

Using the BayStack 303 and 304 Ethernet Switches

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Preface

Congratulations on your purchase of the Bay Networks® BayStack 303 or BayStack 304 Ethernet Switch. The BayStack™ Ethernet switches are intended for small segment workgroups and power-user desktops and provide both 10BASE-T ports and 100BASE-T ports.

In this guide, the BayStack 303 and BayStack 304 switches are referred to collectively as the BayStack 303/304 switch. Each model is referred to individually when features and functions are unique to that particular model.

Purpose

This guide presents information about using the features and capabilities of the BayStack 303 and 304 Ethernet Switches, installing a switch, and configuring the switch through the console or Web-based user interface.

Audience

This guide is intended for Ethernet administrators with the following background:

- Working knowledge of basic Ethernet and network management concepts and terminology
- Familiarity with 10BASE-T and 100BASE-T specifications
- Familiarity with the use of the Web browser
- Working knowledge of tools and procedures for installing and operating sensitive electronic equipment

Conventions

This section describes the conventions used in this guide.

Special Message Formats

This guide uses the following formats to highlight special messages:



Note: This format is used to highlight information of importance or special interest.



Caution: This format is used to highlight information that will help you prevent equipment failure or loss of data.



Warning: This format is used to highlight material involving possibility of injury or equipment damage.



Danger: This format is used to alert you that you may incur an electrical shock by mishandling equipment.

Two-tiered Procedure Format

The procedural steps in this guide are presented in a two-tiered format. The first tier describes the step very briefly but precisely. An experienced user may need to read only the first tier to complete the task. The second tier describes the step in more detail and includes results of performing the step.

Use of Enter, Type, and Press

This guide uses “enter,” “type,” and “press” to describe the following actions:

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- When you read “type,” type the text, but do not press the Enter key.
- When you read “press,” press only the alphanumeric or named key.

Related Publications

For more information about the BayStack 303/304 switch, refer to the following publications:

- *BayStack 303 and 304 Ethernet Switches Installation Instructions* (Bay Networks part number 893-01011-A)

A quick installation guide for the BayStack 303/304 switch, including translations into French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, and Chinese.

- *Installing the BayStack 303 and 304 Ethernet Switch Media Adapters* (Bay Networks part number 893-01023-A)

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Chapter 1

Introduction to the BayStack 303/304 Ethernet Switch

This chapter introduces the BayStack 303/304 switch and covers the following topics:

- Summary of key features (beginning on this page)
- Physical description ([page 1-4](#))
- Power cord specifications ([page 1-9](#))

Features

The BayStack 303/304 switch belongs to the Bay Networks BayStack family of high-performance Ethernet solutions. These switches are designed to begin Ethernet frame switching functions immediately after setup with no configuration required. Minimal configuration is required for network management. These BayStack switches provide switch connectivity between 802.3 Ethernet devices running any network protocols.

The BayStack 303/304 switch provides 10 Mb/s ports, autonegotiating 10/100 Mb/s ports, and a 100 Mb/s media adapter (MDA) slot for either a 10/100BASE-TX or a 100BASE-FX fiber port connection. The BayStack 304 switch has 12 10BASE-T ports and is ideal for low-cost, performance-enhancing segmentation within the wiring closet. The higher port density of the 24-port BayStack 303 switch allows the extension of dedicated switching to power desktop users. The 100 Mb/s ports provide a high-throughput connection to a backbone or server and can be configured to operate in either half- or full-duplex data transfer mode. The 100 Mb/s ports can also be used to provide a link between traditional 10BASE-T networks and the faster 100 Mb/s networks.

Multiple switches can be connected to one another to form a switched/segmented Ethernet network. IEEE 802.1d Spanning Tree Protocol provides automatic network configuration of a loop-free topology and redundant inter-switch links.

The BayStack 303/304 switch provides the following key features:

- 10 Mb/s and 100 Mb/s switching in the following configurations:
 - 12 (BayStack 304 switch) or 24 (BayStack 303 switch) 10BASE-T half-duplex ports with standard RJ-45 connections
 - One 10/100BASE-TX full/half-duplex autonegotiating port
 - Addition of an optional 10/100BASE-TX full/half-duplex autonegotiating unshielded twisted pair (UTP) port or a 100BASE-FX fiber port
- Support for the IEEE 802.3u autonegotiation standard on 10/100BASE-TX ports, including the 10/100BASE-TX MDA
- Up to 1023 media access control (MAC) addresses per switch on all ports not configured as uplinks and an unlimited number of MAC addresses on the uplink ports
- Store-and-forward switching
- Full duplex line rate aggregate throughput for 64-byte packet sizes:
 - 387,206 packets per second (pps) for the BayStack 304 Ethernet Switch
 - 476,192 pps for the BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
- Three methods of switch setup and management:
 - A character-based, menu-driven user interface accessible via local serial port or Telnet connection. Two Telnet sessions are supported simultaneously with the local console.
 - A Web-based management graphical user interface (GUI) accessible through Netscape 3.0 or Microsoft Explorer 4.0 or later browsers on any network node uses an embedded http server for inband management. It allows you to configure, monitor, and maintain your network through World Wide Web browsers.
 - Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) manageability.

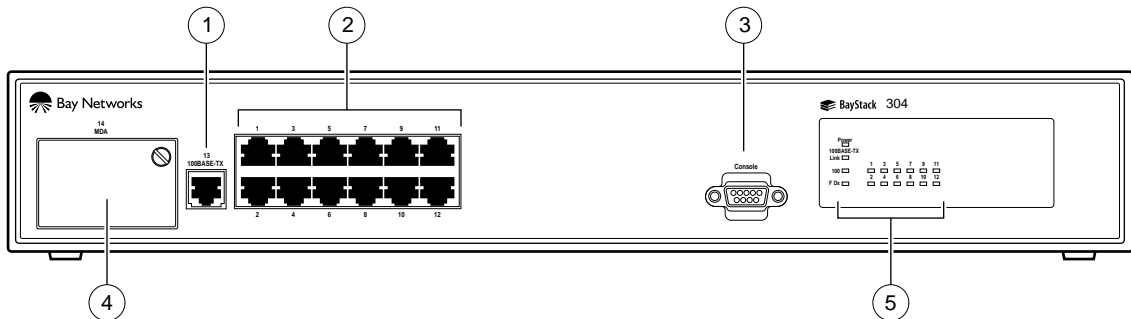
- Two user-selectable address-learning modes on high-speed ports:
 - Normal mode: address learning takes place on the port
 - Uplink mode: address learning does not occur on the port; connecting uplink ports to a network center limits addresses learned by the switch to those learned on normal ports
- Support for up to eight port-based virtual LANs (VLANs).
- A character-based, menu-driven user interface that supports these languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese.
- In-band Telnet connections through any port.
- Password protection for console, Telnet, and Web-based interfaces with a single, changeable password.
- Support for features of Bay Networks Optivity® network management software:
 - Expanded View™ (configuration and monitoring tool that graphically displays all components of the switch chassis)
 - OmniView™ (monitoring tool that displays statistics, status, and profiles using EtherLike and RMON MIBs)
 - Multisegment Autotopology™ (topology MIBs and port-to-MAC association/Bridge MIBs)
- SNMP MIB II EtherLike and Bridge MIB support.
- Conversation steering capability from any switch port to facilitate network troubleshooting and traffic monitoring.
- Support for four RMON MIB groups: Stats, History, Alarm, and Events.
- TFTP remote software image download via the console, Telnet, SNMP, or the Web with a delayed reset/upgrade option for scheduling the upgrade several hours in the future, such as at night when network traffic is light.
- Limited destination address filtering to prevent communication to specific stations (up to eight).
- Front panel indicators for power, system, and port link status.
- MAC table lookup for learned addresses.

Physical Description

This section provides descriptions of the components on the front panels of the BayStack 303 and 304 Ethernet Switches.

Front Panel

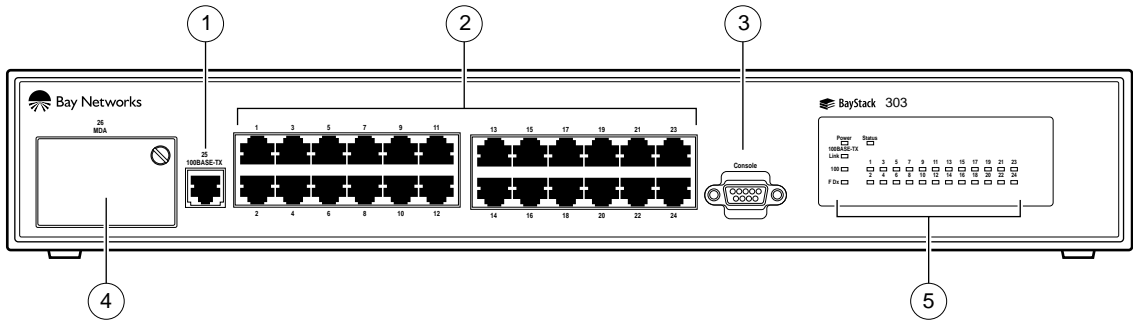
The front panels of these BayStack switches provide RJ-45 10BASE-T ports, an RJ-45 10/100BASE-TX port, an expansion slot for the addition of either a 10/100BASE-TX or 100BASE-FX port, a DB-9 connector for a console, and assorted LEDs. [Figure 1-1](#) shows the BayStack 304 Ethernet Switch, and [Figure 1-2](#) shows the BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch. Descriptions of the ports and LEDs follow the figures.



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- 1 = One 10/100BASE-TX port
- 2 = 12 10BASE-T ports
- 3 = Console port connection
- 4 = Expansion slot for the addition of an optional 10/100BASE-TX or 100BASE-FX MDA (switch should be powered down to install MDA)
- 5 = Status indicators

Figure 1-1. BayStack 304 Ethernet Switch front panel



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(switch should be powered down to install MDA)
- 5 = LED status indicators

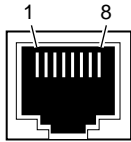
Figure 1-2. BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch front panel

10BASE-T Ports

The 10BASE-T port connections are provided for the 10 Mb/s Ethernet segments or nodes to attach to the BayStack 303/304 switch. The RJ-45 jacks accept standard Category 3, 4, or 5 unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable connections. Pin assignments for the standard RJ-45 connector are given in [Table 1-1](#). The BayStack switches are shipped with the 10BASE-T connectors configured as MDI-X (medium-dependent interface crossover). These ports connect over straight cables to the network interface controller (NIC) card in a node or server, similar to a conventional Ethernet repeater hub. If you are connecting to another Ethernet hub or Ethernet switch, you need a crossover cable unless an MDI connection exists on the associated port of the attaching device (see [“Connecting 10BASE-T Ports”](#) on [page 2-8](#) for a description of the crossover cable).

The 10 Mb/s ports operate in half-duplex mode only, and each port has an associated LED that indicates link status of the line.

Table 1-1. RJ-45 connector pinouts

	Pin	MDI-X signal
 <p>3165.1</p>	1	Receive data + (RD+)
	2	Receive data – (RD–)
	3	Transmit data + (TR+)
	4	Not used
	5	Not used
	6	Transmit data– (TD–)
	7	Not used
	8	Not used

10/100BASE-TX Port

The BayStack 303/304 switch has one built-in and one optional 10/100BASE-TX port that is designed to operate either at 10 Mb/s or at 100 Mb/s depending on the connecting device. The 10/100BASE-TX port supports half- and full-duplex mode operation. This port supports the IEEE 802.3u autonegotiation standard, so that when it is connected to another device that also supports the IEEE 802.3u autonegotiation standard, the two devices negotiate the best speed and duplex mode of operation. For more information on autonegotiation, see [“Connecting the 10/100BASE-TX Port”](#) on [page 2-9](#).

The 10/100 Mb/s port consists of a standard 8-pin modular RJ-45 connector used to connect hubs, switches, and end stations using only 2-pair Category 5 UTP cabling.

The link status indicator for the 100BASE-TX port is located on the LED panel on the front of the switch. This area also contains a full-duplex (F Dx) status indicator that lights when the port is operating in full-duplex mode. When the port is operating in half-duplex mode, the indicator is off. See [“Half-duplex and Full-duplex Mode”](#) on [page 2-9](#) for more information on duplex mode.

A speed LED (100) is also provided to indicate when the port is operating as a 100 Mb/s port. The LED is off when the port is operating as a 10 Mb/s port. See [“Autonegotiation”](#) on [page 2-10](#) for more information on autonegotiation of wire speed.

Like the 10BASE-T ports, all 10/100BASE-T ports are also configured as MDI-X. [Table 1-1](#) lists the pin assignments for the RJ-45 connector.

MDA Slot

The BayStack 303/304 switch is configured with one expansion slot that can be populated with an optional plug-in media-dependent adapter (MDA) to support a high-speed connection to servers, shared Fast Ethernet hubs, or backbone devices. Two types of media adapters are available for the BayStack 303/304 switch:

- Model MTX-1, 10/100BASE-TX UTP connection
- Model MFX-1, 100BASE-FX fiber connection

Both media types support half- and full-duplex operation and have an LED to indicate when the port is operating in full-duplex mode. See [Appendix A, “Technical Specifications,”](#) for a full description of the MDA.



Warning: Power to the switch must be turned off prior to installation of the MDA.

Console Port Connector

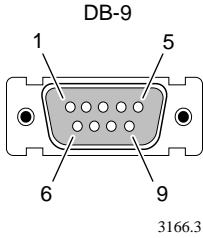
The console port has a DB-9 male connector used to connect a management terminal to the BayStack 303/304 switch. The console interface operates as a data communication equipment (DCE) interface, in that you connect a terminal using a straight-through cable. Using a terminal, you can monitor the results of startup self-diagnostics, perform manual boot configuration and SNMP agent configuration, and customize your network using the supplied menus and screens.

The console port runs at 9600 baud and uses 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity as the communications format, with flow control disabled.

In less complex applications with no network management, where no configuration changes are required, you do not need to use the console port on the BayStack 303/304 switch except for the initial switch setup described on [page 2-15](#). You may also perform the same monitoring and management functions using the Web-based management interface.

The console port connector pin assignments are described in [Table 1-2](#).

Table 1-2. DB-9 connector pin assignments

	Pins	Signal name	Direction
	1	Not used	
	2	Transmit data, TD	To terminal
	3	Receive data, RD	From terminal
	4	Not used	
	5	Common signal ground	
	6	Not used	
	7	Not used	
	8	Not used	
	9	Not used	

For information about connecting a terminal to the console port, refer to [Chapter 2, “Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch.”](#)

LEDs

The LEDs on the front panel of the BayStack 303/304 switch helps you to identify the unit port status and MDA operational mode (see [Table 1-3](#)). LEDs associated with the RJ-45 port connectors identify the link status of each port.

Table 1-3. Front-panel LEDs

Type	Label	Color	State	Meaning
Port link status	Link	Green	On	The connection to a device is active.
			Off	Link is inoperative or improperly connected.
Unit AC power supply status	Power	Green	On	Switch is receiving valid AC power.
			Off	Switch is not receiving valid AC power, or internal power supply has failed.
System status	Status	Green	On	Unit is operating properly.
			Blinking	Unit is performing self-tests or network configuration.
			Off	A system fault has occurred.

Table 1-3. Front-panel LEDs (continued)

Type	Label	Color	State	Meaning
100 Mb/s speed indicator*	100	Green	On	Port is operating at 100 Mb/s.
			Off	Port is operating at 10 Mb/s.
Full-duplex indicator*	F Dx	Green	On	10/100 Mb/s port is operating in full-duplex mode (simultaneous transmit and receive).
			Off	10/100 Mb/s port is operating in half-duplex mode (transmit or receive).

* Indicator applies to 10/100BASE-TX port only (port 13 on the BayStack 304 switch and port 25 on the BayStack 303 switch).

The unit AC power supply status LED and the system status LED work together to provide status information. [Table 1-4](#) defines the meaning of the two LEDs.

Table 1-4. Power and Status LEDs

Power	Status	Meaning
Off	Off	System off.
On	Off	System fault detected by power-up diagnostics.
On	Blinking	System is powered on and performing self-tests or network configuration.
On	On	Normal operation.

Power Cord Specifications

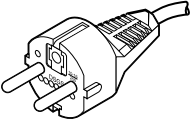
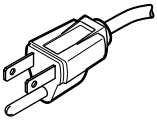
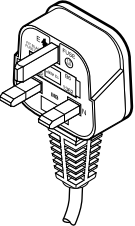
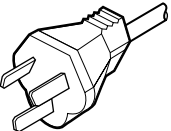
For installation outside North America, make sure you have the proper power cord for your region. Any cord used must have a CEE-22 standard V female connector on one end and must meet the IEC 320-030 specifications.



Caution: Use only power cords with a grounding path. Without a proper ground, a person touching the unit is in danger of receiving an electrical shock. Lack of a grounding path to the unit may result in excessive conducted or radiated emissions.

[Table 1-5](#) lists specifications for international power cords.

Table 1-5. International power cord specifications

Country/Plug description	Specifications	Typical plug
Continental Europe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEE7 standard VII male plug • Harmonized cord (HAR marking on the outside of the cord jacket to comply with the CENELEC Harmonized Document HD-21) 	220 or 230 VAC 50 Hz Single phase	 <p style="text-align: right;">228FA</p>
U.S./Canada/Japan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA5-15P male plug • UL recognized (UL stamped on cord jacket) • CSA certified (CSA label secured to the cord) 	100 or 120 VAC 50–60 Hz Single phase	 <p style="text-align: right;">227FA</p>
United Kingdom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BS1363 male plug with fuse • Harmonized cord 	240 VAC 50 Hz Single phase	 <p style="text-align: right;">229FA</p>
Australia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS3112-1981 Male plug 	240 VAC 50 Hz Single phase	 <p style="text-align: right;">230FA</p>

Chapter 2

Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch

This chapter provides the following information about installing the BayStack switches:

- Installation requirements (this page)
- Installation procedure ([page 2-2](#))
- Instructions for attaching devices ([page 2-8](#))
- Instructions for the initial switch setup ([page 2-18](#))

To further configure your BayStack 303/304 switch, refer to [Chapter 3, “Setting Up a Network Using the BayStack 303/304 Switch,”](#) [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface,”](#) and [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#)

Installation Requirements

Before installing a BayStack 303/304 switch, verify that the package contains the following items in addition to this guide:

- A BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch or a BayStack 304 Ethernet Switch
- Power cable for operating country; see [“Power Cord Specifications”](#) on [page 1-9](#)
- Rack-mounting kit
- Warranty card

You will need a Phillips screwdriver for the installation.

Install the BayStack 303/304 switch in a ventilated area that is dust free and away from heat vents, warm air exhaust from other equipment, and direct sunlight. Avoid proximity to large electric motors or other electromagnetic equipment. When choosing a location, observe the environmental guidelines listed in [Appendix A, “Technical Specifications.”](#)

Installation Procedure

This section provides the requirements and instructions for installing the BayStack 303/304 switch on a flat surface or in a standard 19-inch utility rack. If you install the switch in a rack, ground the rack to the same grounding electrode used by the power service in the area. The ground path must be permanent and must not exceed 1 ohm of resistance from the rack to the grounding electrode.

The BayStack 303/304 switch can be shipped with either a metal chassis or a plastic chassis. The installation procedure differs slightly depending on the type of chassis. Therefore, prior to installing your switch, determine which type of chassis you have.

Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch on a Flat Surface

The BayStack 303/304 switch can be mounted onto any appropriate flat, level surface that can safely support the weight of a switch and its attached cables, as long as there is adequate space around the unit for ventilation and access to cable connectors.

To install the switch on a tabletop, shelf, or any other flat surface, follow these steps:

- 1. Set the switch on the flat surface and check for proper ventilation.**
Allow at least 2 inches (5.1 cm) on each side for proper ventilation and 5 inches (12.7 cm) at the back for power cord clearance.
- 2. Attach rubber feet to each marked location on the bottom of the chassis.**
Feet are optional but recommended to keep the unit from slipping.
- 3. Attach all devices to the ports.**

See [“Attaching Devices to the BayStack Switch”](#) on [page 2-8](#) through [page 2-11](#).

- 4. You can stack switches on top of one another to configure a switched/bridged/segmented Ethernet backbone.**

To optimize performance, use the high-speed ports to interconnect switches.

- 5. Attach the power cord to the back of the switch.**

The BayStack 303/304 switch does not have a power on/off switch. When you connect the AC power cord to a suitable AC outlet, the switch powers up immediately.



Warning: Removing the power cord is the only way to turn off power to this device. The power cord must always be connected in a location that can be accessed quickly and safely in case of an emergency.

- 6. Attach the other end of the power cord to a grounded AC power outlet.**

As soon as the cord is plugged into the AC outlet, power is applied to all components in the switch.

With power applied to the switch, power-up diagnostics are performed and the switch goes into normal switch mode. To set the basic switch configuration, see [“Initial Setup of a BayStack 303/304 Switch”](#) on [page 2-15](#). To understand the complete software interface, see [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface”](#) or [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#)

Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch in a Rack

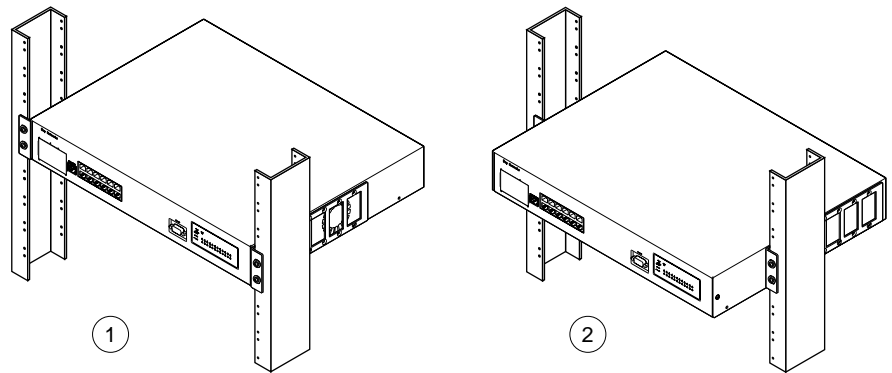
Each BayStack 303/304 switch occupies 1.75 U (single-unit) rack spaces and can be installed in most standard 19-inch racks. The rack must be grounded to the same grounding electrode used by the power service in the area. The ground path must be permanent and must not exceed 1 ohm of resistance from the rack to the grounding electrode.

There are two types of switch chassis: a metal chassis and a plastic chassis. Each of these chassis has different mounting bracket requirements. Select the appropriate installation procedure for your chassis.



Caution: When mounting this device in a rack, do not stack units directly on top of one another in the rack. Each unit must be secured to the rack with appropriate mounting brackets. Mounting brackets are not designed to support multiple units.

For both the metal and plastic chassis, the brackets can be installed at different locations on the side of the switch to position it in the rack. Determine how far you want the switch to protrude from the rack (see [Figure 2-1](#)).



- 1 = Flush with rack
- 2 = Extended from rack

Figure 2-1. Positioning the chassis in the rack

Installing a Metal Chassis in a Rack

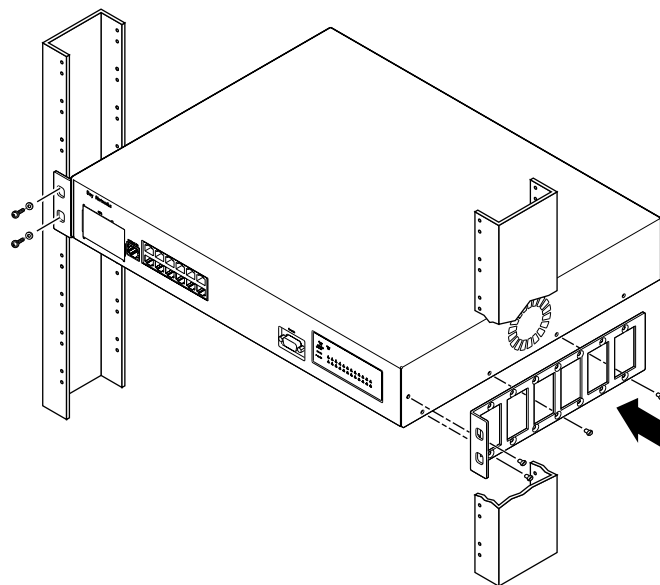
When you install the metal switch chassis in a 19-inch rack, you must determine the exact location and position for the switch in the rack. The mounting brackets shipped with the metal chassis allow the switch position to be adjusted to accommodate your needs. The design also requires that the top cover mounting screws along both sides of the chassis be removed to accommodate the rack mounting bracket.

To install a metal chassis in a rack, follow these steps:

1. Locate the appropriate mounting holes on both sides of the switch.

The bracket can be installed at any position along the side of the chassis using the existing top cover mounting screw holes. Determine how far you want the switch to protrude in front of the rack by sliding the mounting bracket along the side of the switch chassis (see [Figure 2-1](#)).

- a. Remove the screws from the holes that are to be used for the bracket.
- b. Position the mounting bracket over the empty holes (see [Figure 2-2](#)).
- c. Reinsert the screws to secure the mounting bracket to the chassis.



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Figure 2-2. Installing metal chassis in rack

2. Position the switch in the rack and align the holes in the mounting bracket with the holes in the rack (see [Figure 2-2](#)).
3. Insert two screws, appropriate for your 19-inch rack, into each of the mounting brackets and tighten (see [Figure 2-2](#)).
4. To continue installation, go to [“Completing Rack Mounting Installation”](#) on [page 2-7](#).

Installing a Plastic Chassis in a Rack

The rack mounting brackets for the plastic chassis are different than those for the metal chassis. The plastic chassis brackets use slots in the sides of the chassis. Determine the position you want for the switch in the rack (see [Figure 2-1](#) on [page 2-4](#)) and select the appropriate slots.

To install a plastic chassis in a rack, follow these steps:

1. **Locate the appropriate mounting slots on both sides of the switch (see [Figure 2-3](#)).**

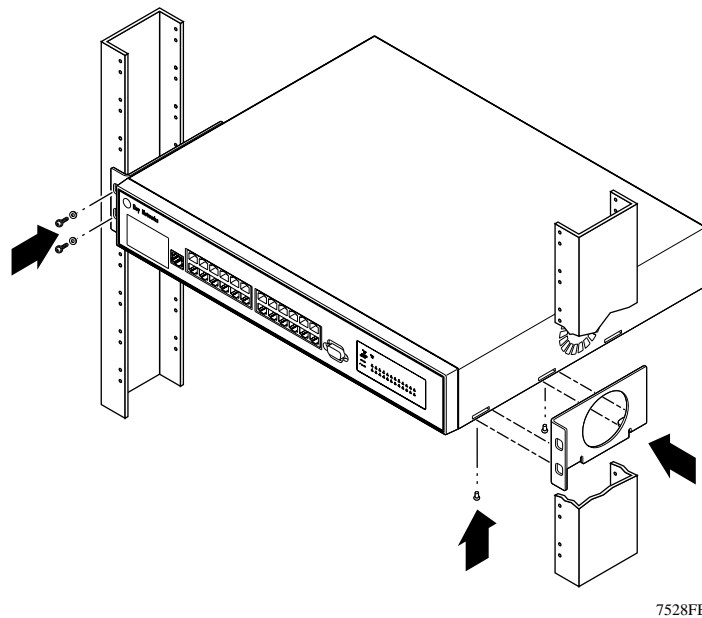


Figure 2-3. Installing the plastic chassis in the rack

There are three slots located on the side of the chassis. To install the switch flush with the rack, use the front and middle slots. To install the switch extended out from the rack, use the middle and back slots.

2. **Secure the brackets with screws (inserted from the bottom of the chassis) supplied with the brackets.**
3. **Position the switch in the rack and align the holes in the mounting bracket with the holes in the rack (see [Figure 2-3](#)).**

4. **Insert two screws, appropriate for your 19-inch rack, into each of the mounting brackets and tighten with a suitable screwdriver (see [Figure 2-3](#)).**
5. **To continue installation, go to the next section, [“Completing Rack Mounting Installation.”](#)**

Completing Rack Mounting Installation

Once the switch is secured to the rack, connect the devices and apply power using the following steps:

1. **Attach all devices to the ports.**

See [“Attaching Devices to the BayStack Switch”](#) on [page 2-8](#).

2. **Attach the power cord to the back of the switch.**

The BayStack 303/304 switch does not have a power on/off switch. When you connect the AC power cord to a suitable AC outlet, the switch powers up immediately.



Warning: Removing the power cord is the only way to turn off power to this device. The power cord must always be connected in a location that can be accessed quickly and safely in case of an emergency.

3. **Attach the other end of the power cord to a grounded AC power outlet.**

As soon as the cord is plugged into the AC outlet, power is applied to all components in the switch.

With power applied to the switch, power-up diagnostics are performed and the switch goes into normal switch mode. No configuration is required unless changes are necessary or network management is required. For basic switch configuration, see [“Initial Setup of a BayStack 303/304 Switch”](#) on [page 2-15](#). For other configuration options, refer to [Chapter 3, “Setting Up a Network Using the BayStack 303/304 Switch.”](#) To understand the complete software interface, see [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface”](#) or [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#)

Attaching Devices to the BayStack Switch

After you have installed the BayStack 303/304 switch, you can connect it to any equipment that conforms to the IEEE 802.3 standard, such as the following devices:

- Ethernet networking devices
- Individual workstations or servers
- Other switches, bridges, or hubs

When the BayStack 303/304 switch has valid link status, it automatically learns the MAC level station address of each attached device. If you monitor the traffic, you may initially see some extra transmissions as the switch learns the network connectivity; after that, however, the network is fully switched.

The green link LED of each port lights if you correctly cable and connect each attached device to the switch port. If the attached device is off, is disabled from sending link-status pulses, or is wired incorrectly, the link status LED of the associated switch port does not light. If this is the case, you need to determine the cause of the problem and take the appropriate corrective action.

Connecting 10BASE-T Ports

The 12 or 24 10BASE-T ports on the BayStack 303/304 switch connect to Ethernet hubs, network devices, individual workstations, or servers through an MDI-X configured connection. Media Dependent Interface (MDI) is the IEEE standard for the interface to unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cable.

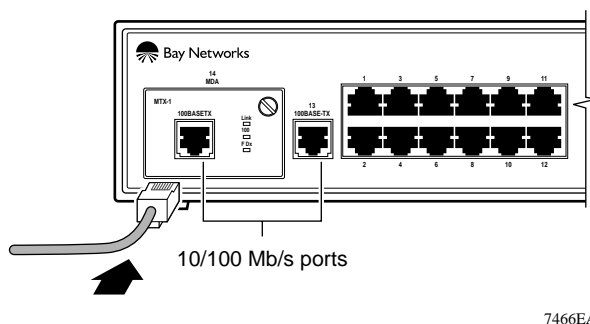
For communication to take place between two devices, the transmitter of one device must connect to the receiver of the other device. The connection must be achieved through a crossover function, which could be a crossover cable or a port that implements the crossover function internally.

For more information on using crossover cables, see [“MDI and MDI-X Connections”](#) on [page 6-3](#).

Connecting the 10/100BASE-TX Port

The BayStack 303/304 switch contains an onboard 10/100 Mb/s port that uses autonegotiation with the connecting device to determine the wire speed. An optional second 10/100 Mb/s port can be added by installing the 10/100BASE-TX MDA. The 10/100 Mb/s ports must use Category 5 UTP cable to accommodate the 100BASE-TX functionality. A standard RJ-45 connection, shown in [Figure 2-4](#), is provided to connect devices to the switch through the high-speed port. Like the 10BASE-T ports, the 10/100BASE-TX ports are configured as MDI-X.

Both the onboard port and the optional MDA port have dedicated LEDs that indicate wire speed (10 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s) and duplex mode (half- or full-duplex). See [“10/100BASE-TX Port”](#) on [page 1-6](#) and [“LEDs”](#) on [page 1-8](#) for more information.



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Figure 2-4. 10/100 Mb/s port connections

Half-duplex and Full-duplex Mode

By definition, the Ethernet carrier sense multiple access/collision detection (CSMA/CD) protocol operates in half-duplex mode, allowing either data transmission or reception, but never both at the same time. Point-to-point network connections, such as DTE-to-switch ports, do not need CSMA/CD to resolve media access contention from multiple devices; therefore, point-to-point network connections allow a file server to transmit frames to a switch while simultaneously receiving frames from the same switch. This two-way, non-CSMA/CD full-duplex communication provides an effective bandwidth of 200 Mb/s between two 100 Mb/s devices.

The indicator for the built-in 10/100BASE-TX port is located on the LED panel on the right of the front panel. The indicator for the MDA port is located on the MDA. When the full-duplex indicator is lit, the port is operating in full-duplex mode and the effective available bandwidth is 20 Mb/s (10 Mb/s transmitting and 10 Mb/s receiving) or 200 Mb/s (100 Mb/s transmitting and 100 Mb/s receiving). When the indicator is not lit, the port is operating in half-duplex mode, which is 10 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s.



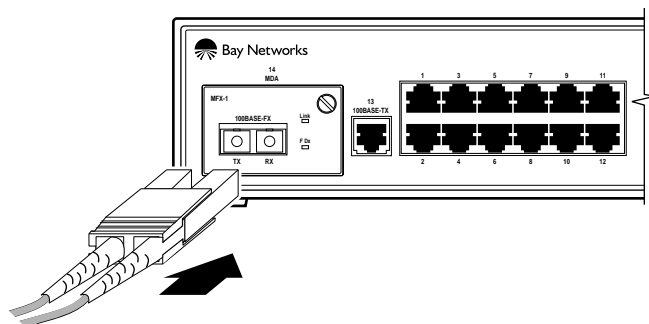
Note: The 10BASE-TX ports only operate in half-duplex mode. The 100BASE-FX MDA port has an effective bandwidth of 100 Mb/s (half-duplex mode) or 200 Mb/s (full-duplex mode).

Autonegotiation

The fixed 10/100 Mb/s port and the optional 10/100BASE-TX MDA port support the IEEE 802.3u autonegotiation standard. When autonegotiation is enabled on the switch and the port is connected to a device that also supports the standard, the two devices negotiate the best speed and duplex mode of operation. All the high-speed ports on the BayStack 303 and 304 switches support full-duplex. For more information on autonegotiation, see [“Autonegotiation”](#) on [page 3-12](#). For troubleshooting possible related problems, see [“Autonegotiation”](#) on [page 6-2](#).

Connecting the 100BASE-FX Port

The 100BASE-FX fiber media adapter uses a multimode fiber connector to provide direct connection to other compatible Fast Ethernet devices over 62.5/125 μm multimode fiber optic cabling. Connection to the 100BASE-FX port is through a standard SC connector, shown in [Figure 2-5](#). The 100BASE-FX media adapter can be used as a direct attachment to end stations, servers, switches, or repeaters where multimode fiber optic cabling is already installed.



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Figure 2-5. SC connection for the 100BASE-FX MDA port

Connecting to the Console Port

The serial console interface is an RS-232 port that enables a connection to a PC or terminal for monitoring and configuring the switch. You can also connect this port to an external modem to enable remote dial-in management of the switch. The port is implemented as a data communication equipment (DCE) connection, using a male DB-9 connector.

To use the console port, you need the following equipment:

- A terminal or TTY-compatible terminal, or a portable computer with a serial port and the ability to emulate a terminal

The terminal should have the following settings:

- 9600 baud
 - No parity
 - 8 bits
 - 1 stop bit
 - Window Terminal Emulator option set to NO
 - Terminal Preferences—Function, Arrow, and Control keys active
- A UL-listed straight-through RS-232 cable with a female DB-9 connector for the console port on the switch

The other end of the cable must have a connector appropriate to the serial port on your computer or terminal. (Most terminals or computers use a male DB-25 connector.)

Any cable connected to the console port must be shielded to comply with emissions regulations and requirements.

See [“Console Port Connector”](#) on [page 1-7](#) for a description of the pin assignments.

To connect a terminal to the console port, follow these steps:

- 1. Set the terminal protocol as described previously.**
- 2. Connect the terminal (or a computer in terminal-emulation mode) to the console port using the RS-232 cable.**
 - a. Connect the female connector of the RS-232 cable directly to the console port on the switch, and tighten the captive retaining screws (see [Figure 2-6](#)).**

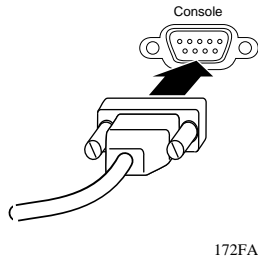


Figure 2-6. Connecting to the console port

- b. **Connect the other end of the cable to a terminal or the serial connector of a personal computer running communications software.**
3. **Turn on the terminal.**
4. **If the switch power is already turned on, press [Esc] to display the Main Menu.**

You can now access the configuration menus to observe self-tests and to modify operating parameters for the switch.

Power-on Self-Tests

When power is applied to the switch, power-on self-tests are run. If a monitor is connected to the switch (see [“Connecting to the Console Port”](#) on [page 2-11](#) for instructions on connecting to the console port), you can observe the Power On Self Test screen display (see [Figure 2-7](#)).

```
*****
                        Bay Networks BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
*****

                        Power On Self Test

UART Local Loopback Test... PASSED
CPU Test... PASSED
Stack DRAM Test... PASSED
DRAM Test... PASSED
Watchdog Timer Test... PASSED
Timer Module Test... PASSED
FLASH Image Checksum Test... PASSED
Software Version (2.0)

Enter ".<RETURN>" to go to Boot Options Menu
Booting Switch software
Decompressing.....
```

Figure 2-7. Power On Self Test screen

The Boot Options Menu, accessed by pressing “.<Return>” during the power-up sequence, provides the ability to upgrade switch software by establishing a trivial file transfer protocol (TFTP) link (see [“Upgrading Switch Software Through a TFTP Connection”](#) on [page 3-18](#)). You can also upgrade software through the System Reset/Upgrade selection (5) from the console interface Main Menu, from the Software Load page on the Web interface, or through SNMP with Optivity.

Upon successful completion of the power-up self-tests, the switch is ready for normal operation. If you have a terminal or console connected to the switch, the Main Menu is displayed unless it is the initial power-up sequence of the switch or a Reset to Defaults was performed. In the latter two cases, the switch displays the language selection menu where you can select one of seven languages to display the user interface (see [“Selecting a Language”](#) on [page 2-17](#)).

Initial Setup of a BayStack 303/304 Switch

In most cases after installing the BayStack 303/304 switch, you can immediately begin operation using the system default settings. Minimal configuration is required when you plan on remote management or TFTP operations. In that case, you need to enter the IP address of the switch, the subnet mask, and the gateway address. Refer to [Chapter 3, “Setting Up a Network Using the BayStack 303/304 Switch,”](#) for more information about configuring your BayStack 303 or 304 switch. For information about managing and monitoring the switches, refer to [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface,”](#) or [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#)

Using Factory Default Settings

When you first turn on power to the switch, it begins operation using the factory default settings for configuration parameters. [Table 2-1](#) lists the default values.

Table 2-1. Factory Default Settings

Type	Parameter	Default value
Miscellaneous	Language Selected	None
	High Speed Ports (Speed and Duplex)	Autonegotiation Enabled
	Ports (Enabled/Disabled)	Enabled
	Address Filtering	No Entries
	Port-Based VLANs	All ports in VLAN 1
	Uplink Ports	None
	Forwarding during broadcast storms	Enabled
Conversation Steering	Conversation steering	Disabled
	Monitored Port	None
	Monitoring Port	None
IP	IP Address	127.0.0.2
	IP Subnet Mask	0.0.0.0
	Default Gateway Address	0.0.0.0
TFTP	TFTP Server Address	0.0.0.0
	TFTP Default Gateway Address	0.0.0.0
	Download File Name	None

Table 2-1. Factory Default Settings (continued)

Type	Parameter	Default value
Reset	Reset Action	None
	Reset counter	0 (delay not in effect)
Access	Telnet Access	Enabled
	Web Access	Enabled
	Telnet/Web/Console Password	None Assigned
	Console/Telnet Timeout	15 minutes (fixed)
SNMP	Read Community String	Public
	Read/Write Community String	Private
	Trap Receiver Server IP (1-4)	0.0.0.0
	Trap Receiver Community String (1-4)	Public
	Trap Receiver Status (1-4)	Unknown
	Authentication Trap Generation	Disabled
	Link Up/Down Trap Generation	Enabled
	Autotopology	Enabled
Spanning Tree Protocol	Spanning Tree Protocol	Enabled on all ports
	Aging Time (4-1000000)	300 seconds
	Bridge Priority (0-65535)	32768
	Hello Time (1-10)*	2 seconds
	Bridge Max Age Time (6-40)*	20 seconds
	Bridge Forward Delay (4-30)*	15 seconds
	Port Priority (0-255)	128
	Port Path Cost (1-65535)†	10 Mb/s Half duplex: 100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: 10 Mb/s Full duplex: 50 100 Mb/s Half duplex: 10 100 Mb/s Full duplex: 5
RMON	Alarm Entries	None (maximum: 20)
	Event Entries	None (maximum: 20)
	Log Entries	None (maximum: 20)
	History (history buckets)	None (maximum: 150)

* Maximum ranges are limited by the following interrelationship of these parameters:
 $2x$ (Bridge Forward Delay - 1) \geq Bridge Maximum Age Time $\geq 2x$ (Bridge Hello Time +1)

† Port path cost manually set by the user will remain unchanged regardless of duplex mode.

Selecting a Language

The BayStack 303/304 switch is designed to interface with the user in one of seven languages. You select the user interface language from the language selection menu, shown in [Figure 2-8](#). The language selection menu is displayed at the initial power-up sequence and whenever the system is reset to default values. At all other times, the Main Menu is displayed when the switch is turned on. To access the language selection menu from the Main Menu, press [Esc].

To select a language for the user interface, enter the number corresponding to the chosen language and the Main Menu is then displayed in the selected language.

```
1 ---English
2 ---French/Francais
3 ---German/Deutsche
4 ---Japanese
5 ---Spanish/Espanol
6 ---Italian/Italiano
7 ---Chinese

Current Selection:

Please enter number for selection:
```

Figure 2-8. Language selection menu



Note: The Japanese language user interface uses the Extended UNIX Code (EUC). For proper display, terminals, or terminal emulators capable of displaying this character set must be used.

Initial Switch Setup

The BayStack 303/304 switch is designed for plug-and-play operation. Using the factory default settings, the switch can be inserted into an existing network as a hub replacement with no configuration. However, certain parameters must be configured for the switch management function to become fully operational. These parameters are: IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address. They are set as follows.

After the language has been selected, the Main Menu is displayed (see [Figure 2-9](#)). The Main Menu hierarchy is described in [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface.”](#)

```
*****
                        Bay Networks BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
IP Address:             [127.0.0.2]
Mac Address:           [00:00:81:12:12:12]
Software Version:     [2.0]
System Up Time:       [0d:00h:01m:30s]
Switch Status:        [Switching]
*****

                        Main Menu

1 -- System Information
2 -- System Configuration
3 -- Troubleshooting
4 -- Access Control
5 -- System Reset/Upgrade
6 -- Exit

Enter Command ([ESC]-Previous Menu [Space]-Refresh Screen)
```

Figure 2-9. Main Menu

To set the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address for the switch, follow these steps:

1. **Type 2 to select System Configuration from the Main Menu.**

This selection displays the System Configuration menu (see [Figure 2-10](#)).

```
*****
                        Bay Networks BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
IP Address:             [127.0.0.2]
Mac Address:            [00:00:81:12:12:12]
Software Version:      [2.0]
System Up Time:         [0d:00h:02m:30s]
Switch Status:         [Switching]
*****

                        System Configuration

1 -- Switch Network Configuration
2 -- High Speed Port Configuration
3 -- Spanning Tree Configuration
4 ---SNMP Configuration
5 ---System Characteristics
6 ---Destination Address Filtering
7 ---Conversation Steering
8 -- Port VLAN Configuration

0 -- Reset to Default

Enter Command ([ESC]-Previous Menu [Space]-Refresh Screen)
```

Figure 2-10. System Configuration menu

2. Type 1 to select Switch Network Configuration from the System Configuration menu.

This selection displays the Switch Network Configuration menu (see [Figure 2-11](#)).

```
*****
                        Bay Networks BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
IP Address:                [127.0.0.2]
Mac Address:               [00:00:81:12:12:12]
Software Version:         [2.0]
System Up Time:           [0d:00h:02m:30s]
Switch Status:            [Switching]
*****

                        Switch Network Configuration

1 -- IP Address
2 -- IP Subnet Mask Address
3 -- Default Gateway Address
4 -- Spanning Tree Protocol (enable/disable)

Enter Command ([ESC]-Previous Screen [Space]-Refresh Screen)
```

Figure 2-11. Switch Network Configuration menu

3. Type 1 in the command line.

This action refreshes the screen and displays the current IP address value.

4. Enter the IP address of the switch in the command line and press any key to continue.

The new IP address value is displayed in the IP Address area of the menu.



Note: IP addresses are written as four decimal numbers (for example, 123.123.123.123). Each decimal number represents an 8-bit octet. When strung together, the four octets form the 32-bit Internet address. This is called dotted-decimal notation. The largest possible value of a field in a dotted-decimal number is 255, which represents an octet of all ones.

5. Type 2 in the command line.

This action refreshes the screen and displays the current IP subnet mask address value.

6. Enter the IP subnet mask address and press any key.

This action refreshes the screen, but the new IP subnet mask address value is not displayed in the field.

7. Type 3 in the command line.

This action refreshes the screen and displays the current default gateway address value.

8. Enter the default gateway address and press any key.

This action refreshes the screen, but the new value is not displayed in the field.

When any of these parameters are changed, the switch must be reset for the new values to take effect. To reset the switch, you may power cycle the switch or reset using the console interface. To use the console interface, press [Esc] twice to return to the Main Menu. Then type 5 to see the System Reset/Upgrade menu. This menu allows you to perform a software-controlled reset.



Note: Prior to resetting the switch, it may be useful to configure certain other parameters, such as Telnet and Web access and passwords in the Access Control menu (selection 4 from the Main Menu).

Chapter 3

Setting Up a Network Using the BayStack 303/304 Switch

This chapter discusses factors to consider when setting up a network with the BayStack 303/304 switch, including examples of network configurations, when to enable optional switch features, and ways to manage and upgrade the switch. For information on using the console or Telnet interface, refer to [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface.”](#) For information on using the Web interface, refer to [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#)

This chapter includes the following information:

- [Configuration Examples](#) (this page)
- [Feature Setup Options](#) (page 3-5)
- [Managing the BayStack Switches](#) (page 3-14)
- [Upgrading Switch Software Through a TFTP Connection](#) (page 3-18)

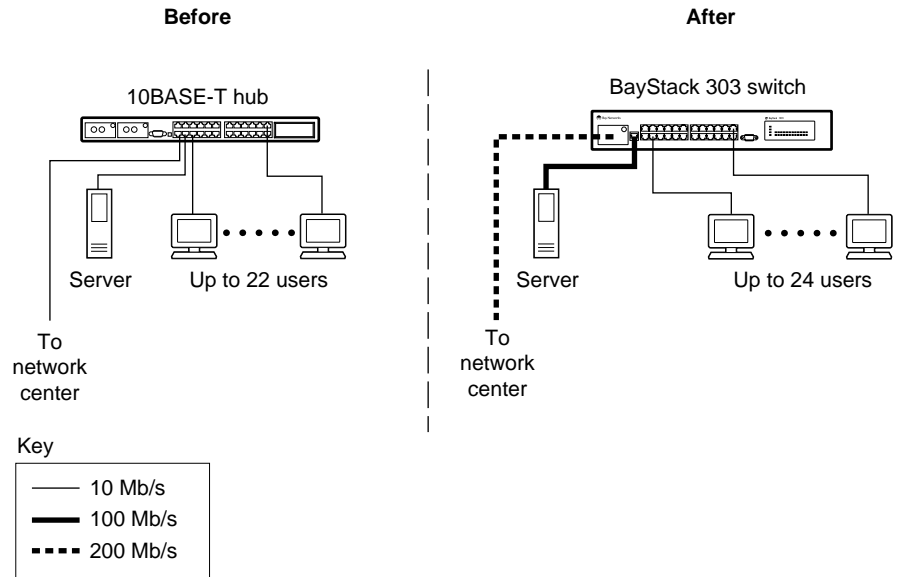
Refer to [Chapter 2, “Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch,”](#) for installation, connection, and quick configuration procedures.

Configuration Examples

The BayStack 303/304 switch is well suited for the initial migration from shared 10BASE-T segments to dedicated bandwidth for switch connections between segments, end stations, 100BASE-T Fast Ethernet servers, and Fast Ethernet backbone connections.

Desktop Switch Application

[Figure 3-1](#) shows the BayStack 303 switch used as a desktop switch, where desktop workstations are connected directly to switch ports. This configuration provides a 100 Mb/s connection to the network center, a dedicated 100 Mb/s connection to the server, and dedicated 10 Mb/s connections instead of shared 10 Mb/s connections to up to 24 users.



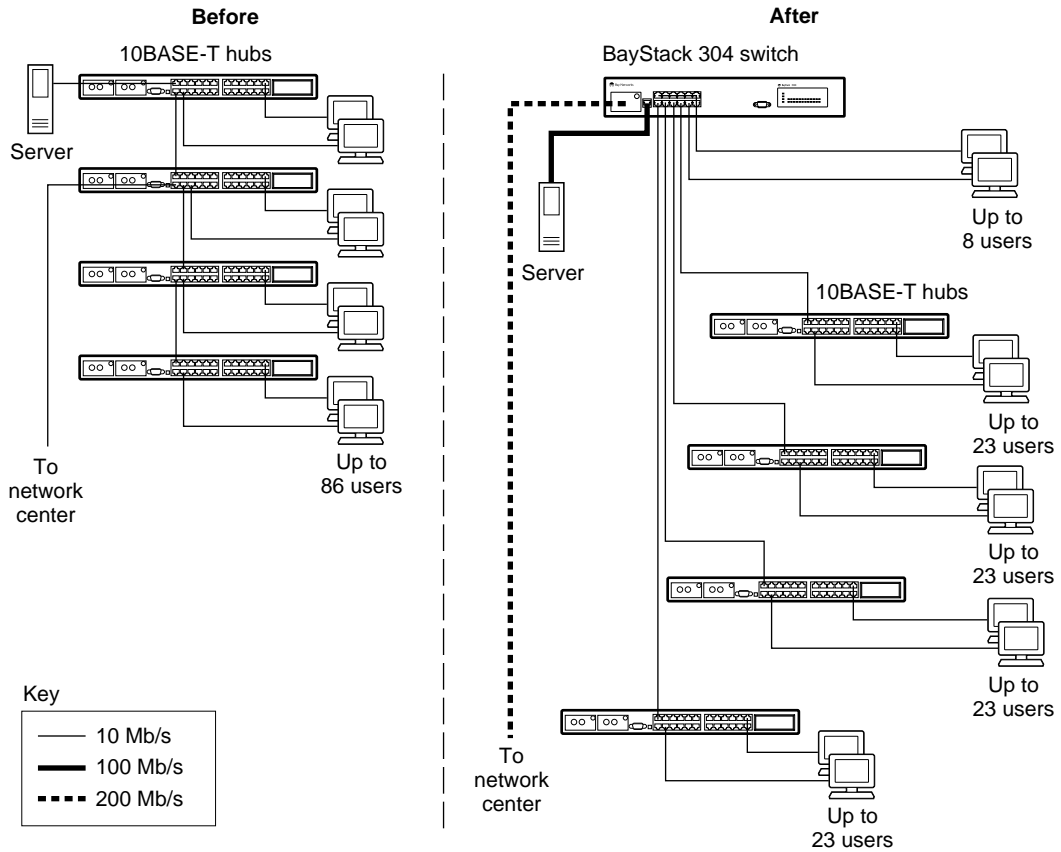
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- 22 users sharing 10 Mb/s (10/22 Mb/s per user)
- Server bottleneck (10 Mb/s pipe)
- Network center bottleneck (10 Mb/s pipe)
- 24 users each with dedicated 10 Mb/s
- Server with dedicated 100 Mb/s pipe
- Network center with dedicated 100 Mb/s full duplex pipe (200 Mb/s bidirectional)

Figure 3-1. BayStack 303 switch used as a desktop switch

Segment Switch Application

[Figure 3-2](#) illustrates adding a BayStack 304 switch as a segment switch to alleviate user contention for bandwidth and eliminate server and network center bottlenecks.



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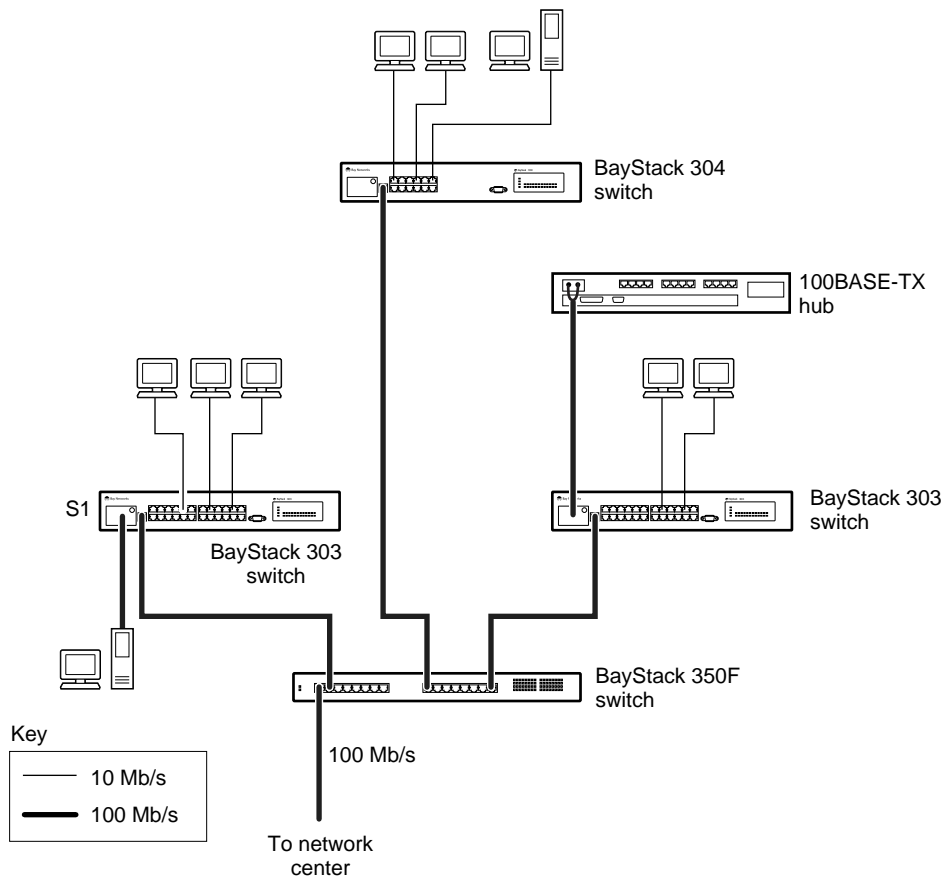
- 86 users share 10 Mb/s (10/86 Mb/s per user)
- Server bottleneck (10 Mb/s pipe)
- Network center bottleneck (10 Mb/s pipe)
- Total of 86 users
- Four sets of 23 users; each set shares 10 Mb/s (10/23 Mb/s per user)
- Addition of 8 users each with 10 Mb/s dedicated
- Server with dedicated 100 Mb/s pipe
- Network center with dedicated 100 Mb/s full duplex pipe (200 Mb/s bidirectional)
- Total of 100 users

Figure 3-2. BayStack 304 switch used as a segment switch

Before segmentation, 86 users had only a total bandwidth of 10 Mb/s available. After segmentation, 92 users effectively have 40 Mb/s, four times the previous bandwidth, while adding eight dedicated 10 Mb/s connections. This configuration can be extended to add more segments without degrading performance.

High-Density Switched Workgroup Application

[Figure 3-3](#) shows an example of using BayStack 303 and 304 switches with a BayStack 350F 10/100 Autosense Switch in a high-density switched workgroup. (See Bay Networks library Web page – support.baynetworks.com/library/ – for online documentation about the BayStack 350 Autosense switch.) The BayStack 303 and 304 switches have 100 Mb/s connections to the BayStack 350 switch, a 100BASE-TX hub, and a 100 Mb/s server and 10 Mb/s connections to DTE (data terminal equipment). The BayStack 303/304 switches act as desktop switches, while the BayStack 350 switch serves as the backbone.



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Figure 3-3. BayStack 303/304 switches in a high-density switched workgroup

Feature Setup Options

This section defines some of the advanced features of the BayStack 303/304 switch to help you decide whether or not to enable them on switch setup. The following features are described:

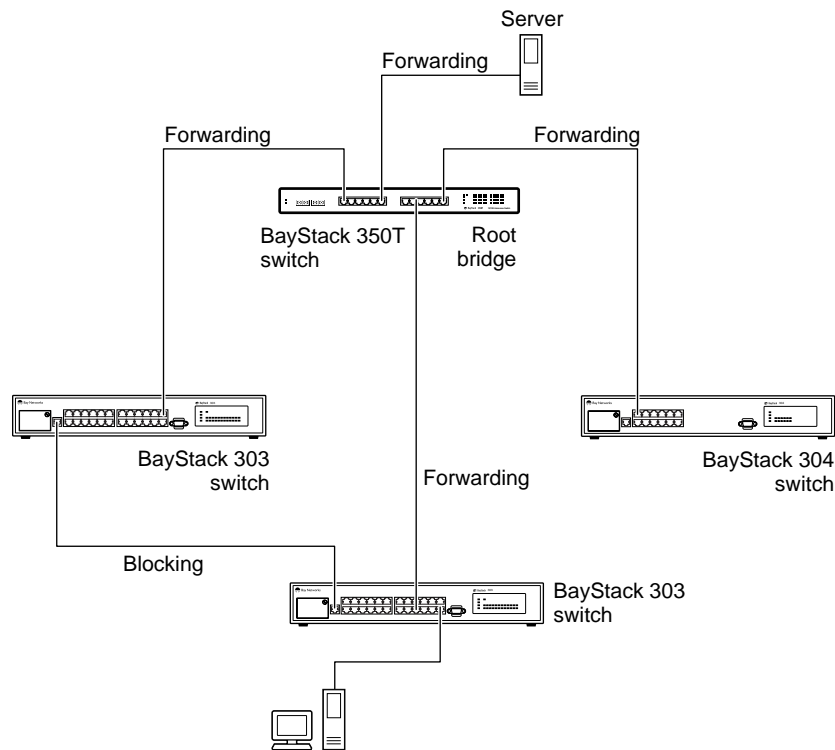
- [Spanning Tree Protocol](#) (this page)
- [Virtual LANs](#) (on [page 3-7](#))
- [Address Learning](#) ([page 3-9](#))
- [Conversation Steering](#) ([page 3-11](#))
- [Destination Address Filtering](#) ([page 3-11](#))
- [Autonegotiation](#) ([page 3-12](#))

Spanning Tree Protocol

The Spanning Tree Protocol is compliant with the IEEE 802.1d standard that detects and eliminates physical loops in a bridged or switched network. When multiple paths exist, the spanning tree algorithm puts some links in a hot standby idle state so that there is only one active path between any two nodes. If any of the active network links fail, standby links are brought online to maintain network connectivity. To avoid interoperability problems, use the same spanning tree algorithm throughout a network.

The Spanning Tree Protocol becomes necessary as networks grow, interconnect with other networks, and generally become more complex. In complex networks, it is possible to route a message from any given source to any given destination by more than one path. Routing a message over multiple paths can cause several bridges to claim priority in sending the same message. In addition to needless duplication, this situation can result in a loop where messages travel endlessly as each bridge learns the wrong information about where individual nodes are located.

The Spanning Tree Protocol resolves the problem of loops in the network by establishing only one “primary” path between any two switches in a complex network. Any duplicate paths are barred from use and become standby or blocked paths until the primary path fails, at which point the standby path can be brought into service. [Figure 3-4](#) is an example of how Spanning Tree Protocol operates.



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Figure 3-4. Spanning Tree Protocol example

Every switch periodically broadcasts a Bridge Protocol Data Unit (BPDU) to all other switches in the network with topology information. The Spanning Tree Protocol determines the root bridge and the loop-free path configuration. Spanning Tree Protocol does not take into account the VLAN configuration of the port; it looks only at physical links to determine the forwarding link.

When connecting two switches with redundant links, only one can be the primary link. If there is a failure on the primary link, the redundant link takes over. As your network grows, your BayStack 303/304 switch continually reinforces the most efficient primary path for messages between any two nodes.

Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled by default but can be set as follows:

- From the console interface, select the Switch Network Configuration option from the System Configuration menu (see [“Switch Network Configuration”](#) on [page 4-13](#)).
- From the Web interface, use the System page (see [“System”](#) page description beginning on [page 5-8](#)).



Note: Spanning Tree Protocol on the BayStack 303/304 switch is per switch, not per port. Enabling or disabling the protocol affects the entire switch and cannot be done on a per-port basis.

For important information about using Spanning Tree Protocol along with other features, refer to [“Guidelines for Setting Switch Configuration”](#) on [page 3-12](#).

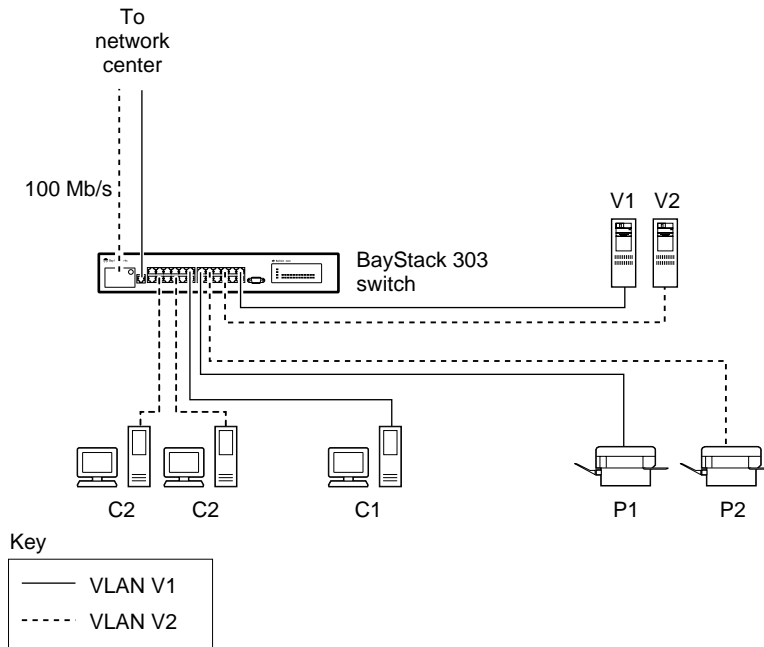
Virtual LANs

Setting up virtual LANs (VLANs) is a way to segment networks to increase network capacity and performance without changing the physical network topology. With network segmentation, each port on the switch connects to a segment that is a single broadcast domain. When a port is configured to be a member of a VLAN, it is added to a group of ports that belong to one broadcast domain.

In the BayStack 303/304 switch, ports can be assigned to VLANs using the console, Telnet, or Web interfaces; VLAN assignment is not available through SNMP. You can assign different ports (and therefore the devices attached to these ports) to different broadcast domains. This feature provides network flexibility because you can reassign VLANs to accommodate network moves, additions, and changes, eliminating the need to change physical cabling.

The BayStack 303/304 switch supports up to eight VLANs for port assignments. Each port is assigned to a single VLAN. Ports are grouped into broadcast domains by assigning them to the same VLAN. Frames received in one VLAN can only be forwarded within that VLAN, and multicasts and unknown unicasts are flooded only to ports in the same VLAN.

[Figure 3-5](#) illustrates how you can use virtual LANs in a BayStack 303 switch to segment a network without changing the physical network topology.



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Figure 3-5. Virtual networking with the BayStack 303 switch

When assigning VLANs, it is important that you understand the inherent limitations.

- The BayStack 303/304 switch does not support duplicate MAC address learning. It has a single lookup table to find destination ports assigned to learned MAC addresses. Some network devices with multiple ports reuse a single 48-bit MAC address on several ports. Typically, in the case of an IP router, the duplication of the MAC address is invisible to network devices because they are only attached to a single network. If a BayStack 303/304 switch running in VLAN mode sees a single MAC address coming from more than one port, it keeps relearning different port values in the address table, causing connectivity to appear intermittent.
- VLAN trunking is not supported, which means that links connecting switches carry traffic on only one VLAN.
- VLAN information is local to the switch and is not exchanged between switches.

The switch can be managed on any port, independent of VLAN configuration.

You assign ports to VLANs as follows:

- From the console interface, use the System Configuration screen to assign ports to VLANs (see [“Port VLAN Configuration”](#) on [page 4-19](#)).
- From the Web interface, use the Port page to assign ports to VLANs (see [“Port”](#) page description starting on [page 5-17](#)).

For important information about using VLANs along with other features, refer to [“Guidelines for Setting Switch Configuration”](#) on [page 3-12](#).

Address Learning

By default, the frame-forwarding behavior is the same for all BayStack 303/304 switch ports. Asymmetric MAC address learning can be used on the high-speed ports to prevent excessive flooding of switch traffic when the number of addresses in the forwarding table (MAC table) exceeds its capacity (1023 entries).

Asymmetric address learning groups switch ports into normal or uplink ports, which operate as follows:

- On normal ports, new source addresses are learned when frames are received. Frames with unknown destination addresses are forwarded only to uplink ports in the same VLAN if any uplink ports are configured.
- Uplink ports do not learn unknown source addresses. These ports are suitable for backbone connections.

[Table 3-1](#) defines the forwarding behavior of these ports.

Table 3-1. Frame-forwarding behavior

Receive Frame	On Normal Port	On Uplink Port
Unknown source address	Learn source address and forward	Do not learn source address and drop frame
Known source address	Reset aging time	Delete address
Known unicast destination address	Forward to known destination	Forward to known destination
Unknown unicast destination address	Forward to uplink ports	Forward to uplink ports

Table 3-1. Frame-forwarding behavior (continued)

Receive Frame	On Normal Port	On Uplink Port
Unknown multicast destination address	Flood to all ports	Flood to all ports
Broadcasts	Flood to all ports	Flood to all ports

The frame-forwarding behavior of the normal ports is determined by the existence of uplink ports in the same VLAN. Therefore, configuring high-speed ports as uplink ports can affect the entire switch.



Caution: Configuring a high-speed port as an uplink port can, in some cases, result in loss of connectivity in a switch. Note the following example:

On uplink ports, all unicast frames (for example, some ping requests) with aged out destination addresses are dropped. In a VLAN with a high-speed port configured as uplink, if the MAC address of a server connected to a normal port is aged out, the only way a client can find the server is by broadcasting for it since only broadcasts are flooded to all ports. The client will not be able to reach the server using unicast frames because the asymmetric operation will cause them to be forwarded only to the uplink ports.

Connecting other switches to uplink ports and end stations to normal ports allows the forwarding database to be used for only those addresses in the local network. When a port is configured as an uplink port, all addresses previously learned on that port are deleted from the MAC table.

To enable asymmetric MAC address learning on the BayStack 303/304 switch, configure the high-speed ports as uplink ports in one of two ways:

- Using the console interface, from the System Configuration menu, go to the High-Speed Port Configuration screen and select Uplink mode (see [“High Speed Port Configuration”](#) on [page 4-15](#)).
- Using the Web interface, on the Port Configuration page, select Uplink from the Normal/Uplink Mode field (see [page 5-19](#)).

Conversation Steering

Conversation steering is a troubleshooting aid that allows monitoring traffic on any single port by any other port. All incoming and outgoing traffic on the monitored port is copied to the monitoring port. When a port is operating as a monitoring port, forwarding is disabled and only the mirrored traffic is transmitted from that port.

The default for conversation steering is disabled, but conversation steering can be enabled through the console or Web interface from the System Configuration option. When conversation steering is enabled, you must select the port to be monitored and the port doing the monitoring. Only one monitored/monitoring pair can be active on the switch at one time. Any port (10 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s) may be selected as the monitored or monitoring port.

Set or disable conversation steering as follows:

- From the console interface, select option 7 from the System Configuration menu (see [“Conversation Steering”](#) on [page 4-19](#)).
- From the Web interface, use the System page (see [“System”](#) page description beginning on [page 5-8](#)).



Caution: If the monitored port is a high speed or high-speed full-duplex port and the monitoring port is not, data may be lost.

Destination Address Filtering

The destination address filtering feature of the BayStack 303/304 switch allows you to enter up to eight MAC addresses into the filtering database to prevent communication to specific end stations. You can also enter the MAC address of the switch itself, which cuts off connection with the switch. When you do this, all frames with the switch MAC address as destination are dropped, limiting switch management access only to the local console. To reestablish communication with a MAC address, you must remove the address from the filtering database.



Caution: Use discretion when entering addresses into the filtering database. Entering the address of the switch itself causes the switch to lose connection with management stations.

You can set or remove filters in one of two ways:

- From the console interface, select option 6 from the System Configuration menu (see [“Destination Address Filtering Configuration”](#) on [page 4-19](#)).
- From the Web interface, use the Address Filtering page (see [“Filtering”](#) on [page 5-20](#)).

Autonegotiation

Autonegotiation is the IEEE 802.3u standard allowing two devices with autonegotiation active sharing a common link to advertise their speed capabilities, acknowledge understanding of shared modes of operation, and reject modes of operation that are not shared. When autonegotiation is enabled on a high-speed port of one of the BayStack switches and the port is connected to a device that also supports the standard, the two devices negotiate the best speed (10 or 100 Mb/s) and duplex mode (half or full) of operation. Autonegotiation must be enabled on both devices or problems can result. Refer to [“Autonegotiation”](#) on [page 6-2](#) for information on troubleshooting autonegotiation problems.

When the link is first brought up, the BayStack 303/304 switch senses the speed of the connecting device. If the connecting device changes speed without performing a link down, the BayStack 303/304 switch can correctly sense a change from 100 Mb/s to 10 Mb/s; however, it cannot sense a change from 10 Mb/s to 100 Mb/s. If the device connected to the switch does not support autonegotiation, you should configure the switch with autonegotiation disabled.

You can set autonegotiation in the following ways:

- From the console interface, set autonegotiation on the High-Speed Port Configuration screen accessed from the System Configuration menu (see [“High Speed Port Configuration”](#) on [page 4-15](#)).
- From the Web interface, use the Port page (see [“Port”](#) page description starting on [page 5-17](#)).

Guidelines for Setting Switch Configuration

The BayStack 303/304 switch uses a single MAC address per switch.

Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled or disabled for the BayStack 303/304 switch as a whole, not for individual ports.

You can use VLANs to segment a network within a switch. In the BayStack 303/304 switch, VLANs are intended to operate only at a switch level. When connecting multiple switches, it is possible to connect users of one VLAN with users of another VLAN in another switch. However, when the Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled in these switches, only one link between each pair of switches will be forwarding traffic. Since each port can belong to only one VLAN at a time, connectivity on the other VLANs will be lost. Exercise care in configuring the switches to ensure that VLAN configuration does not conflict with spanning tree configuration.

To be able to connect multiple VLANs across switches with redundant links, the Spanning Tree Protocol must be disabled on all participating switches. [Figure 3-6](#) illustrates possible consequences of enabling the Spanning Tree Protocol when using VLANs in the BayStack 303/304 switch.

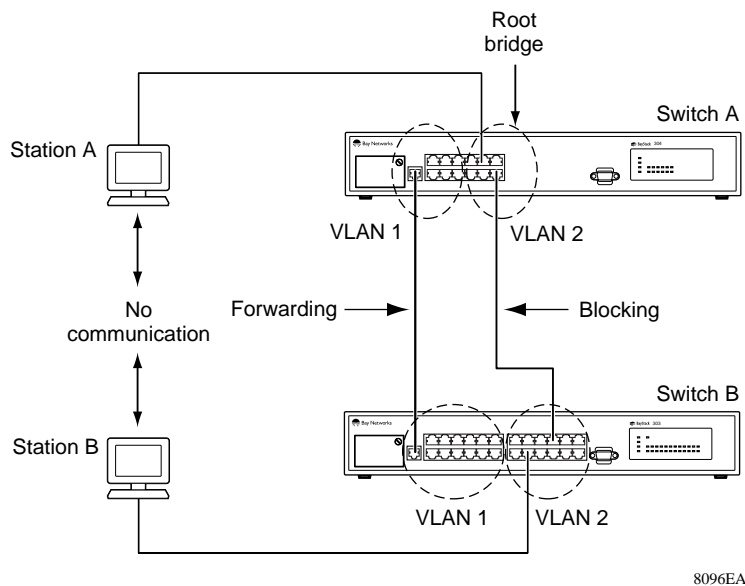


Figure 3-6. Possible problems with VLAN and Spanning Tree Protocol

With Spanning Tree Protocol enabled, only one connection between the switch A and switch B is forwarding at any time. When operating as shown in [Figure 3-6](#), communication failure will occur between VLAN 2 of switch A and VLAN 2 of switch B, blocking communication between Station A and Station B. The link connecting VLAN 1 on switches A and B is selected as the forwarding link based

on port speed, duplex mode, and port priority. Because the other link connecting VLAN 2 is put in blocking mode, stations on VLAN 2 in switch A cannot communicate with stations in VLAN 2 on switch B. With multiple links, only one link will be forwarding.

Managing the BayStack Switches

You can manage your BayStack 303/304 switch in any of the following four ways:

- In-band signaling using SNMP (see [“Network Management with SNMP”](#) on [page 3-14](#))
- Out-of-band signaling using the RS-232 console port interface (see [“Network Management Through a Serial I/O Connection”](#) on [page 3-15](#))
- In-band signaling using Telnet (see [“Network Management Using a Telnet Connection”](#) on [page 3-16](#))
- In-band signaling using a Web browser interface (see [“Network Management Using the Web Interface”](#) on [page 3-17](#))

Network Management with SNMP

The BayStack 303/304 switch uses the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), a communications protocol that simplifies the management of network devices. SNMP agents respond to queries sent by network management software. Responses to these queries are presented on a network management station. These agents collect the performance and activity information and forward the data to a network management station, where network managers perform diagnostic and advanced planning operations. The use of SNMP, a common and well-defined protocol, allows the network manager to manage any SNMP-compliant device in a multivendor environment.

The Management Information Base (MIB) is a database that stores all of the collected statistics and holds them in specific structures. MIB data includes configuration and control parameters and statistical data such as the number of errors sent and received on a port.

Additional information is collected in the following MIBs:

- MIB II
- Bridge MIB

- EtherLike MIB
- RMON Groups 1, 2, 3, and 9
 - Group 1: Stats (EtherStats Table)
 - Group 2: History (history control Table, Ether history control Table)
Only EtherStats is supported by history, and the number of buckets is limited to 150.
 - Group 3: Alarm (alarm Table)
 - Group 9: Events (event Table, log Table)



Note: EtherStats Alarms and Events entries are saved through power cycle of the switch. History entries are not saved through a power cycle. Alarms, events, and logs are limited to 20 entries each.

- Bay Networks private MIBs: Chassis, Agent, Autotopology

The BayStack 303/304 switch has a management core that gathers statistics from each of the network ports; maintains the MIB; and, when a message for the SNMP manager arrives, retrieves the information, puts it into the right form, and sends it out the appropriate port.

Access to the switch through SNMP is controlled by community names. The community names set for the switch must match those used by the SNMP management station for successful communication to occur. The switch uses two community names. The read community name allows read-only access to the device through SNMP; its default setting is “public.” The read-write community name allows read-write access; its default setting is “private.”

- Using the console interface, set SNMP parameters from the SNMP Configuration screen from the System Configuration menu (see [page 4-17](#)).
- Using the Web interface, set SNMP parameters from the SNMP Configuration page (see [page 5-13](#)).

Network Management Through a Serial I/O Connection

You can manage the BayStack 303/304 switch using a PC or terminal connected to the switch through the RS-232 console port located on the front of the switch. The serial connection allows you to view statistics and change parameter settings using the built-in user interface.

See [“Connecting to the Console Port”](#) on [page 2-11](#) for instructions. Refer to [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface”](#) for descriptions of the menus and screens you can use to manage the switch.

Network Management Using a Telnet Connection

Telnet is a common terminal-emulation application used in TCP/IP networks for remote terminal access to computer devices. You can use Telnet over an Ethernet network to remotely configure and monitor the BayStack switches.

Once you have configured an IP address for the switch, access to its management system is available from any networked resource using a standard Telnet application.

To open a Telnet session, follow these steps:

- 1. Check to make sure that Telnet Access is enabled.**
 - a. From the Main Menu, type 4 to display the Access Control menu.**
 - b. From the Access Control menu, type 1 to view the Telnet Access selection.**
 - c. Verify that Telnet Access is enabled or type 1 to enable it (default setting for this parameter is enabled). If this parameter is disabled, then no Telnet access is allowed from any device.**



Note: You can also enable Telnet access or change the access password from the System Configuration Web page.

- 2. With Telnet Access enabled, invoke the Telnet application with the IP address of the switch from any TCP/IP-based workstation.**

This action displays the Password Verification screen.

- 3. Enter the password to enable the Telnet session.**

With Telnet enabled, the switch can support up to two simultaneous Telnet connections. The Telnet inactivity timeout is 15 minutes. Inactive Telnet sessions are automatically terminated after that time has elapsed.

Some Telnet implementations do not work reliably when using multiple Telnet hops. Whenever possible, connect directly to the switch using Telnet and avoid going through intermediate stations.

When using a Telnet (or console) connection, typing Control+d at any time terminates (closes) the session.

Network Management Using the Web Interface

The BayStack 303/304 switch supports a Web-based user interface with functionality comparable to that provided by the console interface serial I/O connection. The interface also allows you to access Help and user documentation.

To activate the Web interface, follow these steps:

- 1. Check to make sure that Web Access is enabled.**
 - a. From the console or Telnet user interface, type 4 from the Main Menu to display the Access Control menu.**
 - b. From the Access Control menu, type 2 to view the Web Access selection.**
 - c. Verify that Web Access is enabled or type 1 to enable it (default setting for this parameter is enabled). If this parameter is disabled, then Web access to switch configuration information is not allowed.**
- 2. With Web Access enabled, open a Netscape (3.0 or later) or Microsoft Internet Explorer (4.0 or later) browser on a computer connected to any of the network ports.**
- 3. In the URL field, type http:// followed by the IP address of the switch to connect to the switch http server.**

This action displays the Login link to the switch Web-based Management.

- 4. Click on the link to view the login dialog box.**

The user name is fixed as “Manager.” The password is the same as the Telnet and console password (set from the Access Control menu), with a default of no password.

- 5. Enter the password and click on Okay.**

With Web access enabled, the switch can support up to four concurrent Web page users.

For information about the Web page layout and how to use the Web interface to manage the switch, refer to [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#)

Upgrading Switch Software Through a TFTP Connection

Software upgrades are provided by Bay Networks in the form of image files that you can download into the flash memory of your BayStack 303/304 switch. Upgrades can be incorporated into your BayStack 303/304 switch by using Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) through a network connection from a networked PC or UNIX workstation acting as a TFTP file server.

Operating as a TFTP client, the BayStack 303/304 switch can open a TFTP session with a TFTP server to download the new software. You can initiate the TFTP session and download the necessary software images through the System Reset/Upgrade menu from the console/Telnet interface, from the Boot Options menu, or from the Web interface. Using the System Reset/Upgrade menu allows you to schedule the upgrade for several hours in the future, such as at night when network traffic is lighter.

Using the System Reset/Upgrade Menu

1. **Type 5 to select System Reset /Upgrade from the Main Menu (see [Figure 3-7](#)).**

```

*****
                Bay Networks BayStack 30X Ethernet Switch
IP Address:  [127.000.000.002]
MAC Address: [00.00.00.00.00.00]
Software Version: [2.0]
System Up Time: [0d:00h:39m:04s]
Switch Status: [Switching]
*****

                System Reset/Upgrade

1 - TFTP Server IP Address: [0.0.0.0]
2 - TFTP Default Gateway IP Address: [0.0.0.0]
3 - Software Image File Name: [ ]
4 - Specify the Reset Action: [none]
5 - Set/Clear Reset Action Timer: [0 min.]

0- Immediate Reset Action

Enter Command: ([ESC]-Previous menu [Space]-Refresh Screen:

```

Figure 3-7. System Reset/Upgrade menu

2. Type 4 to select a Reset Action.

You can then select Reset to reset the switch or Download to download the designated software image file.

3. Type 2 to select Download to download software.

You can then decide whether to download software or to delay the download for a period of time.

4. Type 5 to Set the timer to delay the download for a specific number of minutes or type 0 to select Immediate Download Action.

If you type 5, you must specify the number of minutes in the future (up to 65,535) that you would like the download to begin. Typing 0 at any time begins downloading software immediately, overriding any previous settings.



Note: The switch will reset twice during the upgrade process. Do not power down the switch before the process is completed (approximately 10 minutes).

Using the Boot Options Menu

A software upgrade can also be accessed from the Boot Options Menu following a system reset. After a reset, the Power On Self Test screen is displayed (see [Figure 3-8](#)).

```
*****
Bay Networks BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
*****
Power On Self Test

UART Local Loopback Test... PASSED
CPU Test... PASSED
Stack DRAM Test... PASSED
DRAM Test... PASSED
Watchdog Timer Test... PASSED
Timer Module Test... PASSED
FLASH Image Checksum Test... PASSED
Software Version (2.0)

Enter ".<RETURN>" to go to Boot Options Menu
Booting Switch software
Decompressing.....
```

Figure 3-8. Power Up Self Test screen

- 1. Press “.<Return>” when the Power On Self Test screen is displayed.**

Pressing “.<Return>” interrupts the power-up self-tests and displays the Boot Options Menu (see [Figure 3-9](#)).

```
*****
Bay Networks BayStack 30X Ethernet Switch
MAC Address: 00.00.00.00.00.00
*****
Boot Options Menu

1---Upgrade Switch Software
2---Boot Switch Software

Enter Command: [2]
```

Figure 3-9. Boot Options Menu

2. Type 1 to select Upgrade Switch Software.

The System/Reset/Upgrade menu is displayed (see [Figure 3-7](#) on [page 3-19](#)).

3. Continue with steps 2 through 4 on [page 3-19](#).

Using the Web Interface


You may also perform or schedule software upgrades through the Web interface from the Software Load page shown in [Figure 3-10](#).

Enter the following information:

- IP address of TFTP server
- TFTP Default Gateway Address
- File name to download
- Select “Download” from the Reset Action field

Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51
Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s

Configuration: Software Load



IP Address of TFTP Server:	<input type="text"/>
TFTP Default Gateway IP Address	<input type="text"/>
File Name to Download:	<input type="text"/>
Reset Action:	<input type="text" value="None"/>
Time to Reset Action (minutes, enter 0 to cancel)	<input type="text" value="0"/>

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Figure 3-10. Software Load Web page

To schedule a delayed software download, enter a value in the Time to Reset Action field (up to 65535 minutes), and click on Apply New Settings to set.

To download immediately, click on Immediate Reset. This overrides any previous settings.



Note: The switch will reset twice during the upgrade process. Do not power down the switch before the process is completed (approximately 10 minutes).

Click on Clear Input to clear any erroneous selections.

Chapter 4

Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface

This chapter describes using the console or Telnet interface to access the agent software that provides management and configuration control of the BayStack 303/304 switch in one of seven languages (English, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, or Chinese). For information on using the Web interface, refer to [Chapter 5, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser.”](#) Refer to [Chapter 2, “Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch,”](#) for installation, connection, and quick configuration procedures.

This chapter includes the following information:

- Requirements for using the console or Telnet interface
- A description of how the menus and screens are set up ([page 4-2](#))
- A map of the Main Menu hierarchy ([page 4-5](#))
- Descriptions of the information found on the interface menus and screens (beginning on [page 4-6](#))

Requirements

To use the console or Telnet interface to manage the switch, you must connect a PC or modem to the console port of the switch. For connector and terminal requirements, refer to [“Connecting to the Console Port”](#) on [page 2-11](#).

For instructions on how to set up and use a Telnet connection, refer to [“Network Management Using a Telnet Connection”](#) on [page 3-15](#).

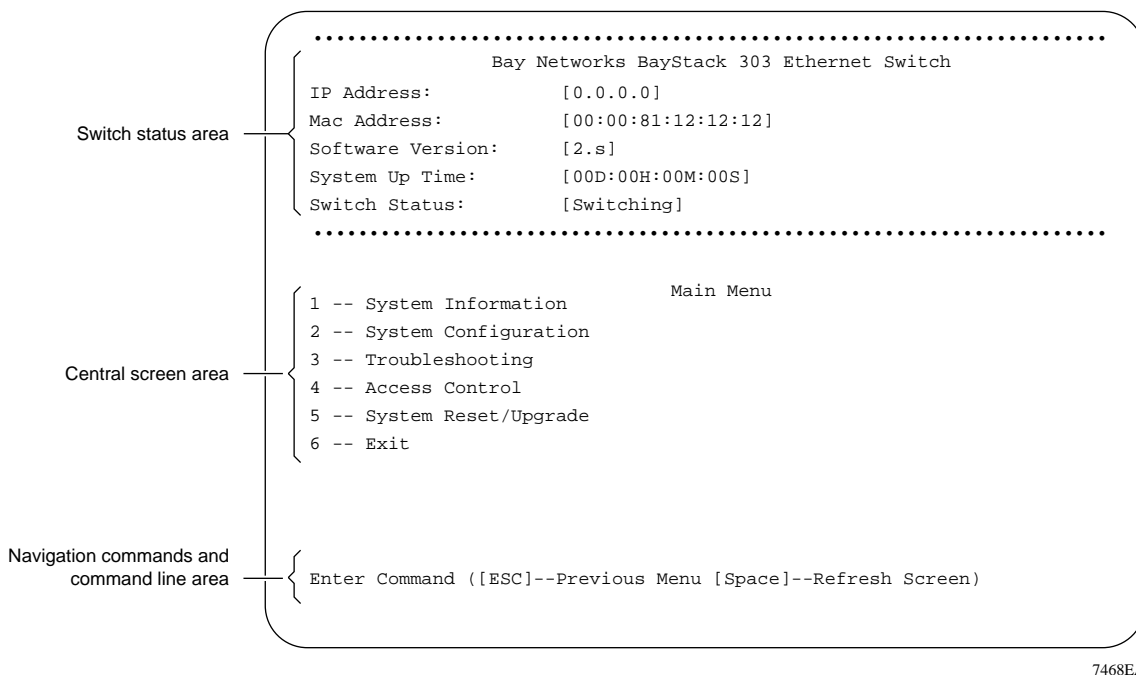
Menus and Screens

The agent software on the BayStack 303/304 switch provides menus and screens that allow you to configure and manage your network environment. A menu provides the ability to set and change parameters, and a screen presents current status and parameter settings. The menus and screens can be accessed from the console or through a Telnet connection.

Menu and Screen Layout

The menus and screens of the console and Telnet interface are partitioned into the following three distinct areas, as shown in [Figure 4-1](#):

- Switch status area
- Central screen area—menu commands and status
- Navigation commands and command line area



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Figure 4-1. Menu and screen areas

Switch Status Area

The switch status area appears in the top portion of each menu and screen. This area contains the information necessary to identify the BayStack switch and see its current status. The switch status area provides the following information:

- IP address
- MAC address
- Software version
- System Up time
- Switch status

Central Screen Area

The central screen area is used to present lists of system menus, status information, and switch parameters. In this area, information displayed in brackets [] indicates current settings.

When you select a parameter to enter new data, the screen refreshes and the command line displays the current parameter setting followed by space for you to enter the new parameters.

Navigation Commands and Command Line Area

The navigation commands display the control key commands that are used to move through the menu hierarchy. Some commands are displayed on all menus and screens while others are displayed only on particular menus and screens. The control key is displayed as [ctrl-] on the screen. The following navigational commands are used in the menus and screens:

- [Esc]—Escape. Pressing Escape returns you to the previous menu within the menu structure. To view the Language selection menu, press [Esc] from the Main Menu.

- [ctrl-n]—Next Page

When the displayed information requires additional pages, press Control+n to scroll through all the information.

- [ctrl-p]—Previous Page

Press Control+p to return to the previously displayed page when displayed information requires more than one page.

You use the command line and response area to enter menu selections and to change parameter data. When changing parameter data, the command line displays the current parameter and waits for you to enter the new data, as shown below:

```
Enter Default Gateway Address: [0.0.0.0] |
```

Values enclosed in square brackets [] indicate the current settings.

The cursor (|) prompts you to enter a new default gateway address. Enter the new data in the command line.

Typing Control+u in a Configuration screen clears the information strings you have entered, except for Access Control screen password information.

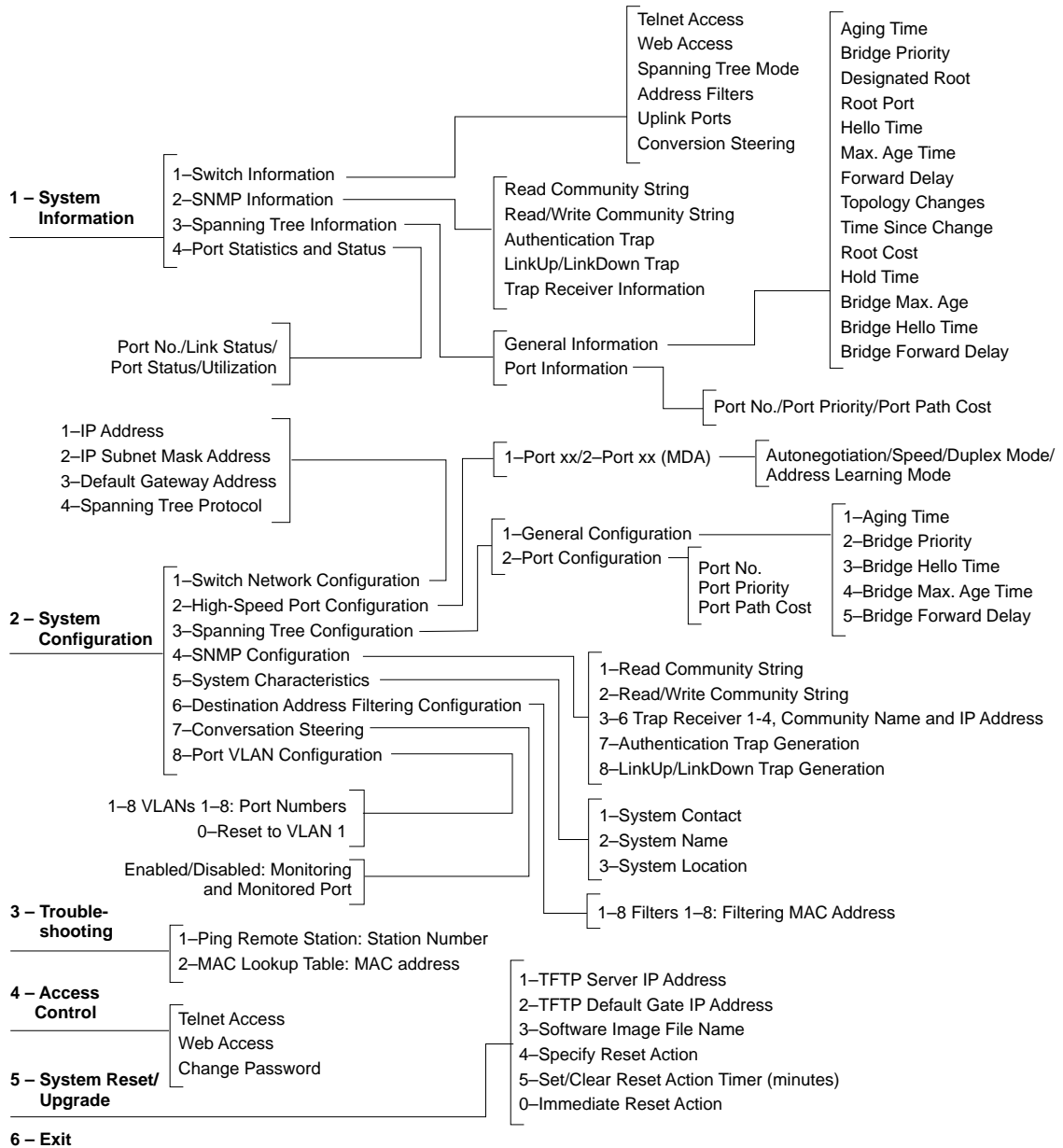
Typing Control+d at any time terminates a console or Telnet session.

If you enter parameter values that are out of the acceptable range, you will receive an “Out of Range” message and the values will not be accepted.

The Telnet and console interface inactivity timeout is 15 minutes. Inactive sessions are automatically terminated after that time has elapsed.

Menu and Screen Navigation

The console interface consists of two primary menus: the Language Selection Menu and the Main Menu hierarchy shown in [Figure 4-2](#). The following sections describe each menu and screen and the associated submenu and screen displays.



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Figure 4-2. Menu and screen hierarchy

Language Selection Menu

The Language selection menu lists the seven languages in which you can display the BayStack 303/304 switch user interface. This menu is displayed at the *initial* power-up sequence of the switch (when the switch is first turned on). Subsequent power-up procedures display the Main Menu. After you select a language, this menu is displayed only if you press Esc from the Main Menu or if you perform a Reset to Default from the System Configuration screen. The following languages are available:

- 1---English
- 2---French
- 3---German
- 4---Japanese
- 5---Spanish
- 6---Italian
- 7---Chinese

Main Menu

From the Main Menu, you can access screens that provide status information or allow you to manage the switch. You can also exit a session directly from this menu. The following options are available from the Main Menu:

- 1---System Information: to access current switch parameter settings
- 2---System Configuration: to set or change switch parameters
- 3---Troubleshooting: to perform some basic troubleshooting steps
- 4---Access Control: to set or change access privileges or the system password
- 5---System Reset/Upgrade: to reset the switch or upgrade software
- 6---Exit: to exit the current session

System Information

The System Information screens display the current parameter settings for the switch. All of the screens associated with system information are read only. To change any parameter or setting, you must go through the System Configuration menu, except for the Forwarding During Broadcast Storm option, which is enabled or disabled from the Troubleshooting screen.

The System Information screen provides four paths to switch statistics and status information. The following options are available from this screen:

- 1---Switch Information
- 2---SNMP Information
- 3---Spanning Tree Information
- 4---Port Statistics and Status Information

Switch Information

The Switch Information screen displays the following switch parameters with the current settings. Default settings are displayed below.

- Telnet Access: [Enabled]
Indicates if Telnet access to the console interface is enabled or disabled.
- Web Access [Enabled]
Indicates if Web-based management access is enabled or disabled.
- Spanning Tree Mode: [Enabled]
Indicates if the Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled or disabled on all ports.
- Address Filters: [0]
Indicates the number of address filters (0-8) that have been set for the switch.
- Forwarding During Broadcast Storm [Enabled]
Indicates if broadcast storm blocking is selected (forwarding disabled) for all ports. This option is only valid if Spanning Tree mode is enabled.
- Uplink Ports: []
Indicates the port number(s) of any high-speed ports set as Uplink ports where Address Learning is disabled.
- Conversation Steering: [Disabled], From [] To []
Indicates if conversation steering is enabled or disabled; if enabled, indicates port numbers of the From (monitored) port and the To (monitoring) port.

SNMP Information

The SNMP Information screen displays the following SNMP switch characteristics with their current settings. Default settings are displayed below.

- **SNMP Read Community String: [public]**
Displays the community string used for in-band read-only SNMP operations.
- **SNMP Read/Write Community String: [private]**
Displays the community string used for in-band read-only SNMP operations.
- **Authentication Trap: [Disabled]**
Indicates if authentication trap generation is enabled or disabled
- **LinkUp/LinkDown Trap: [Enabled]**
Indicates if link up/down trap authentication is enabled or disabled

- **Trap Receiver Information:**

No.	Status	IP Address	Community String
1	None	0.0.0.0	public
2	None	0.0.0.0	public
3	None	0.0.0.0	public
4	None	0.0.0.0	public

Indicates if Trap Receivers 1-4 are enabled, disabled, or none. If set, displays the associated IP address and community string.

Spanning Tree Information

The Spanning Tree statistics and information are divided into two areas:

- 1---Spanning Tree General Information
- 2---Spanning Tree Port Information

Spanning Tree General Information

The Spanning Tree General Information screen displays the following parameter settings:

- **Aging Time**
How many seconds a learned MAC address can be inactive before it is “aged” or unlearned. This field is configurable in the range of 4 to 1,000,000 seconds with a default of 300 seconds.

- **Bridge Priority**
Which bridge within the network is designated as the root bridge (bridge with the highest priority). This field is configurable in the range of 0 to 65535 (where low number = high priority) with a default of 32768.



Note: When Spanning Tree Protocol is disabled, the spanning tree default parameters are reset to “0.” Values you set manually are not changed.

- **Designated Root**
The identifier for the root bridge.
- **Root Port**
The port that offers the lowest cost path from this bridge to the root bridge.
- **Hello Time**
How many seconds elapse between hello time messages that are sent from the root switch to all other switches; this value is determined by the Spanning Tree Protocol root switch.
- **Max Age Time**
The maximum age (in seconds) of information before it is discarded. This value is learned from the network and determined by the Spanning Tree Protocol root switch.
- **Forward Delay**
How many seconds the switch delays forwarding frames after a network topology change. This value is also determined by the Spanning Tree Protocol root switch.
- **Topology Changes**
The total number of topology changes detected by this bridge since the management entity was last reset or initialized.
- **Time Since Topology Change**
The time since the last topology change was detected by the bridge entity.
- **Root Cost**
The path cost from the switch to the designated root bridge.
- **Hold Time**
The time interval (1-10 seconds) during which no more than two configuration bridge PDUs will be transmitted by this node.

- **Bridge Max Age**
The maximum age (in seconds) that a hello message can attain before it is discarded. The parameter set for this bridge through the interface takes effect only if this bridge becomes the root bridge. The root bridge maximum age time parameter value becomes the (actual) Maximum Age Time parameter value for all bridges in the spanning tree network (see also Maximum Age Time parameter). This field is configurable in the range of 6 to 40 seconds with a default of 20 seconds
- **Bridge Hello Time**
The Hello interval (the amount of time between transmissions of Configuration Bridge PDUs) that is specified (through the interface) for this bridge. This parameter takes effect only when this bridge becomes the root bridge. The range is 1 to 10 seconds with a default of 2 seconds.



Note: Although you can set the hello time for a bridge with bridge management software, once the spanning tree computation process is complete, all bridges participating in spanning tree use the root bridge's Hello Interval parameter value. If any bridge becomes the root bridge, its Hello Interval parameter value becomes the (actual) Hello Interval parameter value for all bridges in the spanning tree network (see also Hello Time parameter).

- **Bridge Forward Delay**
The Forward Delay parameter value that is specified for this bridge. All bridges participating in the spanning tree network use the root bridge's Forward Delay parameter value (see also the Forward Delay parameter definition on [page 4-9](#)). The range is 4 to 30 seconds with a default of 15 seconds.

Spanning Tree Port Information

The Spanning Tree Port Information screen displays the following information:

- **Port number**
The number of each port on the switch.
- **Port priority**
The priority of each port, which is used in conjunction with the port number to create a unique port identifier. The valid range for this value is from 0 to 255. The default value is 128.

- **Port path cost**
The path cost to the designated root bridge. The valid range for this value is from 1 to 65,535. Entering a value of 0 (from the Port Configuration menu) resets to the factory default setting so the switch software can automatically compute the path cost proportional to speed and duplex mode.

Disabling Spanning Tree Protocol resets only the appropriate factory default settings to 0. Values you set manually are not changed. Refer to the Spanning Tree Protocol parameter factory default settings in [Table 2-1](#) on [page 2-15](#).

Port Statistics and Status Information

The Port Status Information screens list all port numbers with information about each port. Press [ctrl-n] to see the next set of port numbers or [ctrl-p] to see the previous set of port numbers. The following information is displayed for each port:

- **Link Status**
Whether or not a device link is active.
- **Port Status**
Whether a port is enabled or disabled. If enabled, the spanning tree status (forwarding or blocking) is also indicated.
- **Utilization**
The percentage of the available bandwidth on the port being used by traffic. Port utilization is computed for the previous five seconds.

To view a port's statistics, from the Port Status Information screen, type the command number corresponding to the desired port in the command line. The Port Statistics screen displays statistical information about the port using two sets of counters:

- **Cumulative:**
These counters provide statistics of data traffic on the port since the switch was powered on or since the last reset. Because all counters contain 32-bit unsigned numbers, counter values on switches that have been powered on for a long time may “roll over” and reset the count to zero.
- **Incremental:**
These counters set to zero each time you enter the screen for that port. When you press the SPACE bar to refresh the screen, the displayed values represent the increments to the counters since entering the screen.

The Port Statistics screen displays the following information about the port:

- **Rx Good Frames**
The counter increments whenever a frame is received successfully on the port.
- **Rx Align Error Frames**
The counter records frame alignment errors for the 10 Mb/s ports. Misaligned frames are those that do not start or end on a byte boundary.
- **Rx CRC Error Frames**
The cyclic redundancy check (CRC) error counter increments whenever a corrupt frame is received and integrity of the data is lost.
- **Rx Frames Too Long**
The counter increments whenever a frame is received on this port that is greater than 1,518 octets in length.
- **Tx Good Frames**
The counter increments whenever a frame is transmitted successfully from the port.
- **Tx Single Collisions**
The number of frames transmitted on the port that had a single collision and were transmitted successfully on the second try.
- **Tx Multiple Collisions**
The number of frames transmitted on the port that had more than one collision and were then transmitted successfully within 16 attempts. If a frame transmits successfully after only one collision, it increments the single collision counter. If there are anywhere from two to 16 retries for a successful transmission, then the multiple counter increments. If, after 16 tries, a collision is still detected, the excessive transmission counter increments and no more retries are attempted.
- **Deferred Transmissions**
The number of frames transmitted on the port that were delayed because the wire was busy.
- **Tx Late Collisions**
The number of times a collision on the port has been detected later than 512 bit times into the frame duration.
- **Tx Excessive Collisions**
The number of frames on the port that, due to excessive (16 consecutive) collisions, were not successfully transmitted.

- Tx Carrier Sense Errors
The number of times on the port that carrier sense was not seen or was lost during the transmission of a frame without a collision.

System Configuration

The System Configuration menu provides the means to change parameter settings within specific areas of the switch network. This menu contains the following selections:

- 1---Switch Network Configuration
- 2---High Speed Port Configuration
- 3---Spanning Tree Configuration
- 4---SNMP Configuration
- 5---System Characteristics
- 6---Destination Address Filtering Configuration
- 7---Conversation Steering
- 8---Port VLAN Configuration
- 0---Reset to Defaults

Type the appropriate number at the command line to display the corresponding menu.

Switch Network Configuration

This menu allows you to set or change the following basic configuration parameters for the switch:



Note: The switch must be reset for parameters 1-3 to take effect.

1---IP Address

The Internet Protocol (IP) address of the unit. The IP address must be a unique address for initiating a Telnet session or managing a BayStack 303/304 switch using SNMP. The factory default setting of the IP address for the BayStack 303/304 switch is 127.0.0.2.

2---IP Subnet Mask Address

The subnet mask that indicates which bits are used for network/subnet identification and which are used for end nodes or stations. The subnet mask is written in the form of an IP address, with all network/subnet bits set to one. The default subnet mask is 0.0.0.0.

3---Default Gateway Address

The address of the IP gateway during normal switch operation. The default gateway address is 0.0.0.0. This address is set separately from the TFTP gateway address used for downloading upgrades from the System Reset/Upgrade screen as described on [page 4-23](#).

4---Spanning Tree Protocol [Enable/Disable]

The Spanning Tree Protocol is compliant with the IEEE 802.1d standard that detects and eliminates logical loops in a bridged or switched network. When multiple paths exist, the spanning tree algorithm puts some links in a hot standby idle state so that there is only one active path between any two nodes. If any of the active network links fail, standby links are brought online to maintain network connectivity. This parameter allows you to enable or disable the Spanning Tree Protocol. The default for this field is Enabled.



Caution: The Spanning Tree Protocol protects your network from infinite packet circulation caused by inadvertently creating a configuration containing a loop in the topology. Before you disable Spanning Tree Protocol, be certain that your network is loop-free, or it will instantly become saturated and lock up from the infinite loop traffic.

To enter or change a parameter, type the command number; the current value is displayed. Enter the new value and press [Enter].

High Speed Port Configuration

The High Speed Port Configuration menu allows you to define the functions of the high-speed ports. On the BayStack 303 switch, this menu addresses ports 25 and 26. On a BayStack 304 switch, this menu addresses ports 13 and 14. Options provided on the Port Configuration menu are:

1---Port #xx

Where xx is either port #13 or #25 depending on the BayStack switch.

2---Port #xx (MDA)

Where xx is either port #14 or #26 depending on the BayStack switch.

You use these menus to manually set the speed and duplex mode, or to enable autonegotiation and address learning mode for each high-speed port. Selecting either 1 or 2 displays the following selections, one line at a time:

```
Enter Port Autonegotiation Mode (1:enable 2:disable): [Disabled]
Enter Port Speed (1:100 2:10): [100]
Enter Port Duplex Mode (1:half 2:full): [Half Duplex]
Enter Address Learning Mode (1:Uplink 2:Normal): [Normal]
```

The Enter Port Speed and Enter Port Duplex Mode lines appear only if autonegotiation is not enabled.

Enter the number corresponding to your needs.



Note: The Enter Port Speed option does not apply to a fiber MDA and is not displayed when a 100BASE-FX MDA is installed. The fiber MDA does not operate at 10 Mb/s.

To disable address learning on high-speed ports, select Uplink (1) for the port. Using uplink ports reduces flooding on the local ports.

Spanning Tree Configuration

The Spanning Tree Configuration menu provides the following two menus:

1---General Configuration

2---Port Configuration

General Configuration

The Spanning Tree General Configuration menu provides the ability to change the following parameters:

1--Aging Time

How many seconds a learned MAC address can be inactive before it is “aged” or unlearned. This field is configurable in the range of 4 to 1,000,000 seconds with a default of 300 seconds.

2---Bridge Priority

Which bridge within the network is designated as the root bridge (bridge with the highest priority). This field is configurable in the range of 0 to 65535 (where low number = high priority) with a default of 32768.

3---Bridge Hello Time

How many seconds elapse between hello time messages that are sent from this switch to all other switches, if the Spanning Tree Protocol has defined this switch as the root switch. This field is configurable in the range of 1 to 10 seconds with a default of 2 seconds.

4---Bridge Max Age Time

How many seconds the network waits to discard a hello time frame if a response is not received. This field is configurable from 6 to 40 seconds with a default of 20 seconds.

5---Bridge Forward Delay

How many seconds the switch or port delays forwarding frames after a network topology change. The field value is configurable in the range of 4 to 30 seconds with a default of 15 seconds.



Note: The maximum ranges for Bridge Hello Time, Max Age Time, and Forward Delay are limited by the following interrelationship formula: $2x$ (Bridge Forward Delay - 1) \geq Bridge Maximum Age Time \geq $2x$ (Bridge Hello Time + 1). If you try to enter values that deviate from this formula, you will receive an error message that the values are out of range.

Port Configuration

The Spanning Tree Port Configuration menu lists the port numbers with the port priority, and the port path cost. Press [ctrl-n] to see the next set of port numbers or [ctrl-p] to see the previous set of port numbers. To examine and change individual port statistics, enter the command number corresponding to the port number in the command line. You can then enable or disable the port and enter a different port priority and/or port path cost for the selected port. After typing the new value, press [Enter].

- Port priority is used in conjunction with the port number to create a unique port identifier. The valid range is 0-255 and the default is 128.
- Port path cost is the path cost to the designated root bridge. The valid range for this value is from 1 to 65,535. Entering a value of 0 resets to the factory default setting so the switch software can automatically compute the path cost proportional to speed and duplex mode. See [Table 2-1](#) on [page 2-15](#) for default values for each speed and duplex mode.

SNMP Configuration

The SNMP Configuration menu displays a list of the parameters that allow you to set and change values, parameters, and addresses within an SNMP management environment. To change any setting, type in the corresponding number. The screen is refreshed, and the command line displays the current parameter value for the selected parameter and allows you to enter new data. The SNMP configuration parameters that you can change are listed on the screen as follows:

1---SNMP Read Community String

Set the community string used for in-band read-only SNMP operations by entering an alphanumeric character string of up to 20 characters. The default is “public.”

2---SNMP Read/Write Community String

Set the community string used for in-band read/only SNMP operations by entering an alphanumeric character string of up to 20 characters. The default setting is private.

3---Trap Receiver 1 Community Name and IP Address

Number one of four allowed Trap IP Addresses. Successive Trap Address fields are numbered #2, #3, and #4. Each of the trap addresses has an associated community string, an alphanumeric character string of up to 20 characters. Default values are 0.0.0.0. (no IP address assigned) and “public.” You will see the following selections:

```
Enter trap recipient Community Name: [public]
Enter trap recipient station IP address: [0.0.0.0]
Enter Selection of Trap (1:enable 2:disable): [None]
```

4---Trap Receiver 2 Community Name and IP Address

5---Trap Receiver 3 Community Name and IP Address

6---Trap Receiver 4 Community Name and IP Address

7---Authentication Trap Generation

Enables or disables sending a trap on an SNMP authentication failure. Default setting is Disabled.

8---LinkUp/LinkDown Trap Generation

Enables or disables trap LinkUp/LinkDown. Default setting is Enabled.

System Characteristics

This option displays system characteristics and allows you to specify a new string for the following:

1---System Contact: []

To operate correctly with the Web interface, this should be in the format of an internet email address.

2---System Name: []

3---System Location: []

Enter the appropriate command number and then the new string followed by [Enter].

Destination Address Filtering Configuration

This option allows you to enter up to eight MAC addresses. The switch will drop all incoming packets destined to any of these addresses. Enter the command number for each successive filter and then the MAC address to be excluded. An additional option (0) allows you to remove all existing filters.

For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Destination Address Filtering”](#) on [page 3-11](#).

Conversation Steering

This option allows you to enable or disable conversation steering mode for troubleshooting purposes. The default setting is Disabled. When you enable conversation steering, you are allowing one port to monitor another and are asked to enter numbers for both ports.

Type 1 to enable Conversation Steering Mode. Then enter the port number for the Monitored Port, followed by the port number for the Monitoring Port. If the selected monitored port is a high-speed port and the monitoring port is not, a Warning message informs you that data may be lost. For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Conversation Steering”](#) on [page 3-11](#).

Port VLAN Configuration

This option allows you to assign switch ports to one of up to eight virtual networks (VLANs) that you may set up. When you type 8 from the System Configuration menu, the screen shown in [Figure 4-3](#) appears.

```

*****
                        Bay Networks BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch
IP Address:                [127.0.0.2]
Mac Address:               [00:00:81:12:12:12]
Software Version:         [2.0]
System Up Time:           [0d:00h:01m:30s]
Switch Status:            [Switching]

*****

                        Port VLAN Configuration

Command   Port Number

                                1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
1 -- VLAN 1: |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X|
2 -- VLAN 2: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
3 -- VLAN 3: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
4 -- VLAN 4: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
5 -- VLAN 5: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
6 -- VLAN 6: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
7 -- VLAN 7: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
8 -- VLAN 8: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

0-- Reset All Ports to VLAN 1
Enter Command ([ESC]-Previous Menu [Space]-Refresh Screen)

```

Figure 4-3. Port VLAN Configuration screen

Type the command number of the VLAN to which you are moving ports. Then enter the numbers of the ports to be moved to the new VLAN. Separate the port numbers by commas. After you press [Enter], the refreshed screen displays the appropriate “X” indicator under the new VLAN.

For example, if you typed command number 2 (for VLAN 2) and then 3, 5, 12 to move ports 3, 5 and 12, the new display for VLANs 1 and 2 would be as follows:

```

                                1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
1 -- VLAN 1: |X| |X| | | |X| | | |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| | | |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X| |X|
2 -- VLAN 2: | | | | |X| | | |X| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |X| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

```

An additional option (0) allows you to reset all ports to VLAN 1.

For a more detailed explanation of using VLANs, refer to [“Virtual LANs” on page 3-7](#).

Reset to Defaults

This option (0 from the System Configuration screen) allows you to reset the switch to all the factory default settings. When you choose this option, the Language selection menu is displayed at the power-up sequence because it does not have a default setting.



Caution: If you choose the Reset to Defaults option, all of your configuration settings are replaced with factory default settings when you press [Enter] after confirmation. If you reset the switch without reentering the IP address, the default [0.0.0.0] takes effect and you will have to reenter the IP address, IP subnet address, and default gateway address from the console and reset the switch before you can open another Telnet session.

Troubleshooting

Entering 3 from the Main Menu accesses the Troubleshooting screen, which provides three selections:

1---Ping Remote Station []

By sending a Ping signal to a remote station, you can determine if a station is connected to the network. Enter 1 to access a command line that allows you to enter the IP address of the remote station. The switch pings this station and then informs you if the station is “alive” or if there is no answer.

2---MAC Table Lookup []

The MAC Table Lookup allows you to look up specific entries in the switch forwarding table using a specific MAC address as the access key. If the address is a learned address, the switch displays the type of address (static, dynamic, or filtered). If it is not a learned address, it shows a “not found” status.

3---Forwarding During Broadcast Storm [Enabled/Disabled]

To protect the CPU from being overloaded by processing excessive packets during broadcast storms, the BayStack 303/304 switch automatically disables broadcast or multicast traffic to the CPU when traffic exceeds 500 packets per second. Traffic is restored when the number of packets drops below 200 packets per second. This troubleshooting option offers additional broadcast protection by allowing you to disable packet forwarding to ports during

broadcast storms (the default is enabled) when Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled. When forwarding is disabled, all ports in the forwarding state go to the listening state when the broadcast storm reaches the high threshold. During the broadcast storm, port states appear to the console/Telnet interface, the Web interface, or SNMP as they were before the high threshold was reached. Spanning Tree Protocol packets continue to be received by the CPU. After the broadcast storm drops below the low threshold, the original states of the ports are restored.

The high threshold is reached when more than 10,000 broadcast or multicast packets per second are received for five seconds. The low threshold is reached when the number of broadcast or multicast packets per second drops below 3,000 for three seconds. Changing the devices attached to the switch or loss of bridge protocol data units (BPDUs) due to the broadcast storm may cause the Spanning Tree Protocol to reconfigure and put some ports into forwarding mode again even if the broadcast storm condition still exists.

When the forwarding disabled option is selected, you see following message:

Warning: This can cause loss of connectivity through the switch during broadcast storms.

Access Control

The Access Control selection (4 from the Main Menu) gives you the following three options:

1---Telnet Access (enable/disable)

2---Web Access (enable/disable)

3---Change Password

Use this selection to enable or disable the ability to manage the switch through a Telnet connection or through the Web-based management. You can also use this selection to change the login password. If you type 3, you will be requested to enter the current password, the new password, and then verification of the new password.

The same password is used for console, Telnet or Web login.

System Reset/Upgrade

The System Reset/Upgrade selection (5 from the Main Menu) allows you to perform a software-controlled reset of your BayStack switch or to upgrade system software. The following options are available:

- 1---TFTP Server IP Address: [000.000.000.000]
- 2---TFTP Default Gateway IP Address: [000.000.000.000]
- 3---Software Image File Name: [000.000.000.000]
- 4---Specify the Reset Action: [none]
- 5---Set/Clear Reset Action Timer: [0 min.]
- 0---Immediate Reset Action

Typing 1 through 3 allows you to enter the TFTP server IP address and gateway address from which to download software, and the name of the image file to download.

Typing 4 allows you to select system reset (1) or software download (2).

Typing 5 allows you to set or clear the Reset Action Timer. This timer can delay the reset or download for a period of up to 65,535 minutes. If you type 5 when no Reset action has been specified in option 4, you will receive an error message.

Typing 0 starts the reset or download immediately. Typing 0 overrides any previous setting.

When Reset is selected, the switch restarts as if power had been cycled and displays the Main Menu. This reset differs from the Reset to Defaults option because it does not reset any parameter settings and it does not redisplay the Language selection menu. Selecting Reset from a Telnet connection terminates the connection.



Note: When you download software, the switch will reset twice. Do not power down the switch before the process is completed (approximately 10 minutes).

Exit

Main Menu option 6 allows you to exit the current console or Telnet session.

Chapter 5

Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using a Web Browser

The agent software on the BayStack 303/304 switch uses an embedded http server that allows device-level management through a World Wide Web browser from anywhere on your network. Management functionality is comparable to that provided through the console or Telnet interface. The Web interface is available only in English at this time.

This chapter describes using the Web interface to manage the BayStack switches and includes information about the following topics:

- Requirements for using the Web-based interface (on this page)
- How to log on and access the Web-based interface ([page 5-2](#))
- The layout of the Web pages ([page 5-2](#))
- Web-page descriptions (beginning on [page 5-6](#))

Refer to [Chapter 2, “Installing the BayStack 303/304 Switch,”](#) for installation procedures. Refer to [Chapter 4, “Managing the BayStack 303/304 Switch Using the Console Interface”](#) if you are using the console or a Telnet connection to manage the switch.

Requirements

Following are the requirements for using the Web-based management interface:

- A computer connected to any of the network ports
- Netscape Navigator, version 3.0 or later, or Microsoft Internet Explorer Web browser, version 4.0 or later, installed on the computer
- The IP address of the BayStack 303/304 switch

How to Access the Web Management Interface

To log on to the Web-based management interface for the BayStack 303 and 304 switches, follow these steps:

1. **Start your Web browser.**



Caution: The HTTP server in the BayStack 303/304 switch is version 1. If your browser is Internet Explorer 4.0, the default is HTTP 1.1. To properly view the Web-management pages, you must disable versions 1.1 and above. In Internet Explorer 4.0, you do this from the View: Internet Options: Advanced menu. Scroll down to the bottom of the options list and deselect HTTP 1.1.

2. **Enter the IP address for the switch in the URL field and open the connection.**

The Login link is displayed.

3. **Click on the link to view the login dialog box.**

As indicated in the login link, the user name is fixed as “Manager.” The password is the same as the Telnet and console password (set from the Access Control menu or Web page). The default setting is no password.

4. **Enter the password and click on Okay.**

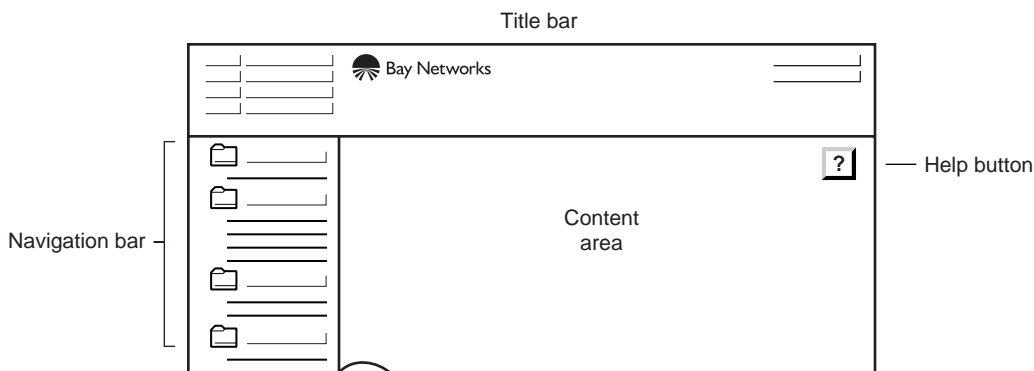
With Web access enabled, the switch can support up to four concurrent Web page users.

When you have logged in to the Web-based management interface, you can use the Web pages to view or change the parameters.

Web Page Layout

With the exception of the login page, all Web pages for managing the switch are partitioned into the same three areas, as shown in [Figure 5-1](#):

- Title bar
- Navigation bar
- Content area



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Figure 5-1. Web page components

Title Bar

The title bar includes a contact area, the Bay Networks logo, and the product name.

- The contact area includes the system name and location, the IP address, and the system contact. Clicking on the IP address links you to your browser's Telnet application. Clicking on the Contact links you to your browser's email application. Telnet and mail must be properly configured in the browser to activate these links.
- Clicking on the Bay Networks logo links you to the Bay Networks home page.
- The product name will be either BayStack 303 or 304 Ethernet Switch.

The title bar is constant for all pages and does not scroll.

Navigation Bar

The navigation bar is the same for all pages and includes an indented tree of folders providing direct links to all pages. In the Navigation Bar, the pages are grouped in the following folders:

- Summary
- Configuration

- Fault Management
- Statistics
- Support

The indented items in each folder, indicated by underlined text, are linked to the pages. The first four folders contain the pages for viewing and changing switch parameters. The Support folder includes the following selections:

- Click on Help to link to a Help page that provides explanations for the information fields of the screens and menus. A Help button (?) on each page also links you to the appropriate paragraph of the Help page.
- Click on Release Notes or Manuals to link to the appropriate documentation page on the Bay Networks Web site.
- Click on Feedback to link to an email screen that allows you to send comments, questions, or other feedback information to Bay Networks about the BayStack 303/304 switch.



Note: To ensure prompt response, do not use this email link to request technical support.

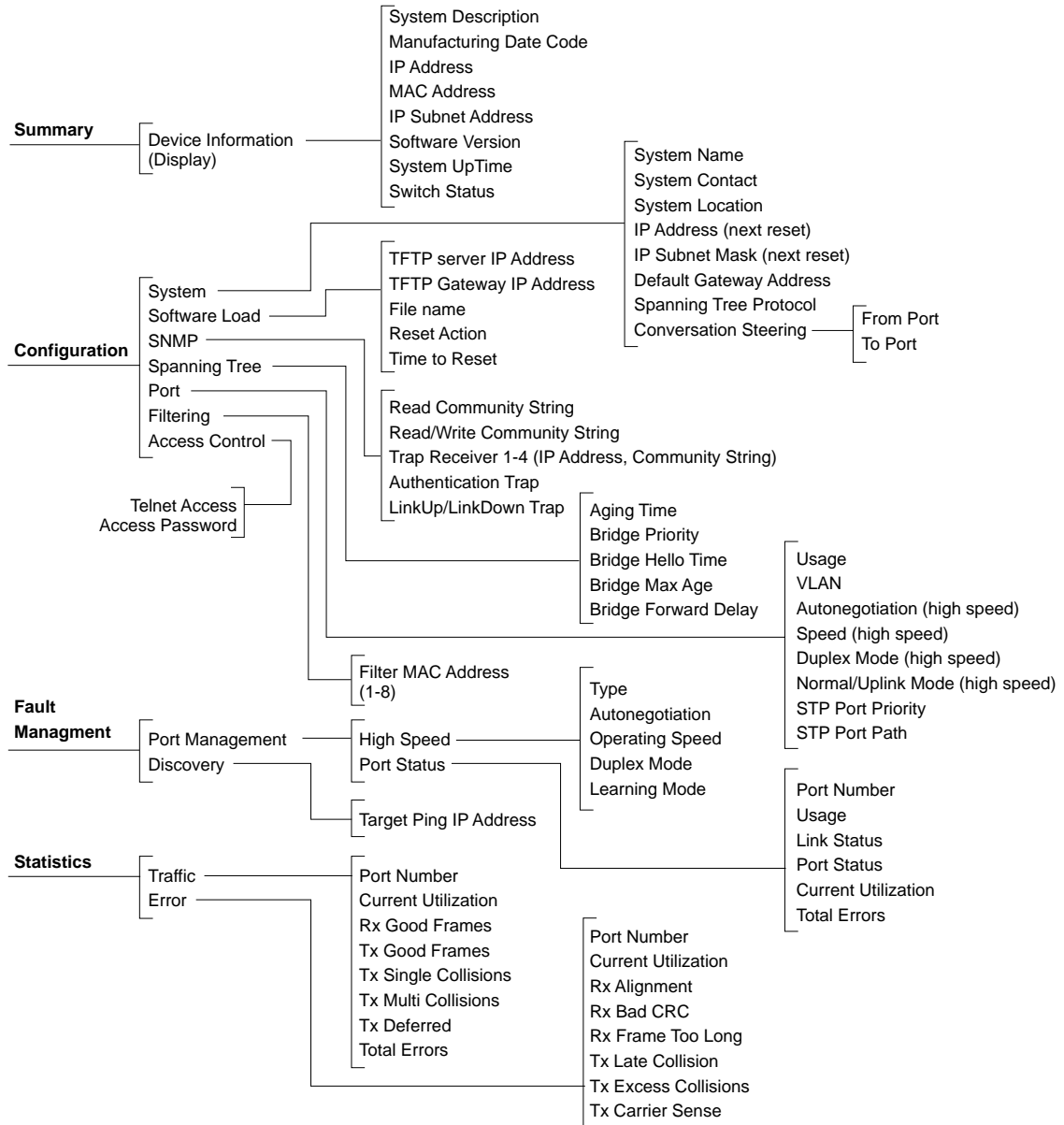
From these links, use the browser Back button to return to the Web-interface screen.

[Figure 5-2](#) illustrates the Web page hierarchy, indicating the navigation bar page links in each of the first four folders and the parameters that can be viewed or changed from each page.

Content Area

The content area contains the actual pages that equate to the menus and screens used in the console interface. There are 11 available pages as indicated by the Navigation bar. The content area includes the following:

- Date and time (from the Web browser)
- System uptime (from the switch)
- Tables and input forms. Gray cells are displayed values, which cannot be changed; white cells are input fields. The inverted triangle at the right of an input box indicates a pull-down selection menu.



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Figure 5-2. Web page hierarchy


- Applicable buttons for each page:
 - Apply New Settings: Click on this button after you have entered values or selected new menu items to make the new settings take effect. (Note that some parameter settings take effect at the next reset only.)
 - Clear Input: Click on this button if you have made a mistake and want to start again on a page. This button erases all the new information in the fields on the page.
 - ? : Click on this button to access Help information about the fields on this page. From the Help page, click on the Back button in the browser to return to the page.

Device Information Page

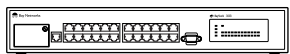
The Summary folder contains one link, Device Information, that takes you to the Device Information page shown in [Figure 5-3](#).

Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51
Up Time: 0d:18h:17m:03s

Summary: Device Information



System Description	Bay Networks, Inc BayStack 303 Ethernet Switch Rev: 1.1.18.17-2.x.y.z
Manufacturing Date Code:	
MAC Address:	00:00:81:3a:02:36
IP Address (Current):	194.177.155.79
IP Subnet Mask (Current):	255.255.255.0
Software Version:	2.x.y.z
Up Time:	0d:00h:56m:10s
Switch Status:	switching (2)



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Figure 5-3. Device Information page

This is a display-only page that includes an illustration of your switch along with the following information:

- System Description: switch model and version
- Manufacturing Date Code
- MAC Address
- IP Address (Current)
- IP Subnet Mask (Current)
- Software Version
- Up Time
- Switch Status
 - A status of Ready indicates that none of the switch ports are currently forwarding traffic, most likely because nothing is connected to the switch.
 - A status of Switching indicates that one or more ports are forwarding traffic.

This page is for information only and does not link to any other page. You can change the IP address and IP subnet mask parameters from the Configuration pages. You cannot change any other of these parameters.

Configuration Pages

The following pages are listed under the Configuration folder:

- [System](#)
- [Software Load](#)
- [SNMP](#)
- [Spanning Tree](#)
- [Port](#)
- [Filtering](#)
- [Access Control](#)

System

The System page is shown in [Figure 5-4](#).

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring a system. At the top left, it displays the date and time: "Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51" and "Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s". The title "Configuration: System" is centered at the top. A help icon (a question mark in a square) is located in the top right corner. The main content is organized into three sections: "System Identification", "IP Configuration", and "Features".

System Identification

System Name:	stormWeb
System Location:	Santa Clara
System Contact:	chaz@BayNetworks.com

IP Configuration

IP Address (at next reset only):	
IP Subnet Mask (at next reset only):	
Default Gateway Address:	

Features

Spanning Tree Protocol:	Enable ▼
Conversation Steering (Port Mirroring):	Not Applicable ▼
Conversation Steering to Port:	Not Applicable ▼
Conversation Steering from Port:	Not Applicable ▼

At the bottom of the form, there are three buttons: "Clear Input", "Apply New Settings", and "Reset to default". Below the buttons, the copyright notice reads: "Copyright© Bay Networks, Inc. 1997. All rights reserved".

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Figure 5-4. System page

This page allows you to set or change parameters in the following categories:

- **System Identification:**
You can change the System Name, Location, or Contact. To operate correctly with the Web interface, the System Contact should be in the format of an internet email address.

- IP Configuration:
 - IP Address

The Internet Protocol (IP) address of the unit. The IP address must be a unique address for initiating a Telnet session or managing the BayStack switches using SNMP. The factory default setting of the IP address is 127.0.0.2. Any change takes effect at the next reset only.
 - IP Subnet Mask Address

The subnet mask that indicates which bits are used for network/subnet identification and which are used for end nodes or stations. The subnet mask is written in the form of an IP address, with all network/subnet bits set to one. The default subnet mask is 0.0.0.0. Any change takes effect at the next reset only.
 - Default Gateway Address

The address of the IP gateway during normal switch operation. The default gateway address is 0.0.0.0. This address is set separately from the TFTP gateway address used for downloading upgrades from the Software Load page as described on [page 5-11](#).
- Features:
 - Spanning Tree Protocol [Disable/Enable]

The Spanning Tree Protocol is compliant with the IEEE 802.1d standard that detects and eliminates logical loops in a bridged or switched network. When multiple paths exist, the spanning tree algorithm puts some links in a hot standby idle state so that there is only one active path between any two nodes. If any of the active network links fail, standby links are brought online to maintain network connectivity.

This parameter allows you to enable or disable the Spanning Tree Protocol. The default for this field is Enabled. Any change takes effect immediately and does not require resetting the switch. For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Spanning Tree Protocol”](#) on [page 3-5](#).



Caution: The Spanning Tree Protocol protects your network from infinite packet circulation caused by inadvertently creating a configuration containing a loop in the topology. Before you disable Spanning Tree Protocol, be certain that your network is loop-free, or it will instantly become saturated and lock up from the infinite loop traffic.

- Conversation Steering [Disable/Enable/Not Applicable]
Select Enable to use the conversation steering feature for troubleshooting purposes. The default setting is disabled. When you enable conversation steering, you are allowing one port to monitor another and must select numbers for both ports. For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Conversation Steering”](#) on [page 3-11](#).



Caution: If the monitored port is a high speed or high-speed full- duplex port and the monitoring port is not, data may be lost.

In addition to the Apply New Settings and Clear Input buttons, this page contains a Reset to Default button which allows you to reset the switch to all the factory default settings.



Note: If you click on Reset to Default, you will see a dial-up box asking for confirmation. Click on Cancel to stop or click on OK to allow the reset to proceed.



Caution: If you select Reset to Default, all of your configuration settings are replaced with factory default settings when you press [Enter] after confirmation. If you reset the switch without reentering the IP address, the default [0.0.0.0] takes effect and you will have to reenter the IP address, IP subnet address, and default gateway address from the console and reset the switch before you can open another Web session.

Software Load

The Software Load page is shown in [Figure 5-5](#). This page allows you to reset software, download software upgrades, or schedule a delayed system reset or download in the future after a set number of minutes.

Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51
Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s

Configuration: Software Load

?

IP Address of TFTP Server:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
TFTP Default Gateway IP Address	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
File Name to Download:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Reset Action:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="None"/> ▼
Time to Reset Action (minutes, enter 0 to cancel)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/>

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Figure 5-5. Software Load page

For software download, enter the appropriate information in the following fields:

- IP address of TFTP server
- TFTP Default Gateway IP Address
- File name to download
- Reset Action [None/Reset/Download]

- Time to Reset Action

To schedule a reset or download, set the number of minutes (from 1 to 65535) in the future when the reset or download will take place. Enter 0 to cancel the previously specified timer value.

To download software, select Download from the Reset Action field. Click on Immediate Reset to download immediately, or enter a value in the Time to Reset Action field and click on Apply New Settings to set. Clicking on Immediate Reset overrides any Time to Reset settings.

To reset the switch, select Reset from the Reset Action field. Click on Immediate Reset to reset the switch now, or enter a value in the Time to Reset Action field and click on Apply New Settings. Clicking on Immediate Reset overrides any Time to Reset settings.



Note: When you download software, the switch will reset twice. Do not power down the switch before the process is completed (approximately 10 minutes).



Note: Clicking on Immediate Reset overrides any Time to Reset settings. When you click on Immediate Reset, you will see a dial-up box asking for confirmation. Click on Cancel to stop or click on OK to allow the reset or download to proceed.

Click on Clear Input to clear any erroneous selections.

SNMP

The SNMP page is shown in [Figure 5-6](#).

Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51
Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s

Configuration: SNMP

?

SNMP Read Community String:		<input type="text" value="public"/>
SNMP Read/Write Community String:		<input type="text" value="private"/>
Trap Receiver 1		
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="0.0.0.0"/>	Community String: <input type="text" value="public"/>
		<input type="text" value="Uninitialized"/> ▼
Trap Receiver 2		
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="1.1.1.1"/>	Community String: <input type="text" value="test2"/>
		<input type="text" value="Uninitialized"/> ▼
Trap Receiver 3		
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="3.4.5.6"/>	Community String: <input type="text" value="test4"/>
		<input type="text" value="Uninitialized"/> ▼
Trap Receiver 4		
IP Address:	<input type="text" value="0.0.0.0"/>	Community String: <input type="text" value="test3"/>
		<input type="text" value="Uninitialized"/> ▼
Authentication Trap:		<input type="text" value="Disable"/> ▼
LinkUp/LinkDown Trap:		<input type="text" value="Disable"/> ▼

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Figure 5-6. SNMP page

This page allows you to enter or change SNMP values, parameters, and addresses:

- **SNMP Read Community String**
Set the community string used for in-band read-only SNMP operations by entering an alphanumeric character string of up to 20 characters. The default is “public.”

- **SNMP Read/Write Community String**
Set the community string used for in-band read/write SNMP operation by entering an alphanumeric character string of up to 20 characters. The default is “private.”
- **Trap Receivers 1-4:**
IP Address, Community String [Uninitialized/Enable/Disable]
Four allowed trap receiver IP addresses with associated community strings can be enabled or disabled. You can enter an IP address and an alphanumeric character string of up to 20 characters for each trap receiver. The default community string is “public.”
- **Authentication Trap [Enable/Disable]**
Enables or disables sending a trap on an SNMP authentication failure. The default is disabled.
- **LinkUp/LinkDown Trap [Enable/Disable]**
Enables or disables trap LinkUp/LinkDown. The default is enabled.

Spanning Tree

The Spanning Tree page is shown in [Figure 5-7](#). The top table indicates current settings and the bottom table allows you to enter parameters. If Spanning Tree is disabled, the values in the top table will all be 0. Enable or disable Spanning Tree from the System page.

Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51
Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s

Configuration: Spanning Tree

?

Designated Root 1:	0-00:00:81:3A:02:36
Root Port:	0
Root Cost:	0
Hello Time:	3
Max Age Time:	21
Forward Delay:	15
Topology Changes:	15
Time Since Topology Change:	979
Hold Time:	1

Aging Time:	<input type="text" value="230"/>
Bridge Priority:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Bridge Hello Time:	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Bridge Max Age:	<input type="text" value="21"/>
Bridge Forward Delay:	<input type="text" value="15"/>

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Figure 5-7. Spanning Tree page

The following information is displayed:

- **Designated Root**
The identifier for the root bridge.
- **Root Port**
The port that offers the lowest cost path from this bridge to the root bridge.
- **Root Cost**
The path cost from the switch to the designated root bridge.

- **Hello Time**
How many seconds (1-10) elapse between hello time messages that are sent from this switch to all other switches; this value is determined by the Spanning Tree Protocol root switch.
- **Max Age Time**
The maximum age (in seconds) of Spanning Tree Protocol information before it is discarded. This value is learned from the network and determined by the Spanning Tree Protocol root switch.
- **Forward Delay**
How many seconds the switch delays forwarding frames after a network topology change. This value is also determined by the Spanning Tree Protocol root switch.
- **Topology Changes**
The total number of topology changes detected by this bridge since the management entity was last reset or initialized.
- **Time Since Topology Change**
The time since the last topology change was detected by the bridge entity.
- **Hold Time**
The time interval (1-10 seconds) during which no more than two configuration bridge PDUs will be transmitted by this node.

The following parameters can be entered or changed:

- **Aging Time**
Allows you to define how many seconds a learned MAC address can be inactive before it is “aged” or unlearned. This field is configurable in the range of 4 to 1,000,000 seconds with a default of 300 seconds.
- **Bridge Priority**
Allows you to determine which bridge in the network is designated as the root bridge (bridge with the highest priority). The field is configurable in the range of 0 to 65535 (where low number = high priority) with a default of 32768.
- **Bridge Hello Time**
Allows you to set the Hello interval (the amount of time between transmissions of Configuration Bridge PDUs) for this bridge. This parameter takes effect only when this bridge becomes the root bridge. Range is 1 to 10 seconds with a default of 2 seconds.



Note: Although you can set the Hello Time for a bridge with bridge management software, once the spanning tree computation process is complete, all bridges participating in spanning tree use the root bridge's hello time parameter value. If any bridge becomes the root bridge, its hello interval value becomes the (actual) Hello Time parameter for all bridges in the spanning tree network (see also Hello Time parameter).

- **Bridge Max Age**
Allows you to set the maximum age (in seconds) that a hello message can attain before it is discarded. The set value takes effect only when this bridge becomes the root bridge. The root bridge Maximum Age Time parameter value is the (actual) Maximum Age Time parameter value for all bridges in the spanning tree network (see also the Maximum Age Time parameter on [page 5-16](#)). The range is from 6 to 40 seconds with a default of 20 seconds.
 - **Bridge Forward Delay**
Allows you to set the Forward Delay parameter value for this bridge. All bridges participating in the spanning tree network use the root bridge's Forward Delay parameter value (see also the Forward Delay parameter definition on [page 5-16](#)). The range is from 4 to 30 seconds with a default of 15 seconds.
-



Note: The maximum ranges for Bridge Hello Time, Max Age Time, and Forward Delay are limited by the following interrelationship formula: $2x (\text{Bridge Forward Delay} - 1) \geq \text{Bridge Maximum Age Time} \geq 2x (\text{Bridge Hello Time} + 1)$. If you try to enter values that deviate from this formula, you will receive an error message that the values are out of range.

Disabling Spanning Tree Protocol resets the applicable factory default settings to 0. Values you set manually are not changed. Refer to the Spanning Tree Protocol parameter factory default settings in [Table 2-1](#) on [page 2-15](#).

Port

The Port page ([Figure 5-8](#)) includes a display table with information about each port and an input table where you can change individual port parameters.

Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51
Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s

Configuration: Port

?

Port	Usage	Speed	Duplex	STP Priority	STP Path Cost
1	Enabled	10	half	113	113
2	Enabled	10	half	128	100
3	Enabled	10	half	128	127
4	Enabled	10	half	126	400
5	Enabled	10	half	125	500
6	Enabled	10	half	124	600
7	Disabled	10	half	123	700
8	Disabled	10	half	128	100
9	Enabled	10	half	100	200
10	Enabled	10	half	128	100
11	Enabled	10	half	128	100
12	Enabled	10	half	128	100
13	Enabled	Auto	full	128	100

Port to Configure

1 ▼

Refresh

Configuration Change

Usage:	Enable ▼
VLAN:	NotApplicable ▼
AutoNegotiation (high speed ports only):	NotApplicable ▼
Speed (high speed ports only):	NotApplicable ▼
Duplex Mode (high speed ports only):	NotApplicable ▼
Normal/Uplink Mode (high speed ports only):	NotApplicable ▼
STP Port Priority:	128
STP Port Path Cost:	100

Clear Input

Apply New Settings

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Figure 5-8. Port page

The current parameter settings for each port are displayed in the top table. The bottom table allows you to change parameter settings. The following parameters are displayed with setting options indicated:

- **Port number**
The number of each port on the switch. To configure a port, select its number.
- **Usage [Enable/Disable]**
Whether or not the port is enabled.
- **VLAN [Not Applicable/1-8]**
The number of the virtual LAN (1-8) to which the port is assigned. For a more detailed explanation of using VLANs, refer to [“Virtual LANs”](#) on [page 3-7](#).
- **Autonegotiation [Enable/Disable/Not Applicable]**
Presented only in the input table. Configurable for high-speed ports only. For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Autonegotiation”](#) on [page 3-12](#).
- **Speed [100 Mbps/10 Mbps/Not Applicable]**
The speed at which the port is transmitting/receiving data (10 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s). Configurable for high-speed ports only. If autonegotiation is enabled, the parameter is not applicable and “Auto” is displayed in the top table.
- **Duplex [Full/Half/Not Applicable]**
If the port is running in half-duplex or full-duplex mode. Configurable for high-speed ports only; other ports are always “half.” If autonegotiation is enabled, the parameter is not applicable and “Auto” is displayed in the top table.
- **Normal/Uplink [Normal/Uplink/Not Applicable]**
Configurable for high-speed ports only. When a port is set for Uplink, Address Learning Mode is disabled on that port. This allows asymmetric MAC addressing to prevent excessive switch flooding. For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Address Learning”](#) on [page 3-9](#).
- **STP Priority**
The priority of each port, which is used in conjunction with the port number to create a unique port identifier. The valid range for this value is from 0 to 255. The default value is 128.

- **STP Path Cost**
The path cost to the designated root bridge. The valid range for this value is from 1 to 65,535. Entering a value of 0 will reset to the factory default setting so the switch software can automatically compute the path cost proportional to speed and duplex mode.


Disabling Spanning Tree Protocol resets only the appropriate factory default settings to 0. Values you set manually are not changed. Refer to the Spanning Tree Protocol parameter factory default settings in [Table 2-1](#) on [page 2-15](#).

Filtering

The Filtering page, shown in [Figure 5-9](#), allows you to enter up to eight MAC addresses. The switch drops (filters) all incoming packets destined to any of these addresses. For a more detailed explanation of this feature, refer to [“Destination Address Filtering”](#) on [page 3-11](#).

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Configuration: Filtering



Filter	Filter MAC Address
1	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
2	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
3	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
4	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
5	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
6	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
7	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
8	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

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Figure 5-9. Filtering page

Access Control

The Access Control page ([Figure 5-10](#)) allows you to enable or disable Telnet access to the switch console interface and/or to set or change the Management Access Password for console, Web, and Telnet switch management.

The default for Telnet Access [Enable/Disable] is enabled.

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Access Control

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Telnet Access:	Disable ▼
Management Access Password (enter twice for verification):	Enter Old Password: <input type="text"/>
	Enter New Password: <input type="text"/>
	Re-Enter New Password: <input type="text"/>

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Figure 5-10. Access Control page

Fault Management Pages

The following pages are listed under the Fault Management heading:

- [Port Management](#)
- [Discovery](#)

Port Management

The Port Management page displays the current settings for high-speed ports and status information for all ports. [Figure 5-11](#) illustrates this page for a BayStack 304 switch; for a BayStack 303 switch, all 26 ports would be shown. To change any of the settings, go to the Port page.

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Fault: Port Management

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High Speed Port Settings:

High Speed Port	Type	Auto-Negotiation	Operating Speed	Duplex Mode
13	100Base-TX	Enabled	10 Mbps	Half
14	Not Installed	Enabled	10 Mbps	Half

Port Status:

Port	Usage	Link Status	Port Status	Current Utilization	Total Errors
1	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
2	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
3	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
4	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
5	Enabled	up	Forwarding	0%	0
6	Disabled	down	Disabled	Port Disabled	0
7	Disabled	down	Disabled	Port Disabled	0
8	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
9	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
10	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
11	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
12	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0
13	Enabled	down	Disabled	0%	0

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Figure 5-11. Port Management page

The following information is displayed for high-speed ports:

- **Port number**
On the BayStack 304 switch, the high-speed ports are 13 and 14; on the BayStack 303 switch, high-speed ports are 25 and 26.
- **Type**
Whether the port is a 10/100BASE-TX or (for the MDA) 100BASE-FX.
- **Autonegotiation**
Whether the autonegotiation feature is enabled or disabled for the port.
- **Operating Speed**
If the port is operating at 10 or 100 Mb/s.
- **Duplex Mode**
If the port is operating in full or half duplex mode.

The following port status is displayed for all ports:

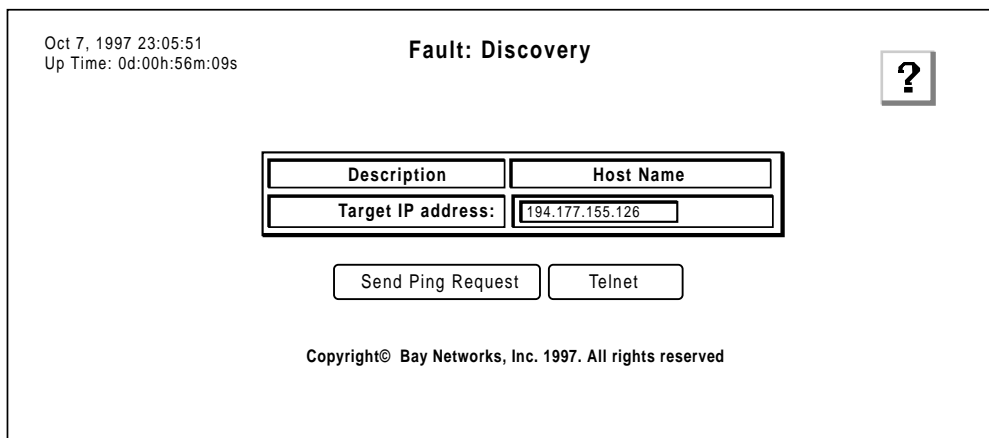
- **Usage:**
Indicates if port usage is enabled or disabled. Clicking on an entry in this column links you to the Port Configuration page, where you can reconfigure the displayed parameters for the port.
- **Link Status**
Indicates whether the link is active (up) or inactive (down) at the physical level.
- **Port Status**
Indicates if a port is disabled or, if enabled, if the spanning tree status is forwarding or blocking.
- **Current Utilization**
Indicates how much of the available bandwidth on the port is being used by traffic. Port utilization is computed for the previous five seconds. Clicking on this column links you to the Traffic Statistics page, where more information about port utilization is displayed.
- **Total Errors**
Indicates the cumulative errors for that port since the switch was powered up.

Discovery

The Discovery page, shown in [Figure 5-12](#), is comparable to the Troubleshooting selection from the console interface. It allows you to determine if a remote station is connected to the network by sending a Ping signal to it.

The input field is for the Target IP address. Click on Send Ping Request to send. The results of the ping action are displayed.

If the connection is active, clicking on the Telnet button allows you to connect to the station.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Fault: Discovery". In the top left corner, it displays the date and time "Oct 7, 1997 23:05:51" and the system uptime "Up Time: 0d:00h:56m:09s". In the top right corner, there is a square icon containing a question mark. The main area contains a table with two columns: "Description" and "Host Name". Below the table, there is a "Target IP address:" label followed by an input field containing the IP address "194.177.155.126". Below the input field, there are two buttons: "Send Ping Request" and "Telnet". At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright© Bay Networks, Inc. 1997. All rights reserved".

Description	Host Name
Target IP address:	194.177.155.126

Send Ping Request Telnet

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Figure 5-12. Discovery page

Statistics Pages

The following pages are listed under the Statistics heading:

- [Traffic](#)
- [Error](#)

Traffic

The Traffic page is shown in [Figure 5-13](#).

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Statistics: Traffic

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Port	Current Utilization	Rx Good Frames	Tx Good Frames	Tx Single Collisions	Tx Multi Collisions	Tx Deferred	Total Errors
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	152122	8006	16	40	20	1

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Figure 5-13. Traffic page

This page provides the following information about each port:

- **Current Utilization**
Indicates how much of the available bandwidth on the port is being used by traffic. Port utilization is computed for the previous five seconds.
- **Rx Good Frames**
Counters that increment whenever a frame is received successfully on the corresponding port.
- **Tx Good Frames**
Counters that increment whenever a frame is transmitted successfully on the corresponding port.
- **Tx Single Collisions**
Counters that increment when a frame transmitted on the port had a single collision and was transmitted successfully on the second try.
- **Tx Multiple Collisions**
Counters that increment when a frame transmitted on the port had more than one collision and was then transmitted successfully within 16 attempts. If a frame transmits successfully after only one collision, it increments the single collision counter. If there are anywhere from two to 16 tries for a successful transmission, then the multiple counter increments. If, after 16 tries, a collision is still detected, the excessive transmission counter increments and no more retries are attempted.
- **Tx Deferred**
Counters that increment when a frame transmitted on the port was delayed because the wire was busy.
- **Total Errors**
Counters in this column represent the sum of the receive and transmit errors on the corresponding port. Clicking on this column links you to the Error Statistics page where a breakdown of the errors is provided.

Error

The Error page is shown in [Figure 5-14](#).

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Statistics: Error

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Port	Current Utilization	Rx Alignments	Rx Bad CRC	Rx Frame Too Long	Tx Late Collision	Tx Express Collisions	Tx Carrier Sense
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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Figure 5-14. Error page

This page provides the following information about each port:

- **Current Utilization**
Indicates how much of the available bandwidth on the port is being used by traffic. Port utilization is computed for the previous five seconds. Clicking on this column links you to the Traffic Statistics page.
- **Rx Alignment**
Counters that increment when a receive frame alignment error is recorded. Misaligned frames are those that do not start or end on a byte boundary.

- **Rx Bad CRC**
Counters that increment whenever a corrupt frame is received on the port and the integrity of the data is lost.
- **Rx Frame Too Long**
Counters that increment whenever a frame received on the port is greater than 1,518 octets in length.
- **Tx Late Collisions**
Counters that increment when a collision on the port has been detected later than 512 bit times into the frame duration.
- **Tx Excessive Collisions**
Counters that increment when a frame on the port is not successfully transmitted due to excessive (16 consecutive) collisions.
- **Tx Carrier Senses**
Counters that increment each time that carrier sense was not seen or was lost on the port during the transmission of a frame without a collision.

Chapter 6

Troubleshooting and Diagnostics

The BayStack 303/304 switch is designed to be as simple and reliable as possible. Occasionally, problems may arise that are largely associated with two areas: problems related to the BayStack 303/304 switch and problems related to the installation.

BayStack 303/304 Switch-related Issues

The BayStack 303/304 switches have a powerful set of system diagnostics that check all internal resources of a switch whenever it is turned on. After the master core processor (management processor) has tested itself, each port is tested in sequence. The switch attempts to transfer Ethernet packets only if all diagnostic tests complete without errors.



Warning: To avoid bodily injury from hazardous electrical current, never remove the top cover of the device. There are no user-serviceable components inside.

The following switch-related issues that are common are discussed in this section:

- Password Recovery
- Autonegotiation
- MDI and MDI-X connections

Password Recovery

If you elect to set a password, it applies to console, Telnet, and Web access. If you forget your password, call Bay Networks Technical Solutions Center for assistance.

Autonegotiation

Port connection problems can occur when a port is connected to a station that is not operating in a compatible mode (for example, connecting a full-duplex port to a half-duplex port). When autonegotiation is enabled on a high-speed port, problems and mismatches can occur when that port is connected to a port that:

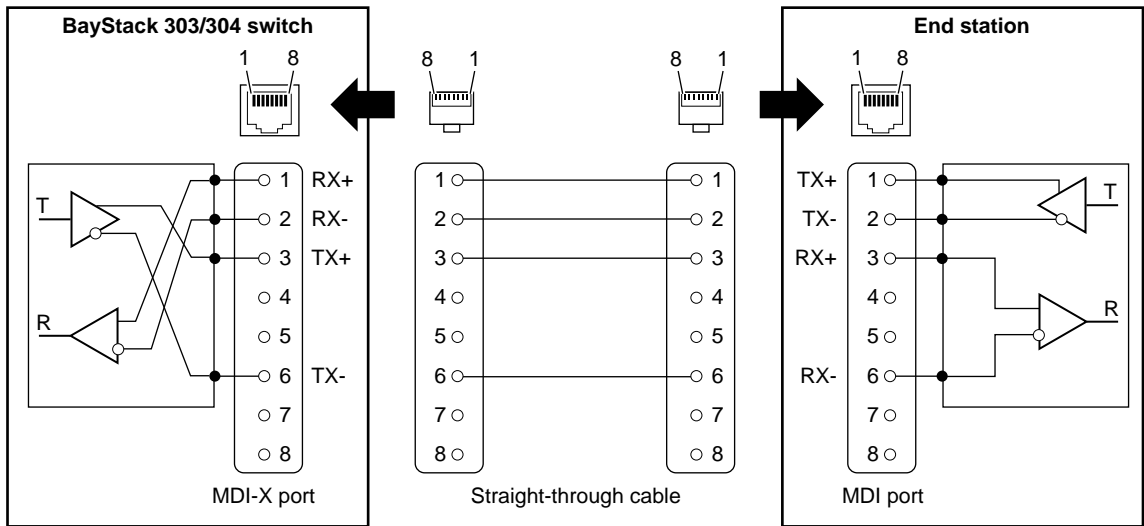
- Does not support autonegotiation.
- Supports a form of autonegotiation that is not compatible with the IEEE 802.3u autonegotiation standard.
- Supports autonegotiation but has the feature disabled.

In the situations described here, the BayStack 303/304 switch senses the speed of the connected port and, by default, reverts to half-duplex mode. If the connected station is operating in full-duplex mode, the stations cannot communicate properly and a mismatch occurs. This mismatch can be resolved by disabling autonegotiation and manually setting the speed and duplex mode (see [“High Speed Port Configuration”](#) on [page 4-15](#) to manually set speed and duplex mode).

When the link is first brought up, the BayStack 303/304 switch senses the speed of the connecting device. If the connecting device changes speed without performing a link down, the BayStack 303/304 switch can correctly sense a change from 100 Mb/s to 10 Mb/s; however, it cannot sense a change from 10 Mb/s to 100 Mb/s. In the latter case, the switch reports 10 Mb/s operation and link up, but the connecting device reports link down. This link mismatch can be resolved by forcing the link down and up or by disabling autonegotiation and manually setting the speed and duplex mode.

MDI and MDI-X Connections

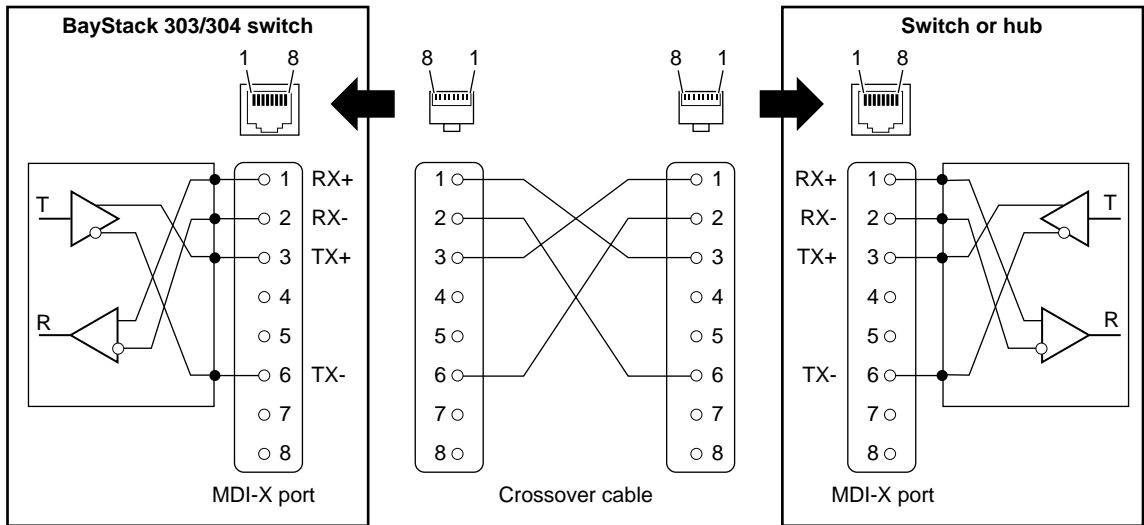
The BayStack 303/304 switch uses MDI-X ports that allow you to connect directly to end stations without using crossover cables (see [Figure 6-1](#)). Ports that implement the crossover function internally are known as MDI-X ports (where “X” refers to the crossover function).



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Figure 6-1. MDI-X to MDI cable connections

If you are connecting a device to the BayStack 303/304 switch that also implements MDI-X ports (see [Figure 6-2](#)), use a crossover cable.



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Figure 6-2. MDI-X to MDI-X cable connections

Installation-related Issues

Ethernet 10BASE-T networks tend to be fairly simple, but they can still have problems that take time to resolve. The most common problems are associated with the actual network wiring.

If you have problems with a newly established network (initial setup), the trouble is most likely related to cabling or addressing. If the network has been operational for an extended period and is now beginning to have problems, the trouble is probably related to recent additions or changes.

Addresses

Remember that the BayStack switches each have a MAC station address and an IP address. The MAC station addresses are unique because each address contains the Bay Networks manufacturer ID and node ID codes. The switch is shipped with a default IP address of 127.000.000.002.

A valid IP address is not required for normal switching operation or if you are managing the switch from a console. However, for management over the network (Web, SNMP, or Telnet session), a valid IP address is required.

You can change the IP address of the unit to match your own network addressing structures. Ensure that the IP address of the BayStack 303/304 switch is unique in your network. The IP address can be changed using the Switch Network Configuration menu from the console interface or the System page from the Configuration folder in the Web-based management interface. You will need to set a valid IP address if you intend to use network management with SNMP, Telnet, or the Web interface.

Cabling

Cabling for 10BASE-T networks can consist of 2-pair Category 3, 4, or 5 unshielded twisted pair (UTP) wiring. However, to cover future upgrades to Fast Ethernet, Bay Networks strongly recommends that you use all Category 5 cable in your network.

Ethernet 10BASE-T network installations use cables consisting of two pairs of twisted pair wires—one pair to send data and one to receive data. These wires must connect to another 10BASE-T station that has the sending pair attached to its receiving pair and vice versa. In this way, the two nodes can exchange data. If the two nodes are wired alike, they both attempt to send data out on the same RJ-45 pins. In such a case, a straight-through cable would not work (see [Figure 6-2](#) on [page 6-4](#)). However, a crossover cable (see [Figure 6-1](#) on [page 6-3](#)) would operate normally.

The BayStack 303/304 switch is designed to have Ethernet NIC cards connect directly to its RJ-45 ports using straight-through cables. However, if the BayStack 303/304 switch must connect to a hub and that hub follows usual conventions, a crossover cable is required.

The 100 Mb/s ports are designed to operate using Category 5 UTP cabling only. Category 5 UTP cable is a 2-pair cable certified to handle up to 100 MHz bandwidth. To minimize crosstalk noise, maintain the twist ratio of the cable up to the point of termination; untwist at any termination should not exceed 0.5 inch (1.27 cm).

For best performance with respect to noise immunity and emissions, the unused pairs in the 2-pair cable should be terminated at their characteristic impedance (that is, 100 ohms) in the equipment at each end of the cable. All Bay Networks 100BASE-TX equipment includes such a Common Mode Termination (CMT).

The fiber media adapter for the 100BASE-FX port uses only multimode 62.5/125 μm fiber cable. The Bay Networks 100BASE-FX media adapter is not supported on single-mode fiber. SC connectors are used on all fiber port connections.

Link Status

The 10BASE-T ports use link test pulses to provide a mechanism to ensure that the link between the connected devices is valid. When the link is inactive, link test pulses are transmitted approximately every 16 microseconds (ms). The 100 Mb/s port also ensures valid links between connected devices.

When link status is shown in an LED, you can immediately see if the cables are connected correctly, assuming that the other equipment also sends link status pulses. Link status should be used whenever possible to check for potential wiring issues.

Type 1 Connectors

When spanning tree is enabled, a blocked port might be caused by an open Type 1 connector. High speed ports operating in full duplex mode can detect an open Type 1 connector and block the port until a device is connected to that connector. Type 1 connectors are intended primarily for Token Ring networks and use an internal shorting mechanism to create a loopback condition when no device is connected to them.

Using the Ping Feature

The BayStack 303/304 switch allows you to easily determine if an IP station is on the network and active by allowing you to send a ping request to its IP address.

With the console interface, type 3 from the Main Menu to access the Troubleshooting screen. Then type 1 to Ping Remote Station and enter the IP Address of the station.

With the Web interface, select the Discovery page from the Fault Management folder and enter the IP address.

MAC Table Lookup

The Troubleshooting screen in the console or Telnet interface (accessed by typing 3 from the Main Menu) also has a MAC Table Lookup option (2).

The MAC Table Lookup allows you to look up specific entries in the switch forwarding table using a specific MAC address as the access key. After typing 2 from the Troubleshooting menu, you will be asked to enter the MAC address. If the address is a learned address, information about the port on which it was learned and the type of address (static, dynamic, or filtered) is displayed. If the address is not a learned address, a Not Found message is displayed.

Broadcast Storm Protection

To protect the CPU from being overloaded by processing excessive packets during broadcast storms, the BayStack 303/304 switch automatically disables broadcast traffic to the CPU when broadcast and multicast traffic exceeds 500 packets per second. Traffic to the CPU is restored when the number of packets drops below 200 packets per second. During this time, unicast traffic to the CPU is not affected and traffic through the switch continues to be forwarded normally.

In addition, when Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled, if broadcast and multicast traffic exceeds 3,000 packets per second, the ports are momentarily put into a listening state and then into the forwarding state. If the switch is the source of the broadcast storm due to unresolved loops, this momentary transition alleviates the problem.

The BayStack 303/304 switch provides an additional option for broadcast protection by allowing you to disable packet forwarding to ports when a high threshold is reached and maintain this state until a low threshold is reached. Forwarding During Broadcast Storms is enabled as a default. When Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled, you can disable forwarding, putting forwarding ports in the listening state when the broadcast storm reaches the high threshold. During the broadcast storm, the port states appear to the console/Telnet interface, the Web interface, or SNMP as they were before the high threshold was reached. Spanning Tree Protocol packets continue to be received by the CPU. After the broadcast storm drops below the low threshold, the original states of the ports are restored.

The high threshold is reached when more than 10,000 broadcast or multicast packets per second are received for five seconds. The low threshold is reached when the number of broadcast or multicast packets per second drops below 3,000 for three seconds. Changing the devices attached to the switch or loss of BPDUs due to the broadcast storm may cause the Spanning Tree Protocol to reconfigure and put some ports into forwarding mode again even if the broadcast storm condition still exists. Note that this option is only valid when Spanning Tree Protocol is enabled.



Caution: Disabling Forwarding During Broadcast Storms can cause loss of connectivity through the switch during broadcast storms.

This feature is enabled or disabled from the Troubleshooting screen in the console or Telnet interface (accessed by typing 3 from the Main Menu).

Appendix A

Technical Specifications

This section provides technical specifications for the BayStack 303/304 switch.

Network Protocol	Ethernet Fast Ethernet
Standards Supported	802.1d 802.3i, 10BASE-T 802.3u, 100BASE-T
Data rate	
BayStack 303 switch:	24 10 Mb/s ports One 10/100 Mb/s port One optional 10/100BASE-TX or 100BASE-FX port
BayStack 304 switch:	12 10 Mb/s ports One 10/100 Mb/s port One optional 10/100BASE-TX or 100BASE-FX port
Electrical Specifications	
Input current:	1.5 to 0.6 Amps
Input voltage (rms):	90 to 250 VAC @ 47 to 63 Hz
Power consumption:	60 W maximum
Environmental Specifications	
Operating temperature:	0° to 40° C (32° to 104° F)
Storage temperature:	-25° to 70° C (-13° to 158° F)
Operating humidity:	85% maximum relative humidity, noncondensing
Storage humidity:	95% maximum relative humidity, noncondensing
Operating altitude:	3024 m (10,000 ft)

Physical Specifications

Height:	2.77 in. (7 cm)
Depth:	13.55 in. (34.4 cm)
Width:	17.25 in. (43.8 cm)
Weight:	BayStack 303: 7 lb. 5 oz. (3.28 kg) BayStack 304: 7 lb. 2 oz. (3.19 kg)

Performance Specifications

Maximum Frame Forward Rate (64-byte packets, full duplex unicast traffic):	Line rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BayStack 303: 476,192 packets per second• BayStack 304: 387,206 pps
Port forwarding/filtering Performance (64-byte packet) RX:	For 10 Mb/s: 14,880 packets per second max For 100 Mb/s: 148,810 packets per second
Address database size:	1023 entries
Address:	48-bit MAC address
Frame length:	64 to 1535 bytes
MTBF (estimated):	BayStack 303: 202,000 hours BayStack 304: 219,000 hours

Hardware Architecture

Processor:	68340 16 MHz
EEPROM:	2 KB (nonvolatile)
Processor DRAM:	2 MB
Buffer pool:	BayStack 303: 2 MB EDO RAM BayStack 304: 1MB EDO RAM
Flash memory:	1 MB

Electromagnetic Immunity

RF Susceptibility:	IEC801-3, Level 2
Electrostatic discharge (ESO):	IEC801-2, Level 2/3
Electrical Fast Transitions (EFT/B):	IEC801-4, Level 1/2

Electromagnetic Emissions

FCC Class A digital devices
En 55 022 (CISPR 22), Class A
VCCI Class 1 ITE

Safety Agency Approvals

UL Listed
CSA Certified
TUV Licensed
ANSI/NFPA 70 National electrical code; article 110-16, 110-17, 110-18

Appendix B

Media Dependent Adapters (MDAs)

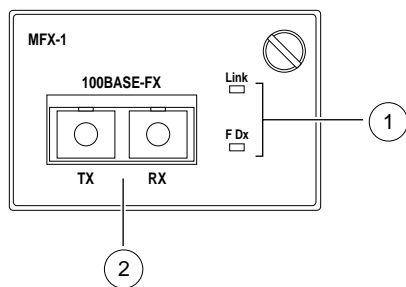
The BayStack 303/304 switch comes with an optional 100 Mb/s port. To use this port, a media dependent adapter (MDA) is inserted in the switch through the front panel.

The media adapter slot accepts either a 10/100BASE-TX (UTP) or 100BASE-FX (fiber) media adapter to provide a switched Fast Ethernet link to high-speed servers, switches, hubs, or routers. MDA installation instructions are contained in *Installing the BayStack 303 and 304 Ethernet Switch Media Adapters* (Bay Networks part number 893-01023-A).

This appendix describes the MDA types available.

100BASE-FX MDA

The 100BASE-FX MDA is used to attach a fiber-based 100 Mb/s connection to the switch. The 100BASE-FX media adapter shown in [Figure B-1](#) can be used to provide a direct attachment to end stations, switches, or servers where multimode fiber is installed. This adapter accepts standard SC connections using 62.5/125- μ m fiber optic cable. The 100BASE-FX MDA is not supported on single-mode fiber cabling. A link LED indicates when there is a valid link connection, and a mode LED indicates when the port is operating in full- or half-duplex mode (effectively 200 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s).



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- 1 = Status indicators
 - Link—valid communication link established
 - F Dx—port operating in full-duplex mode (LED lit) or half-duplex mode (LED off)
- 2 = 100BASE-FX SC port connector

Figure B-1. 100BASE-FX MDA

The 100BASE-FX MDA has its own LED indicators, described in [Table B-1](#).

Table B-1. 100BASE-FX MDA LEDs

Label	Color	State	Meaning
Link	Green	On	Link is active and connected correctly.
		Off	Link is inoperative or improperly connected.
F Dx	Green	On	Port is operating in full-duplex mode (200 Mb/s).
		Off	Port is operating in half-duplex mode (100 Mb/s).

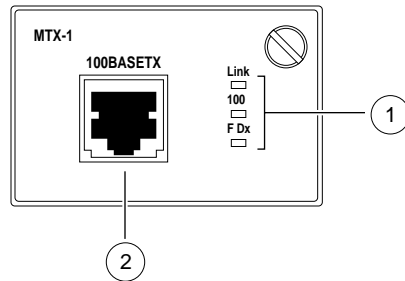
The fiber optic connector is an important element of the fiber cable installation; it directly influences cable performance. Because of termination costs, fiber optics are often limited to use as a network backbone. But no other network transport medium can match the bandwidth, scalability, or physical transmission capabilities of fiber optics.

10/100BASE-TX MDA

The optional expansion slot can also be used for a 10/100BASE-TX MDA that supports autonegotiation for either 10 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s operation, depending on the connecting device. For more information about autonegotiation, see [“Connecting the 10/100BASE-TX Port”](#) on [page 2-9](#).

The MDA, shown in [Figure B-2](#), provides one 10/100 Mb/s port and its associated LEDs. The LED indicators are described in [Table B-2](#). Because this port is capable of operating at 100 Mb/s, Bay Networks recommends that only Category 5 UTP cabling be used for connections to the RJ-45 port connector (see [Table 1-1](#) on [page 1-6](#) for RJ-45 pin assignments).

The 10/100BASE-TX port also supports operation in full- and half-duplex mode. In full-duplex mode, the aggregate transfer can be either 20 Mb/s or 200 Mb/s (for simultaneous transmit and receive at 100 Mb/s each) depending on the speed of the connecting device. In half-duplex mode, the transfer speed is either 10 Mb/s or 100 Mb/s (transmit or receive).



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1 = Status indicators

Link—valid communication link established

100—port operating as 100BASE-TX

F Dlx—port operating in full-duplex mode (LED lit) or half-duplex mode (LED off)

2 = 10/100BASE-TX RJ-45 connector

Figure B-2. 10/100BASE-TX MDA

Table B-2. 10/100BASE-TX MDA LEDs

Label	Color	State	Meaning
Link	Green	On	Link is active and connected correctly.
		Off	Link is inoperative or improperly connected.
100	Green	On	Port is operating at 100 Mb/s.
		Off	Port is operating at 10 Mb/s.
F Dx	Green	On	Port is operating in full-duplex mode (200 Mb/s).
		Off	Port is operating in half-duplex mode (100 Mb/s).

Installing an MDA

The expansion slot on the BayStack 303/304 switch accommodates a small media dependent adapter that provides one high-speed port connection. The connection can be either an RJ-45 10/100BASE-TX MDA or a fiber 100BASE-FX MDA with an SC connector.

To install an MDA into the expansion slot, follow these steps:



Warning: The switch must be taken offline and have all power removed prior to installing the MDA. Failure to remove power can result in damage to sensitive components and void all equipment warranties.

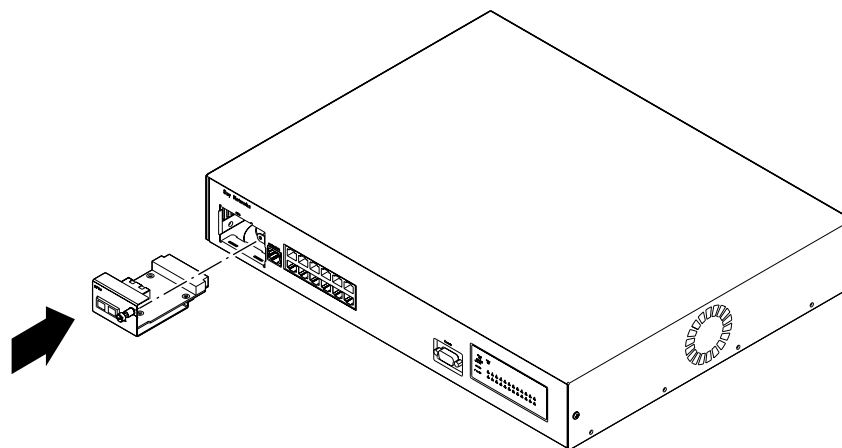
1. **Unplug the AC power cord from the back of the switch.**
2. **Remove the filler panel over the expansion slot.**

3. **Insert the MDA into the slot, taking care to slide the MDA onto the guides (see [Figure B-3](#)).**

The guides ensure that the MDA connector plugs correctly into the switch motherboard. The guides are part of the plastic and metal chassis.



Caution: Make sure the MDA slides in on the guides. Failure to align the guides could result in bent and broken pins.



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Figure B-3. Installing an MDA

4. **Secure the MDA in the chassis by tightening the thumb screw on the front panel.**
5. **Attach the high-speed device to the port.**
6. **Plug the AC power cord into the switch.**

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