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FAST ETHERNET SWITCH**

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## 1. Configuring the Switch Using the Console Interface

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The VH-2402-L3 supports a console management interface that allows the user to connect to the switch's management agent via a serial port and a terminal or a computer running a terminal emulation program. The console can also be used over the network using the TCP/IP TELNET protocol. The console program can be used to configure the switch to use an SNMP-based network management software over the network.

This chapter describes how to use the console interface to access the switch, change its settings, and monitor its operation.



**Switch configuration settings that are saved to non-volatile RAM using Save Changes from the Main Menu are retained in the switch's memory, and are reloaded when the switch is rebooted.**

### Before You Start

The VH-2402-L3 supports a wide array of functions and gives great flexibility and increased network performance by eliminating the routing bottleneck between the WAN and the intranet. Its function in a network can be thought of as a new generation of wire-speed router that performs routing functions in hardware, rather than in software.

### General Deployment Strategy



**The VH-2402-L3 has many automatic features to detect the network topology and adapt to changes in this topology, but it is recommended that a network scheme be developed and entered statically into the VH-2402-L3.**

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1. Determine how the network would be best segmented. This is probably done using VLANs in an existing layer 2 switched network.
  2. Develop an IP addressing scheme. This involves allocating a block of IP addresses to each network segment. Each network subnet is then assigned a network address and a subnet mask.
  3. Determine which network resources must be shared by the subnets. Shared resources may be connected directly to the Layer 3 switch, if need be. Static routes to each of the shared resources should be determined.
  4. Determine how each subnet will communicate with the WAN or Internet. Again, static routes should be determined and default gateways identified.
  5. Develop a security scheme. Some subnets on the network need more security or should be isolated from the other subnets. IP or MAC filtering can be used. Also, one or more VLANs on the Layer 3 switch can be configured without an IP subnet – in which case, these VLANs will function as a layer 2 VLAN and would require an external router to connect to the rest of the network.
  6. Develop a policy scheme. Some subnets will have a greater need for multicasting bandwidth, for example. A policy is a mechanism to alter the normal packet forwarding in a network device, and can be used to intelligently allocate bandwidth to time-critical applications such as the integration of voice, video, and data on the network.
  7. Develop a redundancy scheme. Planning redundant links and routes to critical network resources can save valuable time in the case of a link or device failure. The VH-2402-L3's Spanning Tree function can be used to block the redundant link until it is needed.

## **VLAN Layout**

VLANs on the VH-2402-L3 have more functions than on a traditional layer 2 switch, and must therefore be laid-out and

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configured with a bit more care. Layer 3 VLANs (VLANs that have an IP interface assigned to them) can be thought of as network links – not just as a collection of associated end users. Further, Layer 3 VLANs are assigned an IP interface address and subnet mask to enable IP routing between them.

IEEE 802.1Q VLANs must be configured on the switch before they can be assigned IP interface addresses or subnet masks. Further, the static VLAN configuration is specified on a per port basis. On the VH-2402-L3, a VLAN can consist of end-nodes – just like a traditional layer 2 switch, but a VLAN can also consist of a subnetwork defined by an IP interface address and a subnet mask.

The IP subnets for the network must be determined first, and the VLANs configured on the switch to accommodate the IP subnets. Finally, the IP subnets can be assigned to the VLANs.

## **Assigning IP Interface Addresses and Subnet Masks to VLANs**

The VH-2402-L3 allows the assignment of IP subnets to individual VLANs. Any VLAN configured on the switch that is not assigned an IP subnet, will behave as a layer 2 VLAN and will not be capable of IP routing – even if the switch is in IP Routing mode.

Developing an IP addressing scheme is a complex subject, but it is sufficient here to mention that the total number of anticipated end nodes – for each Layer 3 VLAN – must be accommodated with a unique IP address. It should be noted that the switch regards a VLAN with an IP interface address and corresponding subnet mask assigned as an IP subnet in IP Routing mode.

## **Defining Static Routes**

Routes between the IP interfaces and a default gateway or other router with a WAN connection should be determined beforehand and entered into the static/default routing table on the VH-2402-L3.

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## Connecting to the Switch

The console interface is used by connecting the Switch to a VT100-compatible terminal or a computer running an ordinary terminal emulator program (e.g., the **Hyper Terminal** program included with the Windows operating system) using an RS-232C serial cable. Your terminal parameters will need to be set to:

- VT-100/ANSI compatible
- 9,600 baud
- 8 data bits
- No parity
- One stop bit
- No flow control

You can also access the same functions over a **TELNET** interface. Once you have set an IP address for your Switch, you can use a **TELNET** program (in VT-100 compatible terminal mode) to access and control the Switch. All of the screens are identical, whether accessed from the console port or from a **TELNET** interface.

## Console Usage Conventions

The console interface makes use of the following conventions:

1. Items in *<angle brackets>* can be toggled between several choices using the space bar.
2. Items in *[square brackets]* can be changed by typing in a new value. You can use the backspace and delete keys to erase characters behind and in front of the cursor.
3. The up and down arrow keys, the left and right arrow keys, the tab key and the backspace key, can be used to move between selected items.

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4. Items in **UPPERCASE** are commands. Moving the selection to a command and pressing Enter will execute that command, e.g. **APPLY**, etc.



**The APPLY command makes the configuration active for the current session only. If the switch is rebooted, the unsaved changes will be lost and the last configuration saved to Non-Volatile RAM will be loaded into the switch. Use Save Changes from the main menu to enter the current configuration into the switch's Non-volatile RAM.**

## First Time Connecting To The Switch

The Switch supports user-based security that can allow you to prevent unauthorized users from accessing the Switch or changing its settings. This section explains how to log onto the Switch.



**The passwords used to access the Switch are case-sensitive; therefore, "S" is not the same as "s."**

When you first connect to the Switch, you will be presented with the first login screen (shown below).



**Press Ctrl+R to refresh the screen. This command can be used at any time to force the console program in the switch to refresh the console screen.**

```
Layer 3 Switch

VH-2402-L3 Fast Ethernet Switch Console Management
(C) 2000,2001 Enterasys Networks, Inc.
P.O. Box 5005, Rochester, NH 03866-5005

Username: [ ]
Password: [ ]

*****
Function:Enter case-sensitive username.
Message:
^TRL+R = Refresh
```

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## Figure 1-1. Initial Console Screen



The factory default Username is “admin”, there is no factory default password. Enter “admin” for the Username and leave the Password field blank to access the console initially.

Enter the factory default username (“admin”) and leave the Password field blank. Press **Enter** and Access will be given to the main menu, as shown below:

```
VH-2402-L3 Local Management                               Layer 3 Switch
-----
                               Main Menu

Basic Setup:                                             Advanced Setup:
Switch Information                                       Spanning Tree
IP Setup                                                 Forwarding
Remote Management Setup                                  Filtering
Switch Settings                                         Priority
Configure Ports                                         Mirroring
Setup User Accounts                                     Multicasting
Serial Port Settings                                    VLANs
Utilities                                                Port Trunking
Network Monitoring                                       Layer 3 IP Networking
Save Changes
Reboot
Logout

*****
Function:Setup and browse switch information.
Message:
For Help, press F1
```

**Figure 1-2. Main Menu**

The first user automatically gets Root privileges (See Table 1-1). It is recommended to create at least one Root-level user for the Switch.

## Creating User Accounts

To create a new user account, highlight **Setup User Accounts** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**:

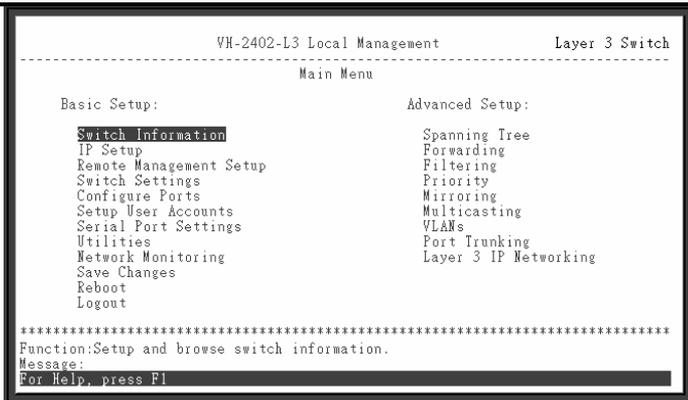


Figure 1-3. Main Menu

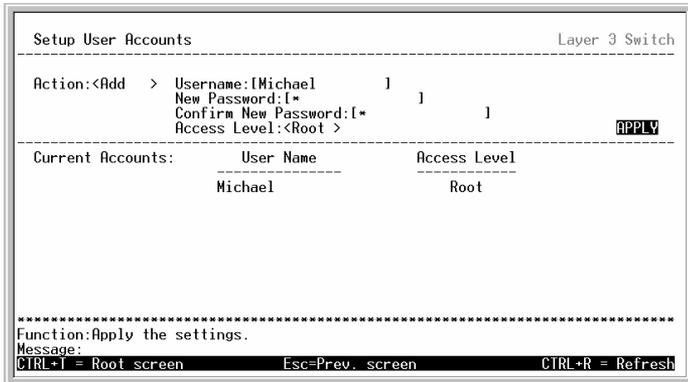


Figure 1-4. Setup User Accounts Menu

## User Accounts Management

From the **Main Menu**, highlight **Setup User Accounts** and press Enter, then the **Setup User Accounts** menu appears.

1. Toggle the **Action:< >** field to **<Add>** using the space bar. This will allow the addition of a new user. The other options are **<Delete>** - this allows the deletion of a user entry, and **<Update>** - this allows for changes to be made to an existing user entry.
2. Enter the new user name, assign an initial password, and then confirm the new password. Determine whether

the new user should have <Root>, <User+>, or <User> privileges. The space bar toggles between the three options.

3. Highlight **APPLY** and press enter to make the user addition effective.
4. Press **Esc.** to return to the previous screen or Ctrl+T to go to the root screen.
5. APPLY makes changes to the switch configuration for the **current session only**. All permanent changes must be entered into non-volatile ram using the **Save Changes** command on the **Main Menu**.

## Root, User+ and Normal User Privileges

There are three levels of user privileges: *Root* and *User+*, and *User*.

<b>Switch Configuration Management</b>	<b>Privilege</b>		
	<b>Root</b>	<b>User+</b>	<b>User</b>
Configuration	Yes	Read Only	Read Only
Network Monitoring	Yes	Read Only	Read Only
Community Strings and Trap Stations	Yes	Read Only	Read Only
Update Firmware and Configuration Files	Yes	No	No
System Utilities	Yes	Ping only	Ping only
Factory Reset	Yes	No	No
Reboot Switch	Yes	Yes	No
<b>User Accounts Management</b>			
Add/Update/Delete User Accounts	Yes	No	No
View User Accounts	Yes	No	No

**Table 1-1. Root, User+, and User Privileges**

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# Saving Changes

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Selecting **APPLY** from a console menu makes the configuration effective for the current session only. The configuration data will be lost if the switch is restarted. To make the configuration effective after a switch restart, select **Save Changes** to enter the configuration into non-volatile (NV-RAM).

The VH-2402-L3 has two levels of memory; normal RAM and non-volatile or NV-RAM. Configuration changes are made effective by highlighting Apply and pressing Enter. When this is done, the settings will be immediately applied to the switching software in RAM, and will immediately take effect.

Some settings, though, require you to restart the switch before they will take effect. Restarting the switch erases all settings in RAM and reloads the stored settings from the NV-RAM. Thus, it is necessary to save all setting changes to NV-RAM before rebooting the switch.

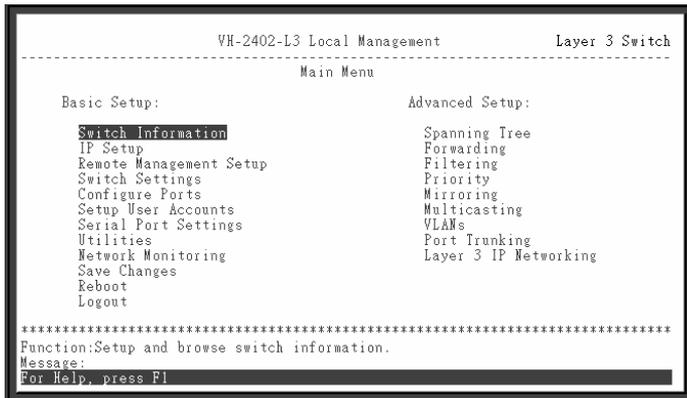
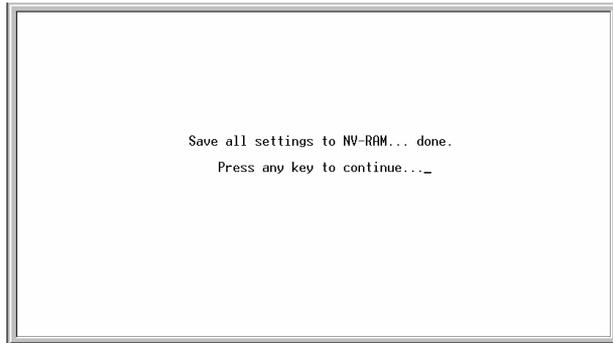


Figure 1-5. Main Menu

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To retain any configuration changes permanently, highlight Save Changes from the main menu. The following screen will appear to verify that your new settings have been saved to NV-RAM:

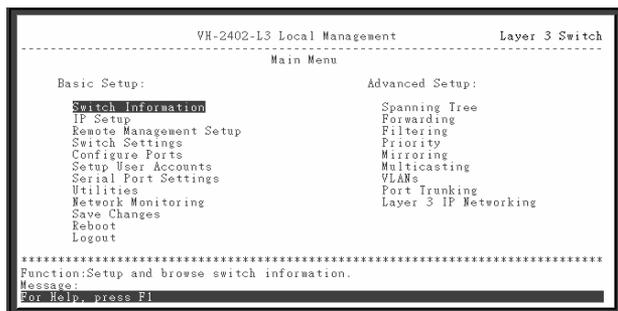


**Figure 1-6. Save Changes Confirmation Screen**

Once the switch configuration settings have been saved to NV-RAM, they become the default settings for the switch. These settings will be used every time the switch is rebooted.

## Loading Factory Defaults

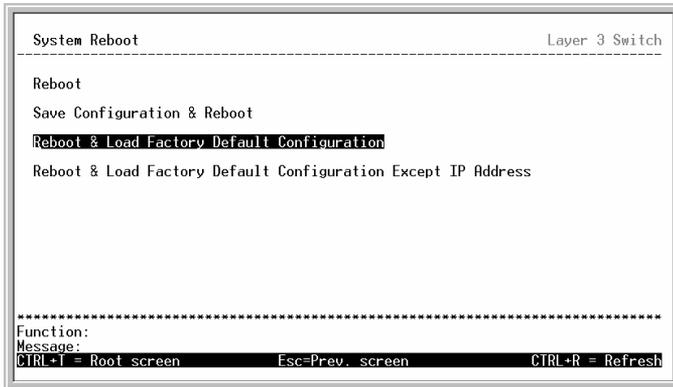
Loading the factory defaults returns the switch's configuration to the factory default values. This will clear all settings and restore them to their initial values listed in the Appendix.



**Figure 1-7. Main Menu**

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Highlight **Reboot** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.



**Figure 1-8. System Reboot Menu**

To execute a factory reset, highlight either **Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration** or **Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration Except IP Address** and press enter. A confirmation screen will appear.

Highlight **Yes** and press **Enter** to reset the switch's NV-RAM to the factory default settings. This will erase any User Accounts (and all other configuration settings) you may have entered and return the switch to the state it was in when it was purchased.

## Logging Onto The Switch Console

*To log in once you have created a registered user, from the Login screen:*

1. Type in your **username** and press Enter.
2. Type in your **password** and press Enter.
3. The main menu screen will be displayed based on your access level or privilege.

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## Updating or Deleting User Accounts

*To update or delete a user password:*

Choose Setup User Accounts from the Main Menu. The following Setup User Accounts menu appears:

```
-----
Setup User Accounts
-----
Action:<Add> Username:[ ]
New Password:[ ]
Confirm New Password:[ ]
Access Level:<Root > APPLY
-----
Current Accounts:
-----
User Name      Access Level
-----
Bill           User+
Dan            User
Michael        Root
-----
Function:
Message:
CTRL+L = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-9. User Accounts Management menu**

1. Toggle the **Action:<Add>** field using the space bar to choose **Add**, **Update**, or **Delete**.
2. Type in the **Username** for the user account you wish to change and enter the **Old Password** for that user account.
3. You can now modify the password or the privilege level for this user account.
4. If the password is to be changed, type in the **New Password** you have chosen, and press **enter**. Type in the same new password in the following field to verify that you have not mistyped it.
5. If the privilege level is to be changed, toggle the **Access Level:<Root>** field until the appropriate level is displayed – **Root**, **User+** or **User**.
6. Highlight **APPLY** and press **enter** to make the change effective.

7. You must enter the configuration changes into the non-volatile ram (NV-RAM) using **Save Changes** from the **Main Menu** if you want the configuration to be used after a switch reboot.

Only a user with **Root** privileges can make changes to user accounts.

## Viewing Current User Accounts

Access to the console, whether using the console port or via **TELNET**, is controlled using a user name and password. Up to eight user accounts can be created. The console interface will not let you delete the current logged-in user, to prevent accidentally deleting all of the users with **Root** privilege.

Only users with the **Root** privilege can delete users.

**To view the current user accounts:**

Highlight **Setup User Accounts** from the **Main Menu**. The current user accounts can be read from following screen:

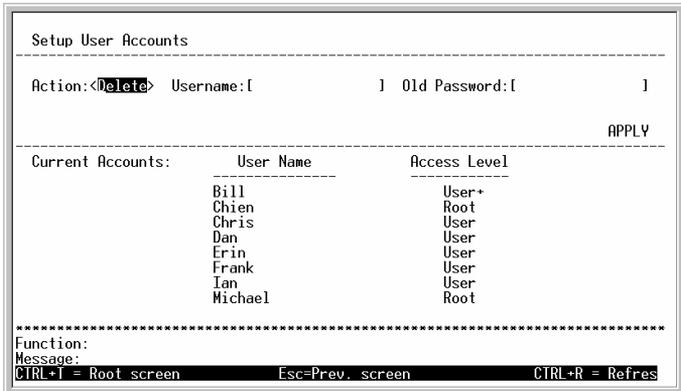
```
-----
Setup User Accounts
-----
Action: <Add> Username: [          ]
          New Password: [          ]
          Confirm New Password: [          ]
          Access Level: <User+>                                APPLY
-----
Current Accounts:
-----
User Name      Access Level
-----
Bill           User+
Chien          Root
Chris          User
Dan            User
Erin           User
Frank          User
Ian            User
Michael        Root
-----
*****
Function:
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refres
```

**Figure 1-10. Viewing User Accounts**

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## Deleting a User Account

*To delete a user account:*



```
Setup User Accounts
-----
Action:<Delete> Username:[           ] Old Password:[           ]
                                           APPLY
-----
Current Accounts:      User Name      Access Level
-----
                        Bill           User+
                        Chien          Root
                        Chris          User
                        Dan            User
                        Erin            User
                        Frank           User
                        Ian             User
                        Michael         Root
-----
Function:
Message:
CTRL+Y = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refres
```

**Figure 1-11. Deleting User Accounts**

1. Toggle the **Action:<Add>** field to **Delete**.
2. Enter the **Username** and **Old Password** for the account you want to delete. You must enter the password for the account to be able to delete it.
3. Highlight **APPLY** and press **Enter** to make the deletion of the selected user take effect.
4. You must enter the configuration changes into the non-volatile ram (NV-RAM) using **Save Changes** from the **Main Menu** if you want the configuration to be used after a switch reboot.

Only users with **Root** privileges can delete user accounts.

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# Setting Up The Switch

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## Basic Setup

This section will help prepare the Switch user by describing the **Switch Information**, **IP Setup**, **Remote Management Setup**, **Configure Ports**, **Serial Port Settings** and **Switch Settings** menus.

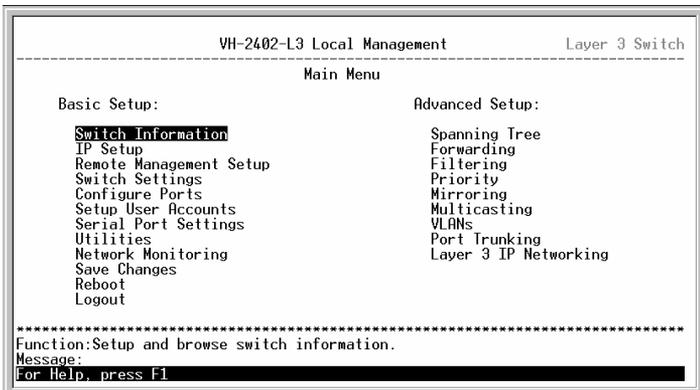


Figure 1-12. Main Menu – Switch Information

## Switch Information

Highlight **Switch Information** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**:

```

Switch Information Layer 3 Switch
-----
Device Type       : VH-2402-L3 Fast-Ethernet Switch
Ext. Module Type  : None
MAC Address       : 00-01-02-03-04-00
Boot PROM Version : 1.00-B00
Firmware Version  : 1.00-B22
Hardware Version  : 5A1-1A1
Ext. Module Version:
Device S/N       :
Ext. Module S/N  :
Redundant Power Supply: Not Present

System Name       : [REDACTED]
System Location   : [REDACTED]
System Contact    : [REDACTED]

APPLY
*****
Function: Sets a name for identification purposes.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

```

**Figure 1-13. Switch Information Menu**

The **Switch Information** shows the operation mode of switch (**Layer 3** or **Layer 2**), which (if any) external modules are installed, and the switch's **MAC Address** (assigned by the factory and unchangeable). In addition, the **Boot PROM** and **Firmware Version** numbers are shown. This information is helpful to keep track of PROM and Firmware updates and to obtain the switch's MAC address for entry into another network device's address table – if necessary.

You can also enter the name of the **System**, its location, and the name and telephone number of the System Administrator. It is recommended that the person responsible for the maintenance of the network system that this Layer 3 switch is installed on be listed here.

## Configuring the Switch's IP Address



The **BOOTP** and **DHCP Server** options for assigning the switch an IP address and subnet mask are only available when the switch is in **Layer 2 Only** mode. The **IP Routing** mode requires a manual entry of the IP address and subnet mask.

The Switch needs to have an IP address assigned to it so that an In-Band network management system (for example, the **WebView** or **TELNET**) client can find it on the network.

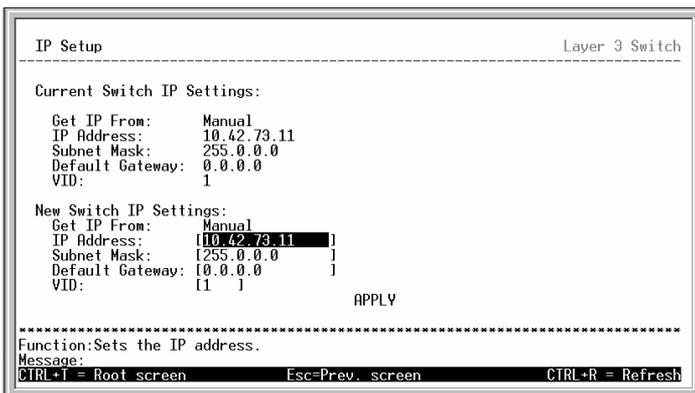
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The **IP Setup** screen allows you to change the settings for the Ethernet interface used for in-band communication.

The fields listed under the **Current Switch IP Settings** heading are those that are currently being used by the switch. Those fields listed under the Restart Settings heading are those which will be used after the **APPLY** button is selected.

**To set the switch's IP address:**

Highlight **IP Setup** from the main menu and press **Enter**.



**Figure 1-14. IP Setup Menu**



The switch's factory default IP address is **10.90.90.90** with a subnet mask of **255.0.0.0** and a default gateway of **0.0.0.0**.

**To manually assign the switch's IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway address:**

Highlight the **IP Address:[10.90.90.90]** field and enter the appropriate IP address.

Highlight the **Subnet Mask:[255.0.0.0]** field and enter the appropriate subnet mask.

If you want to access the switch from a different subnet from the one it is installed on, highlight the **Default**

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**Gateway:[0.0.0.0]** field and enter the IP address of the gateway. If you will manage the switch from the subnet on which it is installed, you can leave the default address in this field.

***To use the BOOTP/DHCP protocols to assign the switch an IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway address:***

Toggle the **Get IP From: <Manual>** field using the space bar to choose from **Manual**, **BOOTP**, or **DHCP**. This selects how the switch will be assigned an IP address on the next reboot (or startup).

The **Get IP From: <Manual>** options are:

- **BOOTP** - The switch will send out a BOOTP broadcast request when it is powered up. The BOOTP protocol allows IP addresses, network masks, and default gateways to be assigned by a central BOOTP server. If this option is set, the Switch will first look for a BOOTP server to provide it with this information before using the default or previously entered settings.
- **DHCP** – The switch will send out a DHCP broadcast request when it is powered up. The DHCP protocol allows IP addresses, network masks, and default gateways to be assigned by a DHCP server. If this option is set, the switch will first look for a DHCP server to provide it with this information before using the default or previously entered settings.
- **Manual** – Allows the entry of an IP address, Subnet Mask, and a Default Gateway for the switch. These fields should be of the form xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx, where each xxx is a number (represented in decimal form) between 0 and 255. This address should be a unique address on the network assigned for use by the Network Administrator. The fields which require entries under this option are as follows:
  - **Subnet Mask** – A Bitmask that determines the extent of the subnet that the Switch is on. Should be of the form xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx, where each xxx is

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a number (represented in decimal) between 0 and 255. The value should be 255.0.0.0 for a Class A network, 255.255.0.0 for a Class B network, and 255.255.255.0 for a Class C network, but custom subnet masks are allowed.

- **Default Gateway** - IP address that determines where packets with a destination address outside the current subnet should be sent. This is usually the address of a router or a host acting as an IP gateway. If your network is not part of an intranet, or you do not want the Switch to be accessible outside your local network, you can leave this field unchanged.
  
- The **Management VID:[ALL]** field allows the entry of a VLAN ID (VID) from which a management station (a computer) will be allowed to manage the switch using TCP/IP (in-band, or over the network). Management stations that are on VLANs other than the one entered in the **Management VID:[ALL]** field will not be able to manage the switch in-band unless their IP addresses are entered in the **Management Station IP Addresses:** field. Any VID that has been configured on the switch can be entered in this field.

## Remote Management Setup

Some settings must be entered to allow the switch to be managed from an SNMP-based Network Management System such as SNMP v1 or to be able to access the Switch using the TELNET protocol or the WEB-based Manager. Please see the next chapter for Web-based network management information.

### *To setup the switch for remote management:*

Highlight **Remote Management Setup** from the main menu. The following screen appears:

```

Remote Management Setup
Layer 3 Switch

Management Station IP Settings:
IP Address:[0.0.0.0]
IP Address:[0.0.0.0]
IP Address:[0.0.0.0]

SNMP Community Settings:
Community String      Rights      Status
[public              ]<Read> <Enabled >
[private             ]<R/W > <Enabled >
[                    ]<Read> <Disabled>
[                    ]<Read> <Disabled>

SETUP TRAP RECEIVERS      APPLY

*****
Function:Create a list of IP addresses that can access the switch.
Message:
CTRL+T = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

```

**Figure 1-15. Remote Management Setup Menu**

Management stations are computers on the network that will be used to manage the switch. You can limit the number of possible management stations by entering up to three IP addresses in the **Management Station IP Settings:** field. If the three **IP Address:[0.0.0.0]** fields contain all zeros (“0”), then any station with any IP address can access the switch to manage and configure it. If there is one or more IP addresses entered in the **IP Address:[0.0.0.0]** field, then only stations with the IP addresses entered will be allowed to access the switch to manage or configure it.

## Setting Up Trap Receivers

This allows the switch to send traps (messages about errors, etc.) to management stations on the network. Highlight **Setup Trap Receivers** and press **enter**. The trap recipients can be setup from the following screen:

```

Setup Trap Receivers                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
SNMP Trap Receivers:

  IP Address      SNMP Community String      Status
  [172.16.7.53   ] [New Section                    ] <Enabled >
  [                ] [                ] <Disabled>
  [                ] [                ] <Disabled>
  [                ] [                ] <Disabled>

                                     APPLY

*****
Function:Apply the settings.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

```

**Figure 1-16. Setup Trap Recipients Menu**

The **IP Address** field is the IP address of a management station (a computer) that is configured to receive the SNMP traps from the switch.

The **SNMP Community String** is similar to a password in that stations that do not know the correct string cannot receive or request SNMP information from the switch.

The **Status** field can be toggled between Enabled and Disabled to enable or disable the receipt of SNMP traps by the listed management stations.

## Configure Ports

Highlight **Configure Ports** from the main menu and press **enter**:

```
Configure Ports                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
View Ports:<1 to 12 > Configure Port from [1 ] to [1 ]
State:<Enabled > Speed/Duplex:<Auto > Flow Control: Auto   APPLY
-----
Port      State      Settings      Connection
-----
1         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  100M/Full/802.3x
2         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
3         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
4         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
5         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
6         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
7         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
8         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
9         Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
10        Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
11        Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
12        Enabled   Auto/Enabled  Link Down
*****
Function:Select the scope of ports for display and configuration.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-17. Configure Ports Screen**

Toggle the **View Ports:<1 to 12 >** field, using the space bar, to view the configuration of either ports 1 through 12 or ports 13 through 24. To configure an specific port, toggle the **Configure Port:[ ]** field until the appropriate port number appears.

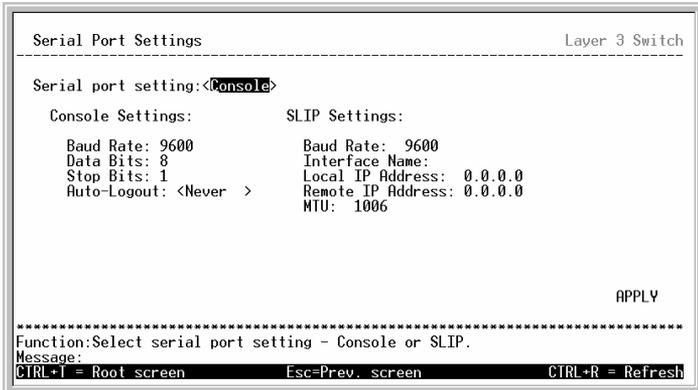
Toggle the **State:<Enabled>** field to either **Enable** or **Disable** a given port.

Toggle the **Speed/Duplex:<Auto>** field to either select the speed and duplex/half-duplex state of the port. Auto – auto-negotiation between 10 and 100 Mbps devices, full- or half-duplex. The Auto setting allows the port to automatically determine the fastest settings the device the port is connected to can handle, and then to use those settings. The other options are **100M/Full**, **100M/Half**, **10M/Full**, **10M/Half**. There is no automatic adjustment of port settings with any option other than **Auto**.

## Serial Port Settings

The **Serial Port Settings** screen allows the configuration of the switch's serial port and out-of-band TCP/IP communications using SLIP.

Highlight **Serial Port Settings** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-18. Serial Port Settings Screen**

Toggle the **Serial port setting: <Console>** field to select either the **Console** or **SLIP** protocol.

The following fields can then be set:

### Console Settings

Parameter	Description
Baud Rate	Displays the serial bit rate used to communicate with a management station. The console baud rate is 9600 bits per second.
Data bits	Displays the number of bits that make up a word when communicating with the management station. The console interface

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	uses 8 data bits.
Stop bits	Displays the number of bits used to indicate that a word has been completely transmitted. The console interface uses 1 stop bit.
Auto-Logout	This sets the time the interface can be idle before the switch automatically logs-out the user. The options are <b>2 mins, 5 mins, 10 mins, 15 mins, or Never.</b>

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### SLIP Settings

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Parameter	Description
Baud Rate	Sets the serial bit rate that will be used to communicate the next time the Switch is restarted. Applies only when the serial port is being used for out-of-band (SLIP) management; it does not apply when the port is used for the console port. Available speeds are <b>9600, 19,200 and 38,400</b> bits per second. The default setting is <b>9600</b> .
Interface Name	This allows for the naming of the SLIP interface for easy reference.
Local IP Address	This is an IP address assigned to the serial port when it is used for SLIP communications.
Remote IP Address	This is the IP address of the management station that will use the SLIP protocol to communicate with the switch.
MTU	Maximum Transfer Unit – this specifies the maximum packet size in bytes. Can be toggled between 1006 and 1500.

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## Switch Operation Mode



**Putting the switch in IP Routing mode does not – by itself – enable IP routing. The switch must be configured to use IP interfaces before it is capable of IP routing.**

The switch can operate in one of two modes:

- 1. Layer 2 Only, Support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs:** the switching process is based upon the source and destination MAC addresses only. 802.1Q VLANs are supported and the switch is considered as a VLAN-tag aware device.
- 2. IP Routing, Support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs:** the switching process is based upon the IP source and destination addresses, if present. If the IP addresses are not present, the switching process is based upon the MAC addresses (as in Layer 2 above). 802.1Q VLANs are supported and the switch is considered as a VLAN-tag aware device.

The switch must be rebooted when changing the operation mode before the new operation mode can take effect.

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## Changing the Switch Operation Mode

*To change the switch's operating mode:*

Highlight **Switch Settings** on the main menu and press **enter**.

```
Switch Settings                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Switch Operation Mode
Layer 2 Switch Settings

*****
Function:
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-19. Switch Settings Screen**

Highlight **Switch Operation Mode** on the **Switch Settings** menu and press **enter**.

```
Switch Operation Mode                               Layer 3 Switch
-----
The current mode of operation is IP Routing, Support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs
Choose a mode then select APPLY to make the mode active.
The switch automatically saves the changes and reboots.

Select switch operation mode:<IP Routing, Support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs      >
                               APPLY

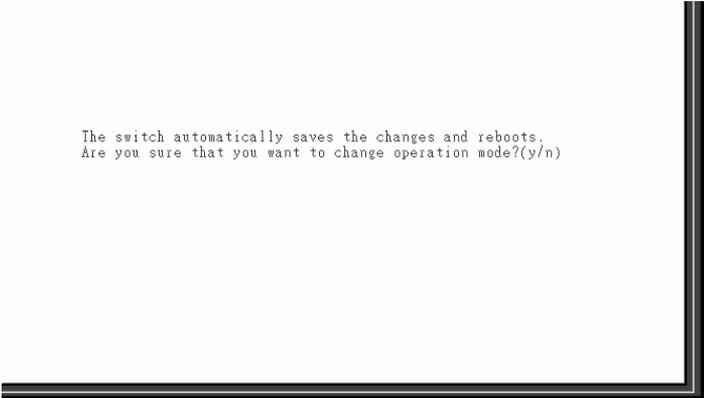
*****
Function:Apply the settings.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-20. Switch Operation Mode Screen**

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The field **Select switch operation mode:**< > can be toggled using the space bar to one of the two switch operation modes: **Layer 2 Only, Support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs** and **IP Routing, Support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs**.

To make a change in the operation mode of the switch effective, highlight **APPLY** and press **enter**.



```
The switch automatically saves the changes and reboots.  
Are you sure that you want to change operation mode?(y/n)
```

**Figure 1-21. Change Mode Confirmation Screen**

Type **y** and press **Enter**. The switch will then save the changes made during the current session and reboot. The switch must be rebooted to change the operation mode.

## **Menu Changes with Switch Operating Mode**

Once the switch is configured for IP Routing (Layer 3 Switching), and rebooted, the Main Menu adds some functions compared to the Layer 2 Only mode. These functions are reflected in additional configuration menus, and the addition of the **Layer 3 IP Networking** entry. All of the console menus are listed, in order, in the Screen Hierarchy below.

```

VH-2402-L3 Local Management                               Layer 2 Switch
-----
Main Menu

Basic Setup:
Switch Information
IP Setup
Remote Management Setup
Switch Settings
Configure Ports
Setup User Accounts
Serial Port Settings
Utilities
Network Monitoring
Save Changes
Reboot
Logout

Advanced Setup:
Spanning Tree
Forwarding
Filtering
Priority
Mirroring
Multicasting
VLANs
Port Trunking

*****
Function:Setup and browse switch information.
Message:
For Help, press F1

```

**Figure 1-22. Main Menu – Layer 2 Switching Mode**

```

VH-2402-L3 Local Management                               Layer 3 Switch
-----
Main Menu

Basic Setup:
Switch Information
IP Setup
Remote Management Setup
Switch Settings
Configure Ports
Setup User Accounts
Serial Port Settings
Utilities
Network Monitoring
Save Changes
Reboot
Logout

Advanced Setup:
Spanning Tree
Forwarding
Filtering
Priority
Mirroring
Multicasting
VLANs
Port Trunking
Layer 3 IP Networking

*****
Function:Setup and browse switch information.
Message:
For Help, press F1

```

**Figure 1-23. Main Menu – Layer 3 IP Routing Mode**

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## Screen Hierarchy

The contents of the Console Interface are arranged following the structure shown in the table below. The table is arranged starting with the name of the entry on the Main Menu. The sub menus start with the name of the first menu, followed by the name of any sub-menus. The sub-menu names are indented. Some menus are available only when the switch is in IP Routing mode. These menus are shown in bold.

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<b>Main Menu Entry</b>	<b>Sub-Menus</b>
<b>Switch Information</b>	Switch Information
<b>IP Setup</b>	IP Setup
<b>Remote Management Setup</b>	Remote Management Setup
<b>Switch Settings</b>	Switch Settings
	Switch Operation Mode
	Layer 2 Switch Settings
<b>Configure Ports</b>	Configure Ports
<b>Setup User Accounts</b>	Setup User Accounts
<b>Serial Port Settings</b>	Serial Port Settings
<b>Utilities</b>	Utilities
	Upgrade Firmware from TFTP Server
	Download Configuration File from TFTP Server
	Upload Configuration File to TFTP Server
	Save Log to TFTP Server
	Ping Test

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**Network Monitoring**

## Network Monitoring Menu

Port Utilization

Port Error Packets

Port Packet Analysis

Browse MAC Address Table

GVRP

Browse Router Port

IGMP Snooping

Switch History

**Save Changes**

Save Changes Confirmation Screen (no sub-menus)

**Reboot**

Reboot

Reboot

Save Configuration &amp; Reboot

Reboot &amp; Load Factory Default Configuration

Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration  
Except IP Address**Logout**

System Logout (no sub-menus)

**Spanning Tree**

Configure Spanning Tree

STP Group Configuration

STP Port Settings

**Forwarding**

Forwarding Menu

Setup Static Unicast MAC Forwarding

**Setup Static IP Routes****Setup Static ARP Entries**

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<b>Filtering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filtering Menu</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setup MAC Address Filter</li> <li><b>Setup IP Address Filter</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setup MAC Address Priority</li> </ul>
<b>Mirroring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mirroring Menu</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target Port Selection</li> <li>Port Mirroring Settings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Multicasting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multicasting Menu</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IGMP Snooping (Layer 2 Only)</li> <li>Set up IEEE 802.1Q Multicasting Forwarding</li> <li><b>IP Multicasting Settings</b></li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Multicast Interface Configuration</b></li> <li><b>IGMP Interface Configuration</b></li> <li><b>IGMP Static Member Configuration</b></li> <li><b>DVMRP Interface Configuration</b></li> <li><b>PIM-DM Interface Configuration</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Static Router Port Settings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>VLANs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VLAN Menu</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edit 802.1Q VLANs</li> <li>Configure 802.1Q Port Settings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Port Trunking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Trunking</li> </ul>
<b>Layer 3 IP Networking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Setup Layer 3 – IP Networking</b></li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Setup IP Interface</b></li> <li><b>Setup RIP Configuration</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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## Layer 2 Switch Settings

To access the Layer 2 Switch Settings menu, highlight **Switch Settings** from the **Main Menu**. Then highlight **Layer 2 Switch Settings** on the **Switch Settings** menu and press **Enter**:

```
Layer 2 Switch Settings                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Layer 2 Switch Settings:

Switch GVRP: <Disabled>
Switch GMRP: Disabled

Broadcast/Multicast Storm Control:

  Upper Threshold for Base Ports: [128]Kpps
  Upper Threshold for Module Ports: [128]Kpps
  Broadcast Storm Mode: <Disabled>
  Multicast Storm Mode: <Disabled>                                APPLY

*****
Function:Set GVRP status.
Message:
CTRL+T = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-24. Layer 2 Switch Settings Menu**

The following fields can then be set:

Parameter	Description
<b>Switch GVRP</b> :<Disabled>	Allows the Group VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) to be globally <b>Enabled</b> or <b>Disabled</b> on the switch.
<b>Upper Threshold for Master Ports:</b> [128]Kpps	This is the number of thousands Broadcast/Multicast packets per second received by the switch – on one of the Master Ports – that will trigger the switch's reaction to a Broadcast/Multicast storm.
<b>Upper Threshold for Module Ports:</b> [128]Kpps	This is the number of thousands Broadcast/Multicast packets per second received by the switch – on one of the module ports – that will trigger the

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switch's reaction to a Broadcast/Multicast storm.

**Broadcast Storm Mode:<Disabled>**

This field can be toggled between **Enabled** and **Disabled** using the space bar. This enables or disables, globally, the switch's reaction to Broadcast storms, triggered at the threshold set above.

**Multicast Storm Mode:<Disabled>**

This field can be toggled between **Enabled** and **Disabled** using the space bar. This enables or disables, globally, the switch's reaction to Multicast storms, triggered at the threshold set above.

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## Advanced Setup

Changing switch operation mode setting changes some of the menus and configuration options for the Advanced Setup of the switch. The configuration data, however, is saved when the switch's operating mode is changed.

## Configuring VLANs



The switch allows the assignment of an IP interface to each VLAN, in IP Routing mode. The VLANs must be configured prior to setting up the IP interfaces.

## VLANs by Switch Operating Mode

***To create a new 802.1Q VLAN:***

The VLAN menu adds an entry to edit the VLAN definitions and to configure the port settings for IEEE 802.1Q VLAN

support. Highlight **VLANs** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.

```

VLAN Menu                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Edit 802.1Q VLANs
Configure 802.1Q Port Settings

*****
Function:Configure IEEE802.1Q VLAN settings.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
  
```

**Figure 1-25. VLAN Menu**

To create an 802.1Q VLAN, highlight **Edit 802.1Q VLANs** and press **enter**:

```

Edit 802.1Q VLANs                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Action: <Add/Modify> VID:[   ]  VLAN Name:[   ] Total Entries:1
                Port 1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24 25 26
Membership (E/F/-): [-----][-----][-----] [-] [-]
Tagging (U/I)      : [TTTTTTTT][TTTTTTTT][TTTTTTTT] [T] [T]
-----
VID  VLAN Name  1 to 8  9 to 16  17 to 24  25  26
1    DEFAULT_VLAN EEEEEEEE EEEEEEEE EEEEEEEE E   E
                UUUUUUUU UUUUUUUU UUUUUUUU U   U
-----
*****
Function:Select the action- ADD/MODIFY or DELETE.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page
  
```

**Figure 1-26. Edit 802.1Q VLANs Menu**

**Parameter**

**Description**

**Action:**

This field can be toggled using the space

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<b>&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	bar between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> . <b>Add/Modify</b> allows for the creation of a new VLAN or for changes to an existing VLAN. <b>Delete</b> allows for the deletion of an existing VLAN from the switch.
<b>VID#</b>	Allows the entry of the VLAN ID (VID) of an existing VLAN. VLANs can be identified by either the VID or the VLAN name.
<b>VLAN Name:</b>	Allows the entry of the name of an existing VLAN. VLANs can be identified by either the VID or the VLAN name.
<b>Membership (E/F/-):</b>	Allows an individual port to be specified as an Egress, Forbidden, or Non-member of a VLAN.
<b>E</b>	Egress Member - specifies the port as being a static member of the VLAN. Egress Member Ports are ports that will be transmitting traffic for the VLAN. These ports can be either tagged or untagged.
<b>F</b>	Forbidden Non-Member - specifies the port as not being a member of the VLAN and that the port is forbidden from becoming a member of the VLAN dynamically.
<b>-</b>	Non-Member - specifies the port as not being a member of the VLAN, but the port can become a member of the VLAN dynamically.
<b>Tagging (U/T):</b>	Allows an individual port to be specified as either Tagging or Untagging.
<b>U</b>	Untagging - specifies the port as an Untagging member of the VLAN. When an untagged packet is transmitted by the port, the packet header remains

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unchanged. When a tagged packet exits the port, the tag is stripped and the packet is changed to an untagged packet.

**T**

Tagging - specifies the port as a Tagging member of the VLAN. When an untagged packet is transmitted by the port, the packet header is changed to include the 32-bit tag associated with the PVID (Port VLAN Identifier – see below). When a tagged packet exits the port, the packet header is unchanged.

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To create an 802.1Q VLAN, toggle the **Action:** **<Add/Modify>** field to **Add/Modify** using the space bar. Enter a VLAN ID number in the **VID#[ ]** field and a name for the new VLAN in the **VLAN Name:[ ]** field.

Choose which ports will be members of the new VLAN and enter their membership status in the **Membership (E/F/-): [ ][ ]** field. The status indicators of the individual ports can be entered directly from the keyboard or toggled using the space bar. Moving between the status indicators of the individual ports is accomplished using the arrow keys.

***To set the 802.1Q VLAN membership status of a port:***

To enter the 802.1Q VLAN status for a port, highlight the first field of **Membership (E/F/-): [ ][ ]**. Each port's 802.1Q VLAN membership can be set individually by highlighting the port's entry using the arrow keys, and then toggling between E, F, or – using the space bar.

Next, determine which of the ports that are members of the new VLAN will be Tagged or Untagged ports.

***To set a port as either a Tagged or an Untagged port:***

Highlight the first field of **Tagging (U/T):[ ][ ]** field. Each port's state can be set by highlighting the port's entry using the arrow keys and then toggling between U or T using the space bar.

If the port is attached to a device that is not IEEE 802.1Q VLAN compliant (VLAN-tag unaware), then the port should be set to U – Untagged.

If the port is attached to a device that is IEEE 802.1Q VLAN compliant, (VLAN-tag aware), then the port should be set to T – Tagged.

Press **APPLY** to make the additions/deletions effective for the current session. To make enter the IP Interfaces into Non-volatile RAM, highlight **Save Changes** from the Main Menu and press enter.

In the following example screen, the VLAN “evilJulius” - VID# 2 – has been added. Ports 1, 2,12, 14, 17, 25, and 26 are Egress ports (static members of “evilJulius”. Ports 5,6, and 7 are Forbidden ports (non-members and are not allowed to join the VLAN “evilJulius” dynamically. **Example 802.1Q VLAN add screen:**

```

Edit 802.1Q VLANs                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Action: <Add/Modify> VID:[2 ] VLAN Name:[Julius ] Total Entries:2
      Port 1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24 25 26
Membership (E/F/-): [EE-----][FF-----][E-----] [E] [-]
Tagging (U/T)      : [TTTTTTTT][TTTTTTTT][TTTTTTTT] [T] [T]
-----
VID  VLAN Name  1 to 8  9 to 16  17 to 24  25  26
-----
1    DEFAULT_VLAN  EEEEEEEE EEEEEEEE EEEEEEEE E  E
2    Julius        EE----- FF----- E----- E  -
                   TTTTTTTT TTTTTTTT TTTTTTTT T  T
-----
*****
Function:Apply the settings.
Message: All changes applied!
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page
  
```

**Figure 1-27. Edit 802.1Q VLANs Menu**

**To configure the member ports of an 802.1Q VLAN:**

Highlight **VLANs** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.

```

VLAN Menu                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Edit 802.1Q VLANs
  Configure 802.1Q Port Settings

.....
Function:Edit IEEE802.1Q VLAN port settings.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
  
```

**Figure 1-28. VLAN Menu**

Highlight **Configure 802.1Q Port Settings** and press **enter**:

```

Configure 802.1Q Port Settings                 Layer 2 Switch
-----
Configure Port from [ ] to [ ]
PVID [1 ] Ingress Filter<Disabled> GVRP<Disabled> GMRP Disabled APPLY
-----
Port      1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10  11  12  13
-----
PVID      1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1
Ingress   DIS DIS
GVRP      DIS DIS
GMRP      DIS DIS

Port      14  15  16  17  18  19  20  21  22  23  24  25  26
-----
PVID      1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1
Ingress   DIS DIS
GVRP      DIS DIS
GMRP      DIS DIS

*****
Function:Input port number.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
  
```

**Figure 1-29. Configure 802.1Q Port Settings**

Parameter	Description
<b>Configure Port from [ ] to [ ]</b>	This allows the entry of a contiguous range of port numbers to be configured.
<b>PVID#[ ]</b>	Port VLAN Identifier – is a classification mechanism that associates a port with a

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specific VLAN and is used to make forwarding decisions for untagged packets received by the port. For example, if port #2 is assigned a PVID of 3, then all untagged packets received on port #2 will be assigned to VLAN 3. This number is generally the same as the VID# number assigned to the port in the Edit 802.1Q VLANs menu above.

**Ingress  
Filter:<Disable>**

This field can be toggled using the space bar between **Enable** and **Disable**. **Enable** enables the port to compare the VID tag of an incoming packet with the PVID number assigned to the port. If the two are different, the port filters (drops) the packet. **Disable** disables Ingress filtering.

**GVRP:<Disable>**

Group VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) – this enables the port to dynamically become a member of a VLAN.

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Each port can be configured to use an Ingress Filter, to enable or disable GVRP. The ports to be configured in a given session can be identified by either entering a range of port numbers or by entering the PVID#.

***To configure a port's 802.1Q VLAN settings:***

Highlight the **Configure Port from [ ] to [ ]** field and enter the range of port numbers you want to configure. As an alternative you can use the arrow keys to highlight the **PVID#[ ]** field and enter the PVID for the VLAN's member ports you want to configure.

Use the arrow keys to highlight the remaining fields and the space bar to toggle between On and Off.

***To edit an existing 802.1Q VLAN:***

Highlight **VLANs** on the main menu and press **Enter**:

```
VLAN Menu Layer 2 Switch
-----
Edit 802.1Q VLANs
Configure 802.1Q Port Settings

*****
Function:Configure IEEE802.1Q VLAN settings.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc-Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

Figure 1-30. VLAN Menu

To edit an existing 802.1Q VLAN, highlight **Edit 802.1Q VLANs** and press **Enter**:

```
Edit 802.1Q VLANs Layer 2 Switch
-----
Action: <Add> VID#[ 1 ] VLAN Name:[ 1 ] Total Entries:1
Port# 1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24
Membership (E/F/-): [-----][-----][-----]
Tagging (U/T) : [UUUUUUUU][UUUUUUUU][UUUUUUUU]          APPLY
-----
VID#  VLAN Name  1 to 8  9 to 16  17 to 24
1     DEFAULT_VLAN  EEEEEEE EEEEEEE EEEEEEE
      UUUUUUU UUUUUUU UUUUUUU

*****
Function:Select the action- ADD or DELETE.
Message:
Esc- Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

Figure 1-31. Edit 802.1Q VLANs Menu

To edit an existing 802.1Q VLAN, highlight the **Action:<Add/Modify>** field and toggle between **Add/Modify** and **Delete**. In the **Add/Modify** mode, both individual entries to a selected VLAN and entire VLANs can be added. In the **Delete** mode, entire VLANs can be deleted. VLANs to be edited can be selected by either the **VID#[ ]** field or the **VLAN Name:[ ]** fields. Enter either the VID or the VLAN

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Name for the 802.1Q VLAN you want to edit and press **enter**.

To delete an entire VLAN, toggle the **Action:<Add/Modify>** field to **Delete**, enter either the VID or the VLAN Name in the appropriate field and press **Enter**. Highlight Apply and press **Enter**. The selected VLAN will be deleted. To enter the change into Non-volatile RAM, select **Save Changes** from the Main Menu.

802.1Q VLANs are edited by specifying which ports will be Egress Members, Forbidden non-members or non-members.

The ports are further set to be either a Tagged or an Untagged port.

***To edit the 802.1Q VLAN membership of a port:***

Highlight the first field of **Membership (E/F/-): [ ][ ]**. Each port's 802.1Q VLAN membership can be set individually by highlighting the port's entry using the arrow keys, and then toggling between E, F, or – using the space bar.

***To edit a port's Tagged or Untagged status:***

Highlight the first field of **Tagging (U/T):[ ][ ]** field. Each port's state can be set by highlighting the port's entry using the arrow keys and then toggling between **U** or **T** using the space bar.

If the port is attached to a device that is not IEEE 802.1Q VLAN compliant (VLAN-tag unaware), then the port should be set to **U** – Untagged.

If the port is attached to a device that is IEEE 802.1Q VLAN compliant, (VLAN-tag aware), then the port should be set to **T** – Tagged.

***To configure a port's 802.1Q VLAN settings:***

Highlight the **Configure Port#[ ]** field and enter the port number of the port you want to configure. Use the arrow

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keys to highlight the **PVID#[ ]** field and enter the PVID for the port.

Use the arrow keys to highlight the remaining fields and the space bar to toggle between Enable and Disable.

## Setting Up IP Interfaces



**A VLAN that does not have a corresponding IP interface defined for it, will function as a Layer 2 Only VLAN – regardless of the Switch Operation mode.**

Each VLAN must be configured prior to setting up the corresponding IP interface.

An example is presented below:

VLAN Name	VID	Switch Ports
System (default)	1	5, 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24
Engineering	2	9, 10, 11, 12
Marketing	3	13, 14, 15, 16
Finance	4	17, 18, 19, 20
Sales	5	1, 2, 3, 4
Backbone	6	25, 26

**Table 1-2. VLAN Example – Assigned Ports**

In this case, 6 IP interfaces are required, so a CIDR notation of 10.32.0.0/11 (or a 11-bit) addressing scheme will work. This addressing scheme will give a subnet mask of 11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000 (binary) or 255.224.0.0 (decimal).

Using a 10.xxx.xxx.xxx IP address notation, the above example would give 6 network addresses and 6 subnets.

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Any IP address from the allowed range of IP addresses for each subnet can be chosen as an IP address for an IP interface on the switch.

For this example, we have chosen the next IP address above the network address for the IP interface's IP address:

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<b>VLAN Name</b>	<b>VID</b>	<b>Network Address</b>	<b>IP Address</b>
System (default)	1	10.32.0.0	10.32.0.1
Engineering	2	10.64.0.0	10.64.0.1
Marketing	3	10.96.0.0	10.96.0.1
Finance	4	10.128.0.0	10.128.0.1
Sales	5	10.160.0.0	10.160.0.1
Backbone	6	10.192.0.0	10.192.0.1

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**Table 1-3. VLAN Example – Assigned IP Interfaces**

The 6 IP interfaces, each with an IP address (listed in the table above), and a subnet mask of 255.224.0.0 can be entered into the **Setup IP Interface** menu.

***To setup IP Interfaces on the switch:***

Highlight **Layer 3 IP Networking** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.

```

VH-2402-L3 Local Management                               Layer 3 Switch
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Main Menu

Basic Setup:                                             Advanced Setup:

Switch Information                                       Spanning Tree
IP Setup                                                 Forwarding
Remote Management Setup                                  Filtering
Switch Settings                                         Priority
Configure Ports                                         Mirroring
Setup User Accounts                                     Multicasting
Serial Port Settings                                    VLANs
Utilities                                                Port Trunking
Network Monitoring                                      Layer 3 IP Networking
Save Changes
Reboot
Logout

*****
Function:Setup IP networking.
Message:
For Help, press F1

```

**Figure 1-32. Layer 3 - Main Menu**

Highlight **Layer 3 IP Networking** from the **Main Menu** and press enter.

```

Setup Layer 3 - IP Networking                               Layer 3 Switch
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IP Interface:                                             Routing Protocols:

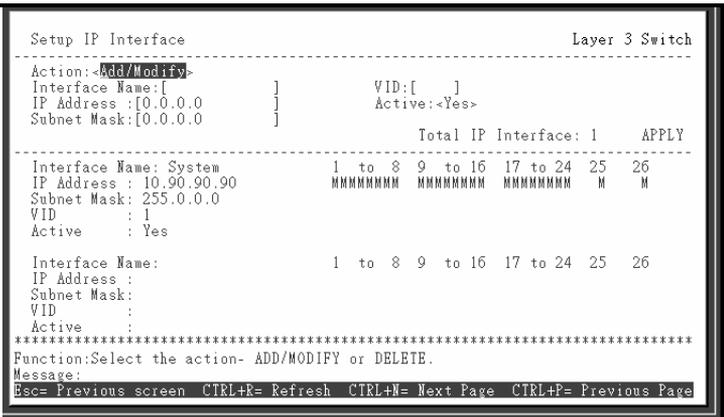
Setup IP Interface                                         Setup RIP Configuration

*****
Function:Setup IP interface.
Message:
CTRL+T = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

```

**Figure 1-33. Layer 3 – IP Networking Menu**

Highlight **Setup IP Interface** and press enter.



**Figure 1-34. Layer 3 – IP Networking Menu**

Toggle the **Action:<Add/Modify>** field to **Add/Modify**. Choose a name for the interface to be added and enter it in the **Interface Name:[ ]** field. The IP interface name must be the same as its corresponding VLAN’s name. The corresponding VLAN ID must also be entered in the **VID[ ]** field. Enter the interface’s IP address and subnet mask in the corresponding fields. Toggle the **Active:<yes>** field to **yes**, highlight **APPLY** and press enter to make the IP interface effective. Use **Save Changes** from the **Main Menu** to enter the changes into NV-RAM.

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled using the space bar between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> . <b>Add/Modify</b> allows for the creation of a new IP interface or changes to an existing IP interface. <b>Delete</b> allows for the deletion of an existing VLAN from the switch.
<b>Interface Name:[ ]</b>	This field allows the entry of a name for the IP interface. The default IP interface is named “System”.
<b>IP Address:[ ]</b>	This field allows the entry of an IP address to be assigned to this IP

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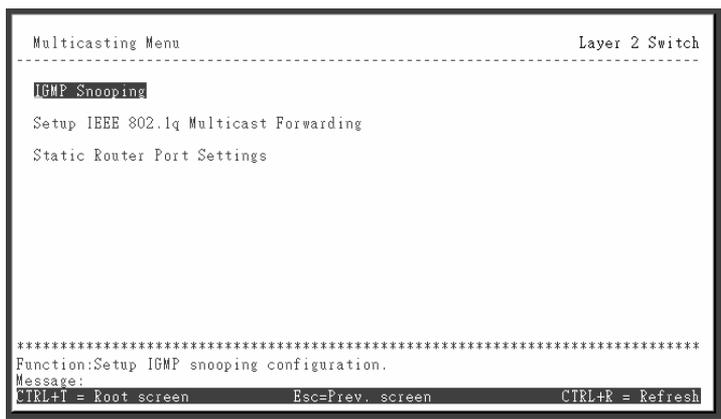
	interface.
<b>Subnet Mask:</b> [    ]	This field allows the entry of a subnet mask to be applied to this IP interface.
<b>Active:</b> <Yes>	This field is toggled between Yes and No using the space bar. This entry determines whether the subnet will be active or not.
<b>VID:</b> [    ]	This field allows the entry of the VLAN ID number for the VLAN the IP interface belongs to.

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## Multicasting

### Layer 2 Multicast Setup

To setup Multicasting on the switch, when the switch is in Layer 2 operating mode, highlight **Multicasting** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.



**Figure 1-35. Multicasting Menu**

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## IGMP Snooping Settings

To configure IGMP Snooping, highlight **IGMP Snooping Settings** from the **Multicasting Menu** and press **Enter**.

```
IGMP Snooping                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Switch IGMP Snooping:<Disabled>
Querier State:<Non-Querier>
Robustness Variable:[2 ]   Query Interval:[125 ]   Max Response:[10]
                                                                    APPLY

Age Out = Robustness Variable * Query Interval + Max Response = 260
*****
Function:Set IGMP snooping status.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-36. IGMP Snooping**

IGMP Snooping can be globally enabled or disabled from the **IGMP Snooping Settings** menu.

### *To configure IGMP Snooping:*

Toggle the **Switch IGMP Snooping:<Disabled>** field to **Enabled**. Toggle the **Querier State:<Non-Querier>** field to the appropriate choice between **Non-Querier**, **V1-Querier**, and **V2-Querier** to determine the version of IGMP that is used in your network. A value between 2 and 255 can be entered for the **Robustness Variable** (default is 2). The **Query Interval:[125 ]** can be set between 1 and 65500 seconds (default is 125 seconds). This sets the time between IGMP queries. The **Max Response:[10]** allows a setting between 1 and 25 seconds (default is 10) and specifies the maximum amount of time allowed before sending a response report.

Highlight **APPLY** and press **Enter** to make the settings effective.

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Parameter	Description
<b>Switch IGMP Snooping:&lt;Disabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled using the space bar between <b>Disabled</b> and <b>Enabled</b> . This is used to Enable or Disable IGMP Snooping, globally, on the switch.
<b>Querier State:&lt;Non-Querier&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Non-Querier</b> , <b>V1-Querier</b> , and <b>V2-Querier</b> . This is used to specify the IGMP version (1 or 2) that will be used by the IGMP interface when making queries.
<b>Robustness Variable:[ 2]</b>	A tuning variable to allow for sub-networks that are expected to lose a large number of packets. A value between 2 and 255 can be entered, with larger values being specified for sub-networks that are expected to lose larger numbers of packets.
<b>Query Interval:[125 ]</b>	Allows the entry of a value between 1 and 65500 seconds, with a default of 125 seconds. This specifies the length of time between sending IGMP queries.
<b>Max. Response:[10]</b>	Sets the maximum amount of time allowed before sending an IGMP response report. A value between 1 and 25 seconds can be entered, with a default of 10 seconds.

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## IEEE 802.1Q Multicast Forwarding

To edit the IEEE802.1 Multicast Forwarding settings, highlight **IEEE802.1Q Multicast Forwarding Settings** from the **Multicasting Menu** and press **enter**.

```

Setup IEEE 802.1q Multicast Forwarding                               Layer 2 Switch
-----
Action: <Add/Modify>      VID: [ 1 ]
Multicast MAC Address:[0001F4DB0620]
Port  1  to  8  9  to 16 17 to 24 25  26
(E/F/-)[-]-----)[-]-----)[-]-----)[-] [-]
-----
Total Entries:0          APPLY
MAC Address  VID  1  to  8  9  to 16 17 to 24 25  26
-----

*****
Function:
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-37. Setup IEEE 802.1Q Multicast Forwarding**

When the switch is in Layer 2 operating mode, IEEE 802.1Q multicast forwarding allows the static entry of multicast MAC addresses, which will be sources of multicast packets, and switch port numbers, to which these multicast packets will be forwarded. The ports that can be chosen as the destination for multicast packets from the above MAC multicast address, are limited to the ports belonging to the VLAN that corresponds to the VID entered in the **VID:[2 ]** field.

Each port of a given VLAN can be configured as an egress member, a forbidden non-member, or as a non-member of the multicast group that will receive multicast packets from the multicast MAC address, by toggling the entry below each port of the VLAN to the appropriate code.

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	The field can be toggled between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar. To add a new entry to the multicast forwarding table, select <b>Add/Modify</b> and enter the VID of the VLAN that will be receiving the multicast packets. Enter the MAC address of the multicast source, and then enter the member ports.

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	<b>Delete</b> allows for the deletion of a previously made entry.
<b>VID:[ ]</b>	Allows the specification of the VLAN ID (VID) of the VLAN the static multicast group member belongs to.
<b>Multicast MAC Address:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the MAC address of a static multicast group member.
<b>(E/F/-): [ ][ ][ ]</b>	To set a port's multicast group membership status, highlight the first field of. Each port's multicast group membership can be set individually by highlighting the port's entry using the arrow keys, and then toggling between E, F, or – using the space bar.
<b>E</b>	Egress Member - specifies the port as being a static member of the multicast group. Egress Member Ports are ports that will be transmitting traffic for the multicast group.
<b>F</b>	Forbidden Non-Member - specifies the port as not being a member of the multicast group and that the port is forbidden from becoming a member of the multicast group dynamically.
<b>-</b>	Non-Member - specifies the port as not being a member of the multicast group, but the port can become a member of the multicast group dynamically.

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### Static Router Port Settings

A static router port is a port that has a multicast router attached to it. Generally, this router would have a connection to a WAN or to the Internet. Establishing a router port will allow multicast packets coming from the router to be propagated through the network, as well as allowing

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multicast messages (IGMP) coming from the network to be propagated to the router.

A router port has the following behavior:

- All IGMP Report packets will be forwarded to the router port.
- IGMP queries (from the router port) will be flooded to all ports.
- All UDP multicast packets will be forwarded to the router port. Because routers do not send IGMP reports or implement IGMP snooping, a multicast router connected to the router port of the Layer 3 switch would not be able to receive UDP data streams unless the UDP multicast packets were all forwarded to the router port.
- A router port will be dynamically configured when IGMP query packets, RIPv2 multicast, DVMRP multicast, PIM-DM multicast packets are detected flowing into a port.

To setup a static router port, highlight **Static Router Port Settings** from the **Multicasting Menu** and press **enter**.

```
Static Router Port Settings                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Action: -Add/Modify-                                         Total Entries:0
VID:[1 ] Router Port(M/-):[-----][-----][-----] [-] [-]  APPLY
VID 1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24 25 26
-----

*****
Function:Select the action- ADD/MODIFY or DELETE.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-38. Static Router Port Settings**

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Parameter	Description
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**Action:<Add/Modify>** This field can be toggled between **Add/Modify** and **Delete** using the space bar. To add a port to the static router port table, select **Add/Modify** and enter the VID of the VLAN the router port will belong to. **Delete** allows for the deletion of a previously made entry.

**Router Port (M/-):[**  
**][ ][ ]** Each port can be set individually as a router port by highlighting the port's entry using the arrow keys, and then toggling between **M** and **-** using the space bar. **M** indicates a port is a member of the static group of router ports. **-** indicates a port is not a static member.

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## Layer 3 Multicasting

When the switch is in IP Routing mode, several functions supporting IP multicasting are added to the Multicasting menu. These additional functions can be configured under the **IP Multicasting Settings** menu.

With the switch in IP Routing mode, highlight **Multicasting** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-39. Multicasting Menu**

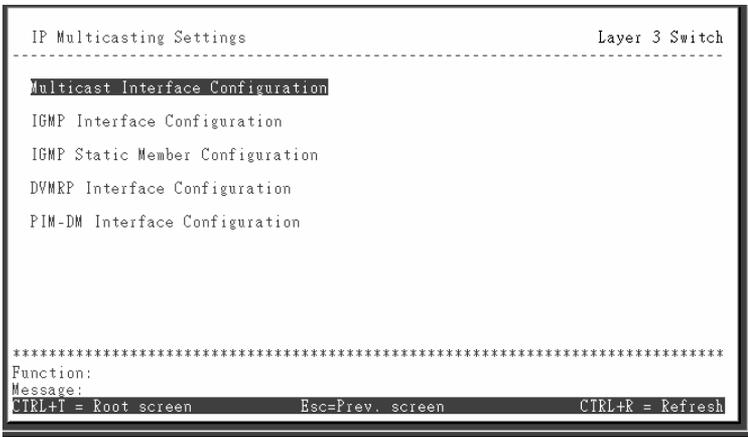
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## Setup IP Multicast

*To setup IP multicasting on the switch:*

Highlight **IP Multicasting Settings** from the **Multicast Menu** and press **Enter**.

Highlight **Multicast Interface Configuration** from the **Setup Multicast Menu** and press **Enter**.



```
IP Multicasting Settings                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Multicast Interface Configuration
IGMP Interface Configuration
IGMP Static Member Configuration
DVMRP Interface Configuration
PIM-DM Interface Configuration

*****
Function:
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-40. Setup IP Multicast Menu**

## Multicast Interface Configuration

To configure the multicast interface, highlight **Multicast Interface Configuration** and press **Enter**.

```

Multicast Interface Configuration                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Interface Name:[System      ]      IP Address: 10.42.73.101
IGMP: <Disabled>
Protocol:<INACT >
                                           APPLY
-----
Interface      IP Address      IGMP      Protocol
-----
System        10.42.73.101   Disabled  INACT

*****
Function:Select the IGMP status for this interface.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-41. Multicast Interface Configuration**

This menu allows the assignment of a multicast routing protocol to an IP interface. The IP interface must have been previously configured on the switch.

In addition, IGMP may be enabled or disabled for the selected IP interface.

The available multicast protocols are the **Protocol Independent Multicast – Dense Mode (PIM-DM)**, and the **Distance-Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP)**.

**INACT** is not a multicast routing protocol. It is used to make a given interface inactive for IP Multicast routing and can still route IP traffic.

Parameter	Description
<b>Interface Name:</b> [    ]	Allows the entry of the name of the IP interface that is to be configured for multicasting. This must be a previously configured IP interface.
<b>Status:</b> <Enabled>	This field can be toggled between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> using the space

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bar. This will enable or disable IGMP for the IP interface entered above.

**Protocol: <INACT>**

This field can be toggled between **Protocol Independent Multicasting – Dense Mode (PIMDM)**, **Distance Vector Multicasting Routing Protocol (DVMRP)**, and **INACT** (inactive). **INACT** is not a multicast routing protocol. It is used to make a given interface inactive for IP Multicast routing yet can still route IP traffic.

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## IGMP Interface Configuration

```
IGMP Interface Configuration                                Layer 3 Switch
-----
Interface Name:[ ] IP Address:
Querier State :<V2-Querier> Query:[125 ] Max Response:[10]
Robustness Var:[2 ] APPLY
-----
Interface      IP Address      Querier State Query Max Response Robustness Var
System        10.42.73.11    V2-Querier    125    10         2
-----
*****
Function:Input the interface name.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-42. IGMP Interface Configuration**

This menu allows the configuration of IGMP for each IP interface configured on the switch. IGMP can be configured as Version 1 or 2 by toggling the **Ver:<2>** field. The length of time between queries can be varied by entering a value between 1 and 65,500 seconds in the **Query:[125 ]** field. The maximum length of time between the receipt of a query and the sending of an IGMP response report can be varied by entering a value in the **Max. Response:[10]** field.

The **Robustness Var:[2 ]** field allows IGMP to be 'tuned' for sub-networks that are expected to lose a lot of packets. A high value (max. 255) for the robustness variable will help compensate for 'lossy' sub-networks. A low value (min. 2) should be used for less 'lossy' sub-networks.

Parameter	Description
<b>Interface Name:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the name of the IP interface that is to be configured for IGMP. This must be a previously configured IP interface.
<b>Querier State:&lt;V2-Querier&gt;</b>	Can be toggled between <b>V1-Querier</b> and <b>V2-Querier</b> . This determines the IGMP version (1 or 2) that will be used to interpret IGMP queries on the interface.
<b>Robustness Variable:[ 2]</b>	A tuning variable to allow for subnetworks that are expected to lose a large number of packets. A value between 2 and 255 can be entered, with larger values being specified for subnetworks that are expected to lose larger numbers of packets.
<b>Query Interval:[125 ]</b>	Allows the entry of a value between 1 and 65500 seconds, with a default of 125 seconds. This specifies the length of time between sending IGMP queries.
<b>Max. Response:[10]</b>	Sets the maximum amount of time allowed before sending an IGMP response report. A value between 1 and 25 seconds can be entered, with a default of 10 seconds.
<b>IP Address:</b>	Displays the IP address corresponding to the IP interface name entered above.

```

IGMP Static Member Configuration                               Layer 3 Switch
-----
Action:<Add/Modify >                                         Total Entries: 0
Interface Name:[      ]                                     IP Address:
IGMP Static Group:[      ]                                 Group MAC Addr:
Port(M/-):[-----][-----][-----] [-] [-]           State:<Enabled >   APPLY
-----
Interface      IGMP static Group  1  to  8  9  to 16 17  to 24 25 26  Status
-----

*****
Function:
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-43. IGMP Static Member Configuration**

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> . <b>Add/Modify</b> allows you to enter a new IGMP Static Member into the table, or to modify an existing entry. <b>Delete</b> allows you to delete an existing entry.
<b>Interface Name:[ ]</b>	Enter the IP Interface name the IGMP Static Member belongs to in this field.
<b>IGMP Static Group IP:[ ]</b>	Enter the IP address of the IGMP Static Group in this field.
<b>Group MAC Address:</b>	Displays the MAC address corresponding to the IGMP Static Group IP address entered above.
<b>IP Address:</b>	Displays the IP address corresponding to the IP interface entered above.
<b>State:&lt;Enabled&gt;</b>	Can be toggled between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> .

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**Total Entries:** Displays the total number of entries into the switch's IGMP Static Member table.

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## DVMRP

<<Please refer to the product Release Notes before enabling this feature>>

To configure DVMRP for an IP interface, highlight **DVMRP Interface Configuration** from the **Setup IP Multicast** menu and press **Enter**.

```
DVMRP Interface Configuration                               Layer 3 Switch
-----
Interface Name:[System ]      IP Address:10.42.73.11
Neighbor Time-Out Interval:[35]  Probe Interval:[10 ]
Route Metric:[1 ]             Include Unknown Neighbor Report:<Disabled>
State:<Disabled>                                     APPLY
-----
IF          IP Address      Neighbor Time-Out Interval  Probe Interval  Route Metric  State  Include Unknown Neighbor Report
-----
System      10.42.73.11         35          10           1           Disabled  Disabled
-----
*****
Function:Input the interface name.
Message:
Esc- Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-44. DVMRP Interface Configuration**

This menu allows the Distance-Vector Multicast Routing Protocol to be configured for each IP interface defined on the switch.

The Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP) is a hop-based method of building multicast delivery trees from multicast sources to all nodes of a network. Because the delivery trees are 'pruned' and 'shortest path', DVMRP is relatively efficient. Because multicast group membership information is forwarded by a distance-vector algorithm, propagation is slow. DVMRP is optimized for high delay (high latency) relatively low bandwidth networks, and can be considered as a 'best-effort' multicasting protocol.

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DVMRP resembles the Routing Information Protocol (RIP), but is extended for multicast delivery. It relies upon RIP hop counts to calculate 'shortest paths' back to the source of a multicast message, but defines a 'route cost' to calculate which branches of a multicast delivery tree should be 'pruned' – once the delivery tree is established.

When a sender initiates a multicast, DVMRP initially assumes that all users on the network will want to receive the multicast message. When an adjacent router receives the message, it checks its unicast routing table to determine the interface that gives the shortest path (lowest cost) back to the source. If the multicast was received over the shortest path, then the adjacent router enters the information into its tables and forwards the message. If the message is not received on the shortest path back to the source, the message is dropped.

Route cost is a relative number that is used by DVMRP to calculate which branches of a multicast delivery tree should be 'pruned'. The 'cost' is relative to other costs assigned to other DVMRP routes throughout the network.

The higher the route cost, the lower the probability that the current route will be chosen to be an active branch of the multicast delivery tree (not 'pruned') – if there is an alternative route.

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Parameter	Description
<b>Interface Name:</b> [ ]	Allows the entry of the name of the IP interface for which DVMRP is to be configured. This must be a previously defined IP interface.
<b>Neighbor Time Out Interval:</b> [35 ]	This field allows an entry between <b>1</b> and <b>65,535</b> seconds and defines the time period for DVMRP will hold Neighbor Router reports before issuing poison route messages. The default is <b>35</b> seconds.
<b>Route Metric:</b> [1 ]	This field allows an entry between <b>0</b> and <b>254</b> and defines the route cost for the IP

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interface. The DVMRP route cost is a relative number that represents the real cost of using this route in the construction of a multicast delivery tree. It is similar to, but not defined as, the hop count in RIP. The default cost is **1**.

**State:<Disabled>**

This field can be toggled between **Enabled** and **Disabled** and enables or disables DVMRP for the IP interface. The default is **Disabled**.

**IP Address:**

Displays the IP address corresponding to the IP Interface name entered above.

**Probe Interval:[10 ]**

The **Probe Interval:[10 ]** field allows an entry between **0** and **65,535** seconds and defines the interval between 'probes'. DVMRP defines an extension to IGMP that allows routers to query other routers to determine if a multicast group is present on an given IP interface or not. The default is **10**.

**Include Unknown Neighbor Report:<Disabled>**

Allows the L3 switch to accept a DVMRP route report from a non-adjacent neighbor.

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## PIM-DM

<<Please refer to the product Release Notes before enabling this feature>>

*To configure PIMDM for an IP interface:*

Highlight **PIMDM Interface Configuration** from the **Setup IP Multicast** menu and press **enter**.

```

PIN-DM Interface Configuration                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Interface Name:[System] IP Address:10.42.73.11
Hello Interval:[30] Join/Prune Interval:[60]
State:<Disabled>
APPLY

Interface  IP Address  Hello Interval  Join/Prune Interval  State
-----
System     10.42.73.11  30              60                   Disabled

*****
Function:Input the interface name.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-45. PIM-DM Interface Configuration**

The Protocol Independent Multicast – Dense Mode (PIM-DM) protocol should be used in networks with a low delay (low latency) and high bandwidth as PIM-DM is optimized to guarantee delivery of multicast packets, not to reduce overhead.

The PIM-DM multicast routing protocol is assumes that all downstream routers want to receive multicast messages and relies upon explicit prune messages from downstream routers to remove branches from the multicast delivery tree that do not contain multicast group members.

PIM-DM has no explicit ‘join’ messages. It relies upon periodic flooding of multicast messages to all interfaces and then either waiting for a timer to expire (the **Join/Prune Interval**) or for the downstream routers to transmit explicit ‘prune’ messages indicating that there are no multicast members on their respective branches. PIM-DM then removes these branches (‘prunes’ them) from the multicast delivery tree.

Because a member of a pruned branch of a multicast delivery tree may want to join a multicast delivery group (at some point in the future), the protocol periodically removes the ‘prune’ information from its database and floods multicast messages to all interfaces on that branch. The interval for removing ‘prune’ information is the **Join/Prune Interval**.

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Parameter	Description
<b>Interface Name:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the name of the IP interface for which PIM-DM is to be configured. This must be a previously defined IP interface.
<b>IP Address</b>	Displays the IP address for the IP interface named above.
<b>Hello Interval:[30 ]</b>	This field allows an entry of between <b>0</b> and <b>9,999</b> seconds and determines the interval between sending Hello packets to other routers on the network. The Hello messages are used by the router to determine if it is the root router on the delivery tree or not. If the router does not receive a Hello message within the Hello Interval, it will begin transmitting Hello messages to advertise its availability to become the root router. The default is <b>30</b> seconds.
<b>Join/Prune Interval:[60 ]</b>	This field allows an entry of between <b>0</b> and <b>9,999</b> seconds and determines the interval between transmitting (flooding to all interfaces) multicast messages to downstream routers, and automatically 'pruning' a branch from the multicast delivery tree. This interval also determines the time interval the router uses to automatically remove prune information from a branch of a multicast delivery tree and begin to flood multicast messages to all branches of that delivery tree. These two actions are equivalent. The default is <b>60</b> seconds.
<b>State:&lt;Disabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> using the space bar, and is used to enable or disable PIM-DM for the IP interface. The default

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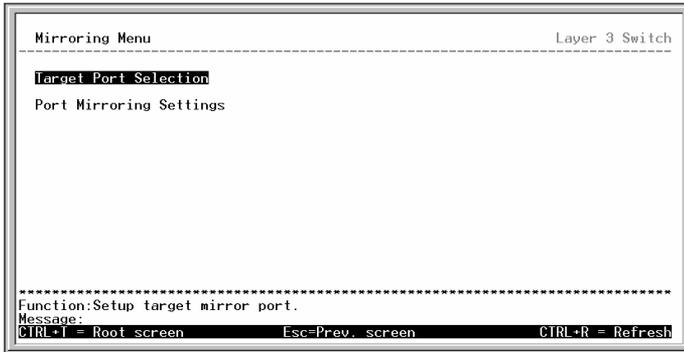
is Disabled.

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## Port Mirroring

To configure a port for port mirroring:

Highlight **Mirroring** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-46. Mirroring Menu**

To select the target port, highlight Target Port Selection and press enter.



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**Figure 1-47. Target Port Selection**

The target port is the port where information will be duplicated and sent for capture and network analysis. This is the port where a network analyzer would be attached to capture packets duplicated from the source port.

To select the source port(s) for mirroring, highlight **Port Mirroring Settings** and press enter.

```
Port Mirroring Settings                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Action:<Add/Modify>
Source Port:[1 ]
Direction:<Either >                                     Total Entries:0      APPLY
-----
Src. Port   Direction                                     Src. Port   Direction
-----
*****
Function:Select the action- ADD/MODIFY or DELETE.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-48. Port Mirroring Settings**

Up to 25 entries can be made to the port mirroring table, but it should be noted that a faster port (a 1000 Mbps Gigabit Ethernet port, for example) should not be mirrored to a slower port (one of the 24 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet port), because many packets will be dropped.

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Parameter	Description
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<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar. Entries can be added, modified or deleted based upon the port number entered in the Source Port [ ] field.
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**Source Port [24]**

Allows the entry of the port number of the port to be mirrored. This port is the source of the packets to be duplicated and forwarded to the Target port.

**Direction:<Either>**

This field can be toggled between **Either**, **Ingress** and **Egress**. **Ingress** mirrors only received packets, while **Egress** mirrors only transmitted packets.

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## Priority

To configure a forwarding priority for a given MAC address, highlight **Priority** from the main menu and press **Enter**.

```
Setup MAC Address Priority                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Action:<Add/Modify>
VID:12 1
MAC Address:183831C10F2BD1
Priority Level:<Low >
Source/Destination:<Dst. >
-----
Total Entries:3 APPLY
-----
VID    MAC Address    Priority    Src/Dst
 1     8888101010AB   Med-H     Either
 2     8383111022FF   High      Src.
 2     83831C10F2BD   Low       Dst.
-----
Function:Apply the settings.
Message: All changes applied!
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-49. Setup MAC Address Priority**

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**Parameter****Description**

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**Action:<Add/Modify>**

This field can be toggled between **Add/Modify** and **Delete** using the space bar.

**VID:[1 ]**

Allows the entry of the VLAN ID (VID) of the VLAN to which the MAC address

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below is a member of.

**MAC Address:[       ]** Allows the entry of the MAC address of the station for which priority queuing is to be specified.

**Priority Level:<Low>** This field can be toggled using the space bar between **Low**, **Med-L** (Medium Low), **Med-H** (Medium High), and **High**, corresponding to the priority of packets sent to or transmitted from the MAC address entered above.

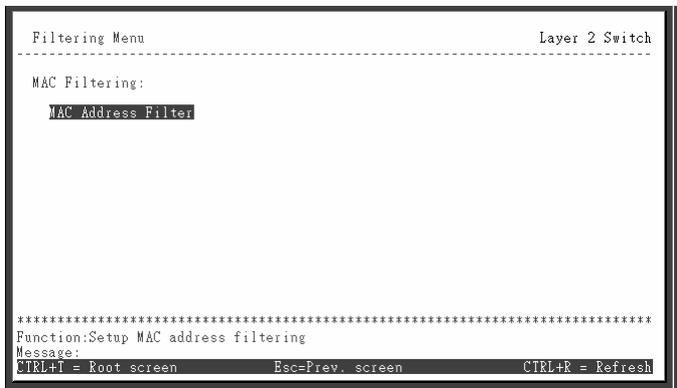
**Source/Destination:** This field can be toggled using the space bar between **Src.** (Source), **Dst.** (Destination), and **Either**, corresponding to whether the MAC address entered above will be transmitting packets (a source), receiving packets (a destination) or both (either).

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## Filtering

### Layer 2 Filtering

To enter a MAC address into the filtering table, highlight Filtering from the Main Menu and press enter.



**Figure 1-50. MAC Address Filter**

Highlight **MAC Address Filter** and press **enter**.

```

Setup MAC Address Filter                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
Action:<Add/Modify> VID:[1 ]
MAC Address:[000000000000]
Source/Destination:<Src.> Total Entries:0 APPLY
-----
VID  MAC Address  Src/Dst      VID  MAC Address  Src/Dst
-----
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*****
Function:Select the action- ADD/MODIFY or DELETE.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-51. Setup MAC Address Filter**

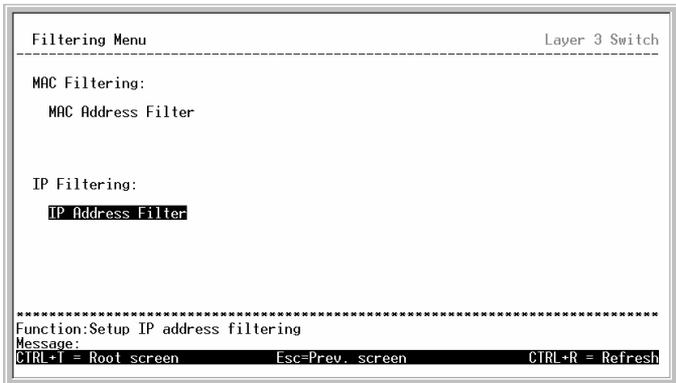
When the switch is in **Layer 2 Only** operating mode, MAC addresses can be entered into the static filtering table. The switch can be configured to filter packets from this MAC address (a source), or to it (a destination). The switch can also be configured to filter all packets to or from this MAC address (either a source or a destination).

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar.
<b>VID: [ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the VLAN ID (VID) of the VLAN to which the MAC address below is a member of.
<b>MAC Address:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of a MAC address to be filtered from the switch. This address must be a unicast MAC address.
<b>Source/Destination:&lt;Src.&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled using the space bar between <b>Src.</b> (Source), <b>Dst.</b>

	(Destination), and <b>Either</b> , corresponding to whether the MAC address entered above will be transmitting packets (a source), receiving packets (a destination) or both (either).
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### Layer 3 (IP Routing) Filtering

With the switch configured to Layer 3 Operation mode, both MAC and IP addresses can be entered into the filtering table, using there respective entry menus. To enter an address, highlight **Filtering** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-52. Filtering Menu – Layer 3**

Setup IP Address Filtering		Layer 3 Switch	
Action:<Add/Modify>		Total Entries:0	
IP Address:[0.0.0.0]		APPLY	
Source/Destination:<Src.>			
IP Address	Src/Dst	IP Address	Src/Dst
***** Function:Select the action- ADD/MODIFY or DELETE. Message: Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page			

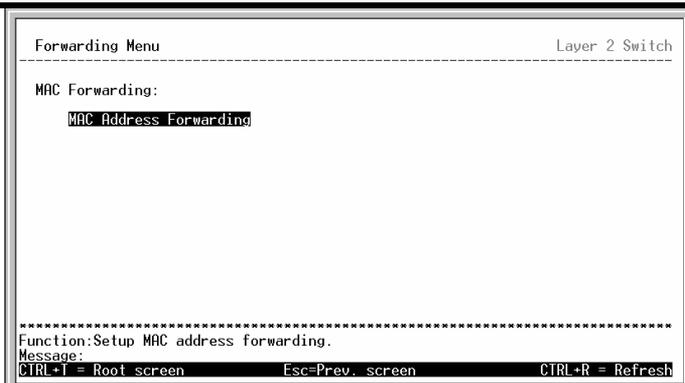
**Figure 1-53. IP Address Filtering Setup**

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar.
<b>IP Address:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of an IP address to be filtered from the switch.
<b>Source/Destination:&lt;Src.&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Src.</b> (source), <b>Dst.</b> (destination), and <b>Either.</b> The IP address entered into the filtering table can be filtered as a source (packets will not be received from the IP address), as a destination (packets will not be transmitted to the IP address), or as either a source or destination (packets will not be received from or transmitted to the IP address).

## Forwarding

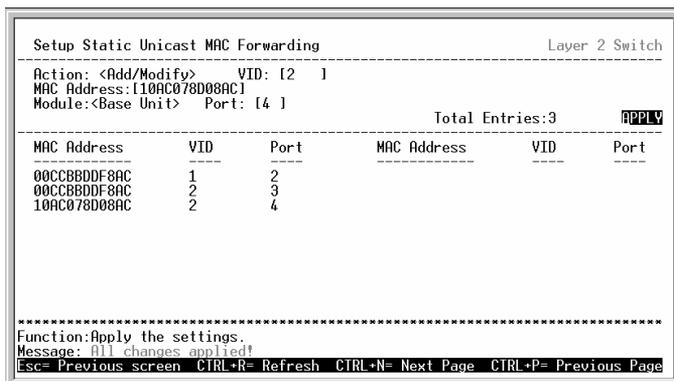
### Layer 2 Forwarding

To enter a MAC address into the switch's forwarding table highlight **Forwarding** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-54. Forwarding Menu – Layer 2**

Highlight **MAC Address Forwarding** from the **Forwarding Menu** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-55. Static Unicast MAC Forwarding Setup**

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Modify&gt;</b>	The field can be toggled between <b>Add/Modify</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar.
<b>VID:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the VLAN ID (VID) of the VLAN the MAC address below is a member of.

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**MAC Address:[ ]** Allows the entry of the MAC address of an end station that will be entered into the switch's static forwarding table.

**Port: [ ]** Allows the entry of the port number on which the MAC address entered above resides.

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## IP Forwarding

### Static/Default Routes

With the switch in Layer 3 Operation mode, entries into the switch's forwarding table can be made using both MAC addresses and IP addresses. Static IP forwarding is accomplished by the entry of an IP address into the Static IP Routing table.

Static Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) entrees can also be made from the Forwarding Menu.

Highlight **Static/Default Routes** from the **Forwarding** menu and press **enter**.

```
Setup Static IP Routes                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Action: <Add      >
IP Address :[10.42.73.23] | Gateway IP:[10.1.1.254] |
Subnet Mask:[255.0.0.0] | Metric:[1] | APPLY
-----
  IP Address      Subnet Mask      Gateway IP      Metric
-----
  10.42.73.23    255.0.0.0        10.1.1.254     1

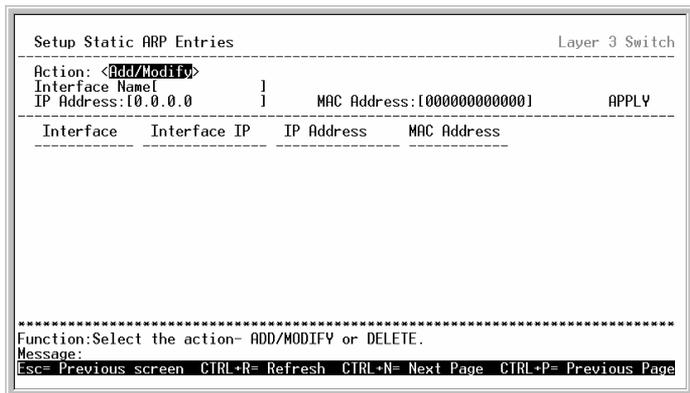
*****
Function:Apply the settings.
Message: All changes applied!
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-56. Setup Static IP Routes**

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:</b> <Add >	The field can be toggled between <b>Add</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar.
<b>IP Address:</b> [ ]	Allows the entry of an IP address that will be a static entry into the switch's IP forwarding table.
<b>Subnet Mask:</b> [ ]	Allows the entry of a subnet mask corresponding to the IP address above.
<b>Gateway IP:</b> [ ]	Allows the entry of an IP address of a default gateway for the IP address above.
<b>Metric:</b> [1 ]	Allows the entry of a routing protocol metric representing the number of routers between the switch and the IP address above.

## Static ARP

To make a static ARP entry highlight **Static ARP** from the **Forwarding** menu and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-57. Setup Static ARP Entries**

Parameter	Description
<b>Action:</b> <Add/Modify>	The field can be toggled between <b>Add</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar.
<b>Interface Name:</b> [ ]	The name of the IP interface the ARP entry resides on.
<b>IP Address:</b> [ ]	The IP address of the ARP entry.
<b>MAC Address:</b> [ ]	The MAC address of the ARP entry.

## Spanning Tree

### Switch Spanning Tree Settings

To globally configure STP on the switch highlight Spanning Tree on the main menu and press Enter.

```

Configure Spanning Tree                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Switch Settings:
  STP Group: <Default >
  Status: <Enabled >      Designated Root Bridge: 003326000200
  Max Age: [20]           Root Priority: 32768
  Hello Time: [2 ]       Cost to Root: 0
  Forward Delay: [15]    Root Port: 0
  Priority: [32768]      Last Topology Change: 1119 secs
                        Topology Changes Count: 0
                        APPLY

Group Configuration:
  STP Group Configuration
  STP Port Settings

*****
Function:Select Spanning tree group.
Message:
CTRL+T = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

```

**Figure 1-58. Configure Spanning Tree - Global**

The Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) operates on two levels: on the switch level, the settings are globally implemented. On the port level, the settings are implemented on a per user-defined Group basis.



The factory default setting should cover the majority of installations. It is advisable to keep the default settings as set at the factory; unless, it is absolutely necessary to change them.

Parameter	Description
<b>Status:&lt;Enabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> using the space bar. This will enable or disable the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP), globally, for the switch.
<b>STP Group:&lt;Default&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled using the space bar to select any of the STP groups that have been configured on the switch.
<b>Max. Age: [ ]</b>	The Max. Age can be set from 6 to 40 seconds. At the end of the Max. Age, if a BPDU has still not been received from the Root Bridge, your Switch will start sending its own BPDU to all other Switches for permission to become the Root Bridge. If it turns out that your Switch has the lowest Bridge Identifier, it will become the Root Bridge.
<b>Hello Time:[ ]</b>	The Hello Time can be set from 1 to 10 seconds. This is the interval between two transmissions of BPDU packets sent by the Root Bridge to tell all other Switches that it is indeed the Root Bridge.
<b>Forward Delay:[ ]</b>	The Forward Delay can be from 4 to 30 seconds. This is the time any port on the Switch spends in the listening state while moving from the blocking state to the forwarding state.
<b>Priority:[ ]</b>	A Priority for the switch can be set from 0 to 65535. This number is used in the



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have to correspond to any name that has been previously entered in the switch's configuration.

STP Port Settings					Layer 2 Switch	
View Ports: < 1 to 12 >		Configure Port from [ 1 ] to [ 1 ]			APPLY	
Port Cost: [ 19 ]		Priority: [ 128 ]				
Port	Connection	Cost	Priority	Status	Group Name	
1	100M/Full/802.3x	19	128	Forwarding	Default	
2	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
3	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
4	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
5	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
6	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
7	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
8	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
9	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
10	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
11	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	
12	-	19	128	Disabled	Default	

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Function: Select the scope of ports for display and configuration.  
Message:  
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

**Figure 1-60. STP Port Settings**

Toggle the **View Ports:** < > field to the range of ports to be configured. The Fast Ethernet ports displayed for configuration in groups of 12 and the two (optional) Gigabit Ethernet ports are displayed together.

In addition to setting Spanning Tree parameters for use on the switch level, the VH-2402-L3 allows for the configuration of groups of ports, each port-group of which will have its own spanning tree, and will require some of its own configuration settings. An STP Group will use the switch-level parameters entered above, with the addition of Port Priority and Port Cost.

An STP Group spanning tree works in the same way as the switch-level spanning tree, but the root bridge concept is replaced with a root port concept. A root port is a port of the group that is elected on the basis of port priority and port cost, to be the connection to the network for the group. Redundant links will be blocked, just as redundant links are blocked on the switch level.

The STP on the switch level blocks redundant links between switches (and similar network devices). The port level STP will block redundant links within an STP Group.

It is advisable to define an STP Group to correspond to a VLAN group of ports.

Parameter	Description
<b>View Ports:</b> < >	This field can be toggled using the space bar between <b>1 to 12</b> , <b>13 to 24</b> , and <b>25-26</b> . This is used to select the range of ports displayed in the console.
<b>Configure Ports:</b> [ ] to [ ]	Allows the entry of a range of port numbers to be configured.
<b>Port Cost:</b> [ ]	A Port Cost can be set from <b>1</b> to <b>65535</b> . The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen to forward packets.
<b>Priority:</b> [ ]	A Port Priority can be from <b>0</b> to <b>255</b> . The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen as the Root Port.

## Port Trunking

To configure a port trunking group, highlight **Port Trunking** on the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.

```

Port Trunking                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Group ID: [1]
Port: [1 ]
Group Width: [2 ] Method: <Disabled>                APPLY
-----
ID  Master  1 to 8  9 to 16  17 to 24  25  26  Method  Anchor
1   -       -----
2   -       -----
3   -       -----
4   -       -----
5   -       -----
6   -       -----
-----
Function: Enter group ID.
Message:
CTRL+T = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

```

Figure 1-61. Port Trunking Setup

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Port trunking allows several ports to be grouped together and to act as a single link. This gives a bandwidth that is a multiple of a single link's bandwidth.

Port trunking is most commonly used to link a bandwidth intensive network device or devices – such as a server – to the backbone of a network.

The VH-2402-L3 allows the creation of up to 6 port trunking groups, each group consisting of up to 8 links (ports). The trunked ports must be contiguous (they must have sequential port numbers) except the two (optional) Gigabit ports – which can only belong to a single port trunking group. A port trunking group may not cross an 8 port boundary, starting with port 1 (a group may not contain ports 8 and 9, for example) and all of the ports in the group must be members of the same VLAN. Further, the trunked ports must all be of the same speed and should be configured as full-duplex.

The configuration of the lowest numbered port in the group becomes the configuration for all of the ports in the aggregation group. This port is called the Master Port of the group, and all configuration options – including the VLAN configuration – that can be applied to the Master Port are applied to the entire port trunking group.

Load balancing is automatically applied to the ports in the trunked group, and a link failure within the group causes the network traffic to be directed to the remaining links in the group.

The Spanning Tree Protocol will treat a port trunking group as a single link, on the switch level. On the port level, the STP will use the port parameters of the Master Port in the calculation of port cost and in determining the state of the port trunking group. If two redundant port trunking groups are configured on the switch, STP will block one entire group – in the same way STP will block a single port that has a redundant link.

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Parameter	Description
<b>Group ID:[1]</b>	This field can be toggled between any one of the six possible port trunking groups configurable on the switch.
<b>Port:[1]</b>	The Master port of trunk group.
<b>Group Width:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the number of contiguous ports that will make up the port trunking group. These ports will be in sequential order from the Master Port.
<b>Method:&lt;Disabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> . This is used to turn a port trunking group on or off. This is useful for diagnostics, to quickly isolate a bandwidth intensive network device or to have an absolute backup aggregation group that is not under automatic control.

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## Switch Utilities

### Layer 2 Switch Utilities

To access the Switch Utilities menu, highlight **Utilities** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.

```
Utilities
-----
Switch Settings:
  Server IP Address: 0.0.0.0
  Switch IP Address: 10.90.90.90
    Subnet Mask: 255.0.0.0
  Gateway Router: 0.0.0.0

TFTP Services:                                Others:
  Upgrade Firmware from TFTP Server           Ping Test
  Download Configuration File from TFTP Server
  Upload Configuration File to TFTP Server
  Save Log to TFTP Server

*****
Function: Upgrade firmware from TFTP server.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-62. Switch Utilities Menu**

Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) services allow the switch firmware to be upgraded by transferring a new firmware file from a TFTP server to the switch. A configuration file can also be loaded into the switch from a TFTP server, switch settings can be saved to the TFTP server, and a history log can be uploaded from the switch to the TFTP server.

### Updating Firmware

To update the switch's firmware, highlight **Upgrade Firmware from TFTP Server** and press **enter**.

```

Upgrade Firmware from TFTP Server                                Layer 2 Switch
-----
Server IP Address:[10.42.73.23  ]
Path\Filename:[C:\VH2402.had          ]          APPLY
START
-----

*****
Function:Start firmware upgrade (Press any key to stop).
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen          Esc=Prev. screen          CTRL+R = Refresh

```

**Figure 1-63. Upgrade Firmware**

Enter the IP address of the TFTP server in the **Server IP Address:**[     ] field.

The TFTP server must be on the same IP subnet as the switch.

Enter the path and the filename to the firmware file on the TFTP server. Note that in the above example, the firmware file is in the root directory of the C drive of the TFTP server.

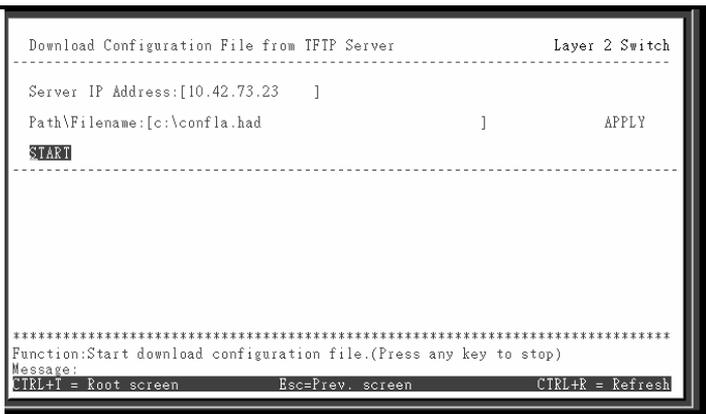
The TFTP server must be running TFTP server software to perform the file transfer. TFTP server software is a part of many network management software packages – such as NetSight, or can be obtained as a separate program.

Highlight **APPLY** and press **enter** to record the IP address of the TFTP server. Use **Save Changes** from the **Main Menu** to enter the address into NV-RAM

Highlight **START** and press **enter** to initiate the file transfer.

## Downloading a Configuration File

To download a switch configuration file from a TFTP server, highlight **Download Configuration File from TFTP Server** and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-64. Download Configuration File**

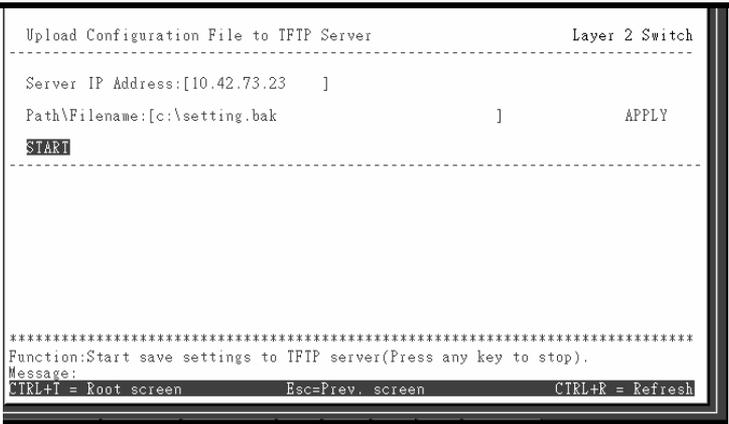
Enter the IP address of the TFTP server and specify the location of the switch configuration file on the TFTP server.

Highlight **APPLY** and press **enter** record the IP address of the TFTP server. Use **Save Changes** from the **Main Menu** to enter the address into NV-RAM

Highlight **START** and press **enter** to initiate the file transfer.

## Uploading a Settings File

To upload a settings file to the TFTP server, highlight **Upload configuration file to TFTP Server** and press **enter**.

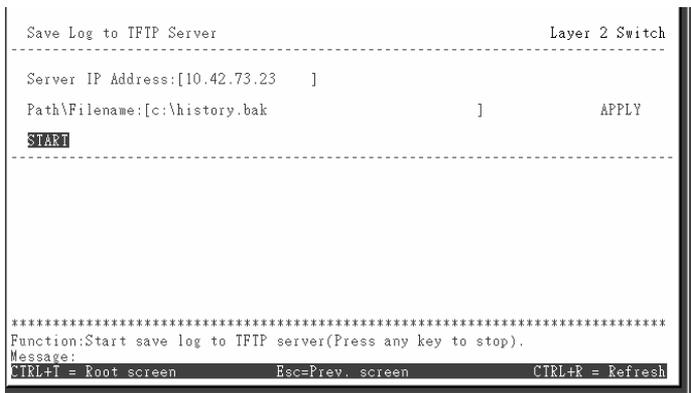


**Figure 1-65. Upload Setting File**

Enter the IP address of the TFTP server and the path and filename of the settings file on the TFTP server and press **APPLY**. Highlight **START** and press **enter** to initiate the file transfer.

## Uploading a History Log File

To save a History Log on a TFTP server, highlight **Save Log to TFTP Server** and press **enter**.



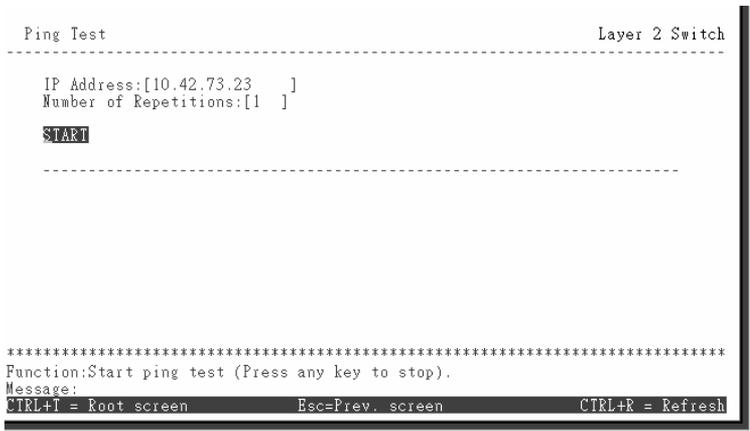
**Figure 1-66. Upload Log File**

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Enter the IP address of the TFTP server and the path and filename for the history log on the TFTP server. Highlight **APPLY** and press **enter** to make the changes current. Highlight **START** and press **enter** to initiate the file transfer.

## Testing Connectivity with Ping

To test the connection with another network device using Ping, highlight **Ping Test** and press **enter**.



```
Ping Test                                     Layer 2 Switch
-----
IP Address:[10.42.73.23  ]
Number of Repetitions:[1  ]
START
-----

*****
Function:Start ping test (Press any key to stop).
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-67. Ping Connectivity Test**

Enter the IP address of the network device to be pinged and the number of test packets to be sent (3 is usually enough). Highlight **START** and press **enter** to initiate the ping program.

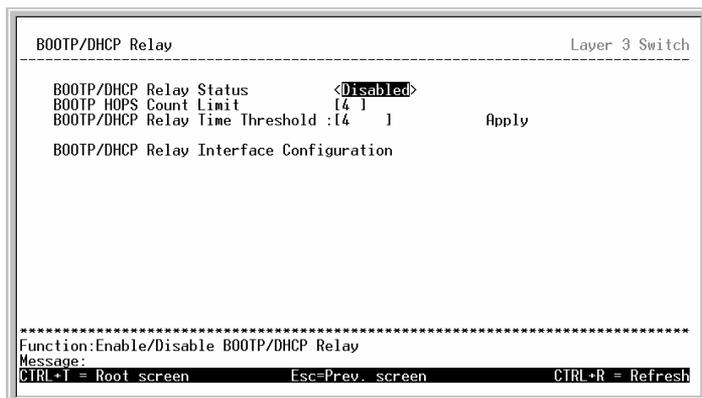
## Layer 3 Utilities

Layer 3 (IP Routing) switch operation mode adds BOOTP Relay and DNS Relay to the utilities available on the switch.

## BOOTP/DHCP Relay

**To enter the IP addresses of BOOTP or DHCP servers  
(for the BOOTP/DHCP Relay service):**

Highlight **Utilities** on the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.  
 Highlight **BOOTP/DHCP Relay** on the **Switch Utilities** menu and press **Enter**.



**Figure 1-68. BOOTP/DHCP Relay Menu**

Parameter	Description
<b>BOOTP/DHCP Relay Status &lt;Disabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> using the space bar. It is used to enable or disable the BOOTP/DHCP Relay service on the switch. The default is <b>Disabled</b> .
<b>BOOTP HOPS Count Limit [4 ]</b>	This field allows an entry between 1 and 16 to define the maximum number of router hops BOOTP messages can be forwarded across. The default hop count is 4.
<b>BOOTP/DHCP Relay Time Threshold:[4 ]</b>	Allows an entry between <b>0</b> and <b>65535</b> seconds, and defines the maximum time limit for routing a BOOTP/DHCP packet. If a value of 0 is entered, the switch will not process the value in the seconds field of the BOOTP or DHCP packet. If a non-zero value is entered, the switch will use that value, along with the hop count to

determine whether to forward a given BOOTP or DHCP packet.

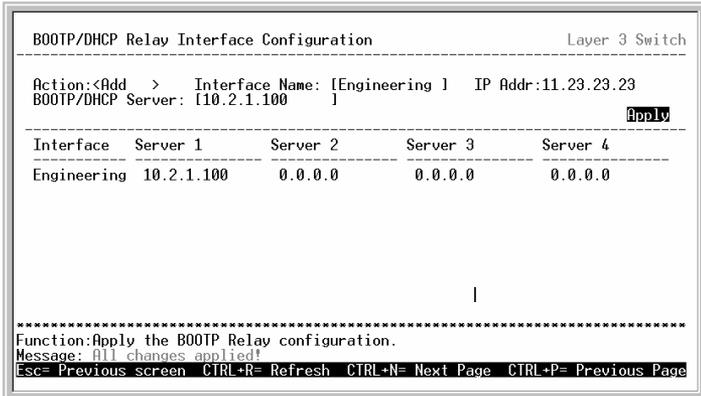


Figure 1-69. BOOTP/DHCP Relay Interface Configuration

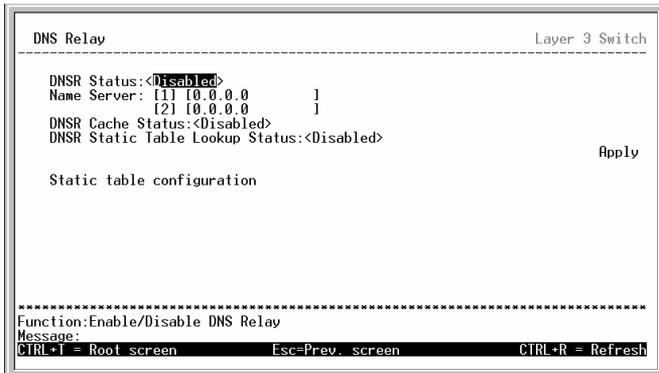
Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Add</b> and <b>Delete</b> using the space bar. Toggle to <b>Add</b> and enter the subnet name for which BOOTP Relay will be active.
<b>Interface Name:[ ]</b>	The interface name of the IP interface on which the BOOTP or DHCP servers reside on.
<b>IP Address:</b>	Displays the IP address corresponding to the subnet name entered above.
<b>BOOTP/DHCP Server:[ ]</b>	Allows the entry of IP addresses for up to four BOOTP or DHCP servers.

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## DNS Relay

*To enter the IP addresses of DNS servers (for the DNS Relay service):*

Highlight **DNS Relay** on the **Switch Utilities** menu and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-70. DNS Relay Setup**

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Parameter	Description
<b>DNSR Status</b> <b>&lt;Disabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled between <b>Disabled</b> and <b>Enabled</b> using the space bar, and is used to enable or disable the DNS Relay service on the switch.
<b>Name Server: [1] [ ]</b>	Allows the entry of the IP address of a primary (number 1) and a secondary (number 2) domain name server (DNS).
<b>DNSR Cache</b> <b>Status: &lt;Disabled&gt;</b>	This can be toggled between <b>Disabled</b> and <b>Enabled</b> . This determines if a DNS cache will be enabled on the switch.
<b>DNSR Static Table</b> <b>Lookup</b>	This field can be toggled using the space

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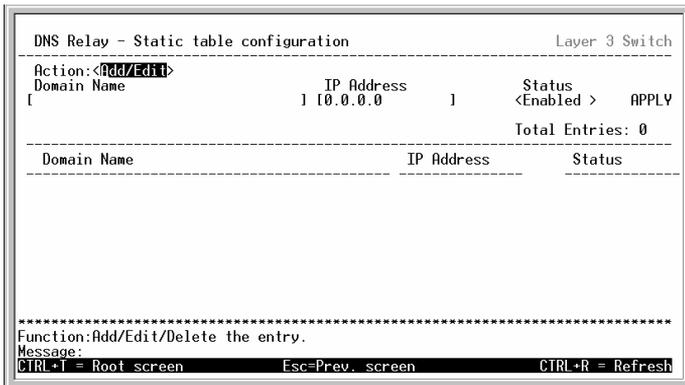
**Status:<Disabled>** bar between **Disabled** and **Enabled**.

This determines if the static DNS table will be used or not.

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***To make a static DNS table entry:***

Highlight Static Table Setting on the DNS Relay menu and press Enter.



**Figure 1-71. DNS Relay Setup**

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Parameter	Description
<b>Action:&lt;Add/Edit&gt;</b>	The <b>Action:&lt;Add/Edit&gt;</b> field can be toggled between <b>Add/Edit</b> and <b>Delete</b> . Enter the Domain name and its corresponding IP address.
<b>Domain Name</b>	The domain name of the static DNS table entry.
<b>IP Address</b>	The IP address of the domain name above.
<b>Status:&lt;Enabled&gt;</b>	This field can be toggled using the space bar between <b>Enabled</b> and <b>Disabled</b> .

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## Network Monitoring

The VH-2402-L3 provides extensive network monitoring capabilities that can be viewed under **Network Monitoring** from the **Main Menu**.

Network monitoring on the switch is divided into Layer 2 and Layer 3 functions, depending upon which operating mode the switch is in. Layer 2 network monitoring functions are visible on the console when the switch is in **Layer 2 Only** operating mode. Layer 3 network monitoring functions are added to the console when the switch is in **IP Routing** operating mode.

### Layer 2 Network Monitoring

Layer 2 network monitoring consists of the following screens or menus:

- **Port Utilization**
- **Port Error Packets**
- **Port Packet Analysis**
- **Browse MAC Address Table (view the MAC address forwarding table)**
- **GVRP (view the GVRP status table)**
- **Browse Router Port (view the router port status table)**
- **IGMP Snooping**
- **Switch History**

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**To display the network data compiled by the switch:**

Highlight **Network Monitoring** on the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.

```
Network Monitoring Menu                                Layer 2 Switch
-----
Statistics:                                           Applications:
  Port Utilization                                    GVRP
  Port Error Packets                                  Browse Router Port
  Port Packet Analysis                                IGMP Snooping
                                                    Switch History

Address Table:
  Browse MAC Address Table

*****
Function:Switch port utilization overview.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-72. Network Monitoring Menu**

## Port Utilization

The **Port Utilization** screen shows the number of packets transmitted and received per second and calculates the percentage of the total available bandwidth being used on the port (displayed under **%Util.**).

**To view the port utilization:**

Highlight **Port Utilization** on the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

Port Utilization				Layer 2 Switch			
CLEAR COUNTER							
Interval: < 2 sec >							
Port	TX/sec	RX/sec	%Util.	Port	TX/sec	RX/sec	%Util.
1	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	19	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	21	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	22	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	23	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	24	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	26	0	0	0

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Function: Clear counter.  
Message:  
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

**Figure 1-73. Port Utilization able**

Parameter	Description
<b>Port</b>	The switch's port number.
<b>Interval:&lt;2 sec&gt;</b>	The time between updates received from the switch. <b>Suspend</b> stops the updates. The default is <b>2</b> seconds.
<b>TX/sec</b>	The rate at which the given port is transmitting packets, in packets per second.
<b>RX/sec</b>	The rate at which the given port is receiving packets, in packets per second.
<b>%Util</b>	The percentage utilization of the given port's available bandwidth.

## Port Error Statistics

The **Port Error Statistics** screen displays the packet errors that the switch can detect and displays the results on a per port basis.

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## To view the error statistics for a port:

Highlight **Port Error Packets** on the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

```
Port Error Packets                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Port: [1] CLEAR COUNTER                               Interval: < 2 sec >
-----
RX Frames                                           TX Frames
-----
CRC Error                0                ExDefer                0
Undersize                0                CRC Error              0
Oversize                 0                Late Coll.             0
Fragment                 0                Ex. Coll.              0
Jabber                   0                Single Coll.           0
Drop Pkts                73                Coll.                  0

*****
Function: Input port number.
Message:
CTRL+T = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-74. Port Error Packets**

The **Port** field can be toggled between Port **1~26** to select which group of ports will be displayed.

Enter the port number of the port to be viewed. The **Interval: <2 sec>** field can be toggled from 2 seconds to 1 minute, or suspend. This sets the interval at which the error statistics are updated.

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Parameter	Description
<b>Interval: &lt;2 sec&gt;</b>	The interval (in seconds) that the table is updated. The default is 2 seconds.
<b>RX Frames</b>	Received packets.
<b>CRC Error</b>	For 10 Mbps ports, the counter records CRC errors (FCS or alignment errors). For 100 Mbps ports, the counter records

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	the sum of CRC errors and code errors (frames received with rxerror signal).
<b>Undersize</b>	The total number of frames received that were less than 64 octets long (excluding framing bits, but including FCS octets) and were otherwise well formed.
<b>Oversize</b>	The total number of frames received that were longer than 1518 octets (excluding framing bits, but including FCS octets) and were otherwise well formed.
<b>Fragments</b>	The total number of frames received that were less than 64 octets in length (excluding framing bits, but including FCS octets) and had either an FCS or an alignment error.
<b>Jabber</b>	The total number of frames received that were longer than 1518 octets (excluding framing bits, but including FCS octets), and had either an FCS or an alignment error.
<b>Drop Pkts</b>	The total number of events in which packets were dropped due to a lack of resources.
<b>TX Frames</b>	Transmitted packets.
<b>ExDefer</b>	The number of frames for which the first transmission attempt on a particular interface was delayed because the medium was busy
<b>CRC Error</b>	For 10 Mbps ports, the counter records CRC errors (FCS or alignment errors). For 100 Mbps ports, the counter records the sum of CRC errors and code errors (frames received with rxerror signal).
<b>Late Coll.</b>	Late Collisions. The number of times that a collision is detected later than 512

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	bit-times into the transmission of a packet.
<b>Ex. Coll.</b>	Excessive Collisions. The number of frames for which transmission failed due to excessive collisions.
<b>Single Coll.*</b>	Single Collision Frames. The number of successfully transmitted frames for which transmission is inhibited by more than one collision.
<b>Coll.</b>	An estimate of the total number of collisions on this network segment.

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## Port Packet Analysis Table

The **Port Packet Analysis Table** displays the size of packets received or transmitted by a given switch port. In addition, statistics on the number and rate of unicast, multicast, and broadcast packets received by the switch are displayed.

***To view an analysis of packets received or transmitted by a port:***

Highlight **Port Packet Analysis** on the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

Port Packet Analysis			Layer 3 Switch	
Port: [ ]	CLEAR COUNTER		Interval: < 2 sec >	
	Frames	Frames/sec	Total	Total/sec
64	1290	0	RX Bytes 144538	96
65-127	625	1	RX Frames 1355	1
128-255	114	0		
256-511	76	0	TX Bytes 48128	0
512-1023	0	0	TX Frames 752	0
1024-1518	0	0		
Unicast RX	25	0		
Multicast RX	69	0		
Broadcast RX	1259	1		

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Function: Input port number.  
Message:  
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh

**Figure 1-75. Port Packet Analysis Table**

Parameter	Description
<b>Interval:&lt;2 sec&gt;</b>	The interval (in seconds) that the table is updated. The default is 2 seconds.
<b>Frames</b>	The number of packets (or frames) received or transmitted by the switch with the size, in octets, given by the column on the right.
<b>Frames/sec</b>	The number of packets (or frames) transmitted or received, per second, by the switch.
<b>Unicast RX</b>	Displays the number of unicast packets received by the switch in total number ( <b>Frames</b> ) and the rate ( <b>Frames/sec</b> ).
<b>Multicast RX</b>	Displays the number of multicast packets received by the switch in total number ( <b>Frames</b> ) and the rate ( <b>Frames/sec</b> ).
<b>Broadcast RX</b>	Displays the number of broadcast packets received by the switch in total number ( <b>Frames</b> ) and the rate ( <b>Frames/sec</b> ).

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<b>RX Bytes</b>	Displays the number of bytes (octets) received by the switch in total number ( <b>Total</b> ), and rate ( <b>Total/sec</b> ).
<b>RX Frames</b>	Displays the number of packets (frames) received by the switch in total number ( <b>Total</b> ), and rate ( <b>Total/sec</b> ).
<b>TX Bytes</b>	Displays the number of bytes (octets) transmitted by the switch in total number ( <b>Total</b> ), and rate ( <b>Total/sec</b> ).
<b>TX Frames</b>	Displays the number of packets (frames) transmitted by the switch in total number ( <b>Total</b> ), and rate ( <b>Total/sec</b> ).

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## MAC Address Forwarding Table

This allows the switch's dynamic MAC address forwarding table to be viewed. When the switch learns an association between a MAC address and a port number, it makes an entry into its forwarding table. These entries are then used to forward packets through the switch.

***To view the MAC address forwarding table:***

Highlight **Browse MAC Address Table** on the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

```

Browse MAC Address Table                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
MAC Address Aging Time(sec):[300]                         APPLY
Browse By:<ALL >                                          Total Addresses in Table:34
                                                           BROWSE      CLEAR ALL
-----
VID   MAC Address   Port   Learned   VID   MAC Address   Port   Learned
-----
1     00055DF1A8ED   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA0183FA   1      Dynamic
1     003326000200   CPU    Self      1     0050BA02C55C   1      Dynamic
1     0040055EEDCB   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA10D39F   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA00046F   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA11091B   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA000527   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA14DF9D   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA000528   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA6B1B11   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA00053C   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA70E477   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA000599   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA711A73   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA00066A   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA7120DA   1      Dynamic
1     0050BA015037   1      Dynamic   1     0050BA7120DD   1      Dynamic

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Function:Set the aging time(10-1000000) of MAC address entries.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-76. Browse MAC Address Table**

The **Browse By:<ALL >** field can be toggled between **ALL**, **MAC Address**, **Port**, and **VLAN**. This sets a filter to determine which MAC addresses from the forwarding table are displayed. **ALL** specifies no filter.

**To search for a particular MAC address:**

Toggle the **Browse By:<ALL >** field to **MAC Address**. A **MAC Address:[000000000000]** field will appear. Enter the MAC address in the field and press **enter**.

**GVRP Status Table**

This allows the GVRP status for each of the switch’s ports to be viewed by VLAN. The GVRP status screen displays the ports on the switch that are currently Egress or Untagged ports.

**To view the GVRP status table:**

Highlight **GVRP Status** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

```

GVRP Status                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Number of IEEE 802.1Q VLAN: 1
IEEE 802.1Q VLAN ID: 1
Current Egress Ports:  1,  2,  3,  4,  5,  6,  7,  8,  9, 10,
                      11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
                      21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26
Current Untagged Ports: 1,  2,  3,  4,  5,  6,  7,  8,  9, 10,
                       11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
                       21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Status: Permanent
Creation time since switch power up: 00:27:27

*****
Function:
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

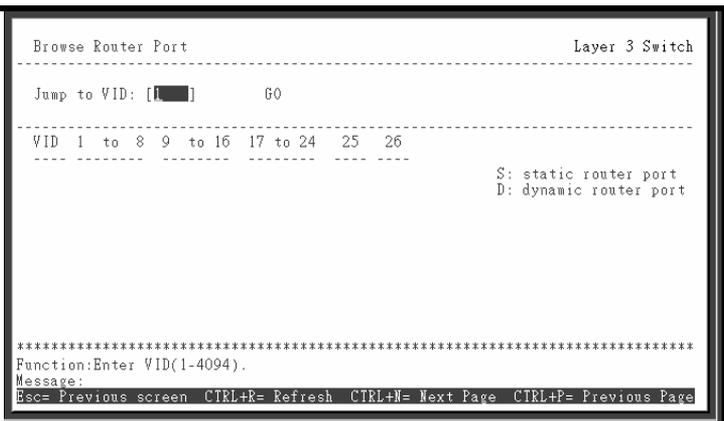
**Figure 1-77. GVRP Status Table**

## Browse Router Port

This displays which of the switch's ports are currently configured as router ports. A router port configured by a user (using the console or web-based management interfaces) is displayed as a static router port, designated by **S**. A router port that is dynamically configured by the switch is designated by **D**.

**To view the Router Port table:**

Highlight **Browse Router Port** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **Enter**.



**Figure 1-78 . Browse Router Port**

The **Jump to VID:[1 ]** field allows the entry of any VLAN ID (VID) of any VLAN defined on the switch. Enter the VID, highlight **GO** and press **enter**. The table will then jump to the VID entered.

**S** signifies a static router port, configured by the user.

**D** signifies a dynamically assigned router port, configured by the switch.

## IGMP Snooping Table

This allows the switch's IGMP Snooping table to be viewed. IGMP Snooping allows the switch to read the Multicast Group IP address and the corresponding MAC address from IGMP packets that pass through the switch. The ports where the IGMP packets were snooped are displayed, signified with an **M**. The number of IGMP reports that were snooped are also displayed in the **Reports:** field.

### ***To view the IGMP Snooping table:***

Highlight **IGMP Snooping Status** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **Enter**.

IGMP Snooping Status		Layer 2 Switch	
VID: [100]	60	Total Entries: 0	Total Entries in the VLAN: 0
VID:	State:	Age Out:	Querier State:
Multicast group:		1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24 25 26	
MAC address:			
Reports:			
Multicast group:		1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24 25 26	
MAC address:			
Reports:			
Multicast group:		1 to 8 9 to 16 17 to 24 25 26	
MAC address:			
Reports:			
*****			
Function: Enter VID(1-4094).			
Message:			
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page			

Figure 1-79. IGMP Snooping Status Table

**Switch History Log** – This allows the Switch History Log to be viewed. The switch records all traps, in sequence, that identify events on the switch. The time since the last cold start of the switch is also recorded.

**To view the switch history log:**

Highlight **Switch History** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

Switch History		Layer 2 Switch	
Seq. #	Time	Log Text	
48	000d00h06m	Module 1, Port 8 Link Up - a TRAP is Sent!	
47	000d00h06m	Port 8 Link Up	
46	000d00h04m	Successful login through console.	
45	000d00h00m	Cold Start	
44	000d00h34m	Change switch to Layer 2 with IEEE802.1q vlan.	
43	000d00h17m	Successful login through console.	
42	000d00h10m	Console session time out ....	
41	000d00h00m	Successful login through console.	
40	000d00h00m	Cold Start	
39	000d00h01m	Change switch to Layer 3 with IEEE802.1q vlan.	
38	000d00h00m	Successful login through console.	
37	000d00h00m	Cold Start	
*****			
Function:			
Message:			
N = Page Dn P = Page Up B = Begin E = End C = Clear Log CTRL+R = Refresh			

Figure 1-80. Switch History Table

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## Layer 3 Network Monitoring

When the switch is in Layer 3 (IP Routing) mode, several items are added to the **Network Monitoring** menu.

***The following items are added to the Network Monitoring menu when the switch is in Layer 3 (IP Routing) mode:***

- **Browse IP Address**
- **Routing Table**
- **ARP Table**
- **IP Multicast Forwarding Table**
- **IGMP Group Table**
- **DVMRP Routing Table**

***To view the Network Monitoring menu:***

Highlight **Network Monitoring** from the **Main Menu** and press **Enter**.

```
Network Monitoring Menu                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Statistics:                                               Applications:
  Port Utilization                                         GVRP
  Port Error Packets                                       Browse Router Port
  Port Packet Analysis                                     IGMP Snooping
                                                           IP Multicast Forwarding Table
                                                           IGMP Group Table
                                                           DVMRP Routing Table
                                                           Switch History
Address Table:
  Browse MAC Address Table
  Browse IP Address
  Routing Table
  ARP Table

*****
Function:Switch port utilization overview.
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
```

**Figure 1-81. Network Monitoring Menu – Layer 3**

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## IP Address Forwarding Table

*To view the IP address forwarding table:*

Highlight **Browse IP Address** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

Browse IP Address Table		Layer 3 Switch	
Jump to IP Address :	[10.90.90.90]	1	GO
		Total Entries: 0	
Interface	IP Address	Port	Learned
*****			
Function:			
Message:			
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page			

**Figure 1-82. IP Forwarding Table – Layer 3**

To display a particular IP address, enter the IP address in the **Jump to IP Address:[0.0.0.0]** field, highlight **GO**, and press **enter**.

## Routing Table

*To view the contents of the IP Routing table:*

Highlight **Routing Table** on the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **Enter**.

```

Browse Routing Table                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Jump to Destination Address:[0.0.0.0 ] Mask:[0.0.0.0 ]
Gateway:[0.0.0.0 ] GO CLEAR TABLE Total Entries:1
-----
IP Address      Netmask      Gateway      Interface Name  Hops Protocol
-----
10.0.0.0       255.0.0.0    10.90.90.90  System         1 Local

*****
Function:
Message:
Esc= Previous screen  CTRL+R= Refresh  CTRL+N= Next Page  CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-83. View the IP Routing Table**

To display a particular Destination IP address, enter either the IP address in the **Jump to Destination Address:[0.0.0.0]** field, the gateway address in the **Gateway:[0.0.0.0]** field, or the subnet mask in the **Mask:[0.0.0.0]** field, highlight **GO**, and press **enter**.

## ARP Table

*To view the ARP table:*

Highlight **ARP Table** on the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

```

Browse ARP Table                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Jump to Interface Name:[          ] GO ] CLEAR TABLE Total Entries:4
IP Address:[0.0.0.0          ]
-----
Interface      Interface IP      IP Address      MAC Address      Type
-----
System         10.90.90.90       10.0.0.0        FFFFFFFF        Local/Broadcast
System         10.90.90.90       10.90.90.90     003326000200    Local
System         10.90.90.90       10.133.26.5     0050BA000527    Dynamic
System         10.90.90.90       10.255.255.255  FFFFFFFF        Local/Broadcast

*****
Function:Enter the name of the routing Interface.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+W= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-84. View the ARP Table**

To display a particular IP interface or an IP address, enter either the IP interface name in the **Jump to Interface Name:[ ]** field or enter the IP address in the **IP Address:[0.0.0.0]** field, highlight **GO**, and press **enter**.

## IP Multicast Forwarding Table

*To view the IP multicast forwarding table:*

Highlight **IP Multicast Forwarding Table** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.

```

Browse IP Multicast Forwarding Table                 Layer 3 Switch
-----
Jump to Multicast Group:[0.0.0.0          ] Source IP:[0.0.0.0          ]
Source Mask:[0.0.0.0          ] GO Total Entries: 0
-----
Multicast Group Source IP Addr. Source Mask UpStream Neighbor Prune_I Prot
-----

*****
Function:
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+W= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page

```

**Figure 1-85. View the IP Multicast Forwarding Table**

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To display a particular multicast group, enter either the IP address in the **Jump to Multicast Group:[0.0.0.0]** field, enter the source IP address in the **Source IP:[0.0.0.0]** field, or the source subnet mask in the **Source Mask:[0.0.0.0]** field, highlight **GO**, and press **enter**.

This sets a filter to determine which IP addresses and multicast groups from the table are displayed.

To display a particular source IP address, enter either the IP address in the **Jump to IP Address:[0.0.0.0]** field, or the source subnet mask in the **Source Mask:[0.0.0.0]** field, highlight **GO**, and press **enter**.

## IGMP Group Table

*To view the IGMP Group table:*

Highlight **IGMP Group Table** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **Enter**.

```
Browse IGMP Group Table                                     Layer 3 Switch
-----
Jump to Interface Name:[ ]
Multicast Group:[0.0.0.0] 1 GO Total Entries: 0
-----
Interface Name  Multicast Group  Last Reporter IP  Created  Expire
-----
-----
Function: Enter the name of the routing Interface.
Message:
Esc= Previous screen CTRL+R= Refresh CTRL+N= Next Page CTRL+P= Previous Page
```

**Figure 1-86. Browse IGMP Group Table**

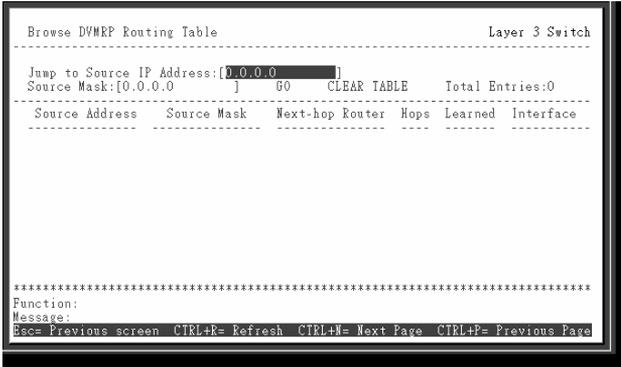
To display a particular multicast group, enter either the IP address in the **Jump to Interface Name:[ ]** field, enter the multicast group IP address in the **Multicast Group:[0.0.0.0]** field, highlight **GO**, and press **Enter**.

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## DVMRP Routing Table

To view the *DVMRP Routing table*:

Highlight **DVMRP Routing Table** from the **Network Monitoring** menu and press **enter**.



**Figure 1-87. Browse DVMRP Routing Table**

The **Jump to Source IP Address:[ ]** and **Source Mask:[ ]** fields allow the entry of an IP address and corresponding subnet mask to search the table for. Highlight **GO** and press **enter** and the DVMRP Routing table will be searched for the IP address and subnet mask above.

## Load Factory Defaults

To reset the switch to all factory defaults:

Highlight **Reboot** on the main menu and press **enter**.

```
Reboot Layer 3 Switch
-----
Reboot
Save Configuration & Reboot
Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration
Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration Except IP Address

*****
Function:
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
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**Figure 1-88. Reboot**

Highlight one of the two **Load Factory Default Configuration** entries and press **enter**. A confirmation screen will appear. Press **Y** for Yes and press **enter**.



**The factory defaults for the VH-2402-L3 are listed in Appendix D of this manual.**

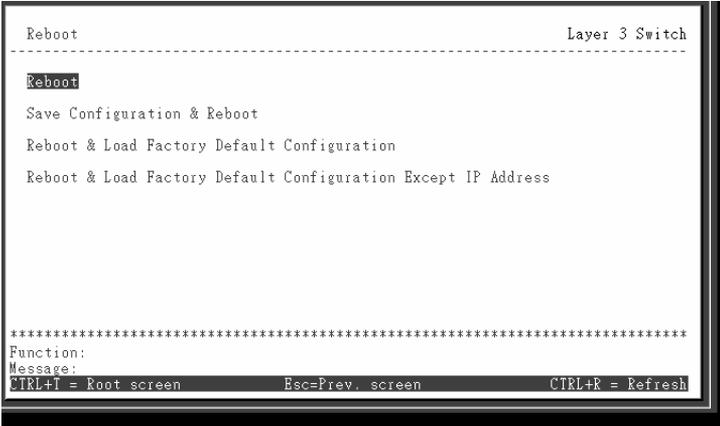
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## Reboot

The VH-2402-L3 has several reboot options.

**To reboot the switch from the console:**

Highlight **Reboot** from the **Main Menu** and press **enter**.



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Reboot                                     Layer 3 Switch
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Reboot
Save Configuration & Reboot
Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration
Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration Except IP Address

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Function:
Message:
CTRL+I = Root screen      Esc=Prev. screen      CTRL+R = Refresh
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**Figure 1-89. Reboot Menu**

The reboot options are as follows:

**Reboot** simply restarts the switch. Any configuration settings not saved using **Save Changes** from the **Main Menu** will be lost. The switch's configuration will be restored to the last configuration saved in NV-RAM.

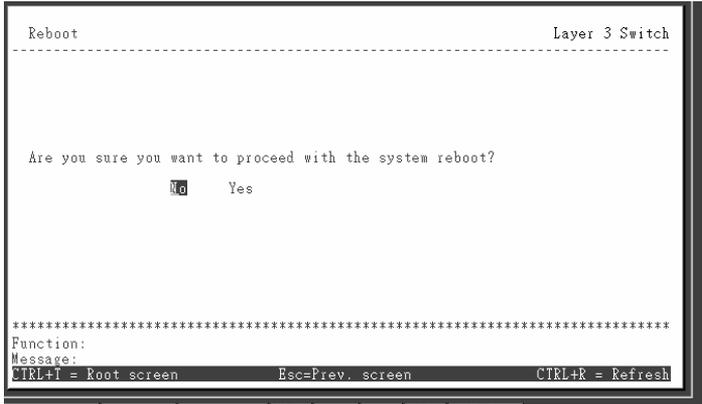
**Save Configuration & Reboot** saves the configuration to NV-RAM (identical to using **Save Changes**) and then restarts the switch.

**Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration** restarts the switch using the default factory configuration. All configuration data will be lost. This is identical to using **Factory Reset** and then **Reboot**.

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**Reboot & Load Factory Default Configuration Except IP Address** restarts the switch using the default factory configuration, except the user configured IP address will be retained. All other configuration data will be lost.

A confirmation screen will appear:



**Figure 1-90. System Reboot Confirmation**

To reboot the switch, in the mode entered above, highlight **Yes** and press **enter**.

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## 2. Switch Management Concepts

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### SNMP

The Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is an OSI layer 7 (the application layer) protocol for remotely monitoring and configuring network devices. SNMP enables network management stations to read and modify the settings of gateways, routers, switches, and other network devices. SNMP can be used to perform many of the same functions as a directly connected console, or can be used within an integrated network management software package such as NetSight.

#### ***SNMP performs the following functions:***

- Sending and receiving SNMP packets through the IP protocol.
- Collecting information about the status and current configuration of network devices.
- Modifying the configuration of network devices.

The VH-2402-L3 has a software program called an 'agent' that processes SNMP requests, but the user program that makes the requests and collects the responses runs on a management station (a designated computer on the network). The SNMP agent and the user program both use the UDP/IP protocol to exchange packets.

### Authentication

The authentication protocol ensures that both the router SNMP agent and the remote user SNMP application program discard packets from unauthorized users. Authentication is accomplished using 'community strings', which function like passwords. The remote user SNMP application and the router SNMP must use the same community string. SNMP community strings of up to 20

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characters may be entered under the *Remote Management Setup* menu of the console program.

## Traps

Traps are messages that alert network personnel of events that occur on the Switch. The events can be as serious as a reboot (someone accidentally turned OFF the Switch), or less serious like a port status change. The Switch generates traps and sends them to the trap recipient (or network manager).

Trap recipients are special users of the network who are given certain rights and access in overseeing the maintenance of the network. Trap recipients will receive traps sent from the Switch; they must immediately take certain actions to avoid future failure or breakdown of the network.

You can also specify which network managers may receive traps from the Switch by entering a list of the IP addresses of authorized network managers. Up to four trap recipient IP addresses, and four corresponding SNMP community strings can be entered.

SNMP community strings function like passwords in that the community string entered for a given IP address must be used in the management station software, or a trap will be sent.

The following are trap types the switch can send to a trap recipient:

- **Cold Start** This trap signifies that the Switch has been powered up and initialized such that software settings are reconfigured and hardware systems are rebooted. A cold start is different from a factory reset in that configuration settings saved to non-volatile RAM used to reconfigure the switch.
- **Warm Start** This trap signifies that the Switch has been rebooted, however the POST (Power On Self-Test) is skipped.

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- **Authentication Failure** This trap signifies that someone has tried to logon to the switch using an invalid SNMP community string. The switch automatically stores the source IP address of the unauthorized user.
  - **Topology Change** A Topology Change trap is sent by the Switch when any of its configured ports transitions from the Learning state to the Forwarding state, or from the Forwarding state to the Blocking state. The trap is not sent if a new root trap is sent for the same transition.
  - **Link Change Event** This trap is sent whenever the link of a port changes from link up to link down or from link down to link up.
  - **Port Partition** This trap is sent whenever the port state enters the partition mode (or automatic partitioning, port disable) when more than thirty-two collisions occur while transmitting at 10Mbps or more than sixty-four collisions occur while transmitting at 100Mbps.
  - **Broadcast\Multicast Storm** This trap is sent whenever the port reaches the threshold (in packets per second) set globally for the switch. Counters are maintained for each port, and separate counters are maintained for broadcast and multicast packets. The switch's default setting is 128 kpps for both broadcast and multicast packets.

## MIBs

Management and counter information are stored in the Switch in the Management Information Base (MIB). The Switch uses the standard MIB-II Management Information Base module. Consequently, values for MIB objects can be retrieved from any SNMP-based network management software. In addition to the standard MIB-II, the Switch also supports its own proprietary enterprise MIB as an extended Management Information Base. These MIBs may also be retrieved by specifying the MIB's Object-Identity (OID) at the

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network manager. MIB values can be either read-only or read-write.

Read-only MIBs variables can be either constants that are programmed into the Switch, or variables that change while the Switch is in operation. Examples of read-only constants are the number of port and type of ports. Examples of read-only variables are the statistics counters such as the number of errors that have occurred, or how many kilobytes of data have been received and forwarded through a port.

Read-write MIBs are variables usually related to user-customized configurations. Examples of these are the Switch's IP Address, Spanning Tree Algorithm parameters, and port status.

If you use a third-party vendors' SNMP software to manage the Switch, a diskette listing the Switch's propriety enterprise MIBs can be obtained by request. If your software provides functions to browse or modify MIBs, you can also get the MIB values and change them (if the MIBs' attributes permit the write operation). This process however can be quite involved, since you must know the MIB OIDs and retrieve them one by one.

## **Packet Forwarding**

The Switch enters the relationship between destination MAC or IP addresses and the Ethernet port or gateway router the destination resides on into its forwarding table. This information is then used to forward packets. This reduces the traffic congestion on the network, because packets, instead of being transmitted to all ports, are transmitted to the destination port only. Example: if Port 1 receives a packet destined for a station on Port 2, the Switch transmits that packet through Port 2 only, and transmits nothing through the other ports. This process is referred to as 'learning' the network topology.

## **MAC Address Aging Time**

The Aging Time affects the learning process of the Switch. Dynamic forwarding table entries, which are made up of the

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source MAC addresses and their associated port numbers, are deleted from the table if they are not accessed within the aging time.

The aging time can be from 10 to 1,000,000 seconds with a default value of 300 seconds. A very long aging time can result in dynamic forwarding table entries that are out-of-date or no longer exist. This may cause incorrect packet forwarding decisions by the switch.

If the Aging Time is too short however, many entries may be aged out too soon. This will result in a high percentage of received packets whose source addresses cannot be found in the forwarding table, in which case the switch will broadcast the packet to all ports, negating many of the benefits of having a switch.

Static forwarding entries are not affected by the aging time.

## Filtering

The switch uses a filtering database to segment the network and control communication between segments. It can also filter packets off the network for intrusion control. Static filtering entries can be made by MAC Address or IP Address filtering.

Each port on the switch is a unique collision domain and the switch filters (discards) packets whose destination lies on the same port as where it originated. This keeps local packets from disrupting communications on other parts of the network.

For intrusion control, whenever a switch encounters a packet originating from or destined to a MAC address or an IP Address entered into the filter table, the switch will discard the packet.

### ***Some filtering is done automatically by the switch:***

- Dynamic filtering – automatic learning and aging of MAC addresses and their location on the network.

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Filtering occurs to keep local traffic confined to its segment.

- Filtering done by the Spanning Tree Protocol, which can filter packets based on topology, making sure that signal loops don't occur.
- Filtering done for VLAN integrity. Packets from a member of a VLAN (VLAN 2, for example) destined for a device on another VLAN (VLAN 3) will be filtered.

***Some filtering requires the manual entry of information into a filtering table:***

- MAC address filtering – the manual entry of specific MAC addresses to be filtered from the network. Packets sent from one manually entered MAC address can be filtered from the network. The entry may be specified as either a source, a destination, or both.
- IP address filtering – the manual entry of specific IP addresses to be filtered from the network (switch must be in IP Routing mode). Packets sent from one manually entered IP address to another can be filtered from the network. The entry may be specified as either a source, a destination, or both (switch must be in IP Routing mode).

## Spanning Tree

The IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol allows for the blocking of links between switches that form loops within the network. When multiple links between switches are detected, a primary link is established. Duplicated links are blocked from use and become standby links. The protocol allows for the duplicate links to be used in the event of a failure of the primary link. Once the Spanning Tree Protocol is configured and enabled, primary links are established and duplicated links are blocked automatically. The reactivation of the blocked links (at the time of a primary link failure) is also accomplished automatically – without operator intervention.

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The VH-2402-L3 STP allows two levels of spanning trees to be configured. The first level constructs a spanning tree on the links between switches. This is referred to as the **Switch** or **Global** level. The second level is on a port group basis. Groups of ports are configured as being members of a spanning tree and the algorithm and protocol are applied to the group of ports. This is referred to as the **Port** or **VLAN** level.

On the switch level, STP calculates the Bridge Identifier for each switch and then sets the Root Bridge and the Designated Bridges.

On the port level, STP sets the Root Port and the Designated Ports.

The following are the user-configurable STP parameters for the switch level:

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<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Default Value</b>
Bridge Identifier  (Not user-configurable except by setting priority below)	A combination of the User-set priority and the switch's MAC address. The Bridge Identifier consists of two parts: a 16-bit priority and a 48-bit Ethernet MAC address	32768 + MAC
Priority	A relative priority for each switch – lower numbers give a higher priority and a greater chance of a given switch being elected as the root bridge	32768
Hello Time	The length of time between broadcasts of the hello message by the switch	2 seconds
Maximum Age Timer	Measures the age of a received BPDU for a port and ensures that the BPDU is discarded when its age exceeds the value of the maximum age timer.	20 seconds

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Forward Delay Timer	The amount time spent by a port in the learning and listening states waiting for a BPDU that may return the port to the blocking state.	15 seconds
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**Table 2-1. STP Parameters – Switch Level**

The following are the user-configurable STP parameters for the port or port group level:

<b>Variable</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Default Value</b>
Port Priority	A relative priority for each port – lower numbers give a higher priority and a greater chance of a given port being elected as the root port	128
Port Cost	A value used by STP to evaluate paths – STP calculates path costs and selects the path with the minimum cost as the active path.	19 – 100Mbps Fast Ethernet ports 10 – 1000Mbps Gigabit Ethernet ports

**Table 2-2. STP Parameters – Port Group Level**

## Bridge Protocol Data Units

For STP to arrive at a stable network topology, the following information is used:

- The unique switch identifier
- The path cost to the root associated with each switch port
- The port identifier

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STP communicates between switches on the network using Bridge Protocol Data Units (BPDUs). Each BPDU contains the following information:

- The unique identifier of the switch that the transmitting switch currently believes is the root switch
- The path cost to the root from the transmitting port
- The port identifier of the transmitting port

The switch sends BPDUs to communicate and construct the spanning-tree topology. All switches connected to the LAN on which the packet is transmitted will receive the BPDU. BPDUs are not directly forwarded by the switch, but the receiving switch uses the information in the frame to calculate a BPDU, and, if the topology changes, initiates a BPDU transmission.

The communication between switches via BPDUs results in the following:

- One switch is elected as the root switch
- The shortest distance to the root switch is calculated for each switch
- A designated switch is selected. This is the switch closest to the root switch through which packets will be forwarded to the root.
- A port for each switch is selected. This is the port providing the best path from the switch to the root switch.
- Ports included in the STP are selected.

## Creating a Stable STP Topology

If all switches have STP enabled with default settings, the switch with the lowest MAC address in the network will become the root switch. By increasing the priority (lowering the priority number) of the best switch, STP can be forced to select the best switch as the root switch.

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When STP is enabled using the default parameters, the path between source and destination stations in a switched network might not be ideal. For instance, connecting higher-speed links to a port that has a higher number than the current root port can cause a root-port change. The goal is to make the fastest link the root port.

## STP Port States

The BPDUs take some time to pass through a network. This propagation delay can result in topology changes where a port that transitioned directly from a Blocking state to a Forwarding state could create temporary data loops. Ports must wait for new network topology information to propagate throughout the network before starting to forward packets. They must also wait for the packet lifetime to expire for BPDU packets that were forwarded based on the old topology. The forward delay timer is used to allow the network topology to stabilize after a topology change.

In addition, STP specifies a series of states a port must transition through to further ensure that a stable network topology is created after a topology change.

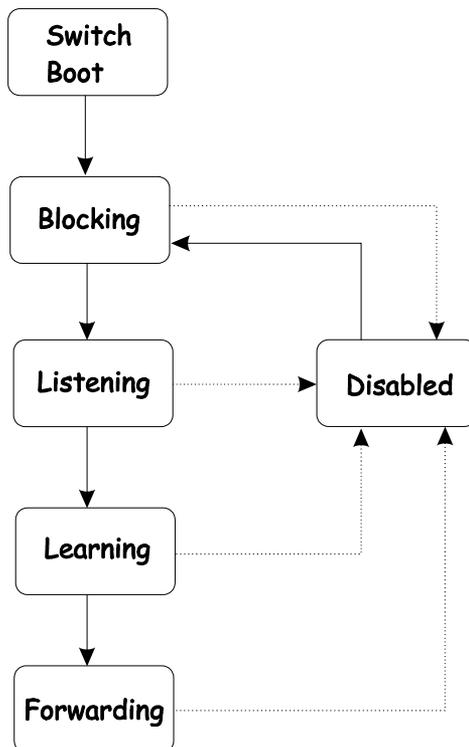
***Each port on a switch using STP exists in one of the following five states:***

- Blocking – the port is blocked from forwarding or receiving packets
- Listening – the port is waiting to receive BPDU packets that may tell the port to go back to the blocking state
- Learning – the port is adding addresses to its forwarding database, but not yet forwarding packets
- Forwarding – the port is forwarding packets
- Disabled – the port only responds to network management messages and must return to the blocking state first

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***A port transitions from one state to another as follows:***

- From initialization (switch boot) to blocking
- From blocking to listening or to disabled
- From listening to learning or to disabled
- From learning to forwarding or to disabled
- From forwarding to disabled
- From disabled to blocking



**Figure 2-1. STP Port State Transitions**

When STP is enabled, every port on every switch in the network goes through the blocking state and then transitions

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through the states of listening and learning at power up. If properly configured, each port stabilizes to the forwarding or blocking state.

No packets (except BPDUs) are forwarded from, or received by, STP enabled ports until the forwarding state is enabled for that port.

#### Default Spanning-Tree Configuration

Feature	Default Value
Enable state	STP enabled for all ports
Port priority	128
Port cost	19
Bridge Priority	32,768

**Table 2-3. Default STP Parameters**

### User-Changeable STA Parameters

The factory default setting should cover the majority of installations. However, it is advisable to keep the default settings as set at the factory; unless, it is absolutely necessary. The user changeable parameters in the Switch are as follows:

- **Priority** A Priority for the switch can be set from 0 to 65535. 0 is equal to the highest Priority.
- **Hello Time** The Hello Time can be from 1 to 10 seconds. This is the interval between two transmissions of BPDU packets sent by the Root Bridge to tell all other Switches that it is indeed the Root Bridge. If you set a Hello Time for your Switch, and it is not the Root Bridge, the set Hello Time will be used if and when your Switch becomes the Root Bridge.

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**Note:** *The Hello Time cannot be longer than the Max. Age. Otherwise, a configuration error will occur.*

- **Max. Age** The Max. Age can be from 6 to 40 seconds. At the end of the Max. Age, if a BPDU has still not been received from the Root Bridge, your Switch will start sending its own BPDU to all other Switches for permission to become the Root Bridge. If it turns out that your Switch has the lowest Bridge Identifier, it will become the Root Bridge.
- **Forward Delay Timer** The Forward Delay can be from 4 to 30 seconds. This is the time any port on the Switch spends in the listening state while moving from the blocking state to the forwarding state.

**Note:** *Observe the following formulas when setting the above parameters:*

$$\text{Max. Age} \leq 2 \times (\text{Forward Delay} - 1 \text{ second})$$

$$\text{Max. Age} \geq 2 \times (\text{Hello Time} + 1 \text{ second})$$

- **Port Priority** A Port Priority can be from 0 to 255. The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen as the Root Port.
- **Port Cost** A Port Cost can be set from 1 to 65535. The lower the number, the greater the probability the port will be chosen to forward packets.

## Illustration of STP

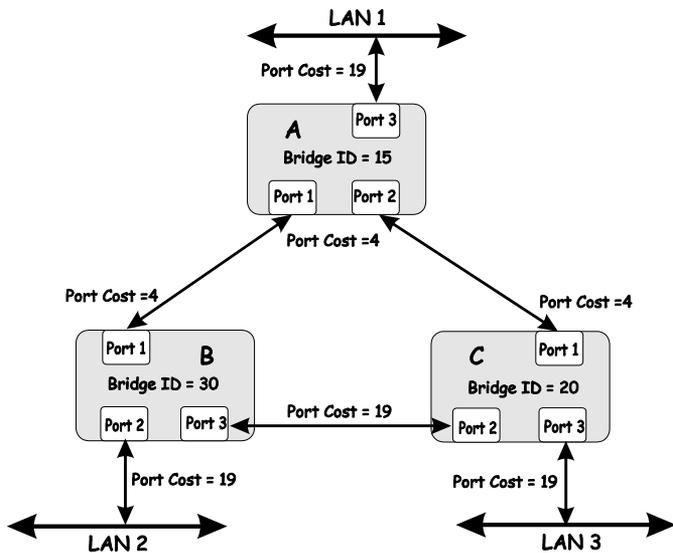
A simple illustration of three Bridges (or three switches) connected in a loop is depicted below. In this example, you can anticipate some major network problems if the STP assistance is not applied. If Bridge A broadcasts a packet to Bridge B, Bridge B will broadcast it to Bridge C, and Bridge C will broadcast it to back to Bridge A ... and so on. The broadcast packet will be passed indefinitely in a loop, potentially causing a network failure.

STP can be applied as shown in **Figure 2-4**. In this example, STP breaks the loop by blocking the connection between Bridge B and C. The decision to block a particular

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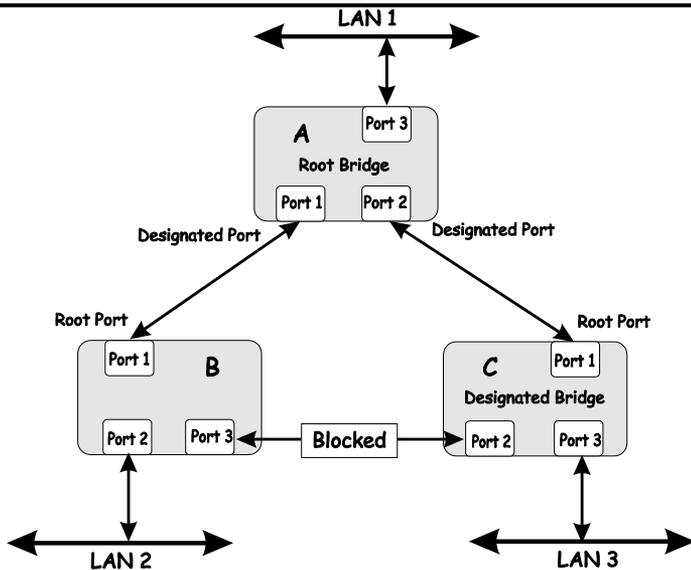
connection is based on the STP calculation of the most current Bridge and Port settings. Now, if Bridge A broadcasts a packet to Bridge C, then Bridge C will drop the packet at port 2 and the broadcast will end there.

Setting-up STP using values other than the defaults, can be complex. Therefore, you are advised to keep the default factory settings and STP will automatically assign root bridges/ports and block loop connections. Influencing STP to choose a particular switch as the root bridge using the **Priority** setting, or influencing STP to choose a particular port to block using the **Port Priority** and **Port Cost** settings is, however, relatively straight forward.



**Figure 2-2. Before Applying the STA Rules**

*In this example, only the default STP values are used.*



**Figure 2-3. After Applying the STA Rules**

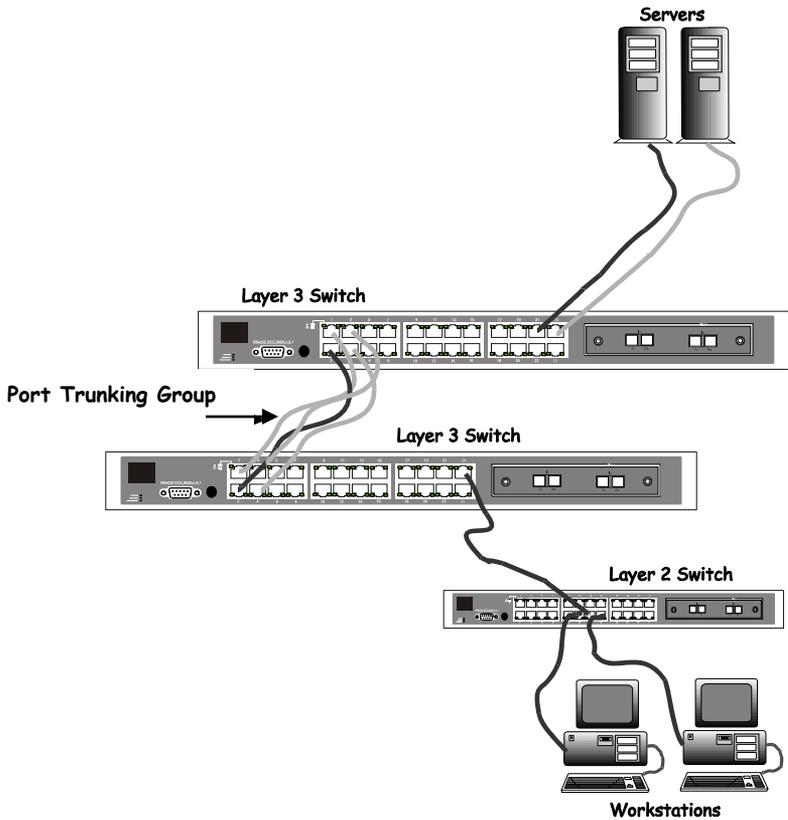
The switch with the lowest Bridge ID (switch C) was elected the root bridge, and the ports were selected to give a high port cost between switches B and C. The two (optional) Gigabit ports (default port cost = 10) on switch A are connected to one (optional) Gigabit port on both switch B and C. The redundant link between switch B and C is deliberately chosen as a 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet link (default port cost = 19). Gigabit ports could be used, but the port cost should be increased from the default to ensure that the link between switch B and switch C is the blocked link.

## Port Trunking

Port trunking is used to combine a number of ports together to make a single high-bandwidth data pipeline. The participating parts are called members of a port trunking group, with one port designated as the **master port** of the group. Since all members of the port trunking group must be configured to operate in the same manner, the configuration of the master port is applied to all members of the port trunking group. Thus, when configuring the ports in a port trunking group, you only need to configure the master port.

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The VH-2402-L3 supports 6 port trunking groups, which may include from 2 to 8 switch ports each, except for a Gigabit port trunking group which consists of the 2 (optional) Gigabit Ethernet ports of the front panel. These ports are the two 1000BASE-SX, -LX -TX or GBIC ports contained in a front-panel mounted module.



**Figure 2-4. Port trunking Group**

Data transmitted to a specific host (destination address) will always be transmitted over the same port in a trunk group. This allows packets in a data stream to arrive in the same

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order they were sent. A trunk connection can be made with any other switch that maintains host-to-host data streams over a single trunk port. Switches that use a load-balancing scheme that sends the packets of a host-to-host data stream over multiple trunk ports cannot have a trunk connection with the VH-2402-L3 switch.

## VLANs

A VLAN is a collection of end nodes grouped by logic rather than physical location. End nodes that frequently communicate with each other are assigned to the same VLAN, regardless of where they are located physically on the network. Logically, a VLAN can be equated to a broadcast domain, because broadcast packets are forwarded only to members of the VLAN on which the broadcast was initiated.

### Notes About VLANs on the VH-2402-L3

1. The VH-2402-L3 supports IEEE 802.1Q VLANs. The port untagging function can be used to remove the 802.1Q tag from packet headers to maintain compatibility with devices that are tag-unaware (that is, network devices that do not support IEEE 802.1Q VLANs or tagging).
2. The switch's default - in both **Layer 2 Only** mode and **IP Routing** mode - is to assign all ports to a single 802.1Q VLAN named DEFAULT\_VLAN.
3. The switch allows the assignment of an IP interface to each VLAN, in **IP Routing** mode. The VLANs must be configured before setting up the IP interfaces
4. A VLAN that is not assigned an IP interface will behave as a layer 2 VLAN – and IP routing, by the switch, will not be possible to this VLAN regardless of the switch's operating mode.

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## IEEE 802.1Q VLANs

### ***Some relevant terms:***

**Tagging** - The act of putting 802.1Q VLAN information into the header of a packet.

**Untagging** - The act of stripping 802.1Q VLAN information out of the packet header.

**Ingress port** - A port on a switch where packets are flowing into the switch and VLAN decisions must be made.

**Egress port** - A port on a switch where packets are flowing out of the switch, either to another switch or to an end station, and tagging decisions must be made.

IEEE 802.1Q (tagged) VLANs are implemented on the VH-2402-L3 Layer 3 switch. 802.1Q VLANs require tagging, which enables the VLANs to span an entire network (assuming all switches on the network are IEEE 802.1Q-compliant).

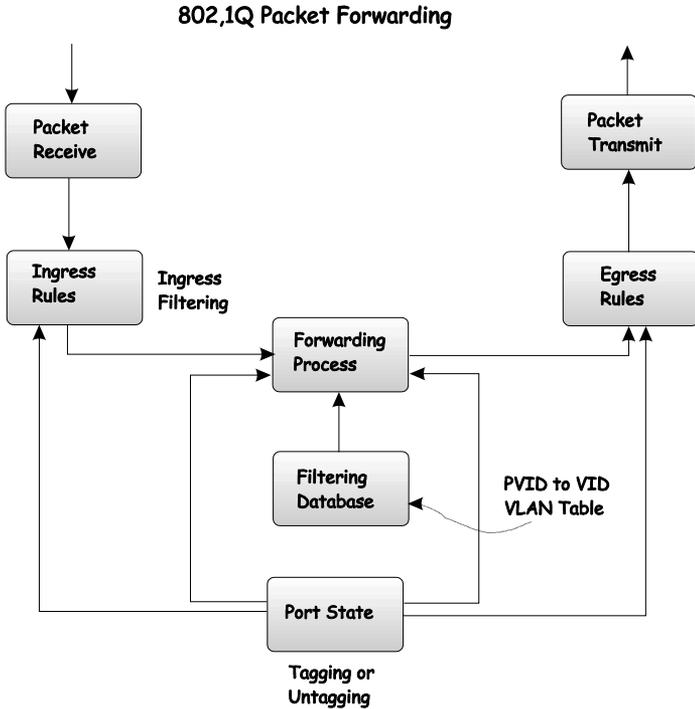
Any port can be configured as either *tagging* or *untagging*. The *untagging* feature of IEEE 802.1Q VLANs allow VLANs to work with legacy switches that don't recognize VLAN tags in packet headers. The *tagging* feature allows VLANs to span multiple 802.1Q-compliant switches through a single physical connection and allows Spanning Tree to be enabled on all ports and work normally.

## 802.1Q VLAN Packet Forwarding

Packet forwarding decisions are made based upon the following three types of rules:

- Ingress rules – rules relevant to the classification of received frames belonging to a VLAN.
- Forwarding rules between ports – decides filter or forward the packet

- Egress rules – determines if the packet must be sent tagged or untagged.



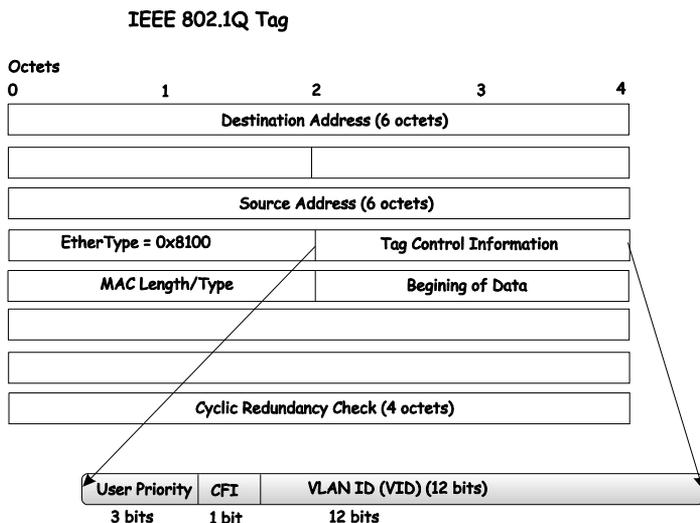
**Figure 2-5. IEEE 802.1Q Packet Forwarding**

## 802.1Q VLAN Tags

The figure below shows the 802.1Q VLAN tag. There are four additional octets inserted after the source MAC address. Their presence is indicated by a value of 0x8100 in the EtherType field. When a packet's EtherType field is equal to 0x8100, the packet carries the IEEE 802.1Q/802.1p tag. The tag is contained in the following two octets and consists of 3 bits of user priority, 1 bit of Canonical Format Identifier (CFI – used for encapsulating Token Ring packets so they can be carried across Ethernet backbones) and 12 bits of VLAN ID (VID). The 3 bits of user priority are used by 802.1p. The VID is the VLAN identifier and is used by the

802.1Q standard. Because the VID is 12 bits long, 4094 unique VLANs can be identified.

The tag is inserted into the packet header making the entire packet longer by 4 octets. All of the information contained in the packet originally is retained.



**Figure 2-6. IEEE 802.1Q Tag**

The EtherType and VLAN ID are inserted after the MAC source address, but before the original EtherType/Length or Logical Link Control. Because the packet is now a bit longer than it was originally, the Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) must be recalculated.

## Adding an IEEE 802.1Q Tag

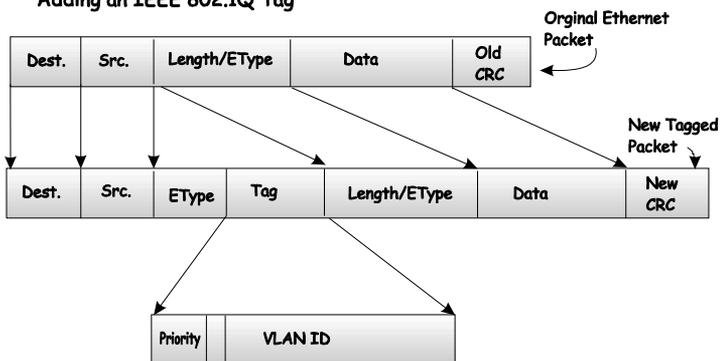


Figure 2-7. Adding an IEEE 802.1Q Tag

## Port VLAN ID

Packets that are tagged (are carrying the 802.1Q VID information) can be transmitted from one 802.1Q compliant network device to another with the VLAN information intact. This allows 802.1Q VLANs to span network devices (and indeed, the entire network – if all network devices are 802.1Q compliant).

Unfortunately, not all network devices are 802.1Q compliant. These devices are referred to as *tag-unaware*. 802.1Q devices are referred to as *tag-aware*.

Prior to the adoption 802.1Q VLANs, port-based and MAC-based VLANs were in common use. These VLANs relied upon a Port VLAN ID (PVID) to forward packets. A packet received on a given port would be assigned that port's PVID and then be forwarded to the port that corresponded to the packet's destination address (found in the switch's forwarding table). If the PVID of the port that received the packet is different from the PVID of the port that is to transmit the packet, the switch will drop the packet.

Within the switch, different PVIDs mean different VLANs. (remember that two VLANs cannot communicate without an external router). So, VLAN identification based upon the PVIDs cannot create VLANs that extend outside a given switch (or switch stack).

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Every physical port on a switch has a PVID. 802.1Q ports are also assigned a PVID, for use within the switch. If no VLANs are defined on the switch, all ports are then assigned to a default VLAN with a PVID equal to 1. Untagged packets are assigned the PVID of the port on which they were received. Forwarding decisions are based upon this PVID, in so far as VLANs are concerned. Tagged packets are forwarded according to the VID contained within the tag. Tagged packets are also assigned a PVID, but the PVID is not used to make packet forwarding decisions, the VID is.

Tag-aware switches must keep a table to relate PVIDs within the switch to VIDs on the network. The switch will compare the VID of a packet to be transmitted to the VID of the port that is to transmit the packet. If the two VIDs are different, the switch will drop the packet. Because of the existence of the PVID for untagged packets and the VID for tagged packets, tag-aware and tag-unaware network devices can coexist on the same network.

A switch port can have only one PVID, but can have as many VIDs as the switch has memory in its VLAN table to store them.

Because some devices on a network may be tag-unaware, a decision must be made at each port on a tag-aware device before packets are transmitted – should the packet to be transmitted have a tag or not? If the transmitting port is connected to a tag-unaware device, the packet should be untagged. If the transmitting port is connected to a tag-aware device, the packet should be tagged.

## Tagging and Untagging

Every port on an 802.1Q compliant switch can be configured as *tagging* or *untagging*.

Ports with tagging enabled will put the VID number, priority and other VLAN information into the header of all packets that flow into and out of it. If a packet has previously been tagged, the port will not alter the packet, thus keeping the VLAN information intact. The VLAN information in the tag

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can then be used by other 802.1Q compliant devices on the network to make packet forwarding decisions.

Ports with untagging enabled will strip the 802.1Q tag from all packets that flow into and out of those ports. If the packet doesn't have an 802.1Q VLAN tag, the port will not alter the packet. Thus, all packets received by and forwarded by an untagging port will have no 802.1Q VLAN information. (Remember that the PVID is only used internally within the switch). Untagging is used to send packets from an 802.1Q-compliant network device to a non-compliant network device.

## Ingress Filtering

A port on a switch where packets are flowing into the switch and VLAN decisions must be made is referred to as an *ingress port*. If ingress filtering is enabled for a port, the switch will examine the VLAN information in the packet header (if present) and decide whether or not to forward the packet.

If the packet is tagged with VLAN information, the ingress port will first determine if the ingress port itself is a member of the tagged VLAN. If it is not, the packet will be dropped. If the ingress port is a member of the 802.1Q VLAN, the switch then determines if the destination port is a member of the 802.1Q VLAN. If it is not, the packet is dropped. If the destination port is a member of the 802.1Q VLAN, the packet is forwarded and the destination port transmits it to its attached network segment.

If the packet is not tagged with VLAN information, the ingress port will tag the packet with its own PVID as a VID (if the port is a tagging port). The switch then determines if the destination port is a member of the same VLAN (has the same VID) as the ingress port. If it does not, the packet is dropped. If it has the same VID, the packet is forwarded and the destination port transmits it on its attached network segment.

This process is referred to as *ingress filtering* and is used to conserve bandwidth within the switch by dropping packets that are not on the same VLAN as the ingress port at the

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point of reception. This eliminates the subsequent processing of packets that will just be dropped by the destination port.

## VLANs in Layer 2 Only Mode

The switch initially configures one VLAN, VID = 1, called the DEFAULT\_VLAN. The factory default setting assigns all ports on the switch to the DEFAULT\_VLAN.

Packets cannot cross VLANs if the switch is in **Layer 2 Only** mode. If a member of one VLAN wants to connect to another VLAN, the link must be through an external router.

When the switch is in **Layer 2 Only** mode, 802.1Q VLANs are supported.

If no VLANs are configured on the switch and the switch is in **Layer 2 Only** mode, then all packets will be forwarded to any destination port. Packets with unknown source addresses will be flooded to all ports. Broadcast and multicast packets will also be flooded to all ports.

A VLAN that does not have a corresponding IP interface defined for it, will function as a **Layer 2 Only** VLAN – regardless of the **Switch Operation** mode.

## Layer 3-Based VLANs

Layer 3-based VLANs use network-layer addresses (subnet address for TCP/IP) to determine VLAN membership. These VLANs are based on layer 3 information, but this does not constitute a 'routing' function.

The VH-2402-L3 allows an IP subnet to be configured for each 802.1Q VLAN that exists on the switch.

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A switch that implements layer 3 (or 'subnet') VLANs without performing any routing function between these VLANs is referred to as performing 'IP Switching'.

## IP Addressing and Subnetting

This section gives basic information needed to configure your Layer 3 switch for IP routing. The information includes how IP addresses are broken down and how subnetting works. You will learn how to assign each interface on the router an IP address with a unique subnet.

### Definitions

- **IP Address** – the unique number ID assigned to each host or interface on a network. IP addresses have the form xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx.
- **Subnet** – a portion of a network sharing a particular network address.
- **Subnet mask** – a 32-bit number used to describe which portion of a Network Address refers to the subnet and which portion refers to the host. Subnet masks have the form xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx.
- **Interface** – a network connection
- **IP Interface** – another name for subnet.
- **Network Address** – the resulting 32-bit number from a bitwise logical AND operation performed between an IP address and a subnet mask.
- **Subnet Address** – another name for network address.

### IP Addresses

The Internet Protocol (IP) was designed for routing data between network sites. Later, it was adapted for routing between networks (referred to as "subnets") within a site. The IP defines a way of generating a unique number that can be assigned each network in the internet and each of the computers on each of those networks. This number is called the IP address.

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IP addresses use a “dotted decimal” notation. Here are some examples of IP addresses written in this format:

1. 210.202.204.205
2. 189.21.241.56
3. 125.87.0.1

This allows IP address to be written in a string of 4 decimal (base 10) numbers. Computers can only understand binary (base 2) numbers, and these binary numbers are usually grouped together in bytes, or eight bits. (A bit is a binary digit – either a “1” or a “0”). The dots (periods) simply make the IP address easier to read. A computer sees an IP address not as four decimal numbers, but as a long string of binary digits (32 binary digits or 32 bits, IP addresses are 32-bit addresses).

The three IP addresses in the example above, written in binary form are:

1. 11010010.11001010.11001100.11001101
2. 10111101.00010101.11110001.00111000
3. 01111101.01010111.00000000.00000001

The dots are included to make the numbers easier to read.

Eight binary bits are called a ‘byte’ or an ‘octet’. An octet can represent any decimal value between ‘0’ (00000000) and ‘255’ (11111111). IP addresses, represented in decimal form, are four numbers whose value is between ‘0’ to ‘255’. The total range of IP addresses are then:

Lowest possible IP address -	0.0.0.0
Highest possible IP address -	255.255.255.255

To convert decimal numbers to 8-bit binary numbers (and vice-versa), you can use the following chart:

Binary Octet Digit	2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>6</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>3</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>0</sup>
Decimal Equivalent	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Binary Number 128+64+32+16+8+4+2+1= <b>255</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Table 2-4. Binary to Decimal Conversion**

Each digit in an 8-bit binary number (an octet) represents a power of two. The left-most digit represents 2 raised to the 7<sup>th</sup> power ( $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 128$ ) while the right-most digit represents 2 raised to the 0<sup>th</sup> power (any number raised to the 0<sup>th</sup> power is equal to one, by definition).

IP addresses actually consist of two parts, one identifying the network and one identifying the destination (node) within the network.

The IP address discussed above is one part and a second number called the Subnet mask is the other part. To make this a bit more confusing, the subnet mask has the same numerical form as an IP address.

## Address Classes

Address classes refer to the range of numbers in the subnet mask. Grouping the subnet masks into classes makes the task of dividing a network into subnets a bit easier.

There are 5 address classes. The first 4 bits in the IP address determine which class the IP address falls in.

- Class A addresses begin with 0xxx, or 1 to 126 decimal.
- Class B addresses begin with 10xx, or 128 to 191 decimal.
- Class C addresses begin with 110x, or 192 to 223 decimal.
- Class D addresses begin with 1110, or 224 to 239 decimal.
- Class E addresses begin with 1111, or 240 to 254 decimal.

Addresses beginning with 01111111, or 127 decimal, are reserved. They are used for internal testing on a local machine (called loopback). The address 127.0.0.1 can

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always be pinged from a local node because it forms a loopback and points back to the same node.

Class D addresses are reserved for multicasting.

Class E Addresses are reserved for future use. They are not used for node addresses.

The part of the IP address that belongs to the network is the part that is 'hidden' by the '1's in the subnet mask. This can be seen below:

- Class A      NETWORK.node.node.node
- Class B      NETWORK.NETWORK.node.node
- Class C      NETWORK.NETWORK.NETWORK.node

For example, the IP address 10.42.73.210 is a Class A address, so the Network part of the address (called the *Network Address*) is the first octet (10.x.x.x). The node part of the address is the last three octets (x.42.73.210).

To specify the network address for a given IP address, the node part is set to all "0"s. In our example, 10.0.0.0 specifies the network address for 10.42.73.210. When the node part is set to all "1"s, the address specifies a broadcast address. So, 10.255.255.255 is the broadcast address for the network 10.0.0.0.

## Subnet Masking

A subnet mask can be applied to an IP address to identify the network and the node parts of the address. A bitwise logical AND operation between the IP address and the subnet mask results in the *Network Address*.

For example:

00001010.00101010.01001001.11010010      10.42.73.210  
Class A IP address

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11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000	255.0.0.0
Class A Subnet Mask	

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00001010.00000000.00000000.00000000	10.0.0.0
Network Address	

The Default subnet masks are:

- Class A – 11111111.00000000.00000000.00000000  
255.0.0.0
- Class B – 11111111.11111111.00000000.00000000  
255.255.0.0
- Class C – 11111111.11111111.11111111.00000000  
255.255.255.0

Additional bits can be added to the default subnet mask for a given Class to further subnet a network. When a bitwise logical AND operation is performed between the subnet mask and the IP address, the result defines the *Subnet Address*.

Some restrictions apply to subnet addresses. Addresses of all “0”s and all “1”s are reserved for the local network (when a host does not know it’s network address) and for all hosts on the network (the broadcast address). This also applies to subnets. A subnet address cannot be all “0”s or all “1”s. A 1-bit subnet mask is also not allowed.

## Calculating the Number of Subnets and Nodes

To calculate the number of subnets and nodes, use the formula  $(2^n - 2)$  where  $n$  = the number of bits in either the subnet mask or the node portion of the IP address. Multiplying the number of subnets by the number of nodes available per subnet gives the total number of nodes for the entire network.

### Example

00001010.00101010.01001001.11010010	10.42.73.210
Class A IP address	

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11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000	255.224.0.0
Subnet Mask	

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00001010.00100000.00000000.00000000	10.32.0.0
Network Address	

00001010.00101010.11111111.11111111	10.32.255.255
Broadcast Address	

This example uses an 11-bit subnet mask. (There are 3 additional bits added to the default Class A subnet mask). So the number of subnets is:

$$2^3 - 2 = 8 - 2 = 6$$

Subnets of all "0"s and all "1"s are not allowed, so 2 subnets are subtracted from the total.

The number of bits used in the node part of the address is  $24 - 3 = 21$  bits, so the total number of nodes is:

$$2^{21} - 2 = 2,097,152 - 2 = 2,097,150$$

Multiplying the number of subnets times the number of nodes gives 12,582,900 possible nodes.

Note that this is less than the 16,777,214 possible nodes that an unsubnetted class A network would have.

Subnetting reduces the number of possible nodes for a given network, but increases the segmentation of the network.

## Classless InterDomain Routing – CIDR

Under CIDR, the subnet mask notation is reduced to a simplified shorthand. Instead of specifying all of the bits of the subnet mask, it is simply listed as the number of contiguous "1"s (bits) in the network portion of the address. Look at the subnet mask of the above example in binary -

11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000 – and you can see that there are 11 “1”s or 11 bits used to mask the network address from the node address. Written in CIDR notation this becomes:

10.32.0.0/11

# of Bits	Subnet Mask	CIDR Notation	# of Subnets	# of Hosts	Total Hosts
2	255.192.0.0	/10	2	4194302	8388604
3	255.224.0.0	/11	6	2097150	12582900
4	255.240.0.0	/12	14	1048574	14680036
5	255.248.0.0	/13	30	524286	15728580
6	255.252.0.0	/14	62	262142	16252804
7	255.254.0.0	/15	126	131070	16514820
8	255.255.0.0	/16	254	65534	16645636
9	255.255.128.0	/17	510	32766	16710660
10	255.255.192.0	/18	1022	16382	16742404
11	255.255.224.0	/19	2046	8190	16756740
12	255.255.240.0	/20	4094	4094	16760836
13	255.255.248.0	/21	8190	2046	16756740
14	255.255.252.0	/22	16382	1022	16742404
15	255.255.254.0	/23	32766	510	16710660
16	255.255.255.0	/24	65534	254	16645636
17	255.255.255.128	/25	131070	126	16514820
18	255.255.255.192	/26	262142	62	16252804
19	255.255.255.224	/27	525286	30	15728580
20	255.255.255.240	/28	1048574	14	14680036
21	255.255.255.248	/29	2097150	6	12582900
22	255.255.255.252	/30	4194302	2	8388604

**Table 2-5. Class A Subnet Masks**

# of Bits	Subnet Mask	CIDR Notation	# of Subnets	# of Hosts	Total Hosts
2	255.255.192	/18	2	16382	32764
3	255.255.224.0	/19	6	8190	49140
4	255.255.240.0	/20	14	4094	57316
5	255.255.248.0	/21	30	2046	61380
6	255.255.252.0	/22	62	1022	63364
7	255.255.254.0	/23	126	510	64260
8	255.255.255.0	/24	254	254	64516
9	255.255.255.128	/25	510	126	64260
10	255.255.255.192	/26	1022	62	63364
11	255.255.255.224	/27	2046	30	61380
12	255.255.255.240	/28	4094	14	57316
13	255.255.255.248	/29	8190	6	49140
14	255.255.255.252	/30	16382	2	32764

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**Table 2-6. Class B Subnet Masks**

# of Bits	Subnet Mask	CIDR Notation	# of Subnets	# of Hosts	Total Hosts
2	255.255.255.192	/26	2	62	124
3	255.255.255.224	/27	6	30	180
4	255.255.255.240	/28	14	14	196
5	255.255.255.248	/29	30	6	180
6	255.255.255.252	/30	62	2	124

**Table 2-7. Class C Subnet Masks**

## Setting up IP Interfaces

The Layer 3 switch allows ranges of IP addresses (OSI layer 3) to be assigned to VLANs (OSI layer 2). Each VLAN must be configured prior to setting up the corresponding IP interface. An IP addressing scheme must then be established, and implemented when the IP interfaces are set up on the switch.

An example is presented below:

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<b>VLAN Name</b>	<b>VID</b>	<b>Switch Ports</b>
System (default)	1	5, 6, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24
Engineering	2	9, 10, 11, 12
Marketing	3	13, 14, 15, 16
Finance	4	17, 18, 19, 20
Sales	5	1, 2, 3, 4
Backbone	6	25, 26

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**Table 2-8. VLAN Example – Assigned Ports**

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In this case, 6 IP interfaces are required, so a CIDR notation of 10.32.0.0/11 (or a 11-bit) addressing scheme will work. This addressing scheme will give a subnet mask of 11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000 (binary) or 255.224.0.0 (decimal).

Using a 10.xxx.xxx.xxx IP address notation, the above example would give 6 network addresses and 6 subnets.

Any IP address from the allowed range of IP addresses for each subnet can be chosen as an IP address for an IP interface on the switch.

For this example, we have chosen the next IP address above the network address:

VLAN Name	VID	Network Address	IP Address
System (default)	1	10.32.0.0	10.32.0.1
Engineering	2	10.64.0.0	10.64.0.1
Marketing	3	10.96.0.0	10.96.0.1
Finance	4	10.128.0.0	10.128.0.1
Sales	5	10.160.0.0	10.160.0.1
Backbone	6	10.192.0.0	10.192.0.1

**Table 2-9. VLAN Example – Assigned IP Addresses**

The 6 IP interfaces, each with an IP address (listed in the table above), and a subnet mask of 255.224.0.0 can be entered into the **Setup IP Interface** menu.

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## Layer 3-Based VLANs

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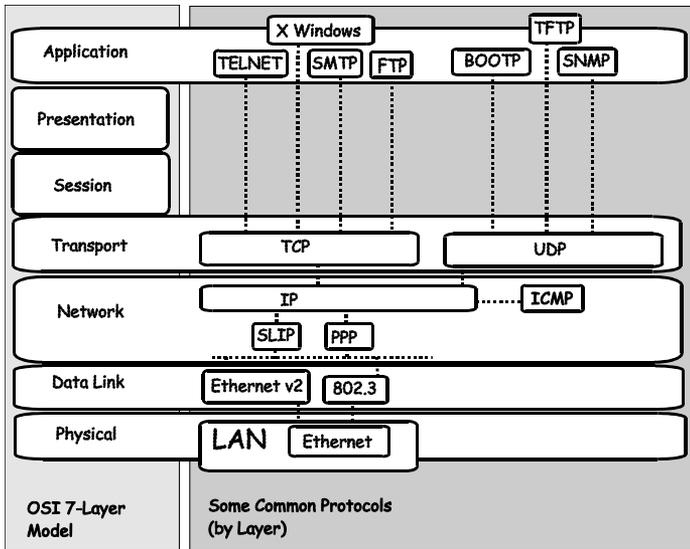
## Internet Protocols

This is a brief introduction to the suite of Internet Protocols frequently referred to as TCP/IP. It is intended to give the reader a reasonable understanding of the available facilities and some familiarity with terminology. It is not intended to be a complete description.

## Protocol Layering

The Internet Protocol (IP) divides the tasks necessary to route and forward packets across networks by using a layered approach. Each layer has clearly defined tasks, protocol, and interfaces for communicating with adjacent layers, but the exact way these tasks are accomplished is left to individual software designers. The Open Systems Interconnect (OSI) seven-layer model has been adopted as the reference for the description of modern networking, including the Internet.

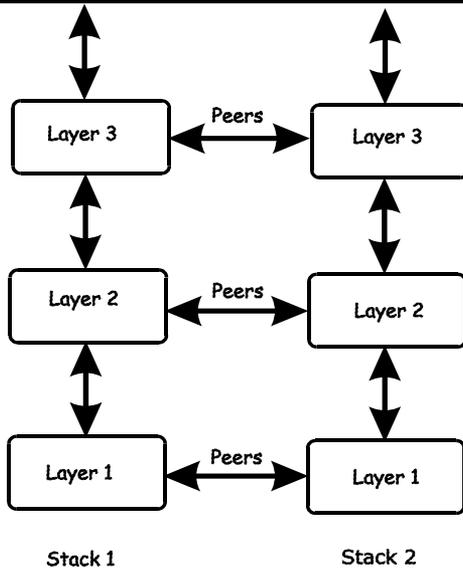
A diagram of the OSI model is shown below (note that this is not a complete listing of the protocols contained within each layer of the model):



**Figure 2-8. OSI Seven Layer Network Model**

Each layer is a distinct set of programs executing a distinct set of protocols designed to accomplish some necessary tasks. They are separated from the other layers within the same system or network, but must communicate and interoperate. This requires very well-defined and well-known methods for transferring messages and data. This is accomplished through the protocol stack.

Protocol layering is simply a tool for visualizing the organization of the necessary software and hardware in a network. In this view, Layer 2 represents switching and Layer 3 represents routing. Protocol layering is actually a set of guidelines used in writing programs and designing hardware that delegate network functions and allow the layers to communicate. How these layers communicate within a stack (for example, within a given computer) is left to the operating system programmers.



**Figure 2-9. The Protocol Stack**

Between two protocol stacks, members of the same layer are known as peers and communicate by well-known (open and published) protocols. Within a protocol stack, adjacent

layers communicate by an internal interface. This interface is usually not publicly documented and is frequently proprietary. It has some of the same characteristics of a protocol and two stacks from the same software vendor may communicate in the same way. Two stacks from different software vendors (or different products from the same vendor) may communicate in completely different ways. As long as peers can communicate and interoperate, this has no impact on the functioning of the network.

The communication between layers within a given protocol stack can be both different from a second stack and proprietary, but communication between peers on the same OSI layer is open and consistent.

A brief description of the most commonly used functional layers is helpful to understand the scope of how protocol layering works.

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## Layer 1

This is referred to as the physical layer. It handles the electrical connections and signaling required to make a physical link from one point in the network to another. It is on this layer that the unique Media Access Control (MAC) address is defined.

## Layer 2

This layer, commonly called the switching layer, allows end station addressing and the establishment of connections between them.

Layer 2 switching forwards packets based on the unique MAC address of each end station and offers high-performance, dedicated-bandwidth of Fast or Gigabit Ethernet within the network.

Layer 2 does not ordinarily extend beyond the intranet. To connect to the Internet usually requires a router and a modem or other device to connect to an Internet Service Provider's WAN. These are Layer 3 functions.

## Layer 3

Commonly referred to as the routing layer, this layer provides logical partitioning of networks (subnetting), scalability, security, and Quality of Service (QoS).

The backbone of the Internet is built using Layer 3 functions. IP is the premier Layer 3 protocol.

IP is itself, only one protocol in the IP protocol suite. More extensive capabilities are found in the other protocols of the IP suite. For example; the Domain Name System (DNS) associates IP addresses with text names, the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) eases the administration of IP addresses, and routing protocols such as the Routing Information Protocol (RIP), the Open Shortest Path First (OSPF), and the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) enable Layer 3 devices to direct data traffic to the intended

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destination. IP security allows for authentication and encryption. IP not only allows for user-to-user communication, but also for transmission from point-to-multipoint (known as IP multicasting).

## Layer 4

This layer, known as the transport layer, establishes the communication path between user applications and the network infrastructure and defines the method of communicating. TCP and UDP are well-known protocols in the transport layer. TCP is a “connection-oriented” protocol, and requires the establishment of parameters for transmission prior to the exchange of data. Web technology is based on TCP. UDP is “connectionless” and requires no connection setup. This is important for multicast traffic, which cannot tolerate the overhead and latency of TCP. TCP and UDP also differ in the amount of error recovery provided and whether or not it is visible to the user application. Both TCP and UDP are layered on IP, which has minimal error recovery and detection. TCP forces retransmission of data that was lost by the lower layers, UDP does not.

## Layer 7

This layer, known as the application layer, provides access to either the end user application software such as a database. Users communicate with the application, which in turn delivers data to the transport layer. Applications do not usually communicate directly with lower layers. They are written to use a specific communication library, like the popular WinSock library.

Software developers must decide what type of transport mechanism is necessary. For example, Web access requires reliable, error-free access and would demand TCP, Multimedia, on the other hand, requires low overhead and latency and commonly uses UDP.

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## TCP/IP

The TCP/IP protocol suite is a set of protocols that allow computers to share resources across a network. TCP and IP are only two of the Internet suite of protocols, but they are the best known and it has become common to refer the entire family of Internet protocols as TCP/IP.

TCP/IP is a layered set of protocols. An example, such as sending e-mail, can illustrate this. There is first a protocol for sending and receiving e-mail. This protocol defines a set of commands to identify the sender, the recipient, and the content of the e-mail. The e-mail protocol will not handle the actual communication between the two computers, this is done by TCP/IP. TCP/IP handles the actual sending and receiving of the packets that make up the e-mail exchange.

TCP makes sure the e-mail commands and messages are received by the appropriate computers. It keeps track of what is sent and what is received, and retransmits any packets that are lost or dropped. TCP also handles the division of large messages into several Ethernet packets, and makes sure these packets are received and reassembled in the correct order.

Because these functions are required by a large number of applications, they are grouped into a single protocol, rather than being the part of the specifications for just sending e-mail. TCP is then a library of routines that application software can use when reliable network communications are required.

IP is also a library of routines, but with a more general set of functions. IP handles the routing of packets from the source to the destination. This may require the packets to traverse many different networks. IP can route packets through the necessary gateways and provides the functions required for any user on one network to communicate with any user on another connected network.

The communication interface between TCP and IP is relatively simple. When IP received a packet, it does not know how this packet is related to others it has sent (or received) or even which connection the packet is part of. IP

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only knows the address of the source and the destination of the packet, and it makes its best effort to deliver the packet to its destination.

The information required for IP to do its job is contained in a series of octets added to the beginning of the packet called headers. A header contains a few octets of data added to the packet by the protocol in order to keep track of it.

Other protocols on other network devices can add and extract their own headers to and from packets as they cross networks. This is analogous to putting data into an envelope and sending the envelope to a higher-level protocol, and having the higher-level protocol put the entire envelope into its own, larger envelope. This process is referred to as encapsulation.

Many levels of encapsulation are required for a packet to cross the Internet.

## Packet Headers

### TCP

Most data transmissions are much longer than a single packet. The data must then be divided up among a series of packets. These packets must be transmitted, received and then reassembled into the original data. TCP handles these functions.

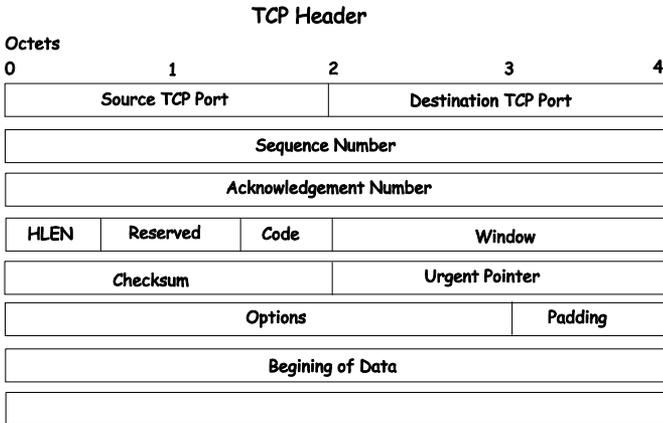
TCP must know how large a packet the network can process. To do this, the TCP protocols at each end of a connection state how large a packet they can handle and the smaller of the two is selected.

The TCP header contains at least 20 octets. The source and destination TCP port numbers are the most important fields. These specify the connection between two TCP protocols on two network devices.

The header also contains a sequence number that is used to ensure the packets are received in the correct order. The packets are not numbered, but rather the octets the packets

contain are. If there are 100 octets of data in each packet, the first packet is numbered 0, the second 100, the third 200, etc.

To insure that the data in a packet is received uncorrupted, TCP adds the binary value of all the octets in the packet and writes the sum in the checksum field. The receiving TCP recalculates the checksum and if the numbers are different, the packet is dropped.



**Figure 2-10. TCP Packet Header**

When packets have been successfully received, TCP sends an acknowledgement. This is simply a packet that has the acknowledgement number field filled in.

An acknowledgement number of 1000 indicates that all of the data up to octet 1000 has been received. If the transmitting TCP does not receive an acknowledgement in a reasonable amount of time, the data is resent.

The window field controls the amount of data being sent at any one time. It would require too much time and overhead to acknowledge each packet received. Each end of the TCP connection declares how much data it is able to receive at any one time by writing this number of octets in the window field.

The transmitting TCP decrements the number in the window field and when it reaches zero, the transmitting TCP stops sending data. When the receiving TCP can accept more data, it increases the number in the window field. In practice, a single packet can acknowledge the receipt of data and give permission for more data to be sent.

## IP

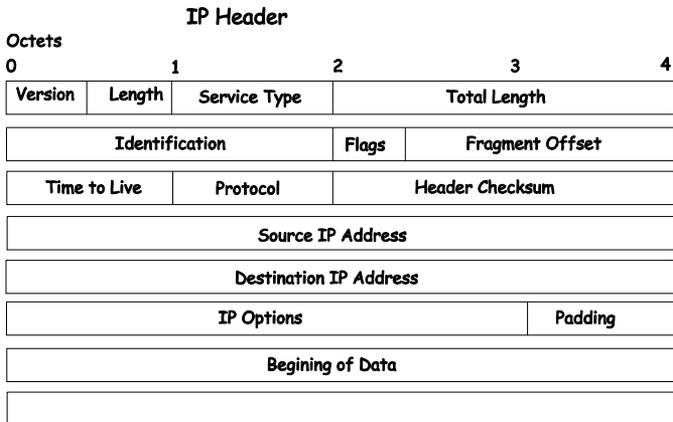
TCP sends its packets to IP with the source and destination IP addresses. IP is only concerned with these IP addresses. It is not concerned with the contents of the packet or the TCP header.

IP finds a route for the packet to get to the other end of the TCP connection. IP adds its own header to the packet to accomplish this.

The IP header contains the source and destination addresses, the protocol number, and another checksum.

The protocol number tells the receiving IP which protocol to give the packet to. Although most IP traffic uses TCP, other protocols can be used (such as UDP).

The checksum is used by the receiving IP in the same way as the TCP checksum.



**Figure 2-11. IP Packet Header**

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The flags and fragment offset are used to keep track of packets that must be divided among several smaller packets to cross networks for which they are too large.

The Time-to-Live (TTL) is the number of gateways the packet is allowed to cross between the source and destination. This number is decremented by one when the packet crosses a gateway and when the TTL reaches zero, the packet is dropped. This helps reduce network traffic if a loop develops.

## **Ethernet**

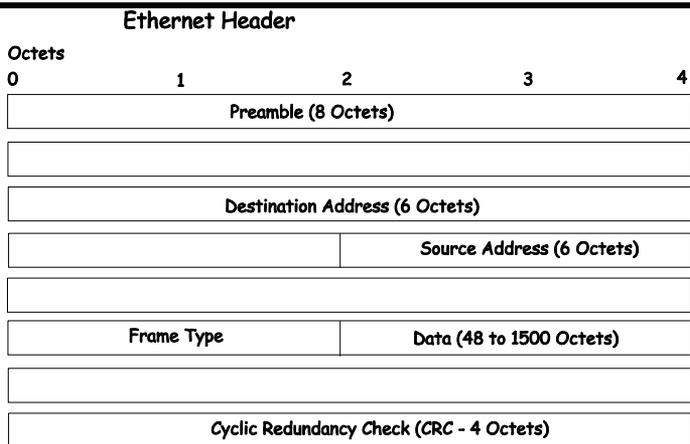
Every active Ethernet device has its own Ethernet address (commonly called the MAC address) assigned to it by the manufacturer. Ethernet uses 48 bit addresses.

The Ethernet header is 14 octets that include the source and destination MAC address and a type code.

There is no relationship between the MAC address of a network node and its IP address. There must be a database of Ethernet addresses and their corresponding IP addresses.

Different protocol families can be in use on the same network. The type code field allows each protocol family to have its own entry.

A checksum is calculated and when the packet is received, the checksum is recalculated. If the two checksums are different, the packet is dropped.



**Figure 2-12. Ethernet Packet Header**

When a packet is received, the headers are removed. The Ethernet Network Interface Card (NIC) removes the Ethernet header and checks the checksum. It then looks at the type code. If the type code is for IP, the packet is given to IP. IP then removes the IP header and looks at its protocol field. If the protocol field is TCP, the packet is sent to TCP. TCP then looks at the sequence number and uses this number and other data from the headers to reassemble the data into the original file.

### TCP and UDP Well-Known Ports

Application protocols run 'on top of' TCP/IP. When an application wants to send data or a message, it gives the data to TCP. Because TCP and IP take care of the networking details, the application can look at the network connection as a simple data stream.

To transfer a file across a network using the File Transfer Protocol (FTP), a connection must first be established. The computer requesting the file transfer must connect specifically to the FTP server on the computer that has the file.

This is accomplished using sockets. A socket is a pair of TCP port numbers used to establish a connection from one

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computer to another. TCP uses these port numbers to keep track of connections. Specific port numbers are assigned to applications that wait for requests. These port numbers are referred to as 'well-known' ports.

TCP will open a connection to the FTP server using some random port number, 1234 for example, on the local computer. TCP will specify port 21 for the FTP server. Port 21 is the well-known port number for FTP servers. Note that there are two different FTP programs running in this example – an FTP client that requests the file to be transferred, and an FTP server that sends the file to the FTP client. The FTP server accepts commands from the client, so the FTP client must know how to connect to the server (must know the TCP port number) in order to send commands. The FTP Server can use any TCP port number to send the file, so long as it is sent as part of the connection setup.

A TCP connection is then described by a set of four numbers – the IP address and TCP port number for the local computer, and the IP address and TCP port number for the remote computer. The IP address is in the IP header and the TCP port number is in the TCP header.

No two TCP connection can have the same set of numbers, but only one number needs to be different. It is possible, for example, for two users to send files to the same destination at the same time. This could give the following connection numbers:

	Internet addresses
TCP ports	
Connection 1 1234, 21	10.42.73.23, 10.128.12.1
Connection 2 1235, 21	10.42.73.23, 10.128.12.1

The same computers are making the connections, so the IP addresses are the same. Both computers are using the same well-known TCP port for the FTP server. The local FTP clients are using different TCP port numbers.

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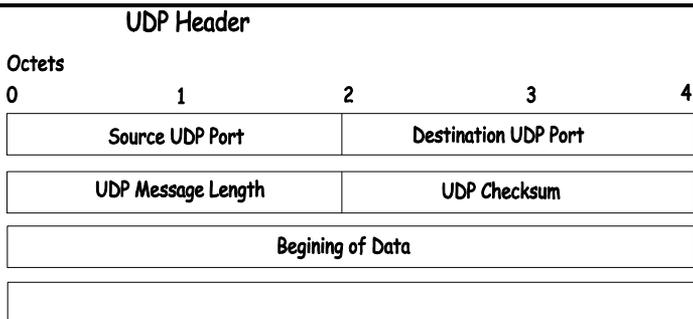
FTP transfers actually involve two different connections. The connection begins by the FTP sending commands to send a particular file. Once the commands are sent, a second connection is opened for the actual data transfer. Although it is possible to send data on the same connection, it is very convenient for the FTP client to be able to continue to send commands (such as 'stop sending this file').

## **UDP and ICMP**

There are many applications that do not require long messages that cannot fit into a single packet. Looking up computer names is an example. Users wanting to make connections to other computers will usually use a name rather than the computer's IP or MAC address. The user's computer must be able to determine the remote computer's address before a connection can be made. A designated computer on the network will contain a database of computer names and their corresponding IP and MAC addresses. The user's computer will send a query to the name database computer, and the database computer will send a response. Both the query and the response are very short. There is no need to divide the query or response between multiple packets, so the complexity of TCP is not required. If there is no response to the query after a period of time, the query can simply be resent.

The User Datagram Protocol (UDP) is designed for communications that do not require division among multiple packets and subsequent reassembly. UDP does not keep track of what is sent.

UDP uses port numbers in a way that is directly analogous to TCP. There are well-known UDP port numbers for servers that use UDP.



**Figure 2-13. Ethernet Packet Header**

The UDP header is shorter than a TCP header. UDP also uses a checksum to verify that data is received uncorrupted.

The Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP) is also a simplified protocol used for error messages and messages used by TCP/IP. ICMP, like UDP, processes messages that will fit into a single packet. ICMP does not, however use ports because its messages are processed by the network software.

## The Domain Name System

Computer users usually prefer to use text names for computers they may want to open a connection with. Computers themselves, require 32 bit IP addresses. Somewhere, a database of network devices' text names and their corresponding IP addresses must be maintained.

The Domain Name System (DNS) is used to map names to IP addresses throughout the Internet and has been adapted for use within intranets.

For two DNS servers to communicate across different subnets, the **DNS Relay** of the VH-2402-L3 must be used. The DNS servers are identified by IP addresses.

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## Mapping Domain Names to Addresses

Name-to-address translation is performed by a program called a Name server. The client program is called a Name resolver. A Name resolver may need to contact several Name servers to translate a name to an address.

The Domain Name System (DNS) servers are organized in a somewhat hierarchical fashion. A single server often holds names for a single network, which is connected to a root DNS server – usually maintained by an ISP.

### Domain Name Resolution

The domain name system can be used by contacting the name servers one at a time, or by asking the domain name system to do the complete name translation. The client makes a query containing the name, the type of answer required, and a code specifying whether the domain name system should do the entire name translation, or simply return the address of the next DNS server if the server receiving the query cannot resolve the name.

When a DNS server receives a query, it checks to see if the name is in its subdomain. If it is, the server translates the name and appends the answer to the query, and sends it back to the client. If the DNS server cannot translate the name, it determines what type of name resolution the client requested. A complete translation is called recursive resolution and requires the server to contact other DNS servers until the name is resolved. Iterative resolution specifies that if the DNS server cannot supply an answer, it returns the address of the next DNS server the client should contact.

Each client must be able to contact at least one DNS server, and each DNS server must be able to contact at least one root server.

The address of the machine that supplies domain name service is often supplied by a DHCP or BOOTP server, or can be entered manually and configured into the operating system at startup.

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## DHCP Servers

The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is used to dynamically assign a TCP/IP network configuration to network devices and computers on the network. It also ensures that IP address conflicts do not occur.

IP addresses are assigned from a pool of free addresses. Each IP address assigned has a 'lease' and a 'lease expiration period'. The lease must be periodically renewed. If the lease expires, the IP address is returned to the pool of available IP addresses.

Usually, it is a network policy to assign the same IP address to a given network device or computer each time.

If the IP address lease expires, the network device sends a message to the DHCP server requesting a lease renewal. The DHCP server can send an acknowledgement containing a new lease and updated configuration information.

If an IP address lease cannot be renewed, the network device or computer sends a request to all local DHCP servers attempting to renew the lease. If the DHCP returns a negative acknowledgement, the network device must release its TCP/IP configuration and reinitialize.

When a new TCP/IP configuration is received from a DHCP server, the network device checks for a possible IP address conflict by sending an Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) request that contains its new IP address.

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**For two DHCP servers to communicate across different subnets, the BOOTP/DHCP Relay of the VH-2402-L3 must be used. The DHCP servers are identified by IP addresses.**

## IP Routing

IP handles the task of determining how packets will get from their source to their destination. This process is referred to as routing.

For IP to work, the local system must be attached to a network. It is safe to assume that any system on this network can send packets to any other system, but when packets must cross other networks to reach a destination on a remote network, these packets must be handled by gateways (also called routers).

Gateways connect a network with one or more other networks. Gateways can be a computer with two network interfaces or a specialized device with multiple network interfaces. The device is designed to forward packets from one network to another.

IP routing is based on the network address of the destination IP address. Each computer has a table of network addresses. For each network address, a corresponding gateway is listed. This is the gateway to use to communicate with that network. The gateway does not have to be directly connected to the remote network, it simply needs to be the first place to go on the way to the remote network.

Before a local computer sends a packet, it first determines whether the destination address is on the local network. If it is, the packet can be sent directly to the remote device. If it is not, the local computer looks for the network address of the destination and the corresponding gateway address. The packet is then sent to the gateway leading to the remote network. There is often only one gateway on a network.

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A single gateway is usually defined as a default gateway, if that gateway connects the local network to a backbone network or to the Internet. This default gateway is also used whenever no specific route is found for a packet, or when there are several gateways on a network.

Local computers can use default gateways, but the gateways themselves need a more complete routing table to be able to forward packets correctly. A protocol is required for the gateways to be able to communicate between themselves and to keep their routing tables updated.

## **Packet Fragmentation and Reassembly**

TCP/IP can be used with many different types of networks, but not all network types can handle the same length packets.

When IP is transmitting large files, large packets are much more efficient than small ones. It is preferable to use the largest possible packet size, but still be able to cross networks that require smaller packets.

To do this, IP can 'negotiate' packet size between the local and remote ends of a connection. When an IP connection is first made, the IPs at both ends of the connection state the largest packet they can handle. The smaller of the two is selected.

When a IP connection crosses multiple networks, it is possible that one of the intermediate networks has a smaller packet size limit than the local or remote network. IP is not able to determine the maximum packet size across all of the networks that may make up the route for a connection. IP has, therefore, a method to divide packets into multiple, smaller packets to cross such networks. This division of large packets into smaller packets is referred to as fragmentation.

A field in the TCP header indicates that a packet has been fragmented, and other information aids in the reassembly of the packets into the original data.

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Gateways that connect networks of different packet size limits split the large packets into smaller ones and forward the smaller packets on their attached networks.

## **ARP**

The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) determines the MAC address and IP address correspondence for a network device.

A local computer will maintain an ARP cache which is a table of MAC addresses and the corresponding IP addresses. Before a connection with another computer is made, the local computer first checks its ARP cache to determine whether the remote computer has an entry. If it does, the local computer reads the remote computer's MAC address and writes it into the destination field of the packets to be sent.

If the remote computer does not have an ARP cache entry, the local computer must send an ARP request and wait for a reply.

When the local computer receives the ARP reply packet, the local ARP reads the IP MAC address pair, and then checks the ARP cache for this entry. If there is an entry, it is updated with the new information. If there is no entry, a new entry is made.

There are two possible cases when an ARP packet is received by a local computer. First, the local computer is the target of the request. If it is, the local ARP replies by sending its MAC IP address pair back to the requesting system. Second, if the local computer is not the target of the request, the packet is dropped.

## **Multicasting**

Multicasting is a group of protocols and tools that enable a single source point to send packets to groups of multiple destination points with persistent connections that last for some amount of time. The main advantage to multicasting is a decrease in the network load compared to broadcasting.

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## Multicast Groups

Class D IP addresses are assigned to a group of network devices that comprise a multicast group. The four most

significant four bits of a Class D address are set to “1110”. The following 28 bits is referred to as the ‘multicast group ID’. Some of the range of Class D addresses are registered with the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) for special purposes. For example, the block of multicast addresses ranging from 224.0.0.1 to 224.0.0.225 is reserved for use by routing protocols and some other low-level topology discovery and maintenance protocols.

### IP Multicast Address Format

Bits

0 1 2 3 4

31

1	1	1	0	Group Identification																										
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**Figure 2-14. Class D Multicast Address**

Some of the reserved IP multicast addresses are as follows:

Address	Assignment
224.0.0.0	Base Address (reserved)
224.0.0.1	All Systems on this subnet
224.0.0.2	All Routers on this subnet
224.0.0.3	Unassigned
224.0.0.4	DVMRP Routers
224.0.0.5	OSPF IGP Routers
224.0.0.6	OSPF IGP Designated Routers
224.0.0.7	ST Routers

<b>224.0.0.8</b>	ST Hosts
<b>224.0.0.9</b>	All RIP2 Routers
<b>224.0.0.10</b>	All IGRP Routers
<b>224.0.0.11</b>	Mobile Agents
<b>224.0.0.12</b>	DHCP Servers and Relay Agents
<b>224.0.0.13</b>	All PIM Routers
<b>224.0.0.14</b>	RSVP Encapsulation
<b>224.0.0.15</b>	All CBT Routers
<b>224.0.0.16</b>	Designated Sbm
<b>224.0.0.17</b>	All Sbms
<b>224.0.0.18</b>	VRRP
<b>224.0.0.19</b>	Unassigned
<b>through</b>	
<b>224.0.0.225</b>	
<b>224.0.0.21</b>	DVMRP on MOSPF

Table 2-10. Reserved Multicast Address Assignment

## Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP)

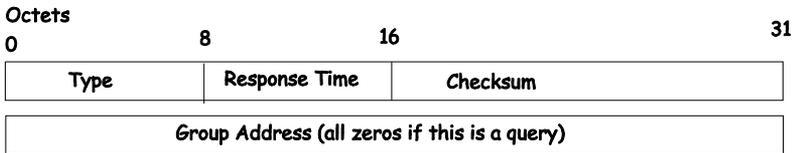
End users that want to receive multicast packets must be able to inform nearby routers that they want to become a multicast group member of the group these packets are being sent to. The Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) is used by multicast routers to maintain multicast group membership. IGMP is also used to coordinate between multiple multicast routers that may be present on a network by electing one of the multicast routers as the

'querier'. This router then keep track of the membership of multicast groups that have active members on the network. IGMP is used to determine whether the router should forward multicast packets it receives to the subnetworks it is attached to or not. A multicast router that has received a multicast packet will check to determine if there is at least one member of a multicast group that has requested to receive multicast packets from this source. If there is one member, the packet is forwarded. If there are no members, the packet is dropped.

## IGMP Versions 1 and 2

Users that want to receive multicast packets need to be able to join and leave multicast groups. This is accomplished using IGMP.

### IGMP Message Format



**Figure 2-15. IGMP Message Format**

The IGMP Type codes are shown below:

Type	Meaning
0x11	Membership Query (if Group Address is 0.0.0.0)
0x11	Specific Group Membership Query (if Group Address is Present)
0x16	Membership Report (version 2)
0x17	Leave a Group (version 2)
0x12	Membership Report (version 1)

**Table 2-11. IGMP Type Codes**

Multicast routers use IGMP to manage multicast group memberships:

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- An IGMP “report” is sent by a user’s computer to join a group
  - IGMP version 1 does not have an explicit ‘leave’ message. Group members have an expiration timer, and if this timer expires before a query response is returned, the member is dropped from the group.
  - IGMP version 2 introduces an explicit “leave” report. When a user wants to leave a group, this report is sent to the multicast router (for IGMP version 2).
  - Multicast routers send IGMP queries (to the all-hosts group address: 224.0.0.1) periodically to see whether any group members exist on their subnetworks. If there is no response from a particular group, the router assumes that there are no group members on the network, and multicast packets are not forwarded.

The TTL field of query messages is set to 1 so that the queries do not get forwarded to other subnetworks.

IGMP version 2 introduces a few extensions to IGMP version 1 such as, the election of a single multicast querier for each network, explicit ‘leave’ reports, and queries that are specific to a particular multicast group.

The router with the lowest IP address is elected as the querier. The explicit group leave message is added to decrease latency, and routers can ask for membership reports from a particular multicast group ID.

The transition states a host will go through to join or leave a multicast group are shown in the diagram below.

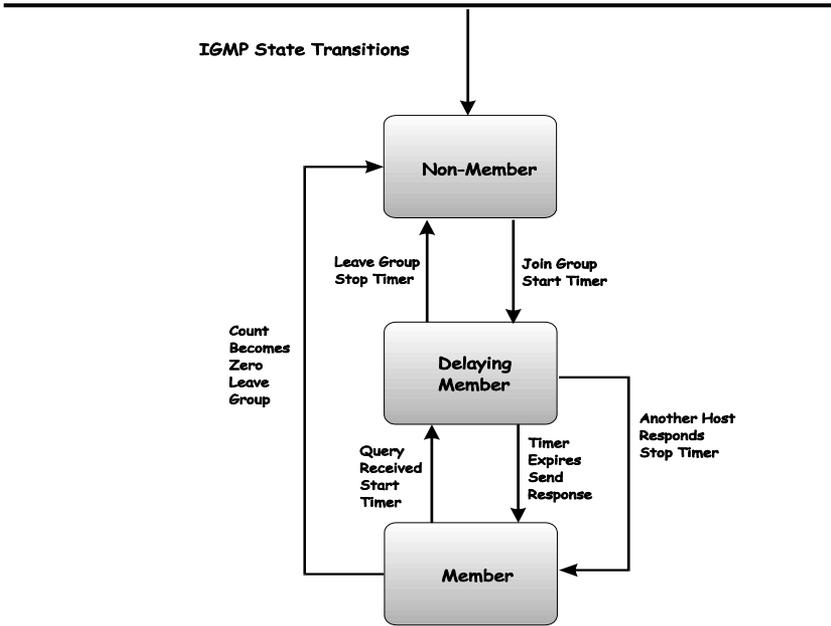


Figure 2-16. IGMP State Transitions

## Multicast Routing Algorithms

*An algorithm is not a program. An algorithm is a statement of how a problem can be solved. A program is written to implement an algorithm.*

Multicast packets are delivered by constructing multicast trees where the multicast router is the trunk, the branches are the various subnetworks that may be present, and the leaves are end recipients of the multicast packets. Several algorithms have been developed to construct these trees and to prune branches that have no active multicast group members.

## Flooding

The simplest algorithm for the delivery of multicast packets is for the multicast router to forward a multicast packet to all interfaces. This is referred to as flooding. An equally simple

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refinement of flooding is to have the router check to determine if a given multicast packet has been received before (in a certain amount of time). If it has, then the packet does not need to be forwarded at all and can be dropped. If the packet is being received for the first time, it should be flooded to all interface, except the interface on which it was received. This will ensure that all routers on the network will receive at least one copy of the multicast packet.

There are some obvious disadvantages to this simple algorithm. Flooding duplicates a lot of packets and uses a lot of network bandwidth. A multicast router must also keep a record of the multicast packets it has received (for a period of time) to determine if a given packet has been previously received. So flooding uses a lot of router memory.

## **Multicast Spanning Trees**

A multicast delivery tree that spans the entire network with a single active link between routers (or subnetwork) is called a multicast spanning tree. Links (or branches) are chosen such that there is only one active path between any two routers. When a router receives a multicast packet, it forwards the packet on all links except the one on which it was received. This guarantees that all routers in the network will receive a copy of the packet. The only information the router needs to store is whether a link is a part of the spanning tree (leads to a router) or not.

Multicast spanning trees do not use group membership information when deciding to forward or drop a given multicast packet.

## **Reverse Path Broadcasting (RPB)**

The Reverse Path Broadcasting (RPB) algorithm is an enhancement of the multicast spanning tree algorithm. RPB constructs a spanning tree for each multicast source. When the router receives a multicast packet, it then checks to determine if the packet was received on the shortest path back from the router to the source. If the packet was received on the shortest path back to the source, the packet

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is forwarded on all links except the link on which the packet was received. If the packet was not received on the shortest link back to the source, the packet is dropped.

If a link-state routing protocol is in use, RPB on a local router can determine if the path from the source through the local router to an immediately neighboring router. If it is not, the packet will be dropped at the next router and the packet should not be forwarded.

If a distance-vector routing protocol is in use, a neighboring router can either advertise its previous hop for the source as part of its routing update messages. This will 'poison-reverse' the route (or have the local router prune the branch from the multicast source to the neighboring router because the neighboring router has a better route from the source to the next router or subnetwork).

Since multicast packets are forwarded through the shortest route between source and destination, RPB is fast. A given router also does not need information about the entire spanning tree, nor does it need a mechanism to stop the forwarding of packets.

RPB does not use multicast group membership information in its forwarding decisions.

## **Reverse Path Multicasting (RPM)**

Reverse Path Multicasting (RPM) introduces an enhancement to RPB – an explicit method to prune branches of the spanning tree that have no active multicast group members for the source. RPM constructs a tree that spans only subnetworks with multicast group members and routers along the shortest path between the source and the destinations.

When a multicast router receives a multicast packet, it is forwarded using the RPB constructed spanning tree. Subsequent routers in the tree that have no active path to another router are referred to as leaf routers. If the multicast packet is forwarded to a leaf router that has no active multicast group members for the source, the leaf router will

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send a prune message to the previous router. This will remove the leaf router's branch from the spanning tree, and no more multicast packets (from that source) will be forwarded to it. Prune messages have a TTL equal to one, so they can be sent only one hop (one router) back toward the source. If the previous router receives prune messages from all of its branch and leaf routers, the previous router will then send its own prune message back one router toward the multicast source, and the process will repeat. In this way, multicast group membership information can be used to prune the spanning tree between a given multicast source and the corresponding multicast group.

Since the membership of any given multicast group can change and the network topology can also change, RPM periodically removes all of the prune information it has gathered from its memory, and the entire process repeats. This gives all subsequent routers on the network a chance to receive multicast packets from all multicast sources on the network. It also gives all users a chance to join a given multicast group.

## **Multicast Routing Protocols**

This section contains an overview of two multicast routing protocols – Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP), and Protocol Independent Multicast-Dense Mode

(PIM-DM). The most commonly used routing protocol (not a multicast routing protocol), the Routing Information Protocol, is discussed in a later section.

## **Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP)**

The Distance Vector Multicast Routing Protocol (DVMRP) was derived from the Routing Information Protocol (RIP) with the introduction of multicast delivery trees constructed from information about the 'distance' from the local router back toward the multicast source. DVMRP uses an RPM algorithm to construct its multicast delivery trees.

The first multicast packet received by a multicast router using DVMRP is flooded to all interfaces except the one on

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which the packet was received. Subsequent prune messages are used to prune branches of the delivery tree that are either not on the shortest path back to the multicast source, or that have no active multicast group members. A 'graft' message is added that allows a previously pruned branch of the multicast delivery tree to be reactivated. This allows for lower latency when a leaf router adds a new member to a multicast membership group. Graft messages are forwarded one hop (one router) back at a time toward a multicast source until they reach a router that is on an active branch of the multicast delivery tree.

If there is more than one multicast router on a network, the one that has the shortest path back to the multicast source is elected to forward multicast packets from that source. All other routers will discard multicast packets from that source. If two multicast routers on a network have the same distance back to a multicast source, the router with the lowest IP address is elected.

DVMRP also supports tunnel interfaces, where two multicast routers are connected through a router that cannot process multicast packets. This allows multicast packets to cross networks with routers that are not multicast-aware.

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## Routing Protocols

### Protocol-Independent Multicast – Dense Mode

**There are two protocols in Protocol Independent Multicast (PIM), Protocol Independent Multicast-Dense Mode (PIM-DM) which is used when the multicast destinations are closely spaced, and Protocol Independent Multicast-Sparse Mode (PIM-SM) which is used when the multicast destinations are spaced further apart. PIM-DM is most commonly implemented in an intranetwork (LAN) where the distance between users is minimal.**

### Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

The Routing Information Protocol is a distance-vector routing protocol. There are two types of network devices running RIP – active and passive. Active devices advertise their routes to others through RIP messages, while passive devices listen to these messages. Both active and passive routers update their routing tables based upon RIP messages that active routers exchange. Only routers can run RIP in the active mode.

Every 30 seconds, a router running RIP broadcasts a routing update containing a set of pairs of network addresses and a distance (represented by the number of hops or routers between the advertising router and the remote network). So, the vector is the network address and the distance is measured by the number of routers between the local router and the remote network.

RIP measures distance by an integer count of the number of hops from one network to another. A router is one hop from a directly connected network, two hops from a network that can be reached through a router, etc. The more routers between a source and a destination, the greater the RIP distance (or hop count).

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There are a few rules to the routing table update process that help to improve performance and stability. A router will not replace a route with a newly learned one if the new route has the same hop count (sometimes referred to as 'cost'). So learned routes are retained until a new route with a lower hop count is learned.

When learned routes are entered into the routing table, a timer is started. This timer is restarted every time this route is advertised. If the route is not advertised for a period of time (usually 180 seconds), the route is removed from the routing table.

RIP does not have an explicit method to detect routing loops. Many RIP implementations include an authorization mechanism (a password) to prevent a router from learning erroneous routes from unauthorized routers.

To maximize stability, the hop count RIP uses to measure distance must have a low maximum value. Infinity (that is, the network is unreachable) is defined as 16 hops. In other words, if a network is more than 16 routers from the source, the local router will consider the network unreachable.

RIP can also be slow to converge (to remove inconsistent, unreachable or looped routes from the routing table) because RIP messages propagate relatively slowly through a network.

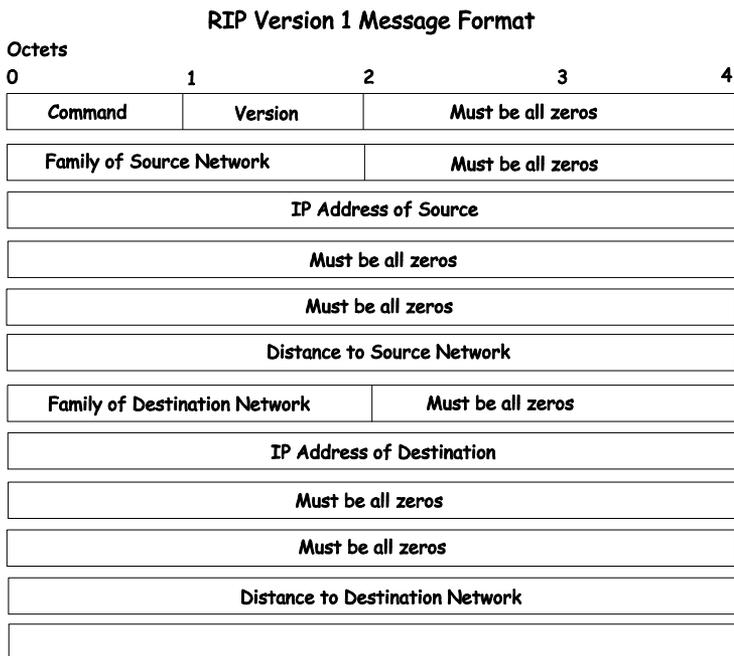
Slow convergence can be solved by using split horizon update, where a router does not propagate information about a route back to the interface on which it was received. This reduces the probability of forming transient routing loops.

Hold down can be used to force a router to ignore new route updates for a period of time (usually 60 seconds) after a new route update has been received. This allows all routers on the network to receive the message.

A router can 'poison reverse' a route by adding an infinite (16) hop count to a route's advertisement. This is usually used in conjunction with triggered updates, which force a router to send an immediate broadcast when an update of an unreachable network is received.

## RIP Version 1 Message Format

There are two types of RIP messages: routing information messages and information requests. The same format is used by both types.



**Figure 2-17. RIP v.1 Message Format**

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The COMMAND field specifies an operation according the following table:

Command	Meaning
1	Request for partial or full routing information
2	Response containing network-distance pairs from sender's routing table
3	Turn on trace mode (obsolete)
4	Turn off trace mode (obsolete)
5	Reserved for Sun Microsystem's internal use
9	Update Request
10	Update Response
11	Update Acknowledgement

**Table 2-12. RIP Command Codes**

The field VERSION contains the protocol version number (1 in this case), and is used by the receiver to verify which version of RIP the packet was sent from.

## RIP 1 Message

RIP is not limited to TCP/IP. Its address format can support up to 14 octets (when using IP, the remaining 10 octets must be zeros). Other network protocol suites can be specified in the Family of Source Network field (IP has a value of 2). This will determine how the address field is interpreted.

RIP specifies that the IP address 0.0.0.0 denotes a default route.

The distances, measured in router hops are entered in the Distance to Source Network, and Distance to Destination Network fields.

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## RIP 1 Route Interpretation

RIP was designed to be used with classed address schemes, and does not include an explicit subnet mask. An extension to version 1 does allow routers to exchange subnetted addresses, but only if the subnet mask used by the network is the same as the subnet mask used by the address. This means the RIP version 1 cannot be used to propagate classless addresses.

Routers running RIP version 1 must send different update messages for each IP interface to which it is connected. Interfaces that use the same subnet mask as the router's network can contain subnetted routes, other interfaces cannot. The router will then advertise only a single route to the network.

## RIP Version 2 Extensions

RIP version 2 includes an explicit subnet mask entry, so RIP version 2 can be used to propagate variable length subnet addresses or CIDR classless addresses. RIP version 2 also adds an explicit next hop entry, which speeds convergence and helps prevent the formation of routing loops.

## RIP2 Message Format

The message format used with RIP2 is an extension of the RIP1 format:

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### RIP Version 2 Message Format

Octets				
0	1	2	3	4
Command	Version	Must be all zeros		
Family of Source Network		Route Tag for Source Network		
IP Address of Source				
Subnet Mask for Source				
Next Hop for Source Network				
Distance to Source Network				
Family of Destination Network		Route Tag for Destination Network		
IP Address of Destination				
Subnet Mask for Destination				
Next Hop for Destination Network				
Distance to Destination Network				

**Figure 2-18. RIP Message Format**

RIP version 2 also adds a 16-bit route tag that is retained and sent with router updates. It can be used to identify the origin of the route.

Because the version number in RIP2 occupies the same octet as in RIP1, both versions of the protocols can be used on a given router simultaneously without interference.

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## Appendix A. Troubleshooting STP

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### Spanning Tree Protocol Failure

A failure in the STA generally leads to a bridging loop. A bridging loop in an STP environment comes from a port that should be in the blocking state, but is forwarding packets.

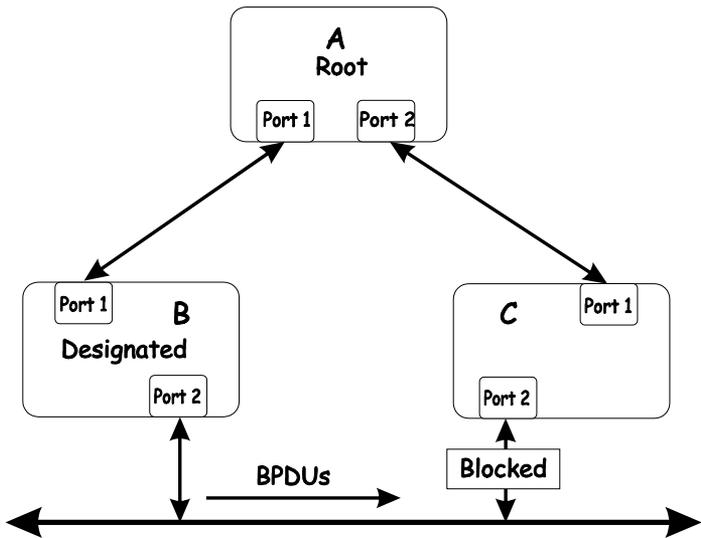


Figure A-1. STP Loop

In this example, B has been elected as the designated bridge and port 2 on C is in the blocking state. The election of B as the designated bridge is determined by the exchange of BPDUs between B and C. B had a better BPDU than C. B continues sending BPDUs advertising its superiority over the other bridges on this LAN. Should C fail to receive these BPDUs for longer than the MAX AGE (default of 20 seconds), it could start to transition its port 2 from the blocking state to the forwarding state.

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It should be noted: A port must continue to receive BPDUs advertising superior paths to remain in the blocking state.

There are a number of circumstances in which the STA can fail – mostly related to the loss of a large number of BPDUs.

These situations will cause a port in the blocking state to transition to the forwarding state.

## Full/Half Duplex Mismatch

A mismatch in the duplex state of two ports is a very common configuration error for a point-to-point link. If one port is configured as a full duplex, and the other port is left in auto-negotiation mode, the second port will end up in half-duplex because ports configured as half- or full-duplex do not negotiate.

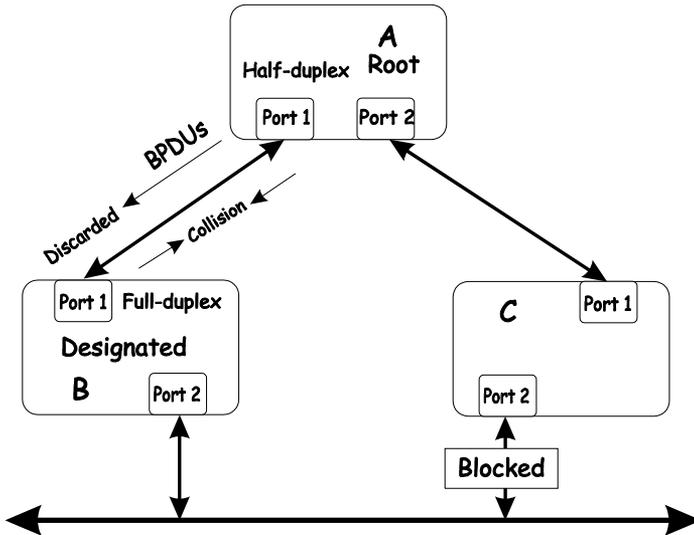


Figure A-2. Full- Half-Duplex Mismatch

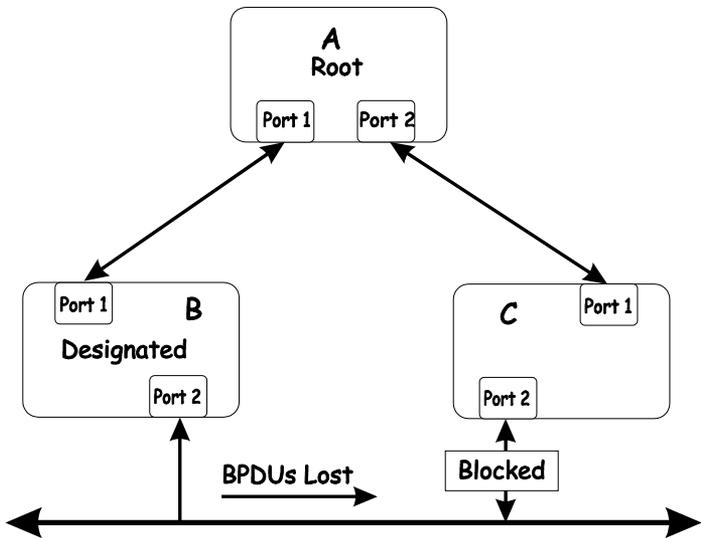
In the above example, port 1 on B is configured as a full-duplex port and port 1 on A is either configured as a half-duplex port, or left in auto-negotiation mode. Because port 1 on B is configured as a full-duplex port, it does not do the carrier sense when accessing the link. B will then start

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sending packets even if A is using the link. A will then detect collisions and begin to run the flow control algorithm. If there is enough traffic between B and A, all packets (including BPDUs) will be dropped. If the BPDUs sent from A to B are dropped for longer than the MAX AGE, B will lose its connection to the root (A) and will unblock its connection to C. This will lead to a data loop.

## Unidirectional Link

Unidirectional links can be caused by an undetected failure in one side of a fiber cable, or a problem with a ports transceiver. Any failure that allows a link to remain up while providing one-way communication is very dangerous for STP.



**Figure A-3. After Applying STP**

In this example, port 2 on B can receive but not transmit packets. Port 2 on C should be in the blocking state, but since it can no longer receive BPDUs from port 2 on B, it will transition to the forwarding state. If the failure exists at boot, STP will not converge and rebooting the bridges will have no effect. (Note: Rebooting would help temporarily in the previous example).

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This type of failure is difficult to detect because the Link-state LEDs for Ethernet links rely on the transmit side of the cable to detect a link. If a unidirectional failure on a link is suspected, it is usually required to go to the console or other management software and look at the packets received and transmitted for the port. A unidirectional port will have many packets transmitted but none received, or vice versa, for example.

## Packet Corruption

Packet corruption can lead to the same type of failure. If a link is experiencing a high rate of physical errors, a large number of consecutive BPDUs can be dropped and a port in the blocking state would transition to the forwarding state. The blocking port would have to have the BPDUs dropped for 50 seconds (at the default settings) and a single BPDU would reset the timer. If the MAX AGE is set too low, this time is reduced.

## Resource Errors

The VH-2402-L3 Layer 3 switch performs its switching and routing functions primarily in hardware, using specialized ASICs. STP is implemented in software and is thus reliant upon the speed of the CPU and other factors to converge. If the CPU is over-utilized, it is possible that BPDUs may not be sent in a timely fashion. STP is generally not very CPU intensive and is given priority over other processes, so this type of error is rare.

It can be seen that very low values for the MAX AGE and the FORWARD DELAY can result in an unstable spanning tree. The loss of BPDUs can lead to data loops. The diameter of the network can also cause problems. The default values for STP give a maximum network diameter of about seven. This means that two switches in the network cannot be more than seven hops apart. Part of this diameter restriction is the BPDU age field. As BPDUs are propagated from the root bridge to the leaves of the spanning tree, each bridge increments the age field. When this field is beyond the maximum age, the packet is discarded. For large diameter networks, STP convergence can be very slow.

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## Identifying a Data Loop

Broadcast storms have a very similar effect on the network to data loops, but broadcast storm controls in modern switches have (along with subnetting and other network practices) have been very effective in controlling broadcast storms. The best way to determine if a data loop exists is to capture traffic on a saturated link and check if similar packets are seen multiple times.

Generally, if all the users of a given domain are having trouble connecting to the network at the same time, a data loop can be suspected. The port utilization data in the switch's console will give unusually high values in this case.

The priority for most cases is to restore connectivity as soon as possible. The simplest remedy is to manually disable all of the ports that provide redundant links. Disabling ports one at a time, and then checking for a restoration of the user's connectivity will identify the link that is causing the problem, if time allows. Connectivity will be restored immediately after disabling a data loop.

## Avoiding Trouble

### ***Know where the root is located.***

Although the STP can elect a root bridge, a well-designed network will have an identifiable root for each VLAN. Careful setup of the STP parameters will lead to the selection of this best switch as the root for each VLAN. Redundant links can then be built into the network. STP is well suited to maintaining connectivity in the event of a device failure or removal, but is poorly suited to designing networks.

### ***Know which links are redundant.***

Organize the redundant links and tune the port cost parameter of STP to force those ports to be in the blocking state.

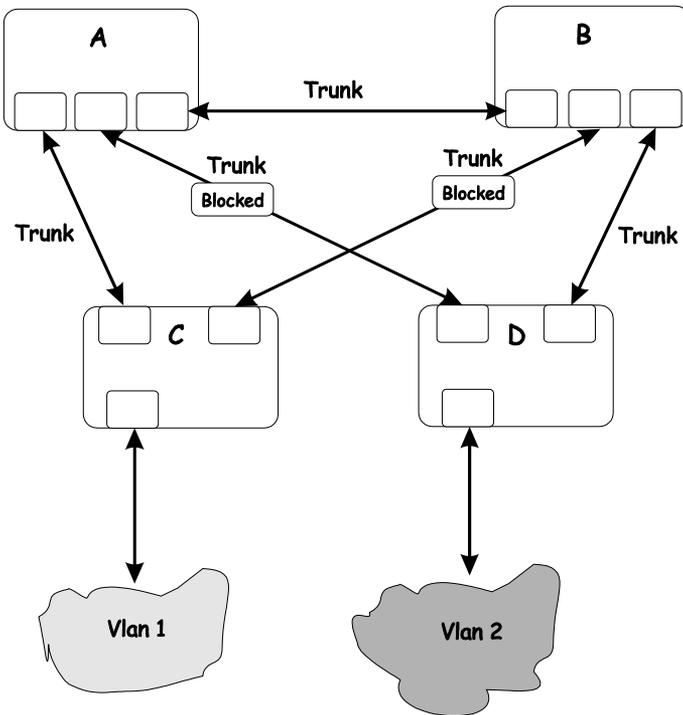
For each VLAN, know which ports should be blocking in a stable network. A network diagram that shows each

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physical loop in the network and which ports break which loops is extremely helpful.

**Minimize the number of ports in the blocking state.**

A single blocking port transitioning to the forwarding state at an inappropriate time can cause a large part of a network to fail. Limiting the number of blocked ports help to limit the risk of an inappropriate transition.

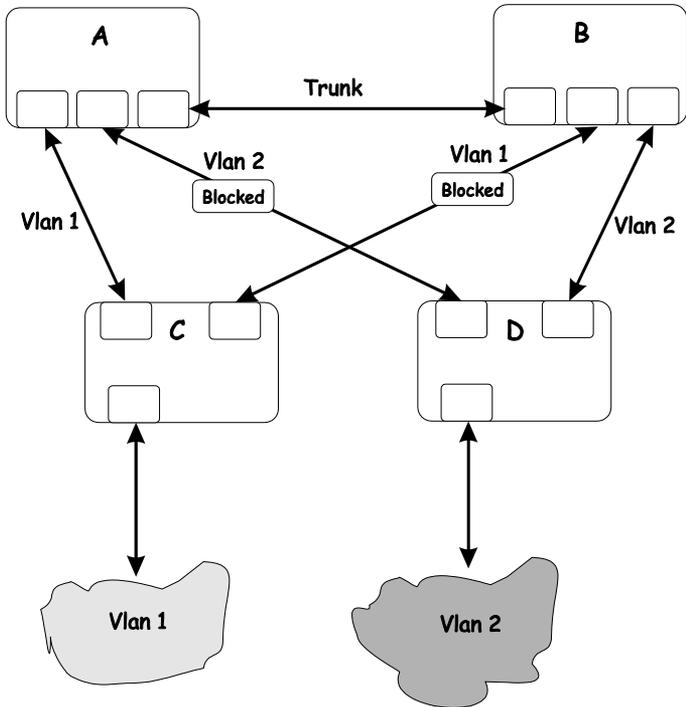


**Figure A-4. STP Network Layout**

This is a common network design. The switches C and D have redundant links to the backbone switches A and B using trunks. Trunks, by default, carry all the VLAN traffic from VLAN 1 and VLAN 2. So switch C is not only receiving traffic for VLAN 1, but it is also receiving unnecessary broadcast and multicast traffic for VLAN 2. It is also blocking one port for VLAN 2. Thus, there are three redundant paths

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between switches A and B and two blocked ports per VLAN. This increases the chance of a data loop.



**Figure A-5. After Applying STP**

In this example, the VLAN definitions are extended to switches A and B. This gives only a single blocked port per VLAN and allows the removal of all redundant links by removing switch A or B from the network.

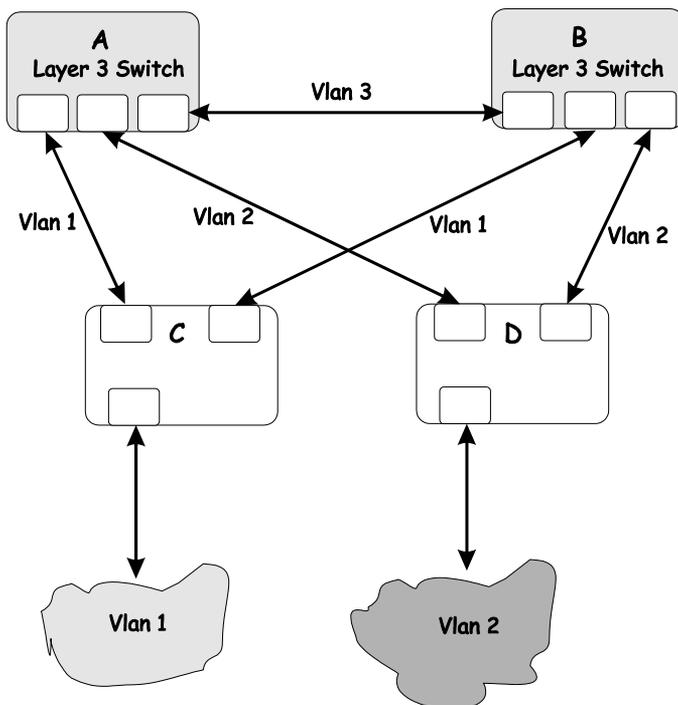
***Impact of Layer 3 Switching.***

The IP routing operational mode of the VH-2402-L3 Layer 3 switch can accomplish the following:

- Building a forwarding table, and exchanging information with its peers using routing protocols.

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- Receiving packets and forwarding them to the correct interface based upon their destination address

With layer 3 switching, there is no performance penalty to introducing a routing hop and creating an additional segment of the network.



**Figure A-6. Using Layer 3 VLANs**

Using layer 3 switches and IP routing eliminates the need for STP port blocking because the packets are routed by destination addresses. The link redundancy remains, and relying on the routing protocols gives a faster convergence than with STP.

The drawback is that the introduction of layer 3 switching usually requires a new addressing scheme.

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## Appendix B. Brief Review of Bitwise Logical Operations

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### AND

The logical AND operation compares 2 bits and if they are both “1”, then the result is “1”, otherwise, the result is “0”.

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1

### OR

The logical OR operation compares 2 bits and if either or both bits are “1”, then the result is “1”, otherwise, the result is “0”.

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1

### XOR

The logical XOR (exclusive OR) operation compares 2 bits and if exactly one of them is a “1”, then the result is “1”, otherwise the result is “0”.

	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>0</b>	0	1
<b>1</b>	1	0

### NOT

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The logical NOT operation simply changes the value of a single bit. If it is a “1”, the result is “0”, if it is a “0”, the result is “1”. This operation is carried out on a single bit.

<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

## Appendix C. Technical Specifications

General													
Standards:	<p>IEEE 802.3 10BASE-T Ethernet</p> <p>IEEE 802.3u 100BASE-TX Fast Ethernet</p> <p>IEEE 802.3z 1000BASE-SX Gigabit Ethernet</p> <p>IEEE 802.1 P/Q VLAN</p> <p>IEEE 802.3x Full-duplex Flow Control</p> <p>ANSI/IEEE 802.3 Auto-negotiation</p>												
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Fast Ethernet	100Mbps	200Mbps											
Gigabit Ethernet	n/a	2000Mbps											
Topology:	Star												

## General (Cont'd)

Network Cables:	
10BASE-T:	2-pair UTP Cat. 3,4,5 (100 m) EIA/TIA- 568 100-ohm STP (100 m)
100BASE-TX:	2-pair UTP Cat. 5 (100 m) EIA/TIA-568 100-ohm STP (100 m)
Fiber Optic:	IEC 793-2:1992 Type A1a - 50/125um multimode Type A1b - 62.5/125um multimode Both types use MT-RJ or SC optical connector
Number of Ports:	24 x 10/100 Mbps Auto-negotiation ports 2 Gigabit Ethernet (optional)

## Physical and Environmental

AC inputs:	100 - 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz (internal universal power supply)
Power Consumption:	40 watts maximum
DC fans:	3 built-in 40 x 40 x10 mm fan
Operating Temperature:	0 to 50 degrees Celsius
Storage Temperature:	-25 to 55 degrees Celsius
Humidity:	Operating: 5% to 95% RH non-condensing Storage: 0% to 95% RH non-condensing
Dimensions:	441 mm x 207 mm x 44 mm (1U), 19 inch rack-mount width
Weight:	3 kg
EMI:	FCC Class A, CE Class A, VCCI Class A, BSMI Class A, C-Tick Class A FCC Part 15/IECES-003 (Canada), VCCI Class A ITE, EN55022/EN50082-1 or EN%24, C-Tick (AS/NZS3548, BSMI (CNS 13438)

<b>Physical and Environmental</b>	
Safety:	UL, CSA, CE Mark, TUV/GS UL 1950 & CSA22.2 No 950, IEC 950 (CB), TUV (EN60950)

<b>Performance</b>	
Transmission Method:	Store-and-forward
RAM Buffer:	16 MB per device
Filtering Address Table:	8K MAC address per device
Packet Filtering/ Forwarding Rate:	Full-wire speed for all connections. 148,800 pps per port (for 100Mbps)1,488,000 pps per port (for 1000Mbps)
MAC Address Learning:	Automatic update.
Forwarding Table Age Time:	Max age:10–9999 seconds. Default = 300.

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