also assign ports to multiple VLANs (see [Advanced port-based VLANs: Assign ports to multiple VLANs](#) on page 23).

By default, all ports are members of VLAN 1.

To assign ports to basic port-based VLANs:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **VLAN**.
The Basic Port-based VLAN Status page displays.

6. If this is the first time that you are accessing this page or if you are changing the VLAN assignment method, select the **Enable** radio button and continue with [Step 7](#).

Otherwise, see [Step 9](#).

A pop-up window opens, informing you that the current VLAN settings will be lost.

7. Click the **OK** button.

The pop-up window closes.

8. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

The Basic Port-based VLAN Group table displays.

9. Under each port to be added to a VLAN, enter the ID of the VLAN.

You can enter a VLAN ID from 1 to the maximum number of ports that your switch supports. If all the VLANs share an uplink to the Internet or servers, enter **all** in the **VLAN ID** field for the port that you want to use for the uplink.

! Note: If ports are members of the same LAG, you must assign them to the same VLAN.

10. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

Advanced port-based VLANs: Assign ports to multiple VLANs

A port-based VLAN configuration lets you assign ports on the switch to a VLAN. The number of VLANs is limited to the number of ports on the switch. In an advanced port-based VLAN configuration, you can assign a single port to multiple VLANs.

By default, all ports are members of VLAN 1.

To assign ports to multiple port-based VLANs:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **VLAN**.

The Basic Port-based VLAN Status page displays.

6. From the menu on the left, select the **Advanced** tab.

7. If this is the first time that you are accessing this page or if you are changing the VLAN assignment method, select the **Enable** radio button and continue with [Step 8](#).

Otherwise, see [Step 10](#).

A pop-up window opens, informing you that the current VLAN settings will be lost.

8. Click the **OK** button.

The pop-up window closes.

9. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

The VLAN Configuration and VLAN Membership sections display.

10. In the **VLAN Identifier** menu, select the VLAN.

11. Select the ports that you want to add to the VLAN by doing the following:

- a. (Optional) In the **Group Operation** menu, select either **Select All** or **Remove All**.

All ports are either added to the VLAN or removed from the VLAN.

- b. Select or remove individual ports by selecting the check boxes that are associated with the port numbers.

ⓘ Note: If ports are members of the same LAG, you must assign them to the same VLAN.

- c. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved. In the VLAN Membership table, the ports display as members of the VLAN.

12. To select ports for another VLAN, repeat [Step 10](#) and [Step 11](#).

Basic 802.1Q-based VLANs: Assign ports to VLANs

An 802.1Q-based VLAN configuration lets you assign ports on the switch to a VLAN with an ID number in the range of 1–4093. By default, all ports are members of VLAN 1.

In an advanced 802.1Q-based VLAN configuration, you can set up VLANs to which you can add tagged or untagged ports and you can use port VLAN ID (PVID). For more information, [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Create VLANs](#) on page 26.

To assign ports to basic 802.1Q-based VLANs:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **VLAN > 802.1Q**.
The Basic 802.1Q VLAN Status page displays.
6. If this is the first time that you are accessing the Basic 802.1Q VLAN Status page or if you are changing the VLAN assignment method, select the **Enable** radio button and continue with [Step 7](#).
Otherwise, see [Step 9](#).
A pop-up window opens, informing you that the current VLAN settings will be lost.
7. Click the **OK** button.
The pop-up window closes.
8. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.
The Basic 802.1Q VLAN Identifier table displays.

9. Under each port to be added to a VLAN, enter the ID of the VLAN.

You can enter a VLAN ID from 1 to 4093. If all the VLANs share an uplink to the Internet or servers, enter **all** in the **VLAN ID** field for the port that you want to use for the uplink.

! Note: If ports are members of the same LAG, you must assign them to the same VLAN.

10. You can change the management VLAN for improved network security. In the Management VLAN ID field, enter a number from 1 to 4093.

By default, the management VLAN is VLAN 1.

11. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Create VLANs

In an advanced 802.1Q-based VLAN configuration, you can assign ports on the switch to a VLAN with an ID number in the range of 1-4093 and you can add tagged or untagged ports to a VLAN. In addition, you can use port VLAN IDs (PVIDs). By default, all ports are untagged members of VLAN 1.

To create 802.1Q-based VLANs in an advanced configuration:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **VLAN > 802.1Q > Advanced > VLAN Configuration**.

The Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Status page displays.

6. If this is the first time that you are accessing the Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Status page or if you are changing the VLAN assignment method, select the **Enable** radio button and continue with [Step 7](#).

Otherwise, see [Step 9](#).

A pop-up window opens, informing you that the current VLAN settings will be lost.

7. Click the **OK** button.

The pop-up window closes.

8. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

The VLAN Identifier Setting table displays.

9. In the **VLAN ID** field, enter a VLAN ID.

You can enter a VLAN ID from 1 to 4093.

10. Click the **Add** button.

The new VLAN is added to the VLAN Identifier Setting table.

After you create a new VLAN ID, use the VLAN membership option to add ports to the VLAN. (Select **VLAN > 802.1Q > Advanced > VLAN Membership**. See also [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Add tagged or untagged ports](#) on page 27.)

! Note: To delete a VLAN, select the check box for the VLAN and click the **Delete** button.

11. You can change the management VLAN for improved network security. In the Management VLAN ID field, enter a number from 1 to 4093.

By default, the management VLAN is VLAN 1.

12. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Add tagged or untagged ports

After you define a VLAN ID using the advanced 802.1Q VLAN option (see [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Create VLANs](#) on page 26), you must add ports to the VLAN.

While you add ports to a VLAN, you can specify whether the ports must be tagged or untagged. Port tagging allows a port to be associated with a particular VLAN and allows the VLAN ID tag to be added to data packets that are sent through the port. The tag identifies the VLAN that must receive the data.

By default, all ports are untagged.

To add tagged or untagged ports to an advanced 802.1Q-based VLAN:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **VLAN > 802.1Q > Advanced > VLAN Configuration**.
The Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Status page displays. The menu on the left displays more options.
6. Select **VLAN Membership**.
You can select **VLAN Membership** only if you already enabled the advanced 802.1Q VLAN option (see [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Create VLANs](#) on page 26).
7. In the **VLAN ID** menu, select the VLAN.
8. Select the ports that you want to add to the VLAN by doing the following:
 - a. (Optional) In the **Group Operation** menu, select **Untag All**, **Tag all**, or **Remove all**.
All ports are either added to the VLAN (tagged or untagged) or removed from the VLAN.
 - b. Select individual ports and assign them as tagged (T) or untagged (U) ports or remove individual ports by selecting the check boxes that are associated with the port numbers.
By default, all ports are untagged.
 - c. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved. In the VLAN Membership table, the ports display as members of the VLAN.
9. To select ports for another VLAN, repeat [Step 7](#) and [Step 8](#).
10. To verify your selections, select **VLAN > 802.1Q > Advanced > VLAN Configuration**.

The Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Status page displays. In the VLAN Identifier Setting table, the ports display next to the VLAN or VLANs to which they were added.

Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Specify a port PVID

A default port VLAN ID (PVID) is a VLAN ID tag that the switch assigns to data packets it receives that are not already addressed (tagged) for a particular VLAN. For example, if you connected a computer on port 6 and you want it to be a part of VLAN 2, configure port 6 to automatically add a PVID of 2 to all data received from the computer. This step ensures that the data from the computer on port 6 can be seen only by other members of VLAN 2. You can assign only one PVID to a port.

To assign a PVID to one or more ports:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **VLAN > 802.1Q > Advanced > VLAN Configuration**.
The Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Status page displays. The menu on the left displays more options.
6. Select **Port PVID**.
You can select **Port PVID** only if you already enabled the advanced 802.1Q VLAN option (see [Advanced 802.1Q-based VLANs: Create VLANs](#) on page 26).
7. Select one or more ports.
8. Enter the PVID.

You can enter a PVID only for a VLAN that already exists.

9. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

4

Optimize Performance With Quality of Service

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [About Quality of Service](#)
- [Set 802.1p/DSCP-based QoS for all ports](#)
- [Set up rate limiting](#)
- [Set up broadcast filtering](#)

About Quality of Service

To manage traffic on the switch, you can manually set the Quality of Service (QoS) mode. The switch supports the following QoS modes, which are mutually exclusive and, once selected, apply to all ports on the switch:

- **Port-based QoS mode:** Lets you manually set the priority level for individual ports. For example, you can select Low Priority (P0). For more information, see [Set 802.1p/DSCP-based QoS for all ports](#) on page 32.
- **802.1p/DSCP QoS mode:** Automatically applies pass-through prioritization for traffic (for example, voice or video) that is based on tagged packets. This QoS mode applies to all ports but only for traffic for connected devices that support 802.1p tagging or Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) tagging. For connected devices that do not support 802.1p or DSCP tagging, traffic is not prioritized. For more information, see [Set 802.1p/DSCP-based QoS for all ports](#) on page 32.

Independently of the selected QoS mode, the switch supports the following QoS features:

- **Rate limiting:** You can limit the rate of traffic on a port, including incoming traffic, outgoing traffic, or both, to prevent the port and the connected device from taking up too much bandwidth on the switch. Rate limiting simply means that the switch slows down all traffic on the port so that traffic does not exceed the limit that you set for that port. If you set the rate limit on a port too low, you might notice degraded video stream quality, sluggish response times during online activity, and other problems. For more information, see [Set up rate limiting](#) on page 33.
- **Broadcast filtering:** Broadcast filtering is a security feature that can prevent a transmission delay or blockage if a broadcast storm occurs. You can also set the storm control rate for incoming traffic for individual ports. For more information, see [Set up broadcast filtering](#) on page 34.

Set 802.1p/DSCP-based QoS for all ports

802.1p/DSCP-based priority uses a field in the data packet header that identifies the class of data in the packet (for example, voice or video). When 802.1p/DSCP-based priority is used, the switch reads information in the packet header to determine the priority to assign to the packet. The switch reads both 802.1p tag information and DSCP/ToS tag information. If an ingress packet contains both an 802.1p tag and a DSCP/ToS tag, the switch gives precedence to the 802.1p tag.

All ports on the switch check the packet header and transmit the packet with a priority determined by the packet content.

To set **802.1p/DSCP-based QoS** for all ports:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **QoS**.
The Quality of Service page displays.
6. Select the **802.1p/DSCP-based** radio button.
A pop-up window opens, informing you that the current QoS settings will be lost.
7. Click the **OK** button.
The pop-up window closes.
8. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.

Set up rate limiting

You can limit the rate at which the switch accepts incoming data and the rate that it retransmits outgoing data. The rate choices vary depending on the switch model.

Rate limiting can be set for a port in addition to other QoS settings. If the port rate limit is set, the switch restricts the acceptance or retransmission of data to the values configured.

To set up rate limiting:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **QoS > Rate Limit**.

The Rate Control Setting page displays.

6. Set the ingress (incoming) and egress (outgoing) traffic rates by doing the following:

- a. Select one or more ports.

- b. In the **Ingress Rate** menu, select the maximum rate.

You can set a rate from 512 Kbit/s to 512 Mbit/s. By default, no limit is set.

- c. In the **Egress Rate** menu, select the maximum rate.

You can set a rate from 512 Kbit/s to 512 Mbit/s. By default, no limit is set.

- d. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

7. To set different rates for one or more other ports, repeat [Step 6](#).

Set up broadcast filtering

You can configure the switch to block broadcast storms (massive transmission of broadcast packets forwarded to every port on the same VLAN). If they are not blocked, broadcast storms can delay or halt the transmission of other data. Some switches allow you to select a storm control rate for each port. Others assign a predetermined storm control rate for all ports on the switch.

If broadcast traffic on any port exceeds the threshold that you set, the switch temporarily blocks (discards) the broadcast packets.

To set up broadcast filtering:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **QoS > Broadcast Filtering**.

The Broadcast Filtering page displays.

6. If this is the first time that you are setting up broadcast filtering, select the **Enable** radio button and continue with the next step.

Otherwise, see [Step 8](#).

7. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved and the Storm Control Rate table displays.

8. Set the storm control rate by doing the following:

- a. Select one or more ports.

- b. In the **Storm Control Rate** menu, select the maximum rate.

You can set a rate from 512 Kbit/s to 512 Mbit/s. By default, no limit is set.

- c. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

9. To set a different rate for one or more other ports, repeat [Step 8](#).

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Manage Network Settings

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Specify IP address settings for the switch
- Manage multicast traffic with IGMP snooping
- Manage Universal Plug and Play

Specify IP address settings for the switch

By default, the switch IP address works as follows:

- If you cable the switch to a network with a DHCP server before you power on the switch, the DHCP server assigns an IP address to the switch when the switch is powered on.
- If you power on the switch when it is not connected to a network with a DHCP server, the switch uses its default IP address, which is 192.168.0.239.

You can disable the DHCP mode in the switch and enter static IP address and subnet mask values for the switch as well as the address of the gateway device used by the switch.

Change the switch IP address

To change IP address settings for the switch:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. In the **DHCP Mode** menu, select **Disable**.
The **IP Address**, **Subnet Mask**, and **Gateway Address** fields are enabled.
6. Enter the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address.
7. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.

Manage multicast traffic with IGMP snooping

Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping allows a switch to forward multicast traffic intelligently on the switch. Multicast IP traffic is traffic that is destined to a host group. Host groups are identified by class D IP addresses, which range from 224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255. Based on the IGMP query and report messages, the switch forwards traffic only to the ports that request the multicast traffic. This feature prevents the switch from broadcasting the traffic to all ports and possibly affecting network performance.

The switch maintains a map that shows which links need which IP multicast streams. The switch forwards multicast traffic only to the links that requested them and cuts multicast traffic from links that do not contain a multicast listener. Essentially, IGMP snooping helps optimize multicast performance at Layer 2 and is especially useful for bandwidth-intensive IP multicast applications such as IPTV.

Customize IGMP snooping

By default, IGMP snooping is enabled. You can customize the settings for your network.

To customize IGMP snooping:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Multicast**.

The IGMP Snooping Configuration page displays.

6. Make sure that the IGMP Snooping Status **Enable** radio button is selected.

7. In the **VLAN ID Enabled for IGMP Snooping** field, enter a VLAN ID between 1 and 4094.

By default, the VLAN ID is 1.

You can specify a VLAN for IGMP snooping only if you enabled port-based or 802.1Q-based VLANs (see [Use VLANs for Traffic Segmentation](#) on page 20).

IGMP snooping functions only on the VLAN that is specified in the **VLAN ID Enabled for IGMP Snooping** field.

8. (Optional) Select the Validate IGMPv3 IP header **Enable** radio button.

Some network devices might not conform to the IGMPv3 standard. When the Validate IGMPv3 IP header option is enabled, IGMP messages are required to include TTL = 1, ToS Byte = 0xC0 (Internetwork Control), and the router alert IP option (9404) must be set. Otherwise, the packets are ignored.

9. (Optional) Select the Block Unknown MultiCast Address **Enable** radio button.

When this feature is enabled, multicast packets are forwarded only to the ports that are in the multicast group learned from IGMP snooping. All unknown multicast packets are dropped.

10. (Optional) Select an option from the **IGMP Snooping Static Router Port** menu.

You can select a port to be the dedicated IGMP snooping static router port if no IGMP query exists in the network for the switch to discover the router port dynamically. After a port is selected as the static router port, all IGMP Join and Leave reports are forwarded to the port.

11. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

Specify a VLAN for IGMP snooping

You can specify a VLAN for IGMP snooping only if you enabled port-based or 802.1Q-based VLANs (see [Use VLANs for Traffic Segmentation](#) on page 20).

To specify a VLAN for IGMP snooping:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Multicast**.

The IGMP Snooping Configuration page displays.

6. Make sure that the IGMP Snooping Status **Enable** radio button is selected.

7. In the **VLAN ID Enabled for IGMP Snooping** field, enter the ID of the VLAN.

By default, if you enable IGMP snooping, snooping occurs on VLAN 1. However, you can enable snooping on any VLAN:

- For port-based VLANs, you can enter a VLAN ID from 1 to the maximum number of ports that the switch supports.
- For 802.1Q-based VLANs, you can enter a VLAN ID from 1 to 4094.

8. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

Manage Universal Plug and Play

A NETGEAR device or application that supports Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) can discover the switch in the network so that you can find the switch IP address and log in to the device UI of the switch. UPnP is enabled by default. You can disable UPnP for security reasons.

To manage UPnP:

1. Open a web browser from a computer that is connected to the same network as the switch.

2. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

3. Enter the switch password.

The default password is **password**. The password is case-sensitive. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password.

The Switch Information page displays.

4. From the menu on the left, select **SWITCH DISCOVERY**.

The SWITCH DISCOVERY page displays.

5. In the UPnP section, select the radio button to enable or disable UPnP.
6. Click the **APPLY** button.
Your settings are saved.

6

Manage and Monitor the Switch

This chapter covers the following topics:

- [Manage flow control](#)
- [Manage the port speed and the port status](#)
- [Enable loop detection](#)
- [Download and update the firmware](#)
- [Reboot the switch](#)
- [Save the switch configuration](#)
- [Restore a saved switch configuration](#)
- [Restore factory default settings](#)
- [Manage access control](#)
- [Enable port mirroring](#)
- [View switch information or change the switch device name](#)
- [Change the switch password](#)
- [View or clear the port statistics](#)
- [PoE considerations for switches that support PoE](#)

Manage flow control

ⓘ Note: Flow control is available on models GS105PE, GS108Ev3, GS108PEv3, and GS308E.

Flow control works by pausing a port if the port becomes oversubscribed. It drops all traffic for small intervals of time during the congested condition. By default, flow control is disabled. (For some network situations, flow control might not work well.) You can enable or disable IEEE 802.3x flow control.

To manage flow control:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **System > Management > Port Status**.
The Port Status page displays.
6. Select one or more ports.
7. In the **Flow Control** menu, select **Enable** or **Disable**.
8. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.

Manage the port speed and the port status

By default, the port speed on all ports is set automatically after the switch determines the speed using autonegotiation with the link partner. You can select a specific port speed setting for each port, or disable a port by shutting it down manually.

To manage the port speed and the port status:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **System > Management > Port Status**.
The Port Status page displays.
6. Select one or more ports.
7. In the **Speed** menu, select one of the following options:
 - **Auto**. The port speed is set automatically after the switch determines the speed using autonegotiation with the link partner. This is the default setting.
 - **Disable**. The port is shut down.
 - **10M Half**. The port is forced to function at 10 Mbps with half duplex.
 - **10M Full**. The port is forced to function at 10 Mbps with full duplex.
 - **100M Half**. The port is forced to function at 100 Mbps with half duplex.
 - **100M Full**. The port is forced to function at 100 Mbps with full duplex.
8. If you selected a single port in [Step 6](#), to add a port description, enter a text in the **Port Description** field in the table heading.
If you selected more than one port in [Step 6](#), you cannot add a port description.

9. To configure more ports, repeat this procedure from [Step 6](#) on.
10. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.

Enable loop detection

If loop detection is enabled and the switch detects a loop, the LED or both LEDs of a port blink at a constant speed.

To enable loop detection:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **System > Management > Loop Detection**.
The Loop Detection page displays.
6. Select the **Enable** radio button.
7. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved.

Download and update the firmware

You can manually check for the latest firmware version for your switch by visiting netgear.com/support/download/.

To download and update the firmware using the device UI:

1. Visit netgear.com/support/download/.
2. In the **Enter a Product Name/Model Number** field, start typing the model number, and select the model from the menu that displays after you start typing.
The available firmware versions displays.
3. Select and download the firmware version and release notes to your computer.
4. Read the release notes to find out if you must reconfigure the switch after upgrading.
5. Unzip the downloaded file to extract the firmware image.
6. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
7. Launch a web browser.
8. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
9. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
10. Select **System > Maintenance > Firmware Update**.
The Firmware Update page displays.
The firmware update method depends on the current firmware and boot loader versions on your switch.
11. If the page displays the **Enter Loader Mode** button, click the **Enter Loader Mode** button.
The switch reboots and enters into the loader mode. The Firmware Upgrade page that displays varies, depending on the firmware boot loader version that is already on your switch.
Follow either [Step 12](#) or [Step 13](#), depending on which prompts you are presented with.
12. If you are prompted to update the firmware from a file, click the **Browse** button and locate and select the new firmware image file.
13. If you are prompted to provide both the TFTP server IP address and the image file name, do the following:
 - a. Complete the **TFTP Server IP** address field.

ⓘ Note: This method requires that TFTP server software is installed on your computer to use the assigned TFTP server address from the TFTP server software application.

b. Complete the **Image File Name** field.

c. Make sure that the TFTP server launches the TFTP server application.

14. Click the **Apply** button.

⚠ Warning: To avoid the risk of corrupting the firmware, do not interrupt the update. For example, do not turn off the switch or disconnect it.

When the update is complete, your switch restarts. The update process typically takes about three minutes.

Reboot the switch

You can reboot the switch remotely.

To reboot the switch:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Maintenance > Device Reboot**.

The Device Reboot page displays.

6. Select the check box.

7. Click the **Apply** button.

The switch reboots.

Save the switch configuration

You can save the switch configuration as a file. We recommend that you save the configuration. Then you can quickly restore the switch configuration if you change the settings and then decide to return the switch to its previous settings.

To save the switch configuration:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **System > Maintenance > Save Configuration**.
The Save Configuration page displays.
6. Click the **Save** button.
A pop-up window opens. Depending on the settings of your browser, you can select a location to save the switch configuration file (a `.cfg` file).
7. Follow the directions of your browser to save the switch configuration.

Restore a saved switch configuration

You can restore a switch configuration that you saved.

To restore the switch configuration that you saved:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Maintenance > Restore Configuration**.

The Restore Configuration page displays.

6. Click the **Browse** button and locate and select the saved configuration file (a .cfg file).

7. Click the **Apply** button.

The saved configuration is restored to the switch.

Restore factory default settings

You can return the switch to its factory settings.

 **Caution:** This process erases all settings that you configured on the switch.

To restore factory settings:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Maintenance > Factory Default**.

The Factory Default page displays.

6. Select the check box.

7. Click the **Apply** button.

The switch returns to its factory settings. The switch reboots to load the restored configuration.

Manage access control

Access control allows you to control which devices can access the switch over a web browser for management purposes. By default, access control is disabled. By adding one or more devices to the Access Control list, access control is enabled, and only devices in the list are allowed to access the switch over a web browser.

 **Note:** Models GS108Ev3, GS108PEv3, and GS308E do not support access control.

For more information, see the following sections:

- [Add devices to the Access Control list](#) on page 50
- [Remove devices from the Access Control list](#) on page 51

Add devices to the Access Control list

Be sure to use a valid subnet mask when you add a device or a range of devices to the Access Control list.

 **Caution:** Add the IP address and subnet mask for the device from which you are accessing the switch to the Access Control list before you add any other devices to the list. Otherwise, you are locked out from the switch's device UI.

To add devices to the Access Control list:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Maintenance > Access Control**.

The Access Control page displays.

6. For a device or range of devices that must be able to access the switch, configure the following settings:

- **Source IP Address.** Enter the IP address of the device or range of devices that must be allowed to access the switch over a web browser.
- **Mask.** Enter the subnet mask that is associated with the IP address.

7. Click the **Add** button.

The device or range of devices is added to the list and your settings are saved. Access control is now enabled.

8. Repeat [Step 6](#) and [Step 7](#) for each device or range of devices that you want to add to the Access Control table.

Remove devices from the Access Control list

You can remove a device from the Access Control list. If you remove all devices from the list, access control is disabled.

To remove devices from the Access Control list:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Maintenance > Access Control**.

The Access Control page displays.

6. Select one or more devices.

To select all devices in the list, select the check box in the table heading.

7. Click the **Delete** button.

The devices are removed from the list and your settings are saved. If you removed all devices from the list, access control is disabled.

Enable port mirroring

Port mirroring lets you mirror the incoming (ingress) and outgoing (egress) traffic of one or more ports (the source ports) to a single predefined destination port.

To enable port mirroring:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. Select **System > Monitoring > Mirroring**.

The Port Mirroring Configuration page displays.

6. In the **Destination Port** menu, select the destination port.

You can select a single destination port only. You cannot select a destination port that is a member of a LAG.

7. In the Source Port section, select one or more source ports by selecting the check boxes that are associated with the port numbers.

You can select more than one source port. You cannot select a source port that is a member of a LAG.

8. In the **Mirroring** menu, select **Enable**.

By default, mirroring is disabled.

9. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

View switch information or change the switch device name

You can view the switch product name (model), serial number, MAC address, firmware version, DHCP mode, and other network information.

You can also change the switch device name.

To view information about the switch or change the switch device name:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.

You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.

2. Launch a web browser.

3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.

If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.

The login window opens.

4. Enter the switch password.

The default password is **password**. The password is case-sensitive.

(Optional) To navigate to this page, select **System > Management > Switch Information**.

The Switch Information page displays.

5. To change the switch device name, do the following:

- a. In the **Switch Name** field, enter a name of up to 20 characters.

- b. Click the **Apply** button.

Your settings are saved.

Change the switch password

The default password to access the switch is **password**. The first time that you log in to the switch, you must change the default password.

You can change the password again. The ideal password contains no dictionary words from any language and contains uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. It can be up to 20 characters.

To change the password:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **Maintenance > Change Password**.
The Change Password page displays.
6. In the **Old Password** field, type the current password for the switch.
7. Type the new password in the **New Password** field and in the **Re-type New Password** field.
8. Click the **Apply** button.
Your settings are saved. Keep the new password in a secure location so that you can access the switch in the future.

View or clear the port statistics

For each switch port, you can view the bytes received, bytes sent, and cyclic redundancy check (CRC) error packets.

To view or clear the port statistics:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **System > Monitoring > Port Statistics**.
The Port Statistics page displays.
For each port, the page lists the bytes received, bytes sent, and cyclic redundancy check (CRC) error packets, which are packets with errors or corrupt packets.
6. To clear the port statistics, click the **Clear Counters** button.
All statistics counters change to 0.

PoE considerations for switches that support PoE

A switch that supports Power over Ethernet (PoE) prioritizes the PoE power that it supplies in ascending port order (that is, from the lowest-numbered port to the highest-numbered port), up to its total power budget. If the power requirements for the attached powered devices (PDs) exceed the total power budget of the switch, the PD on the highest-numbered port is disabled to make sure that the PDs that are connected to the higher-priority, lower numbered ports are supported first.

Just because a PD is listed as an 802.3at PoE powered device does not necessarily mean that it requires the maximum power limit of the specification. Many PDs require less power, allowing all PoE ports to be active simultaneously.

The following table describes the PoE classes and the PoE power that a switch allocates.

Table 2. PoE classes and PoE power allocations

Device Class	Standard	Class Description	Minimum Power Allocated to the Powered Device	Range of Power Delivered to the Powered Device
0	PoE and PoE+	Default power (full)	0.44W	0.44W-12.95W
1	PoE and PoE+	Very low power	4.0W	0.44W-3.84W
2	PoE and PoE+	Low power	7.0W	3.84W-6.49W
3	PoE and PoE+	Mid power	15.4W	6.49W-12.95W
4	PoE+ only	High power	30.0W	12.95W-25.5W

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Diagnostics and Troubleshooting

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Test cable connections
- Resolve a subnet conflict to access the switch
- PoE troubleshooting suggestions

Test cable connections

You can use the cable diagnostic feature to easily find out the health status of network cables. If any problems exist, this feature helps quickly locate the point where the cabling fails, allowing connectivity issues to be fixed much faster, potentially saving technicians hours of troubleshooting.

If an error is detected, the distance at which the fault is detected is stated in meters. (This is the distance from the port.)

To test cable connections:

1. Connect your computer to the same network as the switch.
You can use a WiFi or wired network connection, or connect directly to a switch that is off-network using an Ethernet cable.
2. Launch a web browser.
3. In the address field of your web browser, enter the IP address of the switch.
If you do not know the IP address of the switch, see [Access the switch using a web browser](#) on page 11.
The login window opens.
4. Enter the switch password.
The password is the one that you specified the first time that you logged in. The password is case-sensitive.
The Switch Information page displays.
5. Select **System > Monitoring > Cable Tester**.
The Cable Tester page displays.
6. Select one or more check boxes.
7. Depending on the model, click the **Test Selected Port** or **TEST** button.
The switch tests the cable connection for the selected ports and displays the results. This process might take up to a few minutes.

Resolve a subnet conflict to access the switch

If you power on the switch before you connect it to a network that includes a DHCP server, the switch uses its own default IP address of 192.168.0.239. This subnet might

be different from the subnet used in your network. You might see the following message if you try to access the switch:

The switch and manager IP address are not in the same subnet.

To resolve this subnet conflict:

1. Disconnect the Ethernet cable between the switch and your network.
2. Shut down power to the switch.
3. Reconnect the Ethernet cable between the switch and your network.
4. Reapply power to the switch.

The switch powers on. The network DHCP server discovers the switch and assigns it an IP address that is in the correct subnet for the network.

PoE troubleshooting suggestions

Here are some tips for correcting Power over Ethernet (PoE) problems that might occur on switches that support PoE:

- Make sure that the PoE Max LED is off. If the PoE Max LED is solid amber, disconnect one or more PoE devices to prevent PoE oversubscription.
- Make sure that the Ethernet cables are plugged in correctly. For each powered device (PD) that is connected to the switch, the associated PoE port LED on the switch lights solid green. If the associated PoE port LED lights solid amber, a PoE fault occurred and PoE halted because of one of the conditions listed in the following table.

Table 3. PoE fault conditions and possible solutions

PoE Fault Condition	Possible Solution
A PoE-related short circuit occurred on the port.	The problem is most likely with the attached PD. Check the condition of the PD or restart the PD by disconnecting and reconnecting the PD.
The PoE power demand of the PD exceeded the maximum level that the switch permits. The maximum level is 15.4W for a PoE connection or 30W for a PoE+ connection.	
The PoE current on the port exceeded the classification limit of the PD.	
The PoE voltage of the port is outside the range that the switch permits.	Restart the switch to see if the condition resolves itself.

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Factory Default Settings and Technical Specifications

This appendix contains the following sections:

- [Factory default settings](#)
- [Model GS305E technical specifications](#)

Factory default settings

You can return the switch to its factory settings. Use the end of a paper clip or some other similar object to press and hold the **Factory Defaults** button on the front panel of the switch for at least two seconds. The switch resets and returns to the factory settings that are shown in the following table.

Table 4. Factory default settings

Feature	Setting
Switch password	password
IP address	192.168.0.239 (if the switch is not connected to a network with a DHCP server)
Subnet mask	255.255.255.0
DHCP mode	Enabled
IGMP snooping	Enabled
LAGs	None configured
VLANs	Disabled. If enabled, by default, all ports are members of VLAN 1.
802.1p/DSCP-based QoS	Enabled
Port-based QoS	Disabled
Rate limiting	Disabled
Broadcast filtering	Disabled
Loop detection	Disabled
Port speed	Autonegotiation
Flow control	Disabled
Port mirroring	Disabled
UPnP	Enabled

Model GS305E technical specifications

The following table shows the technical specifications for model GS305E.

Table 5. Model GS305E technical specifications

Feature	Description
Network interface	RJ-45 connector for 10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, or 1000BASE-T
Network cable	Category 5e (Cat 5e) or higher-rated Ethernet cable
Ethernet ports	5
Power input	12V, 1.0A DC input
Power consumption	2.6W maximum
Dimensions (W x D x H)	3.7 in. x 3.9 in. x 1.06 in. (94 mm x 100 mm x 27 mm)
Weight	0.56 lb (0.255 kg)
Operating temperature	32° to 122°F (0° to 50°C)
Operating humidity	10-90% maximum relative humidity, noncondensing
Electromagnetic compliance	KC Class B, FCC part 15 Class B, C-Tick Class B, CE Class B, VCCI Class B, CCC, CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3(B), BSMI
Safety agency approvals	CB, CCC, BSMI