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AT-S24



User's Guide

FOR USE WITH AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL,
AND AT-8288XL FAST ETHERNET SWITCH
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Preface

This guide contains instructions on how to use the AT-S24 Version 2.01 management software and the Omega management interface to manage and configure your AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL, and AT-8288XL Series Fast Ethernet Switches.

Supported Platforms

Version 2.01 of the AT-S24 management software is supported on the following Allied Telesyn Fast Ethernet switches:

- ❑ AT-8216FXL/MT
- ❑ AT-8216FXL/VF
- ❑ AT-8216FXL/SC
- ❑ AT-8224XL
- ❑ AT-8288XL/MT
- ❑ AT-8288XL/SC

Version 2.01 of the AT-S24 management software supports the following expansion modules:

- ❑ AT-A14 100/1000Base-T Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A15/SX 1000Base-SX Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A15/LX 1000Base-SL Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A16 100Base-FX Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A17 100Base-FX Expansion Module

- ❑ AT-A18 10/100Base-TX Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A19 100Base-FX Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A22/SX 1000Base-SX Expansion Module
- ❑ AT-A22/LX 1000Base-LX Expansion Module

Note

Refer to Appendix C for additional information on the switches and expansion modules supported by this version of the AT-S24 management software.

Purpose of This Guide

This guide is intended for network administrators who are responsible for managing the switches. Network administrators should be familiar with Ethernet switches, Ethernet and Fast Ethernet technology, bridging, and the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP).

How This Guide is Organized

This guide contains the following chapters and appendices:

Chapter 1, **Getting Started**, explains how to start an Omega session. This chapter also describes the Omega Main Menu and how to navigate around the various menus.

Chapter 2, **Managing a Switch**, describes how to configure the IP parameters for a switch, how to set the spanning tree protocol parameters, and more.

Chapter 3, **Configuring the Ports**, explains how to set the port parameters, create port mirrors and port trunks, and configure port security.

Chapter 4, **Configuring the MAC Address Table**, contains the procedures for displaying the MAC address table, viewing and changing the static MAC address table, and configuring multicast addresses.

Chapter 5, **Configuring Virtual LANs and Quality of Service**, contains background information on the different types of VLANs that are supported by the switch. The chapter also contains the procedures for creating and modifying VLANs and how to configure the Priority Queueing feature.

Chapter 6, **Displaying Ethernet Statistics**, explains how to view switch-level and port-level performance statistics.

Chapter 7, **Configuring the Omega Interface**, contains the procedures for assigning the Omega interface a password and for disabling the various access methods.

Chapter 8, **Upgrading Switch Software and Configuration Files**, explains how to download new AT-S24 software onto the switches in your network.

Appendix A, **AT-S24 Default Settings**, lists the factory default settings for the switch and the management software.

Appendix B, **Spanning Tree Concepts**, briefly describes the spanning tree protocol as implemented by Allied Telesyn for the switch.

Appendix C, **Supported Platforms**, lists the basic specifications of the Fast Ethernet switches and optional expansion modules supported by this version of the AT-S24 software.

Index, at the end of this guide, is organized according to subject matter.

Document Conventions

This guide uses several conventions that you should become familiar with first before you begin to install the product.

Note

Notes provide additional information.



Warning

Warnings inform you that performing or omitting a specific action may result in bodily injury.



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- ❑ **AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL, and AT-8288XL Installation Guide** ,
PN 613-10811-00

The following manual is shipped with the switch and contains an abbreviated version of the installation instructions:

- ❑ **AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL, and AT-8288XL Quick Install Guide**,
PN 613-10810-00

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Chapter 1

Getting Started

This chapter provides an overview of the Omega management interface and contains the different procedures for starting an Omega management session. The sections in this chapter include:

- ❑ **Overview** on page 22
- ❑ **Starting a Local Omega Session Using the RS232 Port** on page 23
- ❑ **Starting an Omega Session from a Web Browser** on page 28
- ❑ **Starting a Remote Omega Session with Telnet or an SNMP Management Program** on page 32
- ❑ **Connecting to a Remote Switch** on page 33
- ❑ **Menu Tree** on page 34

Overview

The Omega interface simplifies the task of managing your Allied Telesyn AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL, and AT-8288XL Series Fast Ethernet switches. This menu-oriented interface, which comes pre-installed on the switch along with the AT-S24 software, enables you to configure and manage all of the switch parameters, such as the IP address, the gateway address, and the subnet mask of the switch. You can also use the interface to create virtual LANs, view performance statistics, and create port trunks.

There are three different ways that you can access the Omega management interface to configure and manage a switch. They are:

- ☐ Using the RS232 port on the front panel of the switch. This creates a Local Omega session.
- ☐ Using a web browser, such as Netscape Navigator.
- ☐ Using Telnet.

You can also manage a switch using a SNMP program, such as HP Overview; however, this method does not use the Omega interface.

The different sections in this chapter contain procedures on how to start an Omega management session for each method. The chapter also describes the Omega Main Menu and how to move through the different menu selections.

Starting a Local Omega Session Using the RS232 Port

This section contains the procedure for starting a local Omega session by connecting a terminal to the RS232 port on the switch.

Note

If you are managing the switch in a TCP/IP environment and you are configuring the IP parameters for the first time, you must access the Omega program locally using this procedure and assign the switch an IP address and, if necessary, a gateway address and a subnet mask.

To start a local Omega session, perform the following procedure:

1. Connect a terminal or PC with a terminal emulator program to the RS232 port on the switch.
2. Configure the terminal or terminal emulator program as follows:
 - ☐ Baud rate: 9600
 - ☐ Data bits: 8
 - ☐ Stop bits: 1
 - ☐ Parity: None
 - ☐ Flow control: None
 - ☐ Emulator: VT100

Note

The default settings for the switch's RS232 port as listed above are for a DEC VT100 or ANSI terminal, or an equivalent terminal emulator program. Once you have started an Omega session, you can change these values, as explained in **Chapter 2, Managing a Switch**.

3. Press the <Return> key.
4. If prompted for a password, enter the password for the Omega interface. The default is no password. You can later configure a password. For instructions, refer to **Chapter 7, Configuring the Omega Interface**.

The Omega Main Menu is displayed. Refer to the next section for a description of the menu.

Omega Main Menu

Figure 1 illustrates the Omega Main Menu.

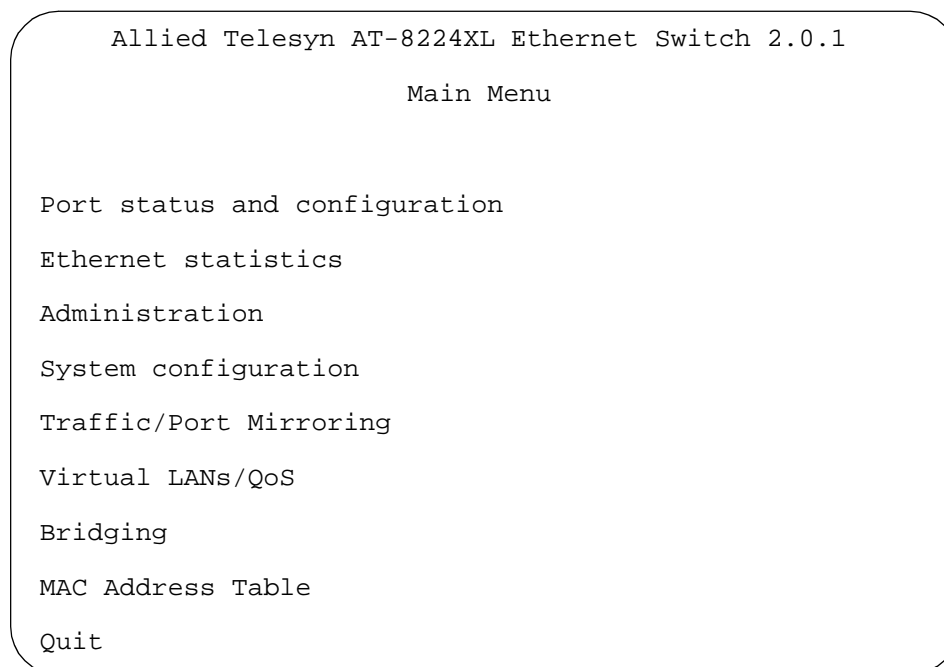


Figure 1 Omega Main Menu from a Local Session

Selecting Menu Options and Changing Parameters

If you are using the DEC VT100 or ANSI (the default) terminal configuration, refer to Table 1 for instructions on how to select menu options.

Table 1 DEC VT100 or ANSI Terminal

When directed to	You must
Select an option	<p>Highlight the option by pressing the Up (↑) and Down (↓) arrow keys; then press <Return></p> <p>or</p> <p>Type the first character of the desired option at the prompt and press <Return>.</p> <p>If two or more options have matching initial characters, type the initial characters until the option you want is highlighted; then press <Return>.</p>
Enter information (for example, the IP address of a switch)	Type the information and press <Return>.
Return to the previous screen	<p>Select the "Return" option at the bottom of the menu</p> <p>or</p> <p>Press <Esc>.</p>

Table 2 shows you how to move through and select menu selections if you are using a generic (dumb) terminal configuration:

Table 2 Generic (Dumb) Terminal

When directed	You must
To select an option	<p>Type the first character of the desired option and then press <Return>.</p> <p>If two or more options have matching initial characters, type enough characters for Omega to distinguish your choice from the other options; then press <Return>. To guide you, the characters you must type are in uppercase.</p> <p>For example: Mirroring configuration MAC Address Table</p> <p>If options on a list are preceded by numbers (1:, 2:, 3:, etc.) or letters (A:, B:, C:, etc.), type the number or letter corresponding to your choice at the prompt; then press <Return>.</p>
To enter information (for example, the IP address of a switch)	Type the correct information at the prompt and press <Return>.
To return to the previous screen	Press <Return> after making an entry.

Activated options in menus are preceded with a > symbol. In the following example, the first option is activated:

```
>   Enable this port
    Disable this port
```

When you press <Return> to select a field in which you can enter a value, the -> symbol is displayed. For example:

```
System name:      ->
```

The -> symbol indicates that you can enter a new value for the parameter or change the existing value. Once you have entered a value, press <Return>. To delete an existing value to a parameter without assigning a new value, type a space and press <Return>. Parameter changes are activated on the switch immediately.

Note

If you are configuring the switch for the first time and the switch is in a TCP/IP network, go to **Chapter 2, Managing a Switch** for instructions on how to assign the switch an IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address.

**Quitting from a
Local Session**

To quit a local Omega session, select **Quit** from the Main Menu. If you do not quit Omega from a local session, remote Telnet sessions to the switch will be blocked.

Starting an Omega Session from a Web Browser

This section contains the procedure for starting an Omega session from a web browser.

Note

You cannot use a web browser to manage a Fast Ethernet switch if the switch is part of a non-TCP/IP network.

Before you can manage the switch in a TCP/IP environment, it must have an IP address. In order to configure the IP parameters for the first time, you must access the Omega program locally using the switch RS232 port; refer to **Starting a Local Omega Session Using the RS232 Port** on page 23 for instructions.

To start an Omega session from a web browser, perform the following procedure:

1. Start your web browser.

Note

If the PC with the web browser is connected directly to the switch or is on the same side of a firewall as the switch, you must configure your browser's network options not to use proxies. Consult your web browser's documentation on how to configure the browser not to use proxies.

2. Enter the IP address of the switch you want to manage in the URL field of the browser, as shown in Figure 2.



Figure 2 Entering a Switch's IP Address in the URL Field

The window shown in Figure 3 is displayed.

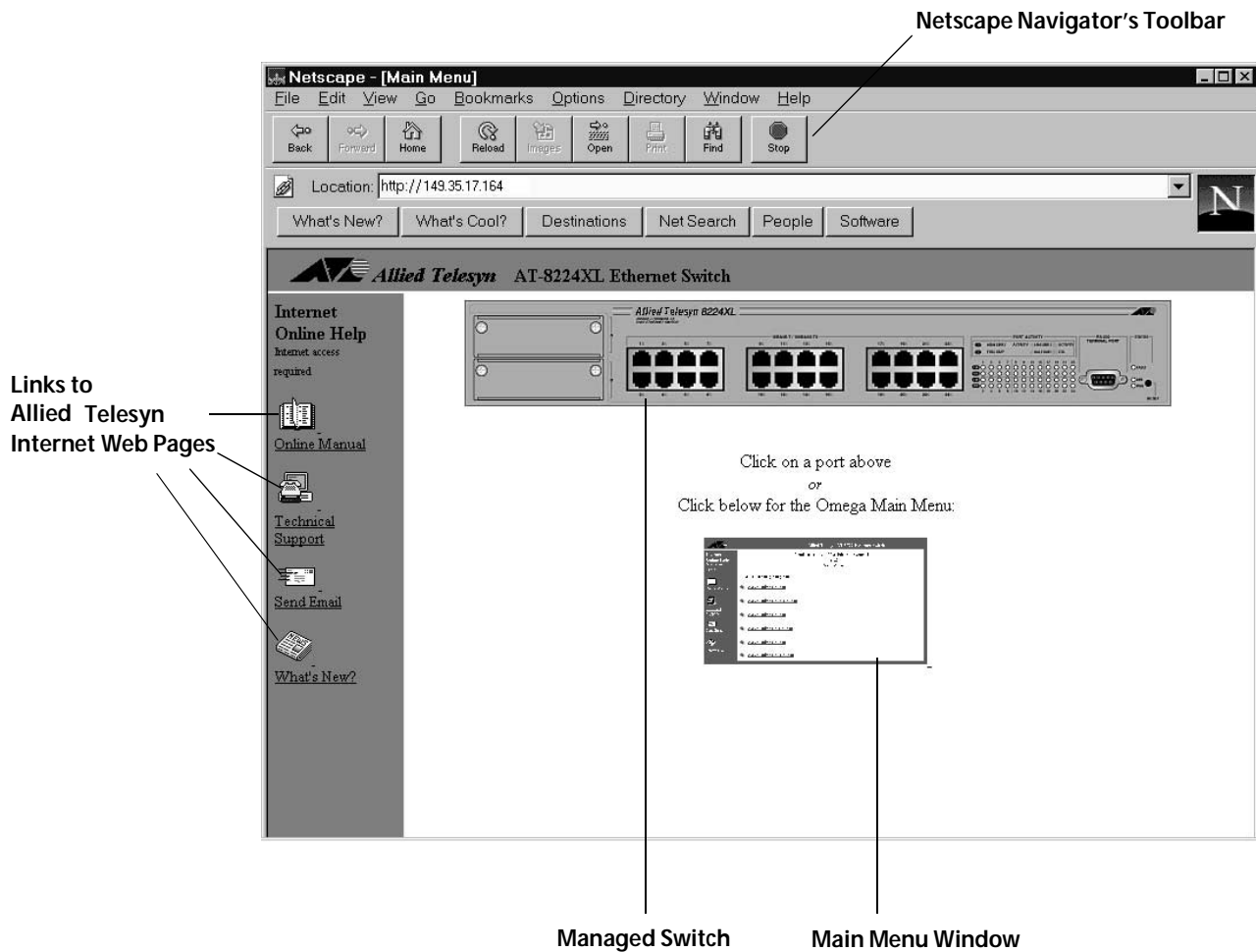


Figure 3 Initial Omega Window from a Web Browser

This window contains the following sections:

- ☐ Managed Switch
- ☐ Main Menu Window
- ☐ Web Links

Managed Switch

At the top of the window is an image of the switch that you are currently managing. (The display will not include any optional expansion modules that might be installed in the switch.)

You can click on certain areas of the switch to activate windows. Clicking on a port displays the configuration window for that port, which you use to set the port parameters. Clicking on the RS232 port displays the configuration window for the terminal port. Finally, clicking on the switch chassis displays a window that lists the status of all the ports on the switch.

Omega Main Menu Window

The Main Menu window contains the Omega menus. This window is displayed in a reduced format when you first start a web-based Omega session. To enlarge it, click on the window. Figure 4 is an example of the Omega Main Menu.

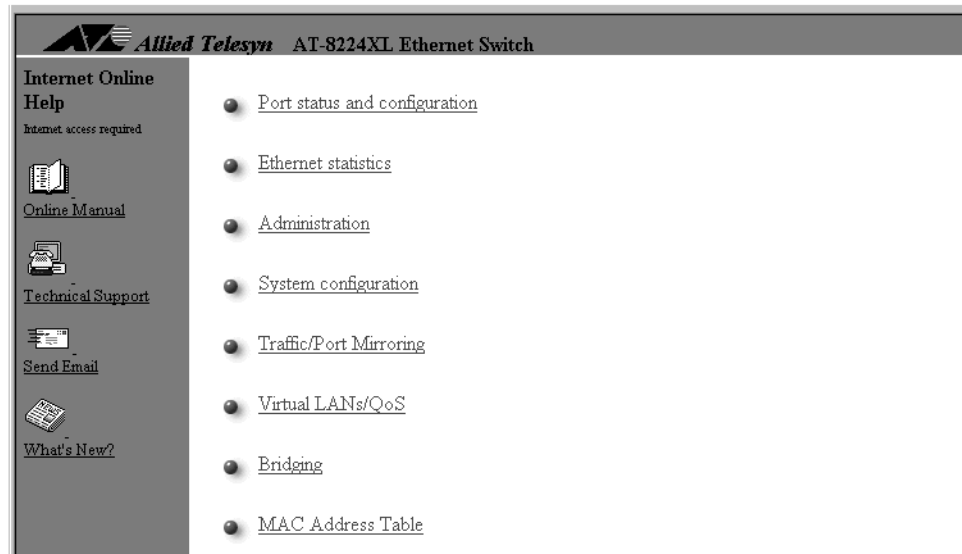


Figure 4 Omega Main Menu from a Web Browser

Selecting Menu Options and Changing Parameters

Activated options in the menus are preceded with a ✓ symbol. In the following example, the first option is activated:

- ✓ ☒ [Enable Spanning Tree](#)
- ☐ [Disable Spanning Tree](#)

Figure 5 Active Menu Option

Options in which you can provide a value contain an entry field and the two buttons Enter and Reset, as shown in the following example:

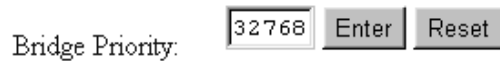


Figure 6 Entry Field

After entering a new value, click Enter to send the new parameter setting to the switch. Changes to parameters are activated immediately on the switch.

The Reset button queries the switch for the current parameter setting and displays the setting in the entry field.

Web Links

The left portion of the window contains links that take you automatically to relevant web pages at the Allied Telesyn web site.

The Online Manual link takes you to Allied Telesyn's technical communications web page, where you can download product documentation in PDF format.

The Technical Support link takes you to Allied Telesyn's Technical Support web page, where you can learn about the company's support services.

The Send Email link allows you to submit feedback, questions, or any other information to Allied Telesyn.

The What's New? link takes you to a web page that describes Allied Telesyn's latest product offerings.

Browser Tools

You can use the browser tools to move around the Omega menus. Selecting **Back** on your browser's toolbar returns you to the previous display. You can also use the browser's **bookmark** feature on frequently-used views to bypass the Omega menu structure.

Quitting an Omega Session from a Web Browser

To exit from a web-based Omega session, simply quit the browser. It should be remembered that once you have started an Omega session through a browser, the session remains active even if you link to other sites. You can return to the Omega web pages anytime as long as you do not quit the browser.

Starting a Remote Omega Session with Telnet or an SNMP Management Program

A switch can be managed with the Telnet program or with an SNMP management program, such as HP Openview. This type of switch management is referred to as remote management.

If the switch is in a TCP/IP environment, remote management is possible only after the switch has been assigned an IP address. This is accomplished by managing the switch locally through the RS232 port.

Starting a Telnet management session involves specifying the IP address of the switch with the Telnet utility. You then enter the Omega password, if one has been assigned, after which the Omega main menu is displayed. For instructions on using the Telnet program, refer to the documentation that came with the program.

For non-IP environments, you can use MAC addresses to connect to remote Allied Telesyn switches as long as there are no routers between the management station and the switch.

It is important to note that you can have only one Telnet session operating at any one time. The session can be either inbound or outbound. If you have an inbound session to Omega, you do not have the option of starting a new session (outbound connection). Therefore, if you are already using Telnet, the Omega menu selection *Connect to a remote system* will not be available (described in **Connecting to a Remote Switch** on page 33). In addition, a local RS232 connection blocks a Telnet session and vice versa.

If you are currently in a Telnet session, you must disconnect Telnet after quitting Omega. Otherwise, future Telnet sessions to the switch will be blocked. You can configure a timeout value so that the switch automatically disconnects Telnet sessions after a period of inactivity. Refer to **Chapter 7, Configuring the Omega Interface**.

Note

For a description of the Omega main menu, refer to the section **Omega Main Menu** on page 24.

Connecting to a Remote Switch

If you are managing a switch locally (that is, through the RS232 port on the switch), you can connect to another switch through the Omega interface and so be able to manage the remote switch, without having to end your local session. To connect to a remote switch from a local session, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Administration*.

The Administrator menu is displayed.

2. Select *Connect to remote system*.
3. Specify the remote switch to be managed using one of the following methods:

☐ Switch IP address, in the format **x.x.x.x**

☐ Switch Ethernet (or MAC) address, in the format **xxxxxx xxxxxx**

The switch MAC address is printed above the RS232 management port on the switch front panel.

Once the information is validated and the connection to the remote switch is opened, you immediately get the remote switch Omega Main Menu. You can then use the Omega program to configure the remote switch and run diagnostics.

The only option not available on the remote switch is *Connect to a remote system* from the Administration menu.

4. Select *Quit* from the Main Menu when you are finished managing the remote switch.

After you have ended the session with the remote switch, your Omega session with the local switch is reactivated.

Note

It is important that you select *Quit* after the Omega session. Otherwise, you might block other sessions or software downloads via the network to the remote switch.

Menu Tree

Table 3 lists the Omega menu selections.

Table 3 Omega Menu Selections

Main Menu Selection	Menu Selection	Page	Function
Port Status and Configuration			
	Port number	66, 68	Displays and configures the parameter settings for the ports on the switch.
Ethernet Statistics			
	Transmit statistics	137	Displays statistics on the number of frames transmitted by a port or the switch.
	Individual port overview	134, 137	Displays the received and transmitted frame statistics for a specific port.
	RMON statistics	139	Displays RMON statistics for the entire switch.
	Port RMON statistics	140	Displays RMON statistics by port.
	Zero all statistic counters on the entire system	141	Returns the statistic counters in a switch to 0 (zero).
Administration			
	XModem software update to this system	150	Downloads the AT-S24 software onto the switch using XModem. Only available via a local Omega session.
	Connect to a remote system	33	Enables you to connect to and manage another switch while running a local management session on a switch. Only available via a local Omega session.
	Ping a remote system	62	Tests the connectivity to another network node.
	Activity monitor	61	Displays the switch's activity monitor.
	Diagnostics	59	Performs a series of diagnostic tests on the switch.

Table 3 Omega Menu Selections (*continued*)

Main Menu Selection	Menu Selection	Page	Function
	Reset and restart the system	54	Resets the switch.
System Configuration			
	System name	53	Assigns a name to a switch.
	Default aging time	90	Sets the aging time for the MAC address table.
	Omega options	144, 146, 147	Configures the Omega security features, such as the Omega password and the timeout value.
	IP parameters	41	Configures the IP parameters for the switch, such as the IP address, subnet mask, and gateway address.
	Security/source address table	81	Sets the port security level.
	Terminal configuration	56	Adjusts the settings for the RS232 management port.
	System switch configuration	51, 72	Activates the IGMP snooping feature on the switch and creates port trunks.
Traffic/Port Mirroring			
	Enable	78	Enables port mirroring on the switch.
	Disable	80	Disables port mirroring on the switch.
Virtual LANs/QoS			
	Virtual LAN definitions	110, 117, 120, 122	Displays a list of the VLANs existing on a switch. Also creates and deletes virtual LANs.
	Port to VLAN configuration	114, 118, 121	Configures the PVID of an untagged port to match the VLAN ID (VID).
	Assign port priority	129	Assigns a port priority to a port, which can override the tag priority in a frame.

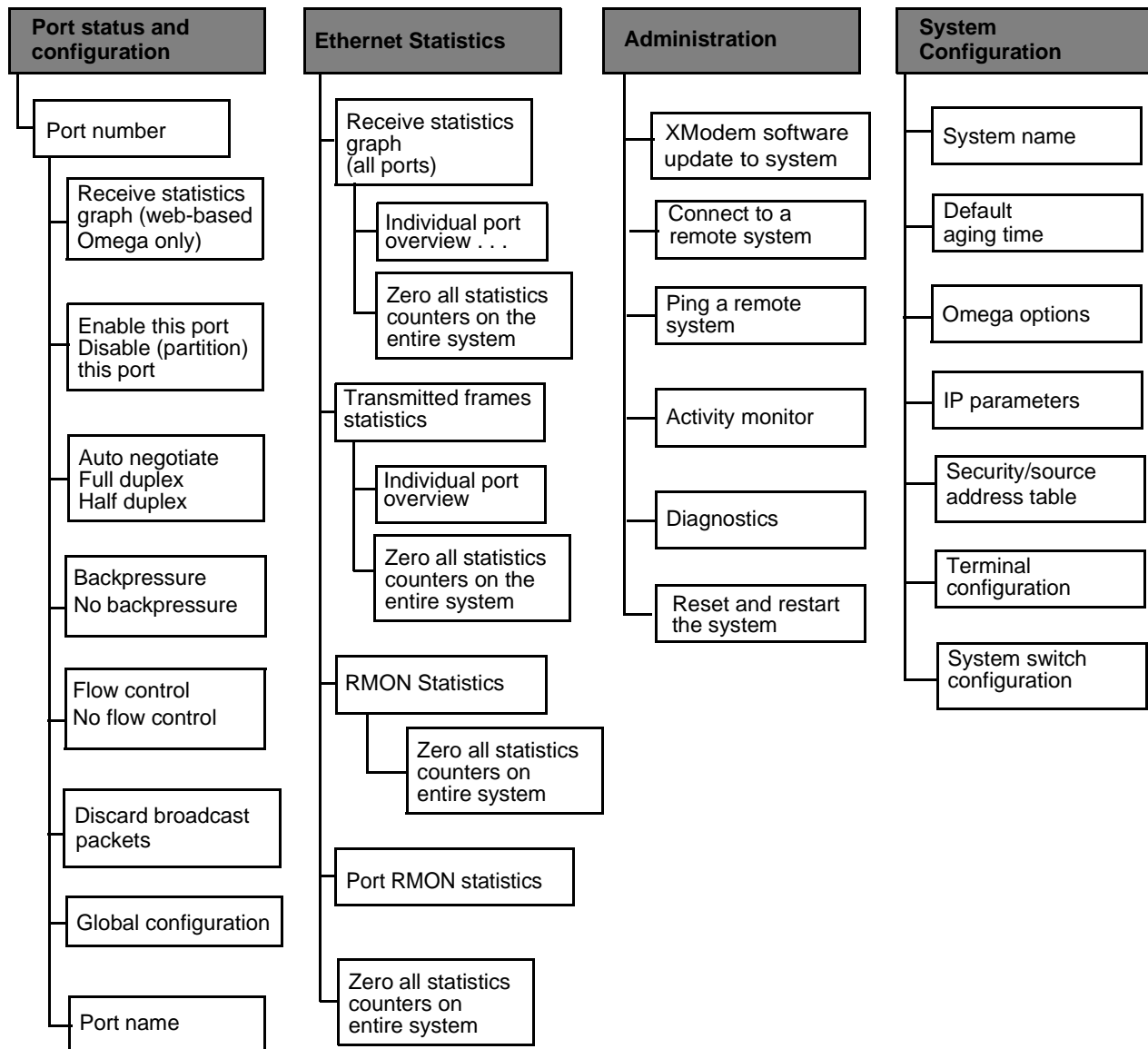
Table 3 Omega Menu Selections (*continued*)

Main Menu Selection	Menu Selection	Page	Function
	Priority weight configuration	131	Configures the ratio by which high and normal priority tagged frames are handled by the switch.
	Assign management port to VLAN	128	Assigns the CPU Management Port to a VLAN.
	Change the VLAN mode (802.1Q VLAN or multiple VLANs)	124	Toggles the switch between port-based and tagged VLANs and the multiple VLAN configuration.
	Gateway MAC address for Multiple VLAN	124	Specifies the MAC address of the Internet gateway. Only available when the switch is running in the Multiple VLAN mode.
Bridging			
	Spanning tree parameters	49	Configures the spanning tree parameters for a switch.
	Port spanning tree configuration	46	Configures the spanning tree parameters for the individual ports on a switch.
MAC Address Table			
	Show all MAC addresses	87	Displays all the MAC addresses learned by the ports on a switch.
	By port MAC addresses	88	Displays the MAC addresses learned on a particular port on a switch.
	Get port from MAC address	89	Displays the port number on which a specific MAC address was learned.
	Clear dynamic MAC table	90	Clears all learned MAC addresses from the switch.
	All static MAC addresses	92	Displays all the entries in the static MAC address table of a switch.
	Per port static MAC address	93, 95	Adds and deletes addresses from the static MAC address table.
	Multicast addresses	97, 99, 99	Displays the multicast addresses of a switch. Also creates and deletes multicast addresses.

Table 3 Omega Menu Selections (*continued*)

Main Menu Selection	Menu Selection	Page	Function
	Clear static MAC table	96	Clears all entries from the static MAC address table.

The following figures show the menu selection arrangement.

**Figure 7** Omega Main Menu Tree

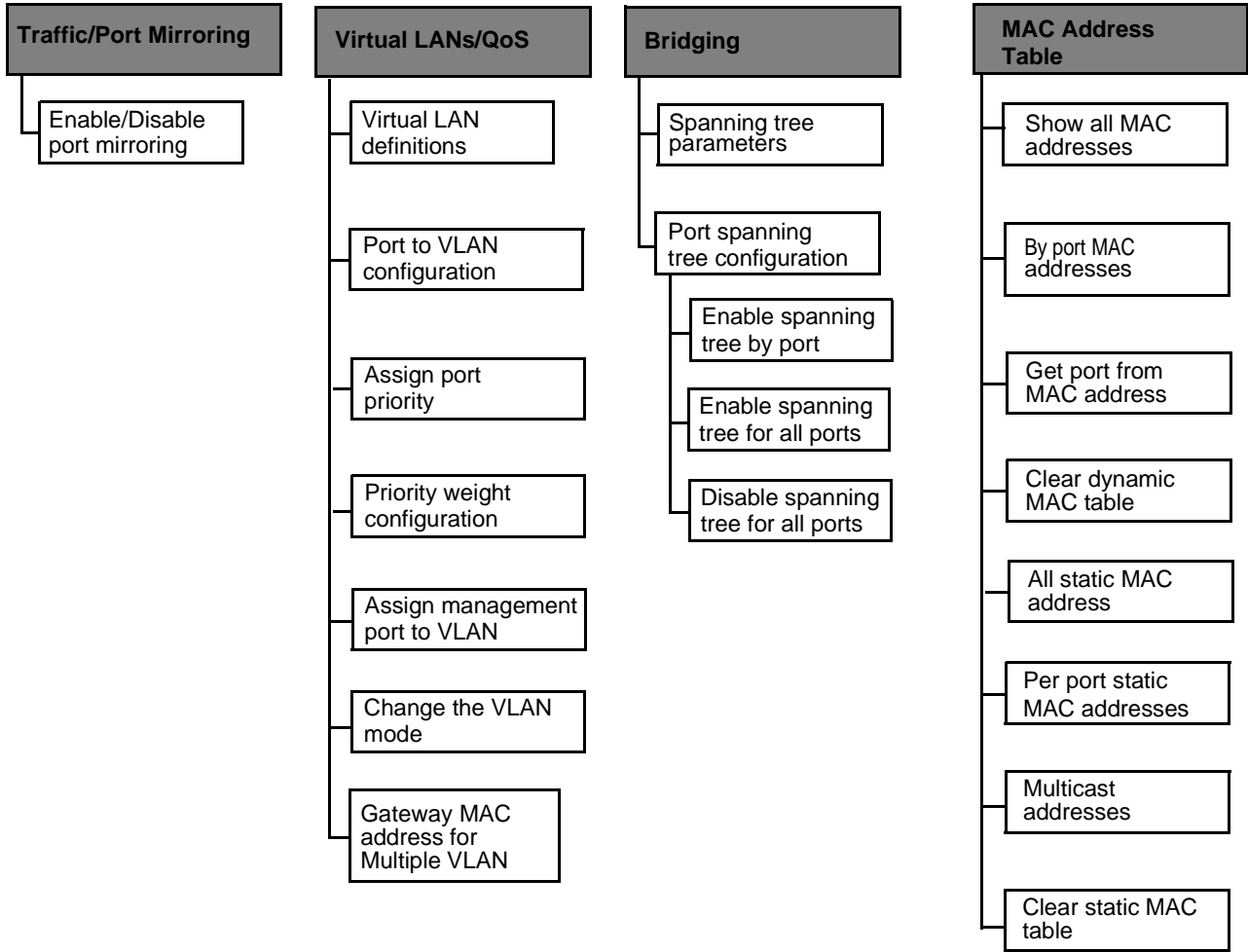


Figure 7 Omega Main Menu Tree (continued)

Chapter 2

Managing a Switch

This chapter contains the following procedures:

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- ☐ **Naming a Switch** on page 53
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Configuring the Switch IP Parameters

In a TCP/IP network, the Ethernet switch requires a set of IP parameters, such as a unique IP address and subnet mask. The switch obtains its IP parameters in one of the following ways:

- ☐ You assign the IP parameters with Omega using the procedure described in this section.
- ☐ The switch obtains its IP parameters from a BootP or DHCP server.

If you have BootP or DHCP, the switch can obtain its IP parameters from the BootP or DHCP server during startups. In this case, you simply connect the switch to the network.

The function of the BootP or DHCP utility within an IP server is to provide IP parameters, including an IP address, to the switch. Whenever you reset or power on and off the switch, the switch transmits a request packet to the server every three seconds to obtain the required IP parameters.

The switch makes three request attempts. If the requesting switch does not receive a BootP or DHCP response after the third request, it will operate with a computed pseudo IP address based on the switch MAC address.

If the switch receives a response from the BootP or DHCP server, the switch extracts the IP address, Subnet Mask, or Gateway/Router address and uses these parameters to configure itself until the next power-on or reset. Additionally, if the BootP response packet specifies a filename and a server address, then the switch sends a request to the server using the specified filename. This initiates a download of the operating software and allows you to maintain the downloaded software on your server. This section contains the procedure for configuring the IP parameters on a switch. This procedure is appropriate if the switch is in a TCP/IP network.

Setting IP Parameters

To set the IP parameters for the switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu shown in Figure 8 is displayed.

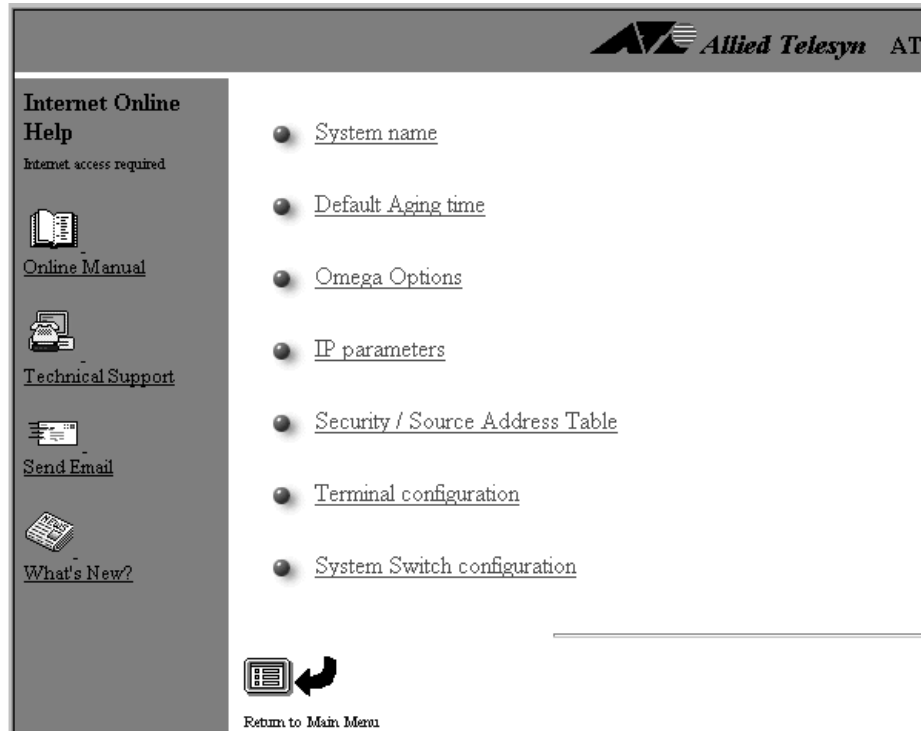



Figure 8 System Configuration Menu

2. Select *IP Parameters*.


The IP Parameters window shown in Figure 9 is displayed.


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Ip address:

Enter

Reset

Subnet mask:

Enter

Reset

Gateway address:

Enter

Reset

Domain Name Server:

Enter

Reset

Default Domain Name:

Enter

Reset

Manager address:

Enter

Reset

Manager address:

Enter

Reset

Manager address:

Enter

Reset

Manager address:

Enter

Reset

☒ DHCP configuration

Download Password:

Enter

Reset

Config Download Password:

Enter

Reset

Get community string:

Enter

Reset

Set community string:

Enter

Reset

Trap community string:

Enter

Reset

Location:

Enter

Reset

Contact:

Enter

Reset


 Return to Main Menu

Figure 9 IP Parameters Window

3. Enter or change the parameters in the window as desired.

Note

If you are configuring the switch for the first time and the switch is connected to a TCP/IP network, you must provide values for the IP address and subnet mask. These are the minimum parameters that you must specify for a newly installed Ethernet switch in a TCP/IP network.

Unless stated otherwise, a change to an IP parameter is activated immediately on the switch. The parameters in the IP Parameters window are described below:

IP address

This parameter specifies the IP address of the switch.

Subnet mask

This parameter specifies the subnet mask for the switch.

Gateway address

This is the default router IP address. This address is required only if you intend to manage the switch from a management station that is separated from the switch by a router.

Domain name server (DNS)

This is the DNS IP address. This address is required if you are using this service.

Default domain name

This is the domain name to which the switch belongs. This is recommended if you are using DNS services.

Manager address

You can enter up to four IP addresses of network management stations that will receive SNMP traps from the switch. The addresses are optional.

DHCP Configuration

This selection allows you to control whether the switch will automatically obtain its IP address from a DHCP server. When you select this option, the prompts in Figure 10 are displayed.

☐ Enable DHCP function

✓ ☒ Disable DHCP function

(This setting will be effective after rebooting the system.)

Figure 10 DHCP Selections

If you select *Enable DHCP function*, the switch will obtain its IP address from a DHCP server on the network. If you select *Disable DHCP function*, you must assign the IP address manually. The default for this setting is disabled.

A change to the DHCP setting does not take affect on the switch until the unit is reset.

Download password

This password is used as the destination filename when you are using TFTP to update the AT-S24 firmware. For instructions on how to download the firmware onto a switch, refer to **Chapter 8, Upgrading Switch Software and Configuration Files**.

Note

This password is different from the Omega password. The Omega password prevents unauthorized individuals from using the Omega interface to change switch configuration settings. For instructions on setting the Omega password, refer to **Chapter 7, Configuring the Omega Interface**.

Config download password

This password is used when downloading configuration files from one switch to another switch. The default password is **config** (all lowercase). The Omega interface displays the password as a series of asterisks.

For instructions on how to download a configuration file onto a switch, refer to **Chapter 8, Upgrading Switch Software and Configuration Files**.

SNMP Community strings

The following default community strings are provided:

Get - public

Set - private

Trap - public

Location

You can enter a text string to indicate the physical location of the switch, (for example, **First Floor, Lab**.)

Contact

You can enter a text string to indicate the name, phone number, and other information to help identify the person responsible for managing the switch.

4. After you have adjusted the parameters, return to the Main Menu.

Configuring the Spanning Tree Protocol

The Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) prevents data loops when end stations in extended networks send and receive packets through multiple or redundant paths.

Each switch is a learning bridge with the following functions:

- ☐ Learns source MAC addresses of incoming packets by storing the information in a forwarding table (see also **Chapter 4, Configuring the MAC Address Table**).
- ☐ Forwards the packet to the port or ports specified in the MAC forwarding table. The switch does not resend the packet out the port on which it was initially received.
- ☐ Automatically ages out the addresses (deletes the information from the forwarding table) if a MAC address is undetected by any port within a user-defined or a default elapsed time (300 seconds).
- ☐ Updates the MAC address table automatically as you add, remove, or relocate devices on the network.
- ☐ Determines the best single route to a destination device when you enable STP via automatic selection of a root bridge and root ports.
- ☐ Updates other bridges with topology information by periodically sending Bridge Protocol Data Units (BPDUs).

The root port is chosen by a bridge as that bridge's preferred path to the root bridge. Only one bridge is elected as the root bridge.

Once the STP parameters have been configured, bridges can make a determination on the best single path to a destination within a given VLAN. A formula determines the amount of time it takes for the topology to reconfigure, depending upon the spanning tree values you use. Refer to the IEEE specification for details.

Most users generally keep the default STP parameters to allow bridges to reconfigure themselves automatically if the topology changes or if bridges become disabled.

For a brief overview of STP, go to **Appendix B, Spanning Tree Concepts**.

**Caution**

STP on a switch is disabled by default. If you enable STP, the switch provides default STP parameters that are adequate for most networks. Changing them without prior experience and an understanding of how STP works might have a negative effect on your network.

Activating or Deactivating STP and Configuring the Port Parameters

The Omega program allows you to activate and deactivate STP on a per port basis. You can also adjust the STP parameters for each port. To configure the protocol parameters for the individual ports on a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Bridging*.

The Bridging menu in Figure 11 is displayed.

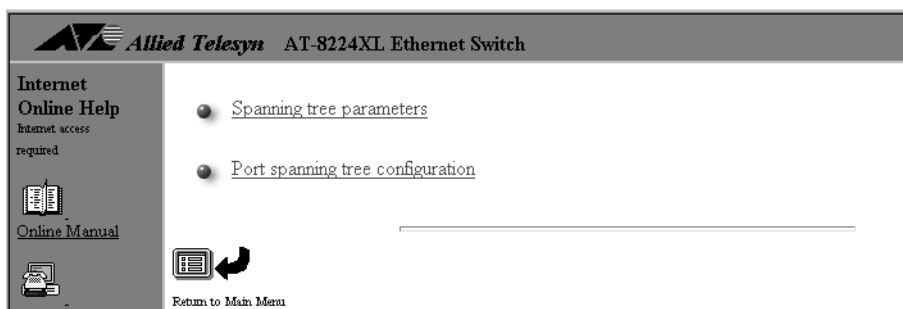


Figure 11 Bridging Menu

2. Select *Port spanning tree configuration*.

The Port Parameters for the Spanning Tree Protocol window shown in Figure 12 is displayed. The window lists the ports on the switch and the current STP parameter settings for the ports.

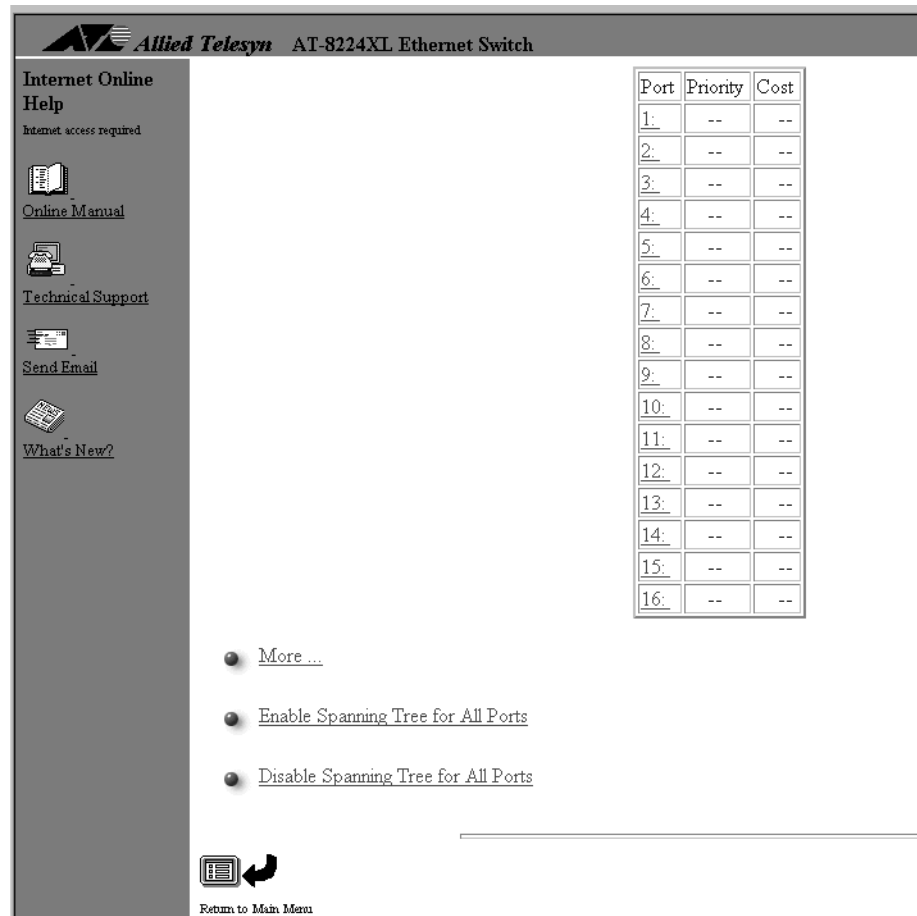


Figure 12 Port Parameters for the Spanning Tree Protocol

3. To enable or disable STP for all the ports on the switch, select either *Enable Spanning Tree for all Ports* or *Disable Spanning Tree for all Ports* at the bottom of the window.

If you enable STP on the ports, the Omega interface sets each port to the default values of 128 for the port priority and 10 for the port cost for 100 Mbps ports and 100 for 10 Mbps ports.

4. To enable or disable STP for a particular port or to adjust the STP parameters for a port, select the port from the window.

The STP Port Parameters window in Figure 13 is displayed.

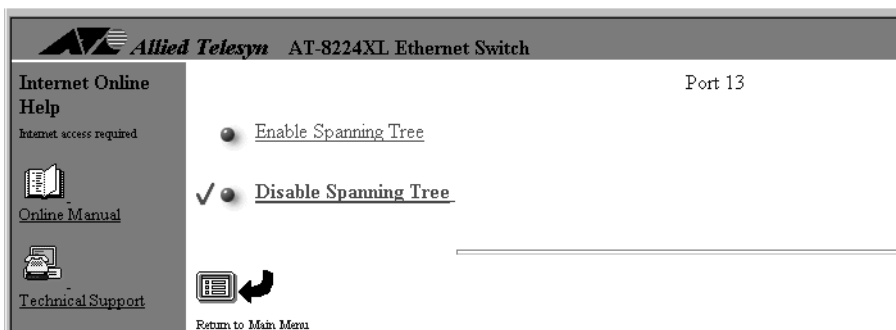


Figure 13 Port STP Parameters Window

If STP is already activated on the port, the port's STP parameters are also displayed, as shown in Figure 14.

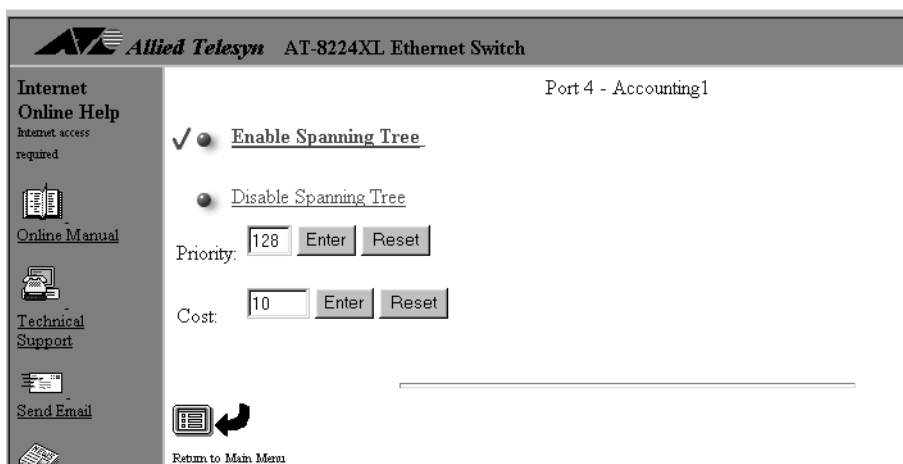


Figure 14 Setting Port STP Parameters Window

5. To enable STP on the port, select *Enable Spanning Tree*. To disable STP on the port, select *Disable Spanning Tree*. If you enable the port, the STP parameters for the port are displayed.
6. Change the priority and port cost parameters for the ports as desired. The options are described below.

Priority

The parameter is used as a tie breaker when two or more ports are determined to have equal cost to the root bridge. The range is 0-255 and the default value is 128.

Cost

The spanning tree algorithm uses the cost parameter to decide which port provides the lowest cost path to the root bridge for that LAN. Higher port costs are associated with ports of lower bandwidth, and vice versa. The range is 1 to 65535. The default values are 1 for a 1 Gbps port, 10 for a 100 Mbps port, and 100 for a 10 Mbps port.

7. After you have adjusted the settings, return to the Main Menu.

Configuring STP Parameters

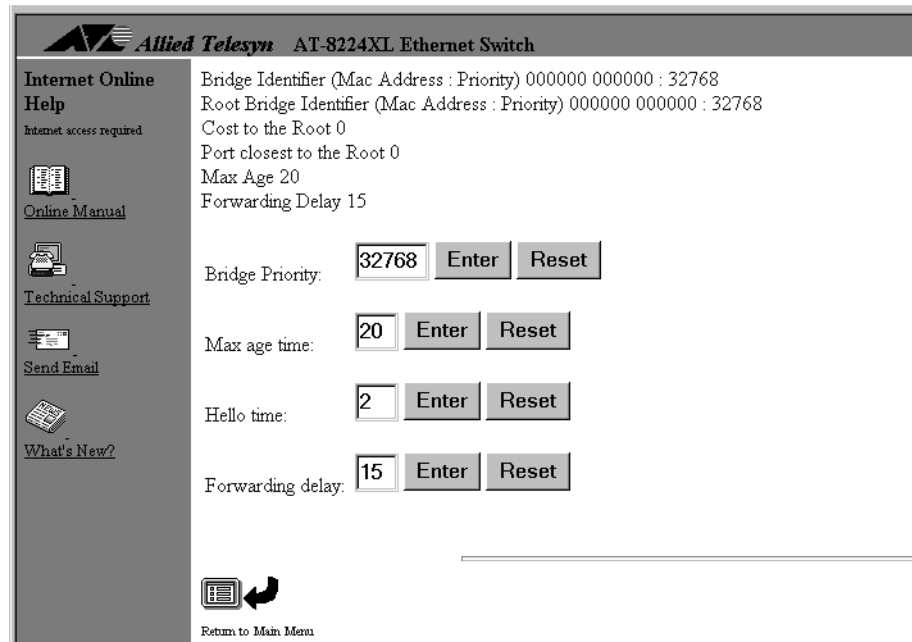
To configure the STP parameters for the switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Bridging*.

The Bridging menu shown in Figure 11 on page 46 is displayed.

2. Select *Spanning tree parameters*.

The Spanning Tree Parameters window in Figure 15 is displayed.



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Bridge Identifier (Mac Address : Priority) 000000 000000 : 32768
Root Bridge Identifier (Mac Address : Priority) 000000 000000 : 32768
Cost to the Root 0
Port closest to the Root 0
Max Age 20
Forwarding Delay 15

Bridge Priority:

Max age time:

Hello time:

Forwarding delay:

Figure 15 Spanning Tree Parameters Window

3. Adjust the settings as desired. The options are described below.

Bridge Priority

This parameter can be from 0 (zero) to 65535, with 0 being the highest priority. The number consists of a 2-byte bridge priority number and a 6-byte MAC address. Bridges use this number to determine the root bridge for a loop-free implementation. If bridges happen to have equal priority values, the bridge with the numerically lowest MAC address becomes the root bridge. When the root bridge malfunctions, the bridge with the next priority number (or the next lowest MAC address) automatically takes over as root bridge.

Max Age Time

The aging time can be from 6 to 40 seconds. The default is 20 seconds. All bridges in a bridged LAN use this aging time to test the age of stored configuration messages called bridge protocol data units (BPDUs). For example, if you use the default 20, all bridges delete current configuration messages after 20 seconds.

Note

The aging time for BPDUs is different from the aging time used by the MAC address table.

Hello Time

Hello time can be from 1 to 10 seconds, with 2 seconds as the default. Bridges use this parameter to determine the time interval between generating and sending configuration messages.

Forwarding Delay

The default is 15 seconds. The time indicates the waiting period before a bridge changes to a new state, for example, becomes the new root bridge after the topology changes. If the bridge transitions too soon, not all links may have yet adapted to the change; therefore, loops may result.



Caution

You should consult the IEEE 802.1d standard before changing the Max Age Time, the Hello Time, and the Forwarding Delay parameters.

4. After you have adjusted the settings, return to the Main Menu.

Enabling or Disabling IGMP Snooping

The Ethernet switch supports the Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) snooping feature to take advantage of performance improvements provided by IP multicasting. Allied Telesyn AT-S24 implementation supports IGMP Version 1.

Through the IGMP snooping feature, the switch obtains information about multicast groups by looking at IGMP packets sent from hosts and routers, and also by looking at DVMRP multicast routing protocol packets. IGMP packets provide information about nodes joining multicast groups, while DVMRP packets provide information about delivery paths. With this information, the switch builds membership groups of ports for each IP multicast address.

To enable or disable IGMP snooping, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System configuration*.
2. From the System Configuration menu, select *System switch configuration*.

The System Switch Configuration menu in Figure 16 is displayed.

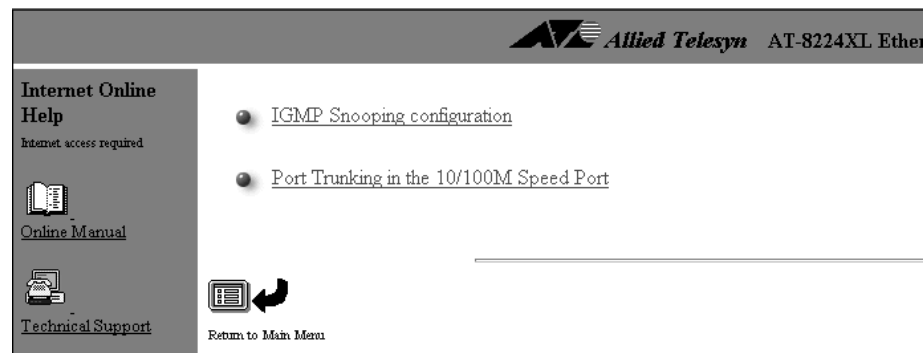


Figure 16 System Switch Configuration Menu

3. Select *IGMP snooping configuration*.

The following IGMP options are displayed.

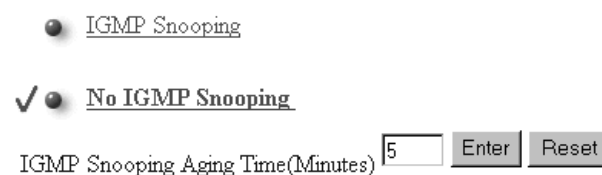


Figure 17 IGMP Options

4. Select *IGMP snooping* to activate the option or *No IGMP snooping* to deactivate IGMP snooping on the switch. A change to the status of the IGMP snooping feature is activated immediately on the switch.
5. If desired, you can change the IGMP snooping aging time by selecting the IGMP Snooping Aging Time parameter. This value, which is specified in minutes, determines the permitted intervals between report messages from the multicast clients.
6. Return to the Main Menu.

Naming a Switch

This procedure assigns a name to the switch. The name is displayed in all Omega windows when you manage the switch. This can make it easier for you to identify the switches in your network when you configure and monitor them with Omega.

To assign a name to a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu shown in Figure 8 on page 41 is displayed.

2. Select *System name*.

The prompt in Figure 18 is displayed.

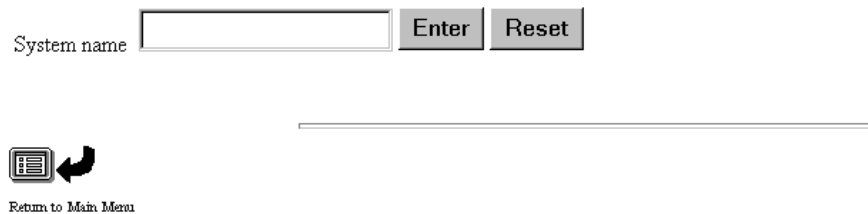


Figure 18 System Name Prompt

3. Select the *System name* prompt and enter a unique name of up to 20 characters. Select Enter or press <Return>.

The switch name must be unique within the subnet.

If the switch already has a name that you want to delete without entering a new name, delete the existing name and enter a space character.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

The new name is displayed at the top of every Omega screen.

Resetting a Switch

This procedure explains how to reset a switch using the Omega interface. You might need to reset the switch to resolve an error condition or after you have made a configuration change to the switch that requires resetting the device to activate the change.

You can also reset a switch by pressing the Reset button, located on the front panel of the switch, with a small pointed object, such as a ballpoint pen. You can also reset the switch by unplugging the switch's power cord from the power source and plugging it back in.

To reset a switch using the Omega interface, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Administration*.

The Administration menu in Figure 19 is displayed.

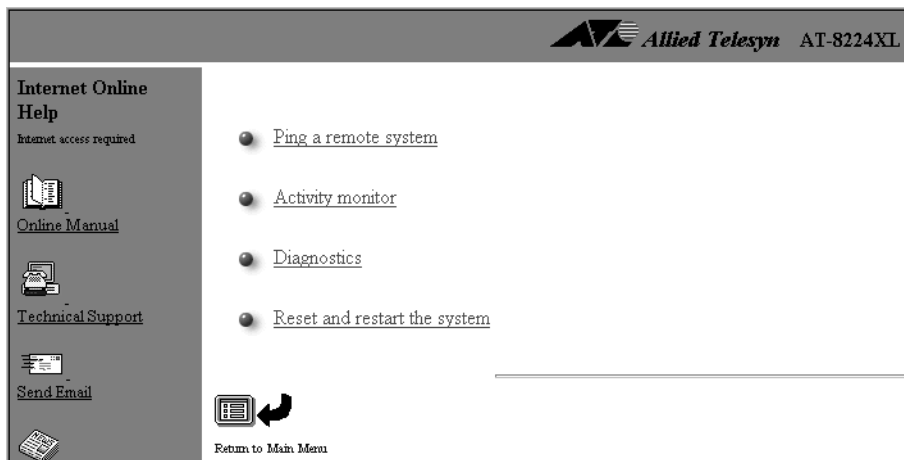


Figure 19 Administration menu

Note

The Administration menu will include two additional selections if you are running a local Omega management session: *XModem software update to this system* and *Connect to a remote system*.

2. Select *Reset and restart the system*.

A prompt is displayed asking you to confirm the command.

3. Select Yes to reset the switch or No to cancel the command.

The switch will reset itself. The switch runs a series of self-tests that take approximately 30 seconds to complete. During the tests, the Fault LED on the front of the switches flashes. Once the tests are completed, the Fault LED will remain OFF.

Reassigning the Default Settings for the Switch

This procedure resets the switch settings to the factory default settings, listed in **Appendix A**. This procedure can only be performed through the RS232 port of the switch. You cannot perform this procedure through a web browser or Telnet Omega session.



Warning

This procedure should be performed with caution. Resetting a switch to its default settings deletes all existing settings, including the IP address of the switch and the port settings. Any defined VLANs are deleted and all ports are returned to the Default VLAN.

To reset the switch settings to the factory default settings, perform the following procedure:

1. Attach a terminal or a PC with a terminal emulator program to the RS232 port on the front panel of the switch.
2. Press the Reset button on the switch.
3. Immediately press any key when you see the following prompt:

```
Hit any key to run diagnostics or to reload  
system software.
```

A menu is displayed.

4. Select D from the menu. The following warning message is displayed:

```
WARNING: This will erase all current  
configuration data!
```

```
Continue? Y/N
```

5. Type Y for yes.

The system displays the following prompt:

```
All configuration data has been reset to factory  
default values.
```

6. Type B to boot the switch software.

The switch performs a series of diagnostic self-test. The Fault LED on the front panel of the switch flashes during the self-tests. After the switch has completed its self-tests and initialized and rebooted the system software, you must reassign an IP address to the switch if the device is in TCP/IP network.

Configuring the RS232 Port

The default settings for the RS232 port on the front panel of the Ethernet switch are as follows:

- ☐ Baud rate: 9600
- ☐ Data bits: 8
- ☐ Parity: None
- ☐ Stop bits: 1
- ☐ Flow control: None

To change the settings for the RS232 port, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu in Figure 8 on page 41 is displayed.

2. From the System Configuration menu, select *Terminal Configuration*.

The Terminal Configuration window in Figure 20 is displayed.

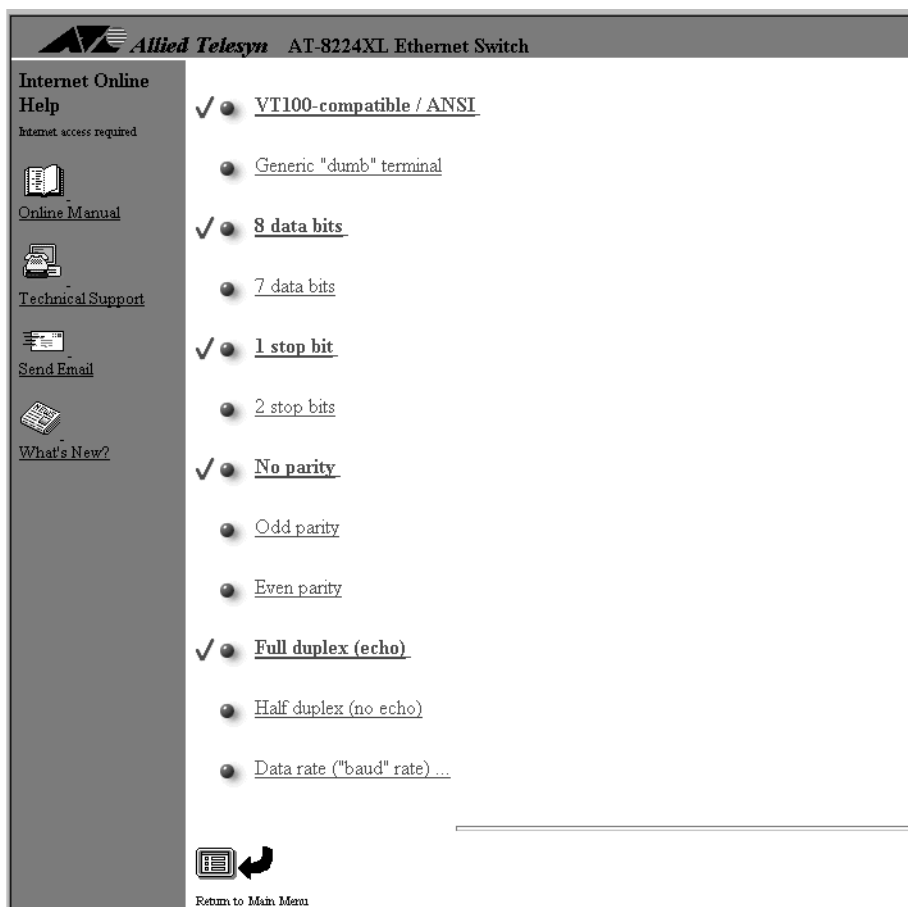


Figure 20 Terminal Configuration Window

If you are running the Omega session from a web browser, you can display the Terminal Configuration window by clicking on the RS232 port in the graphical display of the switch.

3. Adjust the settings as desired. The parameters are described below.

VT100-compatible / ANSI

Generic “dumb” terminal

These two selections are used to specify the type of terminal or terminal emulator to be used with the RS232 port.

8 data bits

7 data bits

The default is 8 data bits.

1 stop bit

2 stop bits

The default is 1 stop bit.

No parity

Odd parity

Even parity

The default is no parity.

Full-duplex (echo)

Half-duplex (no echo)

These two selections control the duplex mode of the port. The port can operate in full-duplex mode, meaning it can send and receive data simultaneously, or half-duplex mode, meaning the port can either send or receive data, but not both at the same time. The default is full-duplex.

Data rate (“baud” rate)

This selection allows you to specify the speed of the port. When you select this option, the Omega program displays a list of possible baud rates. Possible baud rates are:

- ☐ 19200 bps
- ☐ 9600 bps (recommended setting for fixed baud rate)
- ☐ 4800 bps
- ☐ 2400 bps
- ☐ 1200 bps
- ☐ 600 bps
- ☐ 300 bps

- ☐ 150 bps
- ☐ 75 bps
- ☐ Automatic baud rate detection.

The default is Automatic baud rate detection.

4. After making the necessary changes, return to the Main Menu.

Running Diagnostics

The Omega interface has an option for running diagnostic self-tests on the switch. The program reports on the operating status of the following switch components:

- ☐ Flash PROM
- ☐ RAM
- ☐ Serial interface
- ☐ Main power supply
- ☐ Redundant power supply, if installed
- ☐ System fans
- ☐ Operating temperature

The tests also display the following information:

- ☐ AT-S24 version number
- ☐ Switch MAC address
- ☐ Running time

Note

Running the diagnostic tests will not disrupt the network operations of the switch.

To run the self-diagnostics program on the switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Administration*.
2. From the Administration menu, select *Diagnostics*.

The tests take only a second or two to complete. The results are displayed in the Diagnostics window. Figure 21 is an example of the window.

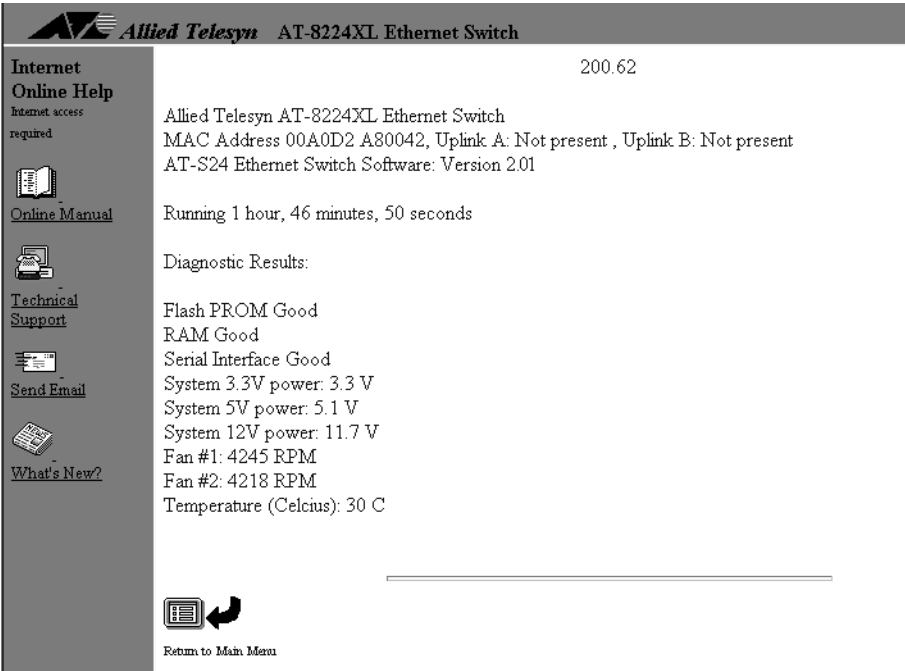


Figure 21 Sample Diagnostics Window

The Flash PROM, RAM, and Serial Interface test results are given as Good or Failed.

- 3. Return to the Main Menu.

Displaying the Activity Monitor

The Activity Monitor is useful in troubleshooting or in monitoring switch activity. To display the Activity Monitor, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Administration*.
2. From the Administration menu, select *Activity monitor*.

The Activity Monitor for the switch displays. The example shown in Figure 22 shows the results of a ping command.

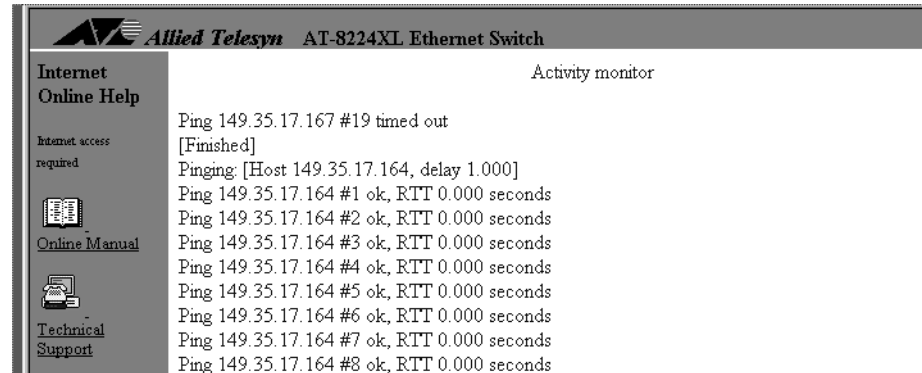


Figure 22 Activity Monitor Window

3. Return to the Main Menu.

Pinging a Device

The ping command allows you to test if an end system can be reached by sending it an Internet control message protocol (ICMP) echo request. If the system is connected to the network and operating, it sends a reply to the requesting system.

To ping another device, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Administration*.
2. From the Administration menu, select *Ping a remote system*.

The Ping window in Figure 23 is displayed.

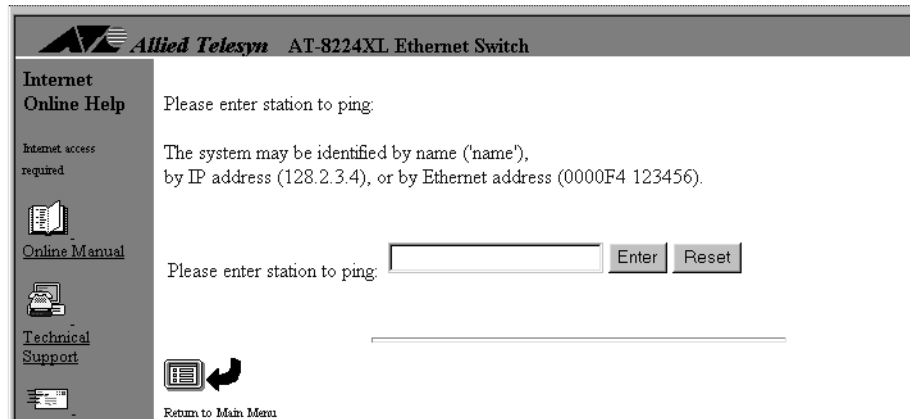


Figure 23 Ping Window

3. Specify the device to ping using one of the following methods:
 - ☐ By its IP address, in the format **x.x.x.x**
 - ☐ By its Ethernet (or MAC) address, in the format **xxxxxx xxxxxx**

If you are pinging another Allied Telesyn switch, you can find the switch's MAC address above the RS232 management port on the front panel of the switch.

The activity monitor reports the results of the ping command. Figure 24 is an example.

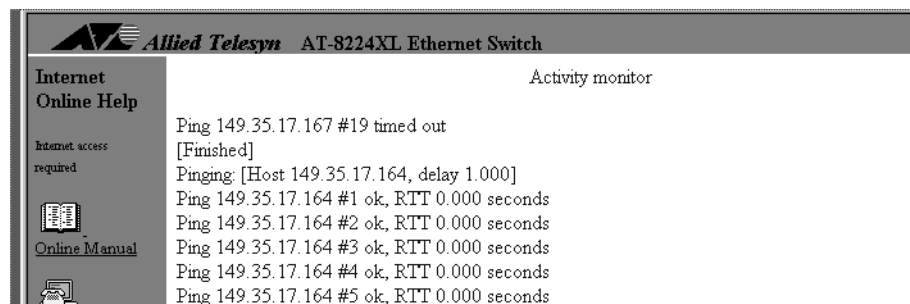


Figure 24 Ping Results Example

Performing a ping command from a web-based Omega session stops after a set number of ping attempts. Performing a ping command from a local or remote Omega session continues until you stop it.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Chapter 3

Configuring the Ports

The procedures in this chapter allow you to view and change the port parameter settings, such as the duplex mode and, for some switch models, port speed. This chapter also describes port trunking and port mirroring, as well as port security.

This chapter contains the following procedures:

- ❑ **Displaying Port Status** on page 66
- ❑ **Configuring Port Parameters** on page 68
- ❑ **Configuring Port Trunks** on page 72
- ❑ **Configuring Port Mirroring** on page 78
- ❑ **Configuring Port Security** on page 81

Displaying Port Status

The Port Status window displays the current operating status of all the ports on the switch, including the ports on any expansion modules, if installed. The window allows you to quickly ascertain the operating status of the ports by displaying a variety of information, such as whether a link exists between the ports and the end nodes, and whether any of the ports have been manually disabled.

To display the status of the ports on a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Port Status and Configuration*.

The Port Status window in Figure 25 is displayed.

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Port	Link	Status	Mode
1:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
2:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
3:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
4:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
5:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
6:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
7:	Online/10	Enabled	Full duplex
8:	Offline	Disabled	Auto negotiate
9:	Online/10	Enabled	Half duplex
10:	Online/100	Enabled	Auto negotiate
11:	Online/100	Enabled	Auto negotiate
12:	Online/100	Enabled	Auto negotiate
13:	Online/100	Enabled	Auto negotiate
14:	Online/100	Enabled	Auto negotiate

Figure 25 Port Status Window

The Port Status window contains the following information:

Port

This column displays the number and name of each port, if you have assigned names. You can assign names to the ports to make them easier to identify. For instructions on assigning port names, refer to the section **Configuring Port Parameters** on page 68.

The standard twenty four ports that come with the AT-8224XL switch are numbered 1 through 24. The standard sixteen ports that come with the AT-8216FXL and AT-8288XL switches are numbered 1 through 16.

Link

This column indicates whether there is an active connection between a port and the device connected to the port. Offline indicates that there is no link, while Online indicates that there is a link. If a port is online, this column will also specify the operating speed of the port.

Status

This column indicates whether a port is enabled or disabled. For instructions on how to manually disable or enable a port, refer to the section **Configuring Port Parameters** on page 68.

Mode

This column indicates the duplex mode of the ports. Possible values are auto-negotiate, full-duplex, or half-duplex. For instructions on how to manually set the duplex mode of a port, refer to the section **Configuring Port Parameters** on page 68.

2. Return to the Main Menu.

Configuring Port Parameters

This section contains the procedure for configuring the parameters for the individual ports on a switch. Port parameters that you can change include duplex mode, flow control, back pressure, and, for some switch models, port speed. To view and configure the parameter settings for the ports, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Port Status and Configuration*.

The Port Status window in Figure 25 on page 66 is displayed.

2. Select the port to be configured.

The Port Configuration window in Figure 26 is displayed.

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☐ [Disable \(partition\) this port](#)

☒ [Auto negotiate](#)

☐ [Full duplex](#)

☐ [Half duplex](#)

☐ [Backpressure enabled \(Half Duplex\)](#)

☒ [No backpressure](#)

☐ [Flow control \(Full Duplex\)](#)

☒ [No flow control](#)

☐ [Discard broadcast packets](#)

☒ [Regular forwarding of broadcasts](#)

☐ [Global config](#)

Port name

[Return to Main Menu](#)

Figure 26 Port Configuration Window

If you are running the Omega interface from a web browser, you can display this window by clicking any port in the graphical display of the managed switch.

3. Configure the port settings as desired.

A change to a port setting is activated immediately on the port. The parameters are described below.

Receive Statistics Graph

This option displays performance statistics for the port, specifically the number and types of frames and errors that have occurred on the port. For further information on port statistics, refer to Chapter 6, Displaying Ethernet Statistics.

Note

This option is not available from a Telnet or local Omega session. To display port statistics from a Telnet or local Omega session, select *Ethernet statistics* from the main menu. This option is explained in Chapter 6.

Enable this port

Disable (partition) this port

These selections allow you to manually disable a port in the switch so that it no longer receives or sends packets. You might want to disable a port if a problem occurs with the node or cable connected to the port. Once the problem has been fixed, you can enable the port again to resume normal operation. You can also disable an unused port to secure it from unauthorized connections. The default setting is enabled.

Auto-negotiate

Full-duplex

Half-duplex

These three selections control the duplex mode of the port. Full-duplex means that the port can both send and receive data simultaneously. You can select this setting for a port if you know that the device connected to the port supports full-duplex.

Half-duplex means the port can send or receive data, but not both at the same time. Use this setting if you know that the device connected to the port supports half-duplex mode.

Auto-negotiate means that the port negotiates with the connected device to automatically configure to the highest common setting. This setting eliminates the need to reconfigure the port if you change the type of device connected to the port. Both end devices need to be auto-negotiation compliant (802.3u) for the best possible

performance settings. If a connected device is not compliant, it should only be configured for half-duplex. Auto-negotiate is the default for all ports.

If you select the half-duplex or full-duplex setting on an AT-8224XL switch or one of the twisted pair ports on an AT-8288XL switch, the prompts in Figure 27 are displayed. You can use these prompts to select the port speed.

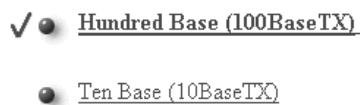


Figure 27 Port Speed Setting for an AT-8224XL Switch or AT-8288XL Switch

Note

Setting the port speed applies only to the twisted pair ports on an AT-8224XL switch or an AT-8288XL switch.

Backpressure enabled (half-duplex)

No backpressure

Backpressure applies only to ports operating in half-duplex mode. Backpressure is useful when the port input buffer is running low on memory resources. In the switch, outbound packets are traversing a single uplink port. When a switch detects that a port input buffer is nearly full, it simulates a collision so that the sending node will defer transmission. The sending node will retry transmissions according to the Ethernet back-off algorithm. Once switch resources are available again, the switch stops sending the collision signal and the sending nodes can freely transmit packets.

Flow control (full-duplex)

No flow control

Flow control applies only to ports operating in full-duplex mode. It works for full duplex ports the same way as backpressure does for half-duplex ports except that the switch uses a special pause packet instead of a jam signal. The pause packet notifies the other node to stop transmitting for a specified period of time.

Global configuration

This option saves you from having to enter the same configurations on every port. If you select this option, any settings you entered on a port are copied to all the station ports on the switch (but not ports on optional expansion modules).

Discard broadcast packets**Regular forwarding of broadcasts**

With this option, you can decide whether the switch forwards broadcast packets or not.

Port name

The port name field is used to assign a name to the port. Naming ports can make it easier for you to identify the various ports. A name can have up to 20 characters. An example is **Sales - cube 223**.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Configuring Port Trunks

Port trunking is an economical way for you to increase the bandwidth between the switch and another network device, such as a server, router, workstation, or another switch. A port trunk is two or more data ports that have been grouped together to increase the bandwidth between the switch and a network node by functioning as one logical path. This increase in bandwidth can prove useful in situations where a single connection between the switch and a node is insufficient to handle the traffic load.

Despite the software configuration and physical connections, there are no data loops in a port trunk. The port trunk always sends packets from a particular source to a particular destination over the same link within the trunk. A single link is designated for flooding broadcasts and packets of unknown destination.

With the AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL, and AT-8288XL Series Fast Ethernet Switches, you can create port trunks of two, four, or eight ports. You can also trunk the ports on an expansion module to increase the bandwidth from an expansion module to another network device.

Guidelines When creating a port trunk, be sure to observe the following guidelines:

Guideline 1: Selecting the Number of Ports in a Trunk

A port trunk must consist of 2, 4, or 8 ports.

Guideline 2: Using Ports from the Same Group

The ports on the switch are divided into groups. The ports of a port trunk must all be from the same group. The ports on an AT-8216FXL switch are divided into four groups, as shown in Figure 28.

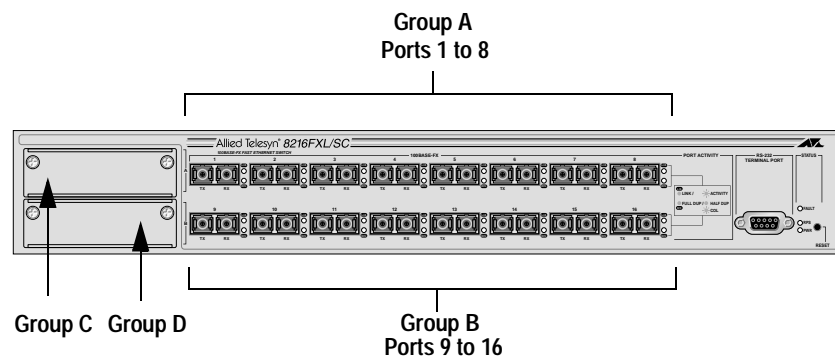


Figure 28 Port Groupings on an AT-8216FXL Switch (Model AT-8216FXL/SC)

The ports on the AT-8224XL Switch are divided into five groups, as illustrated in Figure 29.

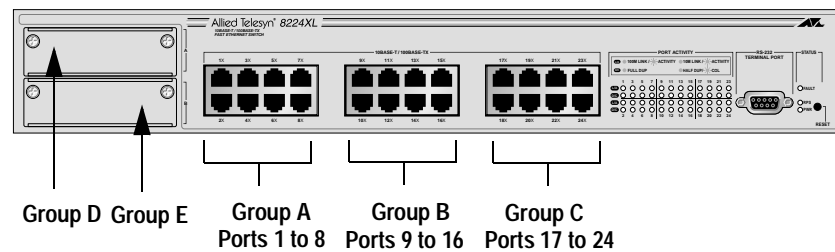


Figure 29 Port Groupings on the AT-8224XL Switch

The ports on the AT-8288XL Switch are divided into four groups, as illustrated in Figure 29.

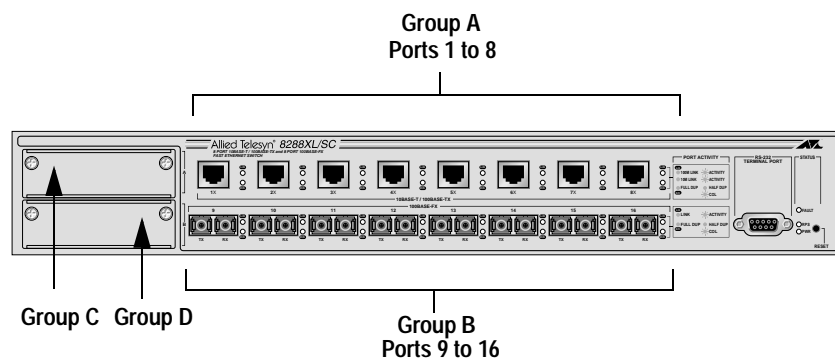


Figure 30 Port Groupings on an AT-8288XL Switch (Model AT-8288XL/SC)

The ports of a port trunk must be members of the same group. You cannot create a port trunk using ports from different groups. For example, you could use ports 4 and 5 on an AT-8224XL Switch as one port trunk, since the ports are members of the same group. However, ports 7, 8, 9, and 10 cannot be combined to form a port trunk on an AT-8224XL Switch because they belong to different groups.

Guideline 3: Using Consecutive Ports

The ports of a trunk must be consecutive. For example, you could use ports 4, 5, 6, and 7 as one port trunk because the ports are consecutive.

Guideline 4: Creating Only One Trunk Per Group

Each group of ports on a Fast Ethernet switch can support only one port trunk. For example, the AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch has three port groups, assuming no expansion modules. Consequently, this switch can support three port trunks, one port trunk for each port group. The addition of an expansion module in the bottom expansion slot would enable the switch to support one additional port trunk.

Guideline 5: Maintaining Cabling Sequence Based on Port Number

When cabling a trunk, it is important that the order of the connections be identical on both nodes. The lowest numbered port in a trunk on one device must be connected to the lowest numbered port of the trunk on the other device, the next lowest numbered port must be connected to the next lowest numbered port on the other device, and so on.

For example, assume that you are installing a trunk from an AT-8224XL Switch to an AT-8288XL Switch. On the AT-8224XL Switch you had chosen ports 12, 13, 14, 15 from port group two for the trunk. On the AT-8288XL Switch you had chosen ports 6, 7, 8, and 9 from port group 1. To maintain the order of the port connections, you would connect port 12 on the AT-8224XL Switch to port 6 on the AT-8288XL, port 13 to port 7, and so on.

Guideline 6: Configuring the Port Parameters of a Port Trunk

The ports in a trunk automatically assume the same configuration (such as VLAN membership) as the configuration of the lowest numbered port. For example, if you create a trunk consisting of ports 4, 5, 6, and 7, port 4 is the master port and its configuration is propagated to ports 5, 6, and 7. As long as the ports are configured as a trunk, you must not change any of the attributes of ports 5, 6, and 7 that might conflict with the settings of port 4.

Guideline 7: Using Expansion Modules

Some expansion modules support port trunking. This depends on the number of ports on the module, as shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Port Trunking on Expansion Modules

Number of Ports on Expansion Module	Number of Port Trunks
1	No port trunking.
2	One port trunk consisting of 2 ports.
4	One port trunk consisting of 2 ports or 4 ports.

Creating a Port Trunk

This section contains the procedure for creating a port trunk.



Caution

Do not connect the cables to the port trunk on the switch until after you have created the port trunk. Connecting the cables prior to creating the trunk will result in data loops in your network topology.

To create a port trunk, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System configuration*.

The System Configuration menu is displayed.

2. Select *System switch configuration*.

The System switch configuration menu in Figure 16 on page 51 is displayed.

3. Select *Port Trunking in the 10/100M Speed Port*.

The Omega program displays the Port Trunking window, which lists the port groups on the selected switch. This window will differ depending on the number of ports on the switch. The example in Figure 31 shows the port groups on an AT-8224XL Switch. Port groups 1, 2, and 3 are for the twisted pair ports and port group 4 is for an optional expansion module.

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Ports for port trunk 1 (01 - 08) Enter Reset

Ports for port trunk 2 (09 - 16) Enter Reset

Ports for port trunk 3 (17 - 24) Enter Reset

Ports for port trunk 4 (25 - 26) Enter Reset

Return to Main Menu

Figure 31 Port Trunking Window for an AT-8224XL Switch

4. Select the port group in which to create the port trunk and enter the port numbers for the trunk. Select Enter or press <Return>. You can use either of the following formats to enter the port numbers:

Single, consecutive ports (for example, **1,2**)

Range of ports (for example, **10-13**)

In the example in Figure 32, ports 10 through 13 in port group 2 have been designed as a port trunk.

The screenshot shows the web-based configuration interface for an Allied Telesyn AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch. The interface has a dark header with the Allied Telesyn logo and the device name. On the left is a sidebar with links: Internet Online Help, Online Manual, Technical Support, Send Email, and What's New?. The main area displays four port trunk configuration sections. Each section has a label, a text input field, and two buttons labeled 'Enter' and 'Reset'. The second section, 'Ports for port trunk 2 (09 - 16)', has '10-13' entered in the field. At the bottom, there is a 'Return to Main Menu' link with a circular arrow icon.

Port Trunk Label	Port Range	Entered Value
Ports for port trunk 1	(01 - 08)	
Ports for port trunk 2	(09 - 16)	10-13
Ports for port trunk 3	(17 - 24)	
Ports for port trunk 4	(25 - 26)	

Figure 32 Example of a Port Trunk on an AT-8224XL Switch

The port trunk is immediately activated on the switch.

5. If desired, repeat this procedure to create a new port trunk in another port group on the switch
6. Return to the Main Menu.
7. To confirm the creation of a port trunk, select *Port status and configuration* from the Omega main menu to display a list of ports. All of the ports in a port trunk are automatically assigned the name "Trunk" along with a number to help identify the port trunk.
8. Return to the Main Menu.
9. Connect the port trunks on the switch to the end device, being sure to follow the guidelines discussed earlier in this chapter.

Deleting a Port Trunk

To delete a port trunk, perform the following procedure.

1. Disconnect the cables from the port trunk on the switch.



Caution

Disconnect the cables from the port trunk on the switch before you delete the port trunk. Deleting the trunk before you have disconnected the cables will create data loops in your network.

2. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System configuration*.

The System Configuration menu is displayed.

3. Select *System switch configuration*.

The System switch configuration menu in Figure 16 on page 51 is displayed.

4. Select *Port Trunking in the 10/100M Speed Port*.

5. Do one of the following:

Web-based Omega session: Select the appropriate port group and delete the port numbers. Select Enter or press <Return>.

Local Omega session: Select the appropriate port group and enter a space. Press Enter.

The port trunk is now deleted.

6. Return to the Main Menu.

Configuring Port Mirroring

Port mirroring allows you to monitor the traffic on a port by having both the receive and transmit traffic on a port copied to another port on the switch. By connecting a network analyzer or RMON port to the other port, you can monitor the traffic on the original port without interrupting network traffic.

The port to be monitored is referred to as the source port. The port that will function as the mirror port is referred to as the destination port. When selecting your source and destination ports, observe the following guidelines.

- ☐ The destination port cannot be used by a network node, such as a workstation or server.
- ☐ Both the source and destination ports must be on the same switch.
- ☐ You cannot monitor more than one port on a switch at a time.

Enabling Port Mirroring

To enable port mirroring, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Traffic/Port Mirroring*.

The Port Mirroring window in Figure 33 is displayed.

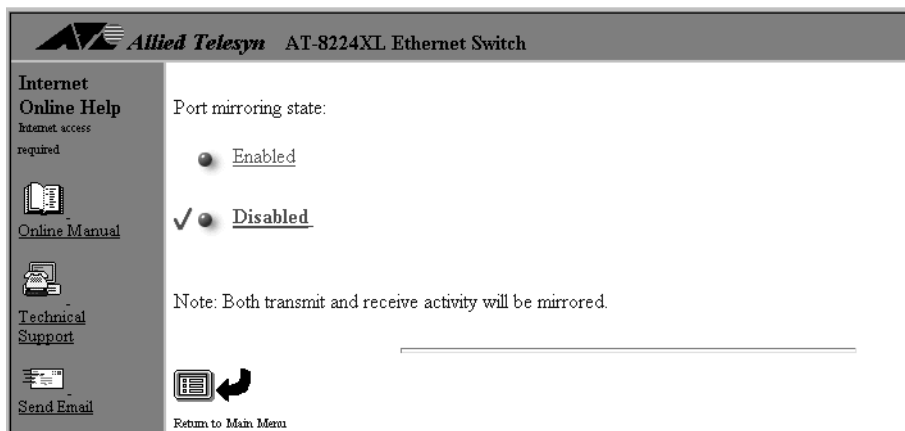


Figure 33 Port Mirroring Window

2. Select *Enabled*.

The prompts in Figure 34 are displayed.

Source port: Null (not configured)
Destination port: Null (not configured)

Figure 34 Source and Destination Port Mirror Prompts

3. Select *Source Port*.

A window is displayed listing the ports on the switch.

4. Select the port to be monitored.
5. If you are running a web-based Omega session, return to the window containing the prompts in Figure 34.
6. Select *Destination Port*.

Again, a window is displayed listing the ports on the switch.

7. Select the port where the network analyzer will be connected.
8. If you are running a web-based Omega session, return to the window containing the prompts in Figure 34.

The prompts should now be showing both a source port and destination port. Figure 35 is an example.

Source port: 7
Destination port: 11

Figure 35 Example of Source and Destination Port Mirror Prompts

The two ports are now configured for port mirroring.

9. Return to the Main Menu.
10. Connect a device, such as a network analyzer, to the destination port or use a remote monitoring program to view the mirrored traffic.

Disabling Port Mirroring

To disable port mirroring on the switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Traffic/Port Mirroring*.

The Port Mirroring window in Figure 33 is displayed.

2. Select *Disabled*.

The port mirroring feature is now disabled on the switch.

3. Return to the Main Menu.

Configuring Port Security

The Fast Ethernet switch features two levels of port security that you can use to enhance network security. These levels allow you to control network access by limiting the number of MAC addresses that are learned on the ports on the switch. The levels are as follows:

Limited - The ports will continue to learn new MAC addresses up to a user defined maximum limit.

Secure - The ports will immediately stop learning new MAC addresses, limiting network access only to those nodes whose MAC addresses have already been learned.

Note

This port security feature does not apply to ports on any expansion modules that might be installed in the switch.

To set the port security level for the ports on the switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu in Figure 8 on page 41 is displayed.

2. Select *Security/Source Address Table*.

The following window is displayed:

Source Address Learning Mode:

- ☒ Automatic: source address learning enabled; no intruder protection
- ☐ Limited: intruder protection when port MAC address limit exceeded
- ☐ Secure: source address table locked; intruder protection enabled

Security object port

☐ Config MAC address limit per port

Figure 36 Port Security Menu

3. Select the desired port security level. The levels are described below:

Automatic

This selection disables port security. With this option activated, the switch will not restrict the number of MAC addresses that are learned on the switch ports. This is the default setting.

Limited

This selection activates a limited version of port security. With this level selected, the switch will continue to learn MAC addresses for each port up to a user defined maximum number. Once the maximum number has been reached on a port, any frames received on the port from a source with a new MAC addresses will be discarded.

Note

Selecting this security level deletes all static MAC addresses. You must reenter the static addresses. All static MAC addresses are included in the count of maximum addresses that can be learned by a port.

When you select this security level, the following prompts are displayed:

- ☐ Config MAC address limit per port
- Intruder Protection:
 - ☐ Transmit an SNMP Trap if an intruder is detected
 - ✓ ☒ No SNMP Trap if an intruder is detected
 - ☐ Disable the port if an intruder is detected
 - ✓ ☒ Port state unchanged if an intruder is detected

Figure 37 Limited Port Security Prompts

Select the *Config MAC address limit per port* option to display a list of the ports on the switch. In the list, specify the maximum number of MAC addresses that you want each port to be able to learn. The permitted range is 0 to 255. Specifying 0 (zero) means that the port will not stop learning addresses. The default is 0.

The prompts also allow you to control how the switch will respond when a port exceeds the specified number of MAC addresses. You can instruct the switch to send an SNMP trap to the management station, disable the port, or both.

Secure

This option causes the switch to immediately stop learning new MAC addresses on all or selected ports. Any frames received on a port from a source with a new MAC address will be discarded. Existing static MAC addresses are retained and are used in determining which addresses are accepted by a port. However, you cannot add new static addresses to ports with this level of security.

Activating this security level requires that you first specify the ports that are to have this level of security. This is done by entering the ports in the Security object port field. The ports can be entered as a range (e.g., 2-5) or individually (e.g., 2,4,7). After specifying the ports, select the Secure level from the Port Security menu.

As with the Limited security level, you can also use the Port Security prompts to control how the switch will respond in the event new MAC addresses are received by a port. You can instruct the switch to send a SNMP trap to a management station or disable the port.

Note

A new security level takes affect immediately on a switch once selected.

4. Once you have selected the desired level of port security, return to the Omega main menu.

Chapter 4

Configuring the MAC Address Table

This chapter describes the MAC address table and the static MAC address table. The chapter explains how to view the MAC addresses and how to modify the static table. This chapter also contains instructions on how to configure multicast addresses for the ports of the switch.

Procedures relating to the MAC address table include the following:

- ☐ **Displaying the MAC Address Table** on page 87
- ☐ **Displaying the MAC Addresses of a Port** on page 88
- ☐ **Displaying the Port Number of a MAC Address** on page 89
- ☐ **Clearing All Dynamic MAC Addresses** on page 90
- ☐ **Changing the Aging Time of the MAC Address Table** on page 90

Procedures relating to the static MAC address table include the following:

- ☐ **Displaying the Static MAC Address Table** on page 92
- ☐ **Adding Addresses to the Static MAC Address Table** on page 93
- ☐ **Deleting Addresses from the Static MAC Address Table** on page 95
- ☐ **Clearing the Static MAC Address Table** on page 96

Procedures relating to multicast addresses include the following:

- ☐ **Configuring a Multicast Address** on page 97
- ☐ **Changing a Multicast Port Assignment** on page 99
- ☐ **Deleting a Multicast Address** on page 99

MAC Address Table

The MAC address table (also referred to as the forwarding table) is a snapshot of the source MAC addresses that a switch has learned and stored in its volatile memory. When a frame is received by a port on a switch, the source address of the frame is inspected to determine whether the address is already in the table. If it is not, the switch adds the address to the table.

Each Fast Ethernet switch maintains its own MAC address table. Each table can hold up to 8,192 addresses. To prevent the table from becoming filled with addresses of devices that have become inactive and are no longer sending frames, MAC address are periodically deleted from the table. An address is deleted if a MAC address in the table does not reappear on any port after a specified period of time has elapsed. The default time period is 300 seconds (5 minutes). This aging time is configurable, as explained in the procedure **Changing the Aging Time of the MAC Address Table** on page 90.

The MAC address table is cleared whenever you reset the switch or remove power. The switch starts to add addresses again as soon as it is operational and the ports start to detect MAC addresses in incoming packets.

Each switch also maintains a static MAC address table. This table contains MAC addresses that are entered manually and are never aged out. The only way that a static address is removed is if it is manually deleted from the table. When you enter a static address, you specify the port when the node with the address is connected.

Note

The MAC address for an AT-8224XL or AT-8216FXL Ethernet switch is located on the MAC address label directly above the RS232 management port on the switch's front panel. You can also view the MAC address by running the switch diagnostics program, as explained in **Chapter 2, Managing a Switch**.

Displaying the MAC Address Table

To display a switch's MAC address table, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address menu in Figure 38 is displayed.

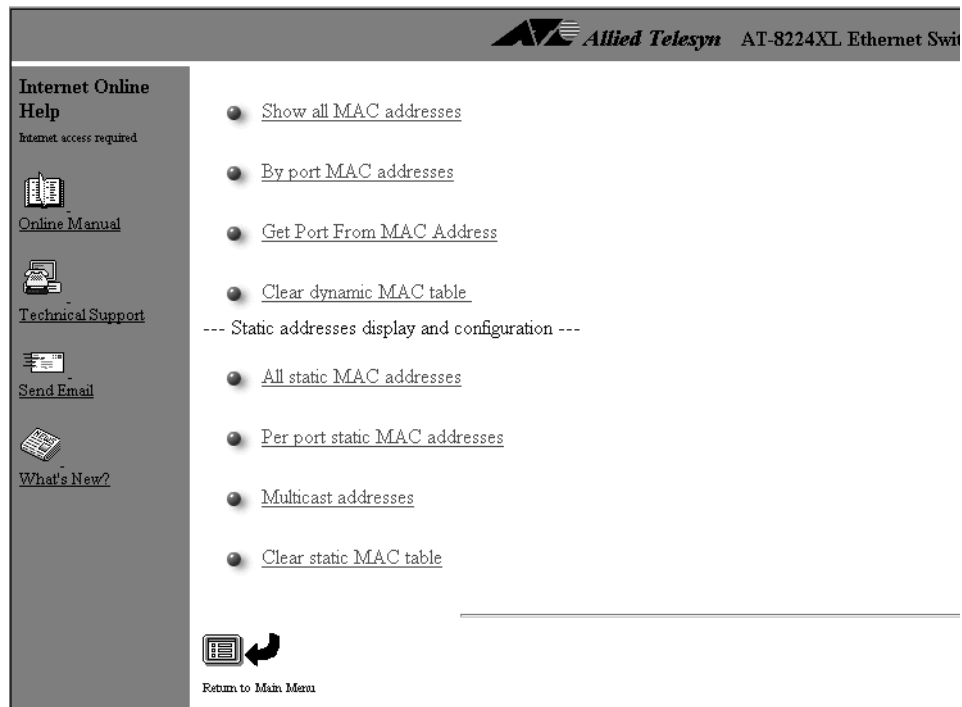


Figure 38 MAC Address Menu

2. Select *Show all MAC addresses*.

The MAC Addresses window is displayed. An example is shown in Figure 39.

MAC Address	Port	VLAN
00000C 938CDC	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
0000C0 334CE6	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
0000F4 A40D7D	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
0000F4 A98B40	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
0000F4 C89DCD	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
00A0C9 03004F	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
00A0C9 0825A5	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN
00A0CC 3E2463	Port 4 - Accounting1	Default VLAN

Figure 39 MAC Address Table Window

The table lists each MAC address that the switch has learned, the number or name of the port on which the MAC address was detected, and the VLAN to which the port belongs.

The Refresh button queries the switch for the latest MAC address information and updates the window.

- 3. Return to the Main Menu.

**Displaying the
MAC Addresses
of a Port**

The procedure in this section explains how to display the MAC addresses of a specific port. This allows you to easily determine the MAC addresses of the devices connected to a port on the switch.

To display the MAC addresses of the devices connected to a specific port, perform the following procedure:

- 1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address menu shown in Figure 38 is displayed.

- 2. Select *By port MAC addresses*

A list of the ports on the switch is displayed.

- 3. Select the desired port number from the list.

The MAC Address Table Per Port window is displayed. The window contains the MAC addresses that have been learned on the selected port. Figure 40 is an example of the window.

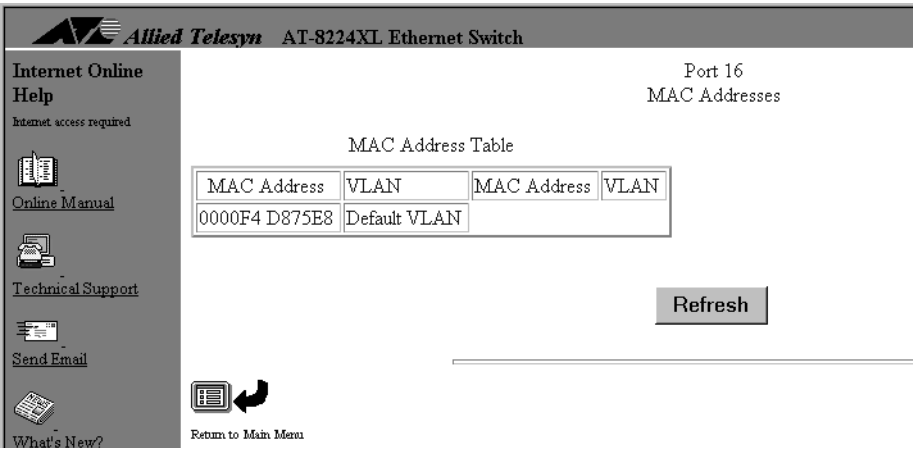


Figure 40 MAC Address Table Per Port Window

- 4. Return to the Main Menu.

Displaying the Port Number of a MAC Address

The Omega interface allows you to determine the port on which a MAC address is located by specifying the address. This feature is useful in determining the port that a particular device is connected to on the switch.

To display the port number for a specific MAC address, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.
2. Select *Get Port From MAC Address*.

The MAC Address prompt shown in Figure 41 is displayed.

Figure 41 MAC Address Prompt

3. Select the MAC Address field and enter the MAC address of the device to be located. Select Enter or press <Return>.

Enter the MAC address in the following format:

XXXXXX XXXXXX

The screen displays a window that contains the port on which the MAC address was learned. Figure 42 is an example of the window.

Port	VLAN
16	Default VLAN

Figure 42 MAC Address by Port Window

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Clearing All Dynamic MAC Addresses

To clear all of the learned MAC addresses from the MAC address table, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.
2. Select *Clear dynamic MAC table*.

Confirmation prompts are displayed.

3. Select Yes to clear the table or No to cancel the procedure.

If you select Yes, all MAC addresses are deleted from the switch's dynamic MAC address table.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Changing the Aging Time of the MAC Address Table

When a switch detects a packet with a source MAC address that it has not seen before, the switch stores the MAC address in its address table. This means the switch has learned about the device that sent packets to the switch. The MAC address table is updated as new MAC addresses are detected. If a MAC address listed in the address table does not appear on any port after a specified period of time, the switch deletes that address from the table. This time period is referred to as the aging time. You can adjust this parameter. The default aging time is 300 seconds (5 minutes).

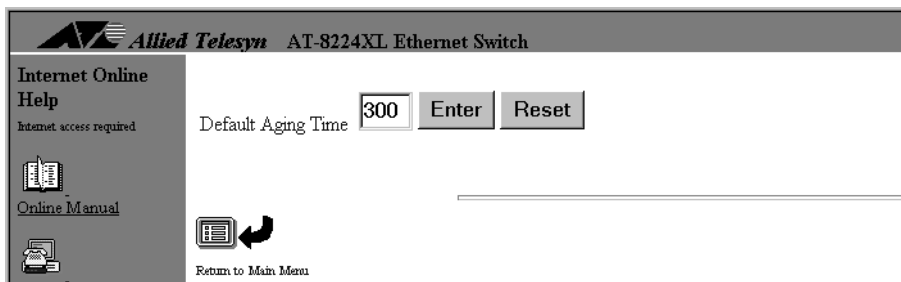
To specify a new aging time for the MAC address table, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu in Figure 8 on page 41 is displayed.

2. Select *Default Aging Time*.

The prompt in Figure 43 is displayed.



The screenshot shows the Omega Main Menu interface for an Allied Telesyn AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch. On the left is a sidebar with links: 'Internet Online Help' (with a note 'Internet access required'), 'Online Manual', and a 'Return to Main Menu' button with a circular arrow icon. The main area displays the 'Default Aging Time' prompt with a text input field containing '300', followed by 'Enter' and 'Reset' buttons. A horizontal line is visible below the input field.

Figure 43 Default Aging Time Prompt

3. Select the *Default Aging Time* entry field and enter a new value (in seconds). The default is 300 seconds. The maximum is 999 seconds.

Note

Entering a value of 0 (zero) deactivates the MAC aging time parameter. MAC addresses continue to be added to the table until the table is full. Once the table is full, any frame with a new MAC address will be flooded to all appropriate ports.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Static MAC Address Table

The static MAC table contains a list of the MAC addresses that have been entered manually. You can use the table to specify the MAC addresses of devices that are connected to ports that might not be learned through the dynamic learning process of the switch. Entering static MAC addresses ensures that certain devices have access to the switch ports, because aging time, power failures, or switch resets do not affect the static MAC table.

Displaying the Static MAC Address Table

To display the static address table for a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address Table menu in Figure 38 on page 87 is displayed.

2. Select *All static MAC addresses*.

The screen displays previously-added static MAC addresses, their ports, and the VLANs to which the ports belong. The display is for viewing purposes only. Figure 44 is an example of the table.

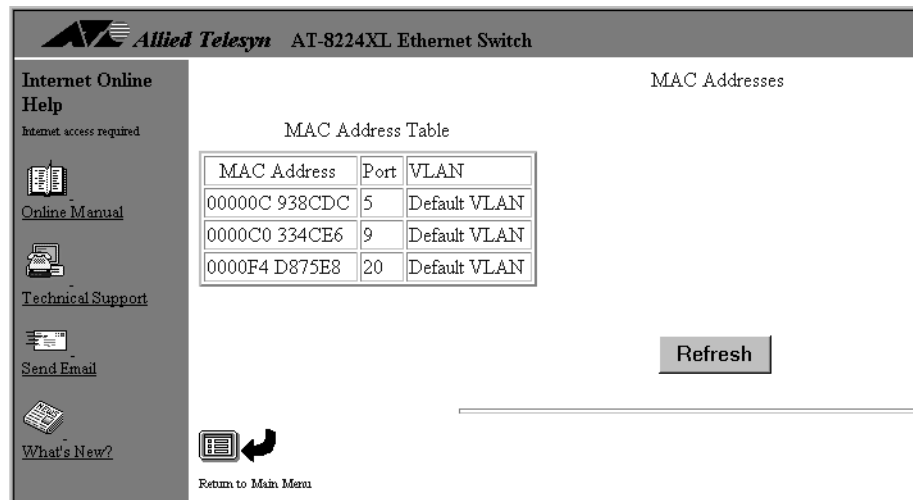


Figure 44 Static MAC Address Table Window

3. Return to the Main Menu.

Adding Addresses to the Static MAC Address Table

To add MAC addresses to the static MAC address table, perform the following procedure:

1. Compile a list of the MAC addresses of the devices to be added to the table.

Note

You can assign only one static MAC address per port on the switch.

2. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address Table menu shown in Figure 38 on page 87 is displayed.

3. Select *Per port static MAC addresses*.

A list of the ports on the switch is displayed.

4. Select the port where you want to add the static MAC address.

The window in Figure 45 is displayed. The window lists the static addresses already defined for the selected port.

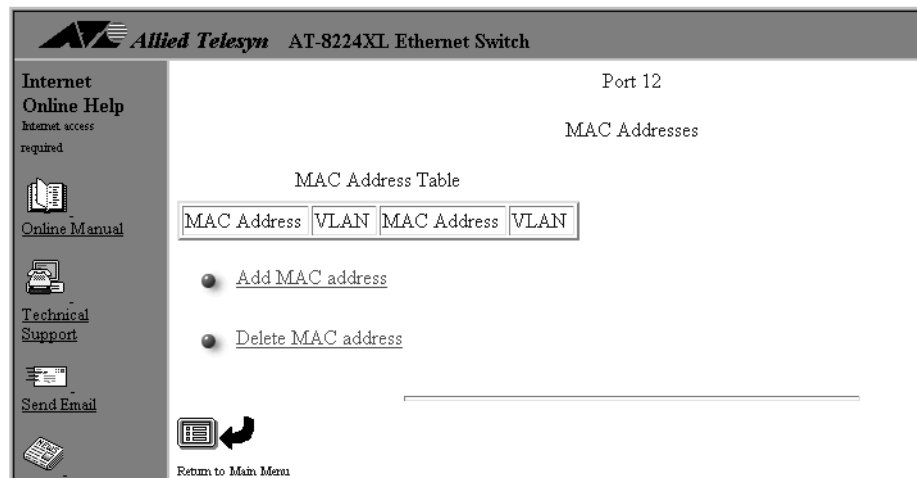


Figure 45 Static MAC Addresses Per Port Window

5. Select *Add MAC Address*.

The window in Figure 46 is displayed. You use this window to specify the MAC address of the device you want to allow access to the port, as well as the name of the VLAN to which the port belongs.

The screenshot shows the web interface of an Allied Telesyn AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch. The top header includes the Allied Telesyn logo and the device name. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Internet Online, Help, Internet access required, Online Manual, Technical Support, Send Email, and What's New?. The main content area is titled 'MAC Addresses' and 'MAC Address Table'. It features a table with two columns: 'MAC Address' and 'VLAN'. Below the table, there are two input fields: 'VLAN Name' with the default value 'Default VLAN' and 'Mac Address'. Each field has 'Enter' and 'Reset' buttons. At the bottom left, there is a 'Return to Main Menu' button with a circular arrow icon.

Figure 46 Adding a Static MAC Address Window

6. Select the VLAN Name field and enter the name of the VLAN to which the port belongs. The default is Default VLAN. Select Enter or press <Return>.
7. Select the MAC Address field and enter the static MAC address of the device to have access to the port. Select Enter or press <Return>.

The address should be entered in the following format:

XXXXXX XXXXXX

After several seconds a confirmation screen is displayed, indicating that the address has been added to the static MAC address table.

8. Return to the Main Menu.
9. If desired, perform the procedure **Displaying the Static MAC Address Table** on page 92 to view the updated table.

Deleting Addresses from the Static MAC Address Table

To delete an address from the static MAC address table, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address Table menu in Figure 38 is displayed.

2. Select *Per port static MAC addresses*.

A list of the ports on the switch is displayed.

3. Select the port containing the static MAC address to be deleted. The window in Figure 45 on page 93 is displayed.

4. Select *Delete MAC address*.

The window in Figure 47 is displayed. You use this window to specify the static MAC address to be deleted.

The screenshot shows the web interface of an Allied Telesyn AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch. The top header includes the Allied Telesyn logo and the device name. On the left is a sidebar with links: Internet Online Help, Online Manual, Technical Support, Send Email, and What's New?. The main content area is titled 'MAC Addresses' and 'MAC Address Table'. It contains a table with two columns: 'MAC Address' and 'VLAN'. The first row shows '00000C 938CDC' and 'Default VLAN'. Below the table are two input fields: 'VLAN Name:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Default VLAN', and 'Mac Address:' with an empty text box. Each field has 'Enter' and 'Reset' buttons. At the bottom left, there is a 'Return to Main Menu' link with a back arrow icon.

MAC Address	VLAN
00000C 938CDC	Default VLAN

VLAN Name:

Mac Address:

[Return to Main Menu](#)

Figure 47 Deleting a Static MAC Address Window

5. Select the VLAN Name field and enter the name of the VLAN to which the port belongs. The default is Default VLAN. Select Enter or press <Return>.
6. Select the MAC Address field and enter the MAC address to be deleted from the static table. Select Enter or press <Return>.

After several seconds a confirmation screen is displayed, indicating that the address has been deleted from the static MAC address table.

7. Return to the Main Menu.
8. If desired, perform the procedure **Displaying the Static MAC Address Table** on page 92 to view the updated table.

Clearing the Static MAC Address Table

To clear all addresses from the static MAC address table for a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address Table menu shown in Figure 38 on page 87 is displayed.

2. Select *Clear static MAC table*.

A confirmation screen is displayed.

3. Select Yes to delete the static MAC address or No to cancel the procedure.

If you select Yes, all of the static address entries are deleted from the switch.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Multicast Addresses

A multicast is a special form of broadcast where copies of a packet are delivered to a specific group of end stations. This differs from a broadcast, which is a transmission that sends copies of a packet to all end stations on the network.

A multicast address is a destination address. Configuring a multicast address allows you to restrict certain packets to a specific group of ports. For example, you might use this feature to restrict the number of end stations that are to receive packets from a server running special applications.

Note

You can configure ten multicast addresses per switch.

Configuring a Multicast Address

To enter a multicast address into the MAC address table of a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. Obtain the MAC address of the device that will be sending the multicast packets. For example, this might be a network server that contains application programs whose access is to be restricted to specific users.
2. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address Table menu is displayed.

3. Select *Multicast addresses*.

The Multicast Address Menu shown in Figure 48 is displayed.

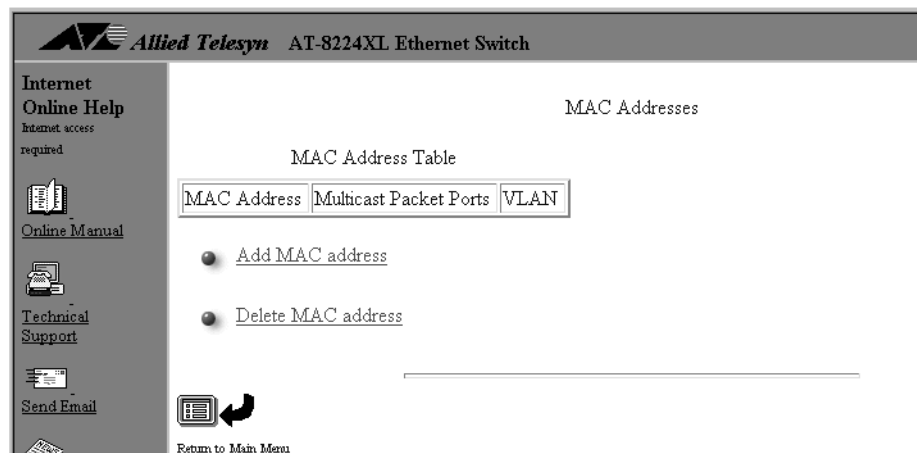


Figure 48 Multicast Address Menu

4. Select *Add MAC address*.

The Adding a Multicast Address window in Figure 49 is displayed.

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MAC Addresses

MAC Address Table

MAC Address Multicast Packet Ports VLAN

VLAN Name: Enter Reset

Mac Address: Enter Reset

Ports for multicast: Enter Reset

(Example: 1,3,8-14 or all)

Figure 49 Adding a Multicast Address Window

5. Select the VLAN Name field and enter the name of the VLAN to receive the multicast frames. Select Enter or press <Return>.
6. Select the MAC Address field and enter the MAC address of the multicast stream that will be sending the multicast frames. Select Enter.
7. Select the Ports for Multicast field and enter one or more port numbers that are members of the specified VLAN and that are to receive the multicast packets. Select Enter or press <Return>.

You can use one of the following formats to specify the port numbers:

Single port (for example, 1)

Several ports separated by a comma (for example, 3, 5, 6)

Range of ports (for example, 2-4)

All ports by entering the word "all".

You can combine these different formats in a single line.

A port can have more than one multicast address associated with it. The number of multicast addresses you can configure is limited to ten per switch.

After several seconds, a confirmation message is displayed.

8. Return to the Main Menu.

Changing a Multicast Port Assignment

To add or remove ports from a multicast MAC address assignment, re-enter the multicast MAC address and the new port assignments by performing the instruction in the previous section. This will overwrite the old port assignments with the new port information.

Deleting a Multicast Address

To delete a multicast address from the MAC address table, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *MAC Address Table*.

The MAC Address Table menu is displayed.

2. Select *Multicast addresses*.

The menu in Figure 48 on page 97 is displayed.

3. Select *Delete MAC Address*.

The Deleting a Multicast Address window is displayed.

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Internet access required

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MAC Addresses

MAC Address Table

MAC Address	Multicast Packet Ports	VLAN
00000C 938CDC	1,3	Default VLAN

VLAN Name:

Mac Address:

Figure 50 Deleting a Multicast Address Window

4. Select the VLAN Name field and enter the name of the VLAN from which the multicast address is to be deleted.
5. Select the MAC Address field and enter the multicast MAC address to be deleted. Select Enter or press <Return>.

After several seconds a confirmation message is displayed. The multicast address is now deleted.

6. Return to the Main Menu.

Chapter 5

Configuring Virtual LANs and Quality of Service

This chapter explains the Allied Telesyn implementation of the VLAN and Quality of Service (QoS) features of the AT-8200XL Series Ethernet switch. This chapter contains the following sections:

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An Allied Telesyn Ethernet switch can support up to 254 port-based VLANs with 802.1Q Virtual LAN (VLAN) tagging. By default, a switch has one pre-defined VLAN. The name of this VLAN is **Default VLAN**. All of the ports on the switch are configured as untagged (port-based) members of this VLAN. In most situations, you will probably find this single broadcast domain and the default QoS settings acceptable and will not need to modify the switch VLAN and QoS settings.

Note

You should use caution when using the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) and VLANs. The switch has only one spanning tree domain.

Overview

As the size and traffic on Ethernet networks have grown, new methods have been needed for segmenting the network to improve network performance and speed. One of the principal methods for improving network performance is through the use of VLANs. The VLAN feature allows you to segment your network through software management by creating subnetworks. The use of VLANs allow you to group the workstations, servers, and other networking equipment connected to your switches into logical workgroups. These VLAN groupings can be based on similar data needs or security requirements.

When networking devices, such as workstations and servers, are grouped into a VLAN, data is exchanged between only those members of the group. In more basic terms, just as switches separate collision domains, VLANs separate broadcast domains.

Each VLAN constitutes one broadcast domain; therefore, frames are not permitted to cross a VLAN boundary. This allows for several VLAN-based broadcast domains to exist on the same switch.

Other advantages of VLANs include:

- ☐ You can group workstations logically or functionally, regardless of their physical location on the network.
- ☐ You can change VLAN memberships anytime by software configuration without moving the workstations physically, or change group memberships by simply moving a cable from one port to another.
- ☐ With VLAN tagging, the ability to group workstations into logical work groups is more versatile. Network servers or other network resources can be shared without loss of data isolation or security.
- ☐ With VLAN tagging, one port on a switch can be configured to be an uplink to another 802.1Q-compatible switch. This one port can be configured to carry traffic from all VLANs configured on the switch. (With port-based VLANs, one uplink port is required for each VLAN in order to uplink VLANs in other switches.)

The Fast Ethernet switches are capable of supporting two types of VLANs:

- ☐ Port-based VLANs
- ☐ Tagged VLANs

These different types of VLANs are described in the following sections.

Port-Based VLANs

Port-based VLANs are logical groupings of ports. The devices connected to the member ports of a port-based VLAN share a common broadcast domain where the traffic within the VLAN is forwarded only to the member ports.

Each port-based VLAN is assigned a unique VLAN ID (VID) when created. When a frame enters a switch port, the VID for that port's VLAN is associated with the frame. The switch forwards the frame only to the port or ports that have the same VID and, consequently, that are a part of the same VLAN.

Each port also has associated with it a port VLAN ID (PVID). When you create a new VLAN and assign the VLAN a VID, each member port's PVID is set equal to the VID of the given VLAN group through the *Port to VLAN Configuration* menu.

Since port-based VLANs belong to separate broadcast domains, a router is required to transfer the frames among the various VLANs.

Port-based VLAN Example. Figure 51 is an example of two port-based VLANs in an AT-8224XL Switch. The example illustrates the two VLANs Sales and Production.

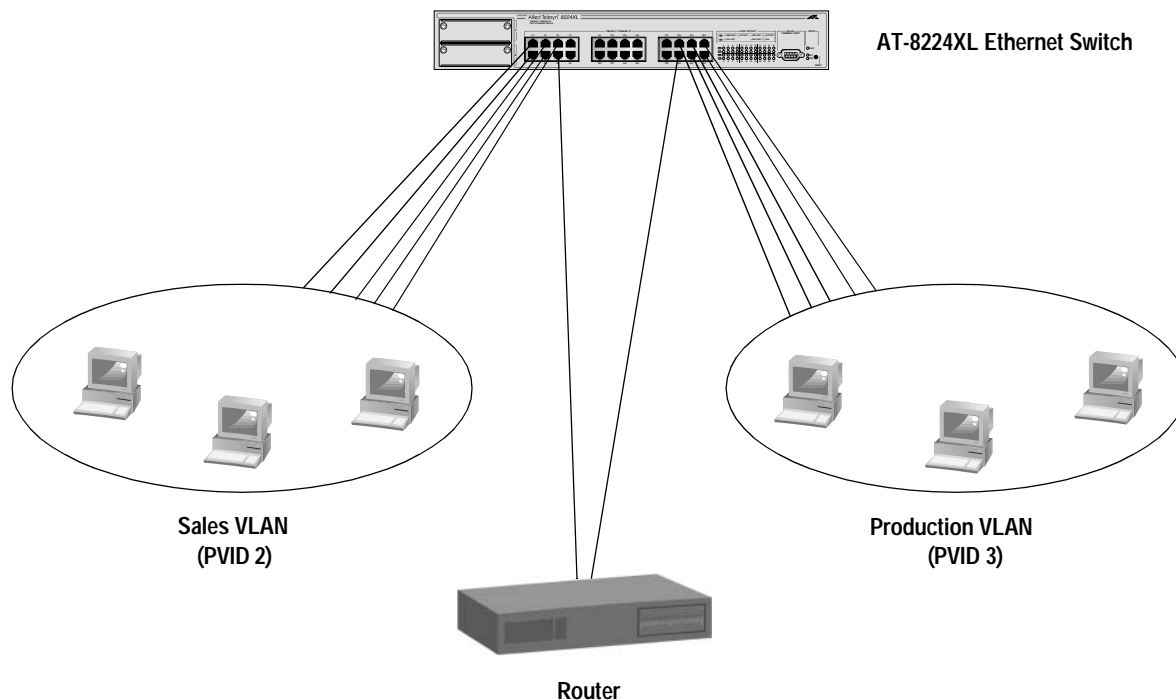


Figure 51 VLAN Example

The table below lists the ports assignments for the Sales and Production VLANs:

	Sales VLAN (PVID 2)	Production VLAN (PVID 3)
AT-8224XL Switch	1-6	19-24

The movement of traffic between the two VLANs is accomplished with a router. The router has one connection to each VLAN. One router interface is connected to port 6 on the switch, which is a member of the Sales VLAN. Another router interface is connected to port 24, which is a member of the Production VLAN.

There are, however, several drawbacks to port-based VLANs:

- ❑ It is not easy to share network resources, such as servers and printers, across multiple VLANs. A router must be added to the network to provide a means for interconnecting the port-based VLANs.
- ❑ The introduction of a router into your network could create security issues from unauthorized access to your network.
- ❑ A VLAN that spans several switches will require a port on each switch for the interconnection of the various parts of the VLAN. For example, a VLAN that spans three switches would require one port on each switch just to interconnect the various sections of the VLAN. In network configurations where there are many individual VLANs that span switches, many ports can end up being used ineffectively just to interconnect the various VLANs.

VLAN Tagging

The second type of VLAN supported by the switch is referred to as VLAN tagging. The advantage of VLAN tagging is that you can easily share network resources and at the same time retain the security found in port-based VLANs. And when propagating the different VLANs throughout the network, you only need one port-per-switch to trunk all VLANs from one switch to another switch.

For these and other reasons, the IEEE developed additions to the 802 standards to accommodate VLAN tagging, the 802.1Q and 802.3ac standards. VLAN tagging allows the user to define a VID for a given VLAN traffic flow, and then use this VID to switch the traffic throughout the network. This means that the user can have a device connected to a switch port that can accept traffic from one or more VLANs.

The ability to allow a port to forward traffic from many VLANs instead of only one (as in port-based VLANs) allows the user to overcome the port-based limitations mentioned above. A server can now be configured to accept the traffic from many different VLANs, and then return data to the

various VLANs without mixing or leaking data into the wrong VLANs. Now when propagating VLANs across the network you can use one port per switch for connecting all VLANs on the switch to another 802.1Q-based switch.

IEEE 802.1Q and 802.3ac Standards. This flexibility comes from the ability to include a VLAN tag, in the form of a VID, to an Ethernet frame (802.3ac), and the ability of NICs, switches, and routers to act upon these VIDs (802.1Q).

The 802.3ac standard deals with the addition of 4 bytes to the original 802.3 frame. This means that while the minimum frame size is still 64 bytes, the maximum allowable frame size has been increased to 1522 bytes. These four bytes are inserted between the destination MAC address field and Length/Type field and include the following information.

Length/Type field (2 bytes): The Length/Type field of a tagged MAC frame always uses the Type interpretation, and contains the 802.1Q Tag Protocol Type: 0x81-00.

Tag Control Information field (2 bytes): The Tag Control Information field is subdivided as follows:

- a. A 3-bit User Priority field.
- b. A Canonical Format Indicator (CFI) of 1 bit.
- c. A 12-bit VLAN Identifier or VID.

The VID is the information that is used by the switch to forward the frame to the appropriate VLANs. For further explanation of the function and use of the other data fields, please consult the IEEE 802.1Q standard.

The 802.1Q standard deals with how this tagging information is used to forward the traffic throughout the switch.

The handling of frames tagged with VIDs coming into a port is straightforward. If the incoming frame's VID tag matches one of the VIDs of a VLAN that the port is a tagged member of, the frame will be accepted and forwarded to the appropriate ports. If the frame's VID does not match any of the VLANs that the port is a member of, the frame will be dropped.

Note

Ports can be tagged members of multiple VLANs. This means that the port can be configured to accept and forward traffic flows from multiple VLANs (i.e., the port will recognize multiple VIDs).

If the connected device is a legacy device (i.e., a device that does not support or act upon VLAN tagging), there are additional methods for handling the frame.

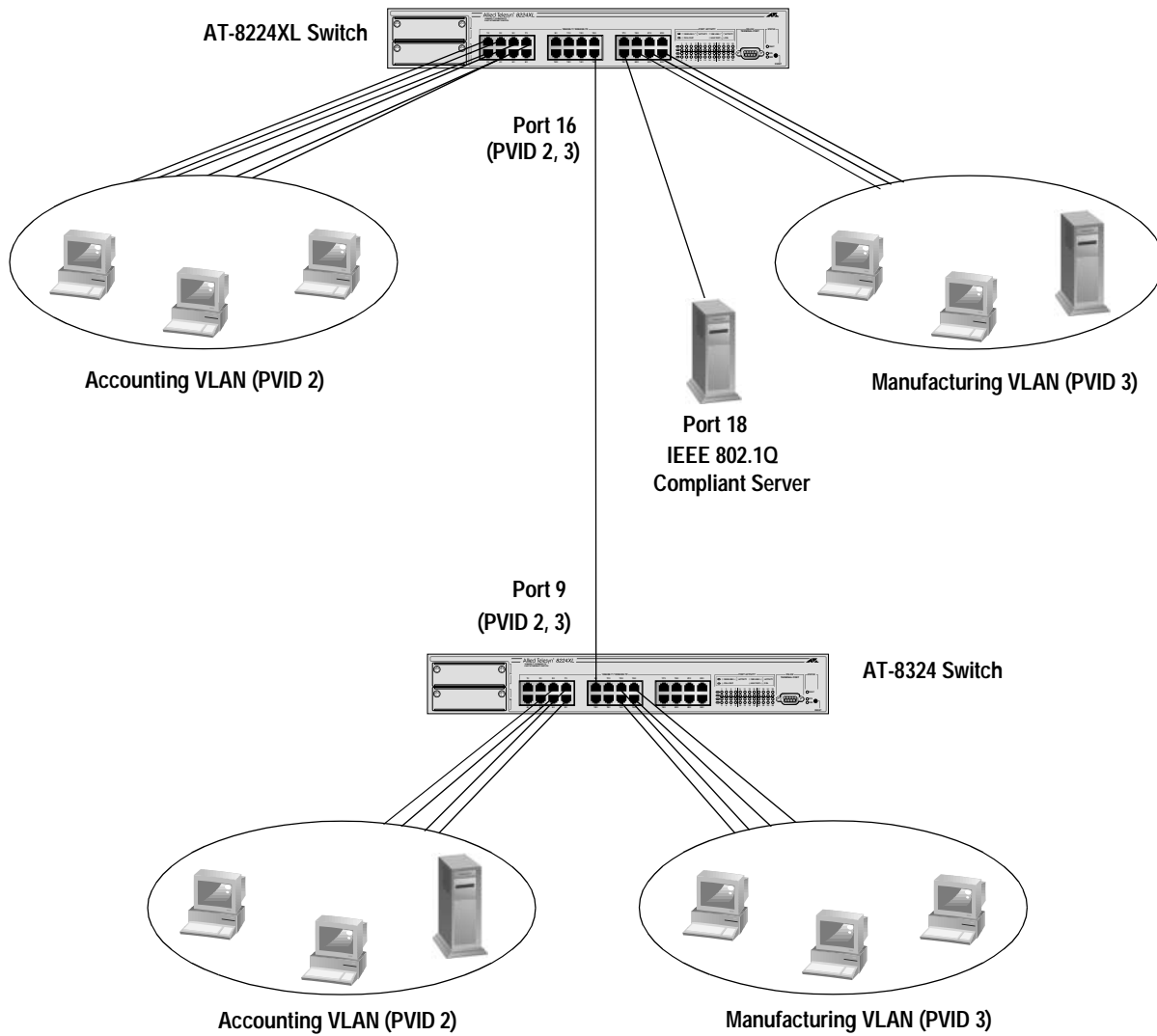
As described in the port-based VLAN section, an untagged incoming frame needs to have a VID inserted or associated with it so that the frame can be properly forwarded throughout switch. Consequently, each port is required to have a VLAN tag associated with it; this port-based tag is referred to as the Port VLAN ID (PVID). The port's PVID is inserted into the frame and is used as the frame's VID as the frame is passed through the switching system.

The port PVID assignment enables legacy (non-802.1Q compliant) devices connected to the switch to take advantage of the VLAN and QoS capabilities of the switch.

Note

The management port of this switch is a legacy device. It cannot interpret VLAN tags. The management agent responds only to communications from devices that are located within the same VLAN, defined by the management port's PVID.

VLAN Tagging Example. Figure 52 illustrates how tagged ports can be used to interconnect IEEE 802.1Q-based products. The example uses tagged ports to provide an uplink between an AT-8224XL Switch and an AT-8518 Switch. A tagged port is also used to connect an IEEE 802.1Q compliant server to a switch so that the server can be shared among multiple VLANs without the need for a router.

**Figure 52** Example Configuration

The AT-8224XL Switch has two VLANs: Accounting and Manufacturing. The port assignments for the VLANs are as follows:

Accounting VLAN (PVID 2)		Manufacturing VLAN (PVID 3)	
Untagged Ports	Tagged Ports	Untagged Ports	Tagged Ports
1 to 6	16, 18	20, 22, 24	16, 18

The Accounting VLAN, assigned a PVID value of 2, contains a total of 6 untagged ports. The VLAN also has two tagged ports, Port 16 and Port 18. Port 16 functions as the uplink port to the AT-8324 Switch and Port 18 provides a connection to an IEEE 802.1Q compliant server capable of handling tagged frames, thereby enabling it to be a simultaneous member of multiple VLANs.

The Manufacturing VLAN has three untagged ports. Two tagged ports in the VLAN provide the same functions as in the Accounting VLAN. The Manufacturing VLAN also contains a second server, but being a legacy server unable to handle tagged frames, this server is connected to an untagged port.

The port assignments for the Accounting and Manufacturing VLANs on the AT-8324 Switch are as follows:

Accounting VLAN (PVID 2)		Manufacturing VLAN (PVID 3)	
Untagged Ports	Tagged Ports	Untagged Ports	Tagged Ports
5 to 8	9	13 to 16	9

The Accounting VLAN on the AT-8324 Switch has five ports, four untagged ports and one tagged port, Port 9, which functions as the uplink port to the AT-8224XL Switch. In addition to workstations, this VLAN contains one legacy server which, being unable to handle tagged frames, is connected to a tagged port.

The Manufacturing VLAN also consists of five ports, one of which is the tagged Port 9.

Note

The PVIDs on the uplink ports between the AT-8324 and the AT-8224XL Switch must match.

Port 16 on the AT-8224XL Switch and port 9 on the AT-8324 Switch function as the uplink ports that interconnect the two switches. To allow the VLANs to span across the switches, these uplink ports are output enabled for every configured VLAN on the switch. Therefore, when a broadcast packet is received on any port (representing a packet on any VLAN), it is transmitted through the uplink port.

For example, a workstation connected to port 1 on the AT-8224XL Switch can talk to the legacy server connected to the AT-8324 Switch, because the workstation and server belong to the same Accounting VLAN. The workstation's VLAN information is preserved across the uplink. Similarly, a workstation connected to port 14 on the AT-8324 Switch, which is a member of the Manufacturing VLAN, can talk to the legacy server and the IEEE 802.1Q compliant server that are connected to the AT-8224XL Switch.

On the other hand, a workstation connected to port 22 on the AT-8224XL Switch cannot talk to the legacy server on the AT-8324 Switch because they belong to different VLANs.

Creating a Port-based or Tagged VLAN

Only one VLAN is defined by default on an AT-8200XL Series Switch. This VLAN is named Default VLAN. The Default VLAN is assigned a VLAN ID and PVID of 1. All the ports on the switch are initially port-based (untagged) members of the Default VLAN.

The procedure for creating a new VLAN consists of three phases:

- ☐ Phase 1:
 - Name the VLAN.
 - Assign a VLAN ID (VID) number to the VLAN.
 - Designate which ports are to be members of the VLAN.
 - Define which, if any, ports will be tagged ports.
- ☐ Phase 2:
 - Remove the untagged ports from the existing VLAN.
- ☐ Phase 3:
 - Change the PVID of the untagged ports in the new VLANs to match the VID.

Phase 1 To perform Phase 1, do the following:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*. The Virtual LAN/QoS menu in Figure 53 is displayed.

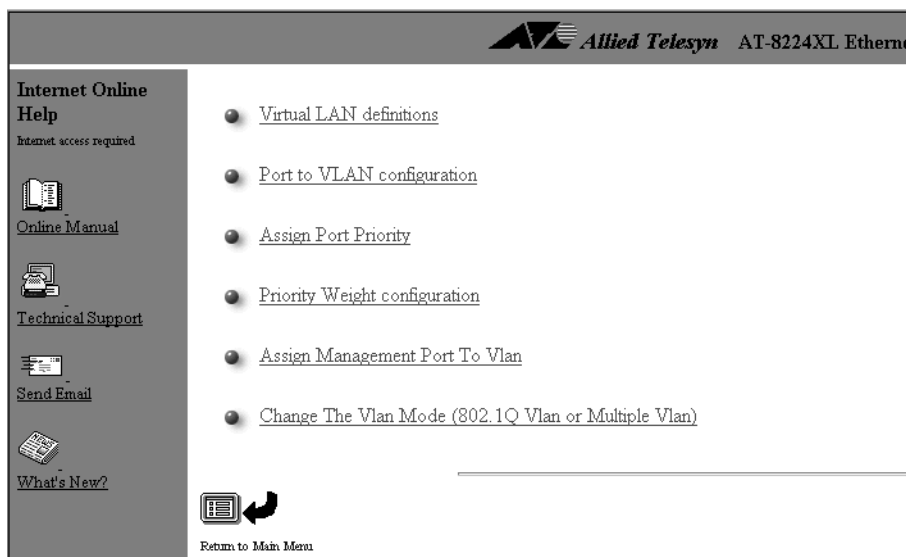


Figure 53 Virtual LAN/QoS Menu

2. Select *Virtual LAN definitions*.

The program displays the VLANs window. This window lists the VLANs that currently exist on the switch. The window provides the name of each VLAN along with the ports on the switch that are members of the VLAN. Figure 54 is an example of the window.

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VLAN Name	ID	All Ports On Vlan
Default VLAN	1	7-21
Accounting	2	1-6, 16, 18
Manufacturing	3	16, 18, 22-24

[Add new table entry](#)

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Figure 54 VLANs Window

The example shows that there are three VLANs on the switch: Default VLAN, Accounting, and Manufacturing. The numbers following each VLAN indicate the VID number of the VLAN and the ports in the VLAN. For example, the Accounting VLAN has the VID number of 2 and consists of Ports 1 through 6 and 16 and 18.

3. Select *Add new table entry*.

The VLAN Configuration window shown in Figure 55 is displayed. You use this window to specify the parameters for the new VLAN, such as its name and the ports on the switch that will be members of the VLAN.

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VLAN Name: Enter Reset

(or enter a single '*' to delete this entry)

ID Enter Reset

All Ports On Vlan Enter Reset

(Example: 1,3,8-14 or all)

Tagged Ports On Vlan Enter Reset

Figure 55 VLAN Configuration Window

4. In the VLAN Name field, enter a name for the new VLAN (for example, Marketing). Select Enter or press <Return>.

After entering the name for the new VLAN and selecting Enter, the VLAN ID number automatically increments to the next available number. For example, if this is the first VLAN that you are adding to the switch, the VID number increments to 2.

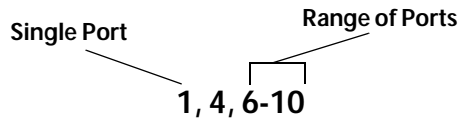
5. If you want, change the VLAN ID number by entering a number from 2–4096 in the ID field.

Note

Allied Telesyn highly recommends that you use the VLAN ID (default) supplied by the system. Although you can change VLAN IDs to suit your specific needs, changing them requires a more advanced understanding of VLAN tagging.

6. In the All Ports on VLAN field, specify both the tagged and untagged ports that are to be members of this new VLAN on the switch. Select Enter or press <Return>.

As shown below, you can specify the ports individually or in a range or both. By entering the word "All" in this field, all ports on the switch will be included in the new VLAN.



Ports on expansion modules, if installed, are included by default in the Ports on VLAN field. If desired, these ports can be removed from the field so that they will not be a part of the VLAN.

7. In the Tagged Ports on VLAN field, specify which ports, if any, will function as tagged ports. Select Enter or press <Return>. (Leave this field blank if there will not be any tagged ports in the VLAN.)
8. Return to the Omega main menu.

This completes Phase 1 for creating a new VLAN. Go to Phase 2.

Phase 2

In Phase 1, you gave the new VLAN a name and you specified the ports that will be members of the VLAN. It is important to know, however, that the untagged ports of the new VLAN are not automatically removed from their current VLAN assignment. Instead, you must manually remove them yourself. This involves reconfiguring the existing VLANs by removing untagged ports that are members of the new VLAN. Remember, an untagged port can be a member of only one VLAN at a time. Unless you reconfigure the VLANs, an untagged port can end up being a member of more than one VLAN and this could result in unpredictable performance by your VLANs.

To reconfigure your existing VLANs, do the following:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*. The Virtual LAN/QoS menu in Figure 53 is displayed.
2. Select *Virtual LAN definitions*.

3. Select one of the existing VLANs that contains an untagged port that you have assigned to the new VLAN.

The VLAN Configuration window for the selected VLAN is displayed. An example is shown in Figure 56. The example is for the Default VLAN.

The screenshot shows the web interface of an Allied Telesyn AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch. The top header displays the logo and model name. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Internet Online, Help (Internet access required), Online Manual, Technical Support, Send Email, and What's New?. The main content area is titled 'VLAN Configuration' for the 'Default VLAN'. It includes a 'VLAN Name' field with 'Default VLAN' and 'Enter/Reset' buttons. Below is a note '(or enter a single '*' to delete this entry)'. The 'ID' field is set to '1' with 'Enter/Reset' buttons. The 'All Ports On Vlan' section has a dropdown set to 'ALL' and 'Enter/Reset' buttons, with an example '(Example: 1,3,8-14 or all)'. The 'Tagged Ports On Vlan' section has an empty dropdown and 'Enter/Reset' buttons.

Figure 56 VLAN Configuration Example for the Default VLAN

4. Modify the All Ports on VLAN field so that it no longer includes the untagged ports that you have assigned to the new VLAN. Select Enter or press <Return>.
5. Return to the Omega Main Menu.
6. Repeat this procedure to modify any other VLANs that contain untagged ports that you have assigned to the new VLAN.

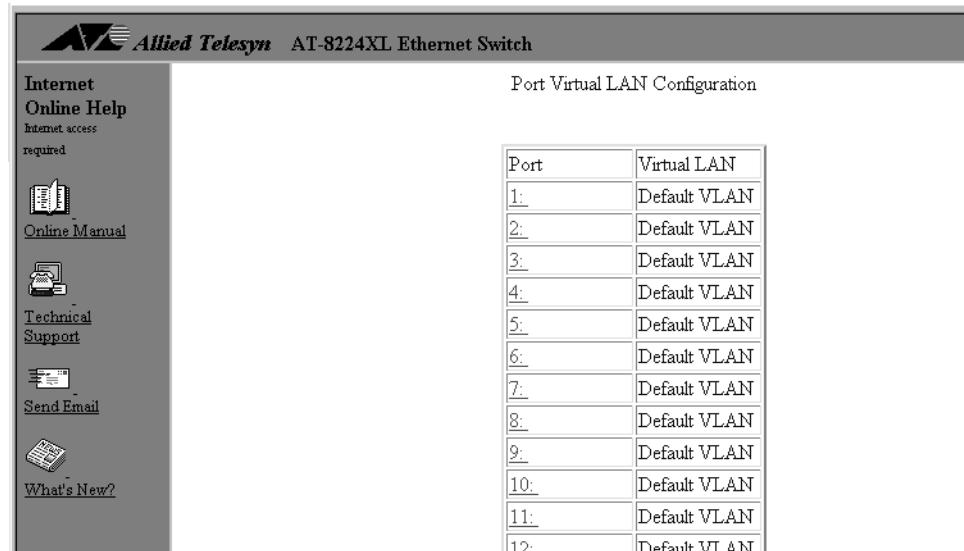
Phase 3 The final phase to creating a new VLAN involves changing the PVID of each untagged port in the new VLAN to match the VLAN's VID. To accomplish this, do the following procedure:

Note

Only the PVID of untagged ports must be changed to match the VID of its respective VLAN. The default PVID of tagged ports should not be changed.

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.
2. Select *Port to VLAN configuration*.

A window is displayed that lists each port on the switch and the VLAN whose VID matches the port's PVID. Figure 57 is an example of the window. The example shows that the PVID for all of the ports on the switch match the VID of the Default VLAN and, thus, that they all belong to the Default VLAN.



Port	Virtual LAN
1:	Default VLAN
2:	Default VLAN
3:	Default VLAN
4:	Default VLAN
5:	Default VLAN
6:	Default VLAN
7:	Default VLAN
8:	Default VLAN
9:	Default VLAN
10:	Default VLAN
11:	Default VLAN
12:	Default VLAN

Figure 57 Port to VLAN Configuration Window

3. Select one of the untagged ports that you specified in Phase 1 to be a member of the new VLAN.

A list of the VLANs on the switch is displayed, similar to the VLANs window in Figure 54 on page 111.

4. Select the new VLAN to which the port will be a member.

The untagged port's PVID is automatically changed to match the VLAN ID. The untagged port is now a member of the new VLAN. (With a local or Telnet management session, the Port to VLAN Configuration window is automatically refreshed. With a web-based session, you must refresh the window manually by returning to the Virtual LANs/QoS menu and selecting *Port to VLAN configuration*.)

5. Repeat this procedure to change the PVID of any other untagged ports that are to be members of the new VLAN.

The VLAN is now configured on the switch. But before you begin to use the VLAN for network operations, it is recommended that you review the information in **Verifying the VLAN Configuration** on page 116.

Verifying the VLAN Configuration

Before you begin to use a new VLAN, you should do the following:

- ☐ Check to be sure that each untagged port belongs to only one VLAN. If an untagged port belongs to more than one VLAN, you must remove the port from one of the VLANs. This might require that you examine the VLAN Configuration window of each VLAN on the switch.
- ☐ Check to be sure that the PVID for each untagged port has been changed to match the VID of its VLAN. This can be determined by selecting *Port to VLAN configuration* from the Virtual LANs/QoS menu.

Once you have verified that the VLAN configuration is correct, you can begin to use the VLAN for network operations. For an example of creating a VLAN, refer to the next section.

Creating an Example VLAN

The procedures in this section create the Accounting VLAN in the AT-8224XL Switch illustrated in Figure 52 on page 107. This VLAN will contain ports 1 through 6 as untagged ports and ports 16 and 18 as tagged ports. For the purposes of this example, it will be assumed that you are creating the VLAN on an AT-8224XL switch and that the only VLAN currently existing on the switch is the Default VLAN.

Phase 1 This phase defines the new VLAN by specifying its name, Accounting, and the ports that will be part of the VLAN. To accomplish this, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LAN/QoS*.
2. From the Virtual LAN/QoS menu, select *Virtual LAN Definition*.
3. From the Virtual LAN definition window, select *Add New Table Entry*.
4. In the VLAN Name field, enter the name Accounting. Select Enter or press <Return>.

Note

No change will be made to the VLAN ID field. This example will accept the automatically assigned default value, which is the next available VID number. Since the switch in this example currently contains only the Default VLAN, Omega will assign the new VLAN the ID 2.

5. In the All Ports on VLAN field, enter the following and select Enter or press <Return>:

1-6,16,18

These are the ports, both tagged and untagged, on the switch that will be part of the Accounting VLAN. Ports 1 to 6 will be untagged ports. Ports 16 and 18 will be tagged ports, meaning that they can be members of more than one VLAN. It is important to remember that the All Ports on VLAN field must contain tagged ports, if there will be any, in addition to the untagged ports.

6. In the Tagged Ports on VLAN field, enter the following and select Enter or press <Return>:

16,18

These are the two ports on the switch that are to be tagged ports in the Accounting VLAN. If this VLAN was not to have any tagged ports, you would leave this field empty.

7. Return to the Omega Main Menu.

Phase 2 Now that you have defined the new Accounting VLAN, you must reconfigure the existing VLANs by removing the untagged ports that you have assigned to the new Accounting VLAN. To accomplish this, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LAN/QoS*.
2. From the Virtual LAN/QoS menu, select *Virtual LAN Definition*.
3. Select the Default VLAN.

The VLAN window for the Default VLAN is displayed. In our example, the Accounting VLAN is the first VLAN to be created on the switch. Consequently, all ports by default are still members of the Default VLAN. Thus, this is the VLAN that needs to be modified since it contains the ports that are to be a part of the new VLAN.

4. Select the All Ports on VLAN field and change the entry from:

ALL

to

7-24

The reason for the change is because ports 1 to 6 are now untagged members of the new Accounting VLAN and should no longer be members of the Default VLAN. Select Enter or press <Return>.

5. Return to the Omega Main Menu.

Phase 3 The final phase is to change the PVID of the untagged ports in the new VLAN to match the VID of the Accounting VLAN. To accomplish this, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LAN/QoS*.
2. Select *Port to VLAN configuration*.

A window is displayed that lists each port on the switch and the VLAN whose VID matches the port's PVID. Figure 57 on page 115 is an example of the window. The example shows that the PVID for all of the ports are the switch match the VID of the Default VLAN and, thus, that they all belong to the Default VLAN

3. Select port 1.
4. The management program displays a list of the VLANs on the switch.

5. Select Accounting.

The ports PVID is changed to match the Accounting VLAN's VID. (With a local or Telnet management session, the Port to VLAN Configuration window is automatically refreshed. With a web-based session, you must refresh the window manually by returning to the Virtual LANs/QoS menu and selecting *Port to VLAN configuration*.)

6. Select port 2.

7. Select the Accounting VLAN.

8. Repeat these steps until the PVID of all untagged ports of the Accounting VLAN have been changed.

9. Return to the Omega Main Menu.

The Accounting VLAN is now ready for network operations.

Modifying a Port-based or Tagged VLAN

This procedure explains how to add or delete ports from an existing port-based or tagged VLAN. You can also change a port from untagged to tagged, or vice versa.

Note

You cannot modify the VLANs that have been created using the multiple VLAN mode, which is explained in **Activating and Deactivating the Multiple VLAN Mode** on page 124.

To modify a VLAN, perform the following procedures.

Phase 1

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.

The Virtual LAN/QoS menu shown in Figure 53 on page 110 is displayed.

2. Select *Virtual LAN definitions*.

The VLAN window shown in Figure 54 on page 111 is displayed. The window lists the current VLANs in the switch, along with the tagged and untagged ports that are members of the VLANs.

3. Select the name of the VLAN to be modified.

The VLAN Configuration window for the selected VLAN is displayed. An example is shown in Figure 56 on page 114.

4. Select the All Ports on VLAN field and enter the revised port list for the VLAN. Select Enter or press <Return>.

This field must specify both the untagged ports and the tagged ports, if any.

5. Select the Tagged Ports on VLAN field and enter the revised port list for the VLAN if you want to specify tagged ports. Select Enter or press <Return>.

If the VLAN already contains tagged ports and you want to remove the tagged ports and not assign new tagged ports, enter a space in this field and select Enter or press <Return>.

The changes to the port assignments to the VLAN are activated immediately. Ports removed from the VLAN are returned to the Default VLAN.

6. Return to the Main Menu.

Phase 2 If you added one or more untagged ports to the VLAN, you must removed the ports from their current VLAN assignment; otherwise the untagged ports will be members of more than one VLAN. This procedure is explained in **Creating a Port-based or Tagged VLAN, Phase 2** on page 113.

If you removed any untagged ports from the VLAN, you must manually reassign them to another VLAN. This involves modifying the VLAN to which you want to reassign the untagged ports. This is accomplished by displaying the VLAN Configuration window of the VLAN and modifying the All Ports in VLAN field. Additionally, if you are reassigning the ports to a VLAN other than the Default VLAN, you must also change the ports' PVIDs to match the VLAN's VID. This is accomplished by using the *Port to VLAN Configuration* menu selection. This menu selection is explained in the procedure **Creating a Port-based or Tagged VLAN, Phase 3** on page 114.

Phase 3 If you added untagged ports to the VLAN, you must change the PVIDs of the ports to match the VID of the VLAN. This is explained in the procedure in **Creating a Port-based or Tagged VLAN, Phase 3** on page 114.

Deleting a Port-based or Tagged VLAN

Deleting a port-based or tagged VLAN from a switch consists of two procedures. Phase 1 consists of deleting the VLAN. Phase 2 involves assigning the ports in the deleted VLAN to another VLAN.

Phase 1 To delete a VLAN, do the following:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.

The Virtual LAN/QoS menu in Figure 53 is displayed.

2. Select *Virtual LAN definitions*.

The VLANs window in Figure 54 on page 111 is displayed.

3. Select the name of the VLAN to be deleted.

Note

You cannot delete the Default VLAN.

The current configuration for the selected VLAN is displayed.

4. Replace the name of the VLAN in the VLAN Name field with an asterisk (*). Select Enter or press <Return>.
5. Return to the Main Menu.

The VLAN is now deleted from the switch. The PVIDs of the ports are automatically changed to match the VID of the Default VLAN. The ports themselves, however, are not reassigned to another VLAN. That must be accomplished manually, as explained in Phase 2.

Phase 2 To reassign the ports in the deleted VLAN to another VLAN, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*. The Virtual LAN/QoS menu in Figure 53 on page 110 is displayed.
2. Select *Virtual LAN definitions*.
3. Select the VLAN where you want to reassign the untagged ports that were a part of the deleted VLAN.

The VLAN Configuration window for the selected VLAN is displayed.

4. Modify the All Ports on VLAN field so that it includes the untagged ports of the deleted VLAN.
5. Return to the Omega Main Menu.

6. If you moved the ports back to the Default VLAN, no further steps are required. The VLAN has been deleted and you have reassigned the untagged ports to the Default VLAN. However, if you reassigned the ports to a VLAN other than the Default VLAN, you must perform the additional step of modifying the PVID of the ports to match the VID of their new VLAN. This can be accomplished by performing the procedure in **Creating a Port-based or Tagged VLAN, Phase 2** on page 113.

Activating and Deactivating the Multiple VLAN Mode

The multiple VLAN mode is designed to simplify the task of configuring the switch in network environments where each port needs to be in its own VLAN. Rather than having to create each VLAN separately, you can use this mode to create the VLANs automatically.

When activated, the mode assigns each port to a separate VLAN. The mode assigns a name to each VLAN and a VID number based on the port number. For example, the VLAN for Port 1 is named V1 and is given the VID of 1, the VLAN for Port 2 is named V2 and is given the VID of 2, and so on. The port PVIDs are also automatically assigned. For example the PVID for Port 1 is assigned as 1, to match the VID of 1.

The mode also designates the two last ports on the switch as uplink and downlink ports that can be used to cascade AT-8224XL Switches and to act as a link to a WAN. The uplink port is assigned as a tagged port to all the other VLANs on the switch. Thus, while the switch ports are separated from each other, they all have access to the uplink port for access to the WAN.

This highly segmented configuration can be useful in situations where the traffic generated by each end node or network segment connected to a port on the switch needs to be kept separate from all other network traffic, while having access to an uplink to a WAN. Unicast traffic received by the uplink port is effectively directed to the appropriate port and end node, and is not directed to any other port.

When activating the multiple VLAN mode, be aware of the following:

- ☐ The VLANs cannot be modified or deleted.
- ☐ The uplink and downlink ports must be of the same media type.
- ☐ The uplink and downlink ports cannot be used as switch ports. The ports should only be used to cascade other AT-8224XL switches and to provide a link to a WAN.
- ☐ The spanning tree protocol should be activated on the switches where loops exist in your network topology.
- ☐ You will not be able to manage the switch using Omega with a web browser.

Figure 58 illustrates several of the VLAN assignments on an AT-8224XL Switch operating in multiple VLAN mode.

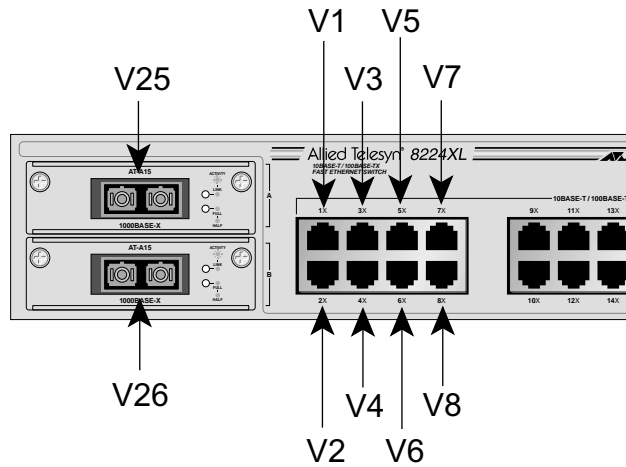


Figure 58 AT-8224XL in Multiple VLAN Mode

The VLAN names, port assignments, and VIDs are listed in Table 5.

Table 5 Multiple VLANs in an AT-8224XL Switch

VLAN Name	Ports	VID
V1	1, 25	1
V2	2, 25	2
V3	3, 25	3
V4	4, 25	4
V5	5, 25	5
.		
.		
.		
V24	24, 25	24
V25 (uplink)	25, ALL	25
V26 (downlink)	26, 25	26

Figure 53 illustrates a network that uses several AT-8224XL Switches and an AT-9006SX/SC Switch to provide individual end nodes access to a WAN. The example shows three AT-8224XL Switches, each of which is operating in the multiple VLAN mode.

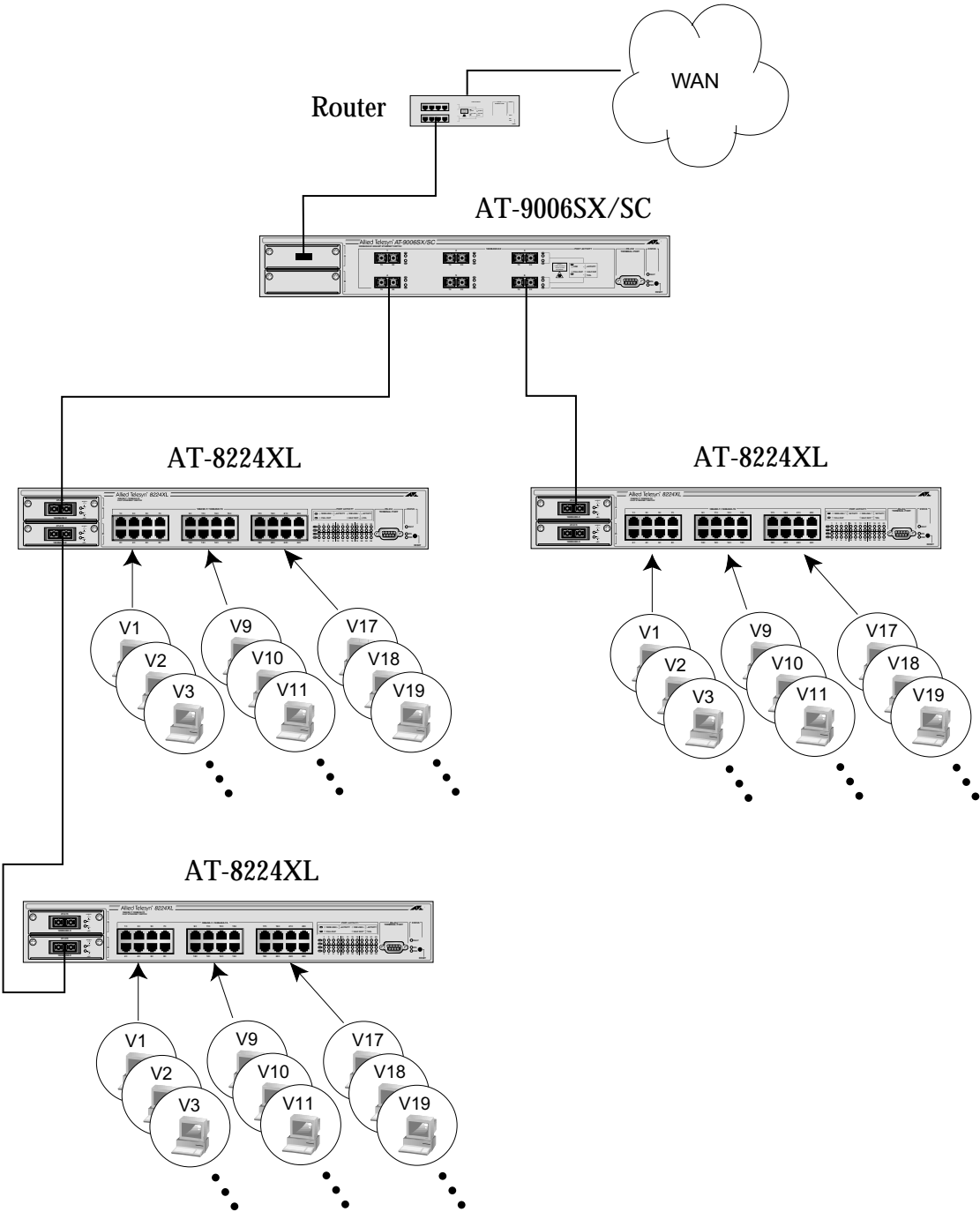


Figure 59 Example Topology Using the Multiple VLAN Mode

This procedure explains how to activate or deactivate the multiple VLAN mode on an AT-8224XL or AT-8216FXL Switch.

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.

The Virtual LAN/QoS menu in Figure 53 on page 110 is displayed.

2. Select *Change to VLAN Mode (802.1Q Vlan or Multiple Vlan)*.

The prompts in Figure 60 are displayed.

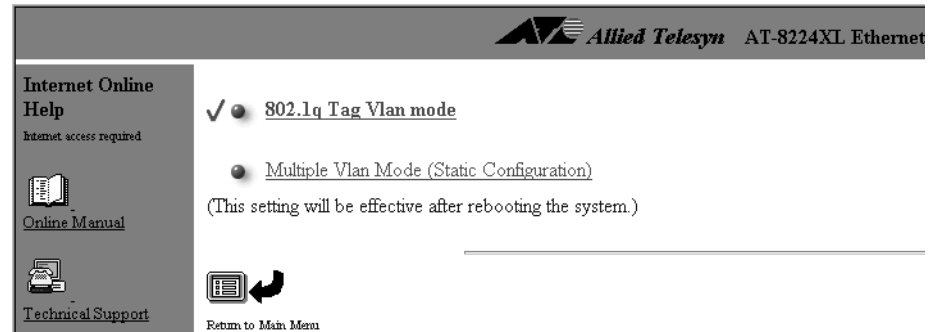


Figure 60 Prompts for Activating/Deactivating the Multiple VLAN Mode

3. To activate the mode, select *Multiple VLAN Mode*. To deactivate, select *802.1Q Tag VLAN mode*.
4. Reset the switch using the reset button on the front panel of the switch or the *Reset and restart the system* selection in the Administrator menu.

If you activate the multiple VLAN mode, the switch automatically creates a VLAN for each port, as explained earlier in this section. If you deactivate it, the switch automatically restores the previous port-based and tagged VLANs that were on the switch.

5. Reset the switch. This is accomplished by powering OFF and ON the unit or by selecting the *Reset and restart the system* selection from the Administration menu.

Note

If you deactivated the multiple VLAN mode, no further steps are required. The port-based and tagged VLANs that existed before you activated the operating mode are restored. If you activated the multiple VLAN mode, continue to the next step.

6. After the system has finished running its self-diagnostics, reestablish the Omega session and select *Virtual LANs/QoS* from the Main Menu.
7. Select the *Gateway MAC address for Multiple VLAN* selection and specify the MAC address of the router connected to the WAN.
8. Return to the Omega main menu. The switch is now running in the multiple VLAN mode.

Assigning the CPU Management Port to a VLAN

This section contains the procedure for assigning the CPU management port to a VLAN. By default, the CPU management port is assigned to the Default VLAN.

Note

This procedure should be performed with caution. The CPU management port must be assigned to the same VLAN that contains the ports on the switch to which your remote management stations are connected. Assigning the CPU management port to a VLAN that does not contain the ports for your remote management stations will prevent you from being able to manage the switch remotely.

Additionally, the VLAN to which you intend to assign the CPU management port must already have been created. You cannot assign the management port to a VLAN that does not exist.

To assign the CPU management port to a VLAN, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.

The Virtual LAN/QoS menu in Figure 53 is displayed.

2. Select *Assign Management Port to VLAN*.

The following prompt is displayed:

The screenshot shows the web interface of an Allied Telesyn AT-8224XL Ethernet Switch. The top header displays the switch model and IP address 200.24. A sidebar on the left contains links: Internet, Online Help, Online Manual, Technical Support, and Send Email. The main content area features a note: "NOTE : Input Port Used must be on same VLAN as the Managment Port or Management Connection will be lost!!". Below the note is a form labeled "Management Port Vlan" with a text input field containing the number "1", and "Enter" and "Reset" buttons. At the bottom, there is a "Return to Main Menu" link with a circular arrow icon.

Figure 61 Assigning the CPU Management Port to a VLAN Window

3. In the Management Port VLAN field, enter the VLAN ID number of the VLAN to which you want to assign the CPU management port. Select Enter or press <Return>. The default is the Default VLAN (VLAN ID 1).
4. Return to the Main Menu.

Configuring Port Priority Queueing

The AT-8224XL and AT-8216F Series Ethernet Switches support the IEEE 802.1p standard and Quality of Service (QoS). QoS can be of importance in network environments where there are time-critical applications, such as voice transmission or videoconferencing, that can be adversely affected by packet transfer delays.

Prior to QoS, network traffic was handled in a best-effort manner. Millisecond file transfer delays did occur, but were mostly transparent to network users. But with the introduction of time-critical applications, packet transfer delays have proven problematic. For example, millisecond delays in voice transmission can result in poor audio quality.

The QoS feature was designed to address this problem. The IEEE 802.1p standard outlines eight levels of priority, 0 to 7, with 0 the lowest priority and 7 the highest priority. The Ethernet switches have two priority queues, normal and high. Packets with priority levels 0 to 3 are placed in the normal queue and packets with priority levels 4 to 7 are placed in the high queue.

When a tagged packet enters a switch port, the switch responds to the priority in the tag and forwards the packet accordingly. If desired, you can configure the individual ports on the switch so that the priority level in a tagged frame is ignored and that the tagged packets received on a port are automatically assigned to either the normal or high priority queue, regardless of the priority level in the packet. Consequently, the switch will forward a tagged frame according to the port priority level and not to the priority level in the tagged packet itself. However, the switch does not alter the priority level in the packet, so that when the packet egresses the switch, its original packet priority level is unchanged.

Note

The priority value in the packet is forwarded unchanged except in the rare case when VLAN ID equals 0 (a special priority-tagged frame with no VLAN ID information). In this case, packets with priority values 0 through 3 will be mapped to priority 0, and packets with priority values 4 through 7 will be mapped to priority 7.

The following procedure explains how you can configure the individual ports to either accept or ignore the priority levels in the tagged frames, and, if the latter, which queue the packets are to be assigned, normal or high. To set a port priority level, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.

2. From the Virtual LANs/QoS menu, select *Assign Port Priority*.

The Omega program displays a list of the ports on the selected switch.

3. Select a port number to display the following screen (Port 4 is used as an example):

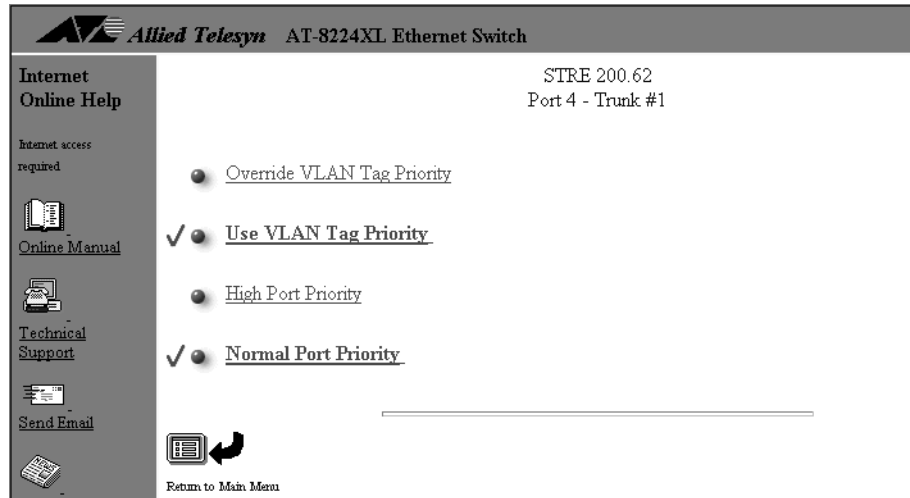


Figure 62 Port Priority Setting Window

4. Adjust the port priority settings as desired.

To override the priority levels specified in the tagged frames received on the port, select *Override VLAN Tag Priority*. Then select either *High Port Priority* to have the tagged frames ingressing the port handled by the high priority queue or *Normal Port Priority* to have ingressing frames handled by the normal queue.

Selecting the *Use VLAN Tag Priority* option instructs the switch to use the priority level as contained in the tagged frames, and disables any port priority setting. This is the default setting.

5. Return to the Main Menu.

Configuring Switch Priority Queuing

When a tagged frame enters a port on the switch, the frame is placed in one of two priority queues, normal or high, according to the priority level as specified in the frame or by the port priority level, which you can set. (See the procedure **Configuring Port Priority Queueing** on page 129 for instructions on configuring a port's priority level.)

Packets in the two queues are handled in a round robin manner. The default algorithm specifies that packets in the high priority queue receive six times more importance than packets in the normal priority. That is, the switch can handle six high priority packets before checking for the presence of a packet in the normal priority queue.

The algorithm is adjustable. There are eight possible settings. The settings allow you to give the tagged packets in the high priority queue either more or less priority than the packets in the normal priority queue. The lowest setting is 1 to 1, meaning that the switch will treat packets in both the high and normal queues the same. The highest ratio is 12 to 1, where the switch can handle up to 12 high priority packets before checking for a normal priority packet.

Note

This setting is made at the switch level and applies to all ports on the switch. You cannot set this on a per-port basis.

To configure a switch's priority queuing, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, select *Virtual LANs/QoS*.

The Virtual LANs/QoS menu is displayed, as shown in Figure 53 on page 110.

2. From the Virtual LANs/QoS menu, select *Priority Weight Configuration*.

The window in Figure 63 is displayed.

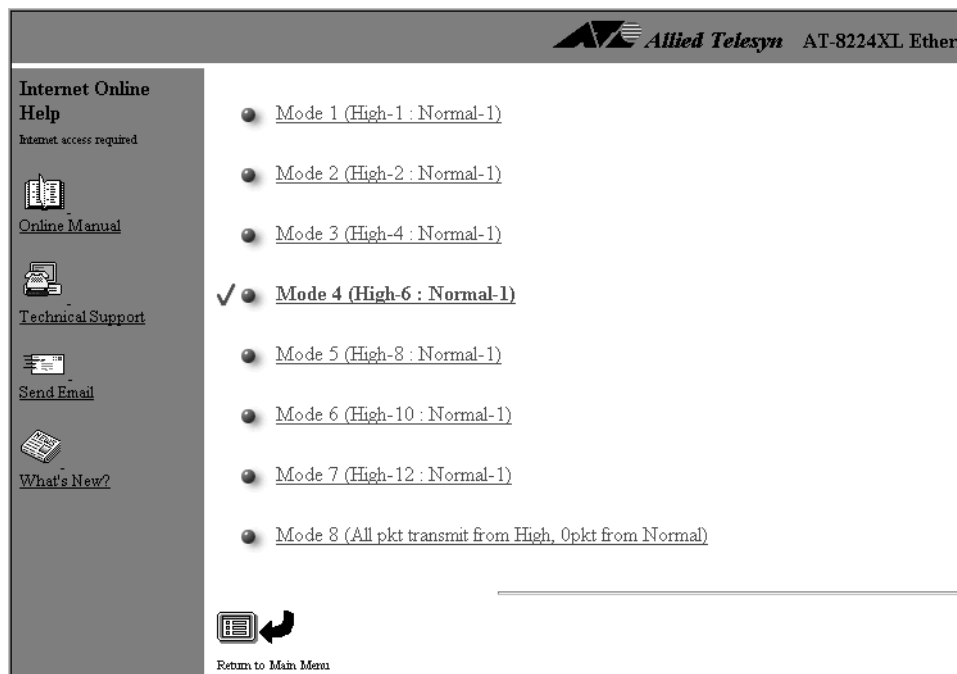


Figure 63 Priority Weight Configuration Window

3. Select the desired switch priority ratio. The default is Mode 4, where the switch can transmit up to 6 high priority tagged packets before searching for a normal priority packet. Mode 8 causes the switch to defer handling packets in the normal priority queue so long as there are any packets in the high priority queue.
4. Return to the main menu.

Chapter 6

Displaying Ethernet Statistics

The Omega interface allows you to view a wide range of statistics that you can use in monitoring the performance of your network or in diagnosing a problem and isolating it to a specific port. Menu selections enable you to view both received or transmitted frame statistics at either the switch or the port level. You can also view RMON statistics at either the switch or port level.

This chapter contains the following procedures:

- ❑ **Displaying Statistics for Received Frames** on page 134
- ❑ **Displaying Statistics for Transmitted Frames** on page 137
- ❑ **Displaying RMON Statistics for a Switch** on page 139
- ❑ **Displaying RMON Statistics for a Port** on page 140
- ❑ **Resetting the Statistics Counters** on page 141
- ❑ **Interpreting the Graphs** on page 142

Displaying Statistics for Received Frames

To display statistics for received frames at either the switch or the port level, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Main Menu, select *Ethernet Statistics*.

The Receive Statistics Graph window for the switch is displayed. Figure 64 is an example of the window.

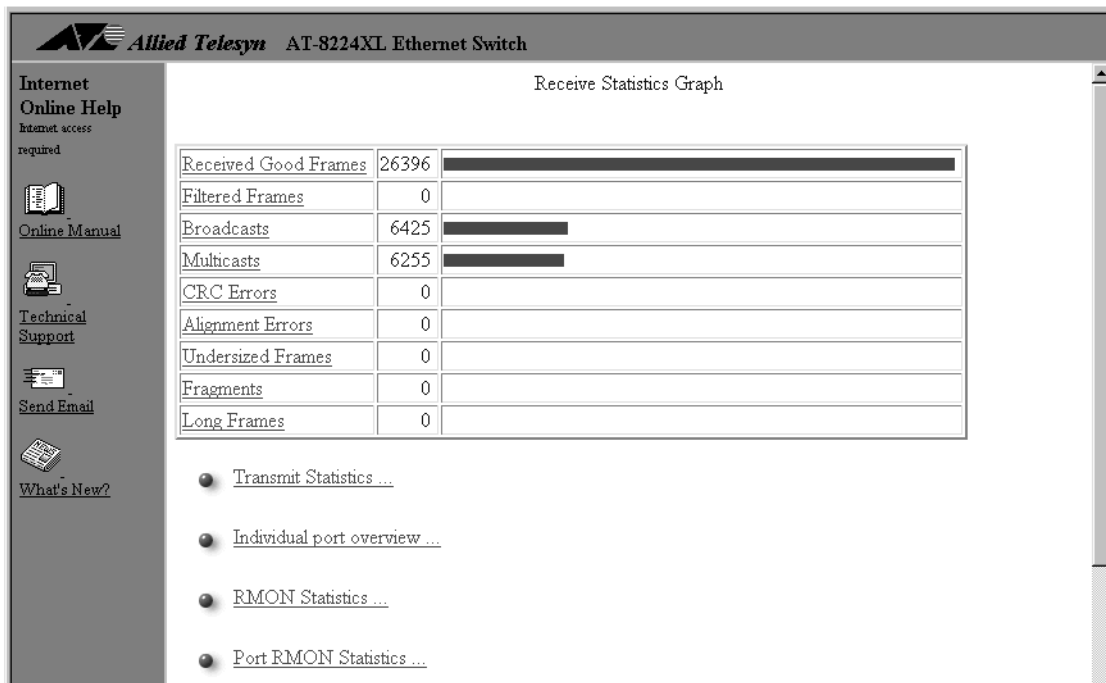


Figure 64 Graph of Received Frames, Switch Level

The graph shows the types of frames the switch has received over a period since the last switch reset or since someone reset the counters to zero.

Table 6 defines the different types of received frames.

2. To view received frame statistics for a particular port, do either of the following:
 - a. Select *Individual port overview* and then a port. The frames statistics for the selected port display. Figure 65 is an example of the window.
 - b. Select a frame type from the Receive Frames window. The statistics for the selected frame type for all of the ports is displayed. A example is shown in Figure 66.

Note

You can also view an individual port's receive statistics by selecting the *Port status and configuration* option from the Main Menu, and choosing a port number.

3. To clear the graph, select *Zero all statistics counters on the entire system*.
4. Return to the Main Menu.

Table 6 defines the received frame statistics.

Table 6 Received Ethernet Frames

Frame Type	Description
Received Good Frames	Total number of frames received by the switch since the last reset.
Filtered Frames	Frames received by the switch but not forwarded because the destination is within the same LAN segment; therefore, the frame was already seen by all nodes on the segment.
Broadcasts	Frames received by the switch destined for all nodes on the network, excluding multicast frames.
Multicasts	Frames received by the switch destined for multiple but specific addresses, excluding broadcast frames.
CRC Errors	Frames with a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) error but with the proper length (64-1518 bytes).
Alignment Errors	Frames with a non-integral number of bytes, that is, frame length in bits are not evenly divisible by 8, but with the proper length (64-1518 bytes).
Undersized Frames	Frames less than the minimum specified by IEEE 802.3 (64 bytes including the CRC); also called runts.
Fragments	Undersized frames, frames with alignment errors, and frames with FCS errors (CRC errors).
Long Frames	Frames exceeding the maximum specified by IEEE 802.3 (1518 bytes including the CRC).

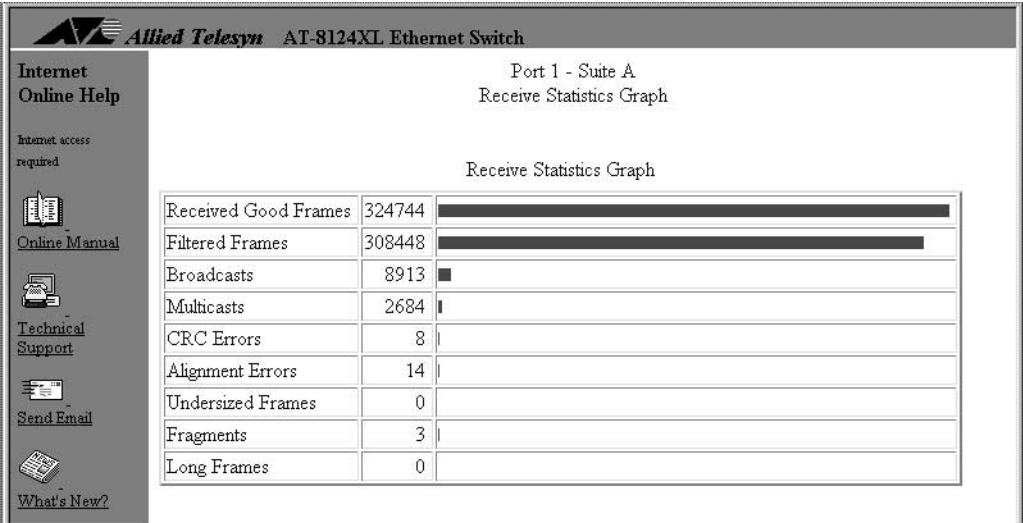


Figure 65 Graph of a Port's Received Frames

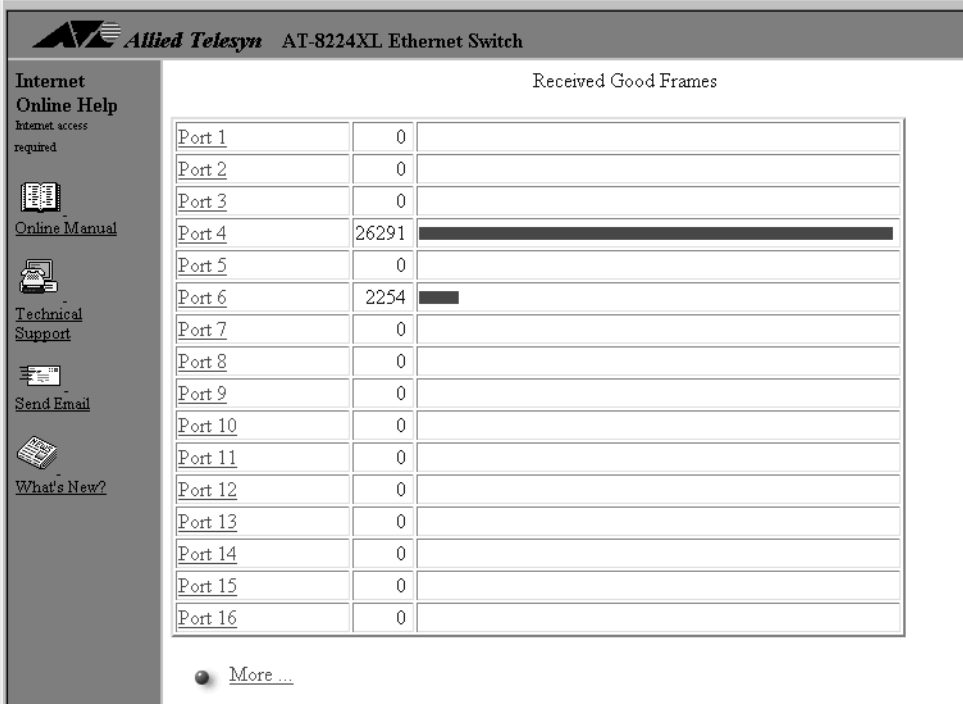


Figure 66 Sample Graph of a Single Frame Type on All Ports

Displaying Statistics for Transmitted Frames

To display statistics for transmitted frames at both the switch and port level, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Main Menu, *Ethernet Statistics*.

The Receive Statistics Graph in Figure 64 on page 134 is displayed.

2. Select *Transmit Statistics*.

The window in Figure 67 is displayed. The window displays the transmit frame statistics for the entire switch. The graph shows the types of frames the switch has transmitted over a period since the switch's last reset or since someone has set the counters to zero.

Transmit errors should be very small. The switch may receive a number of bad frames, but the switch drops those and sends only good frames.

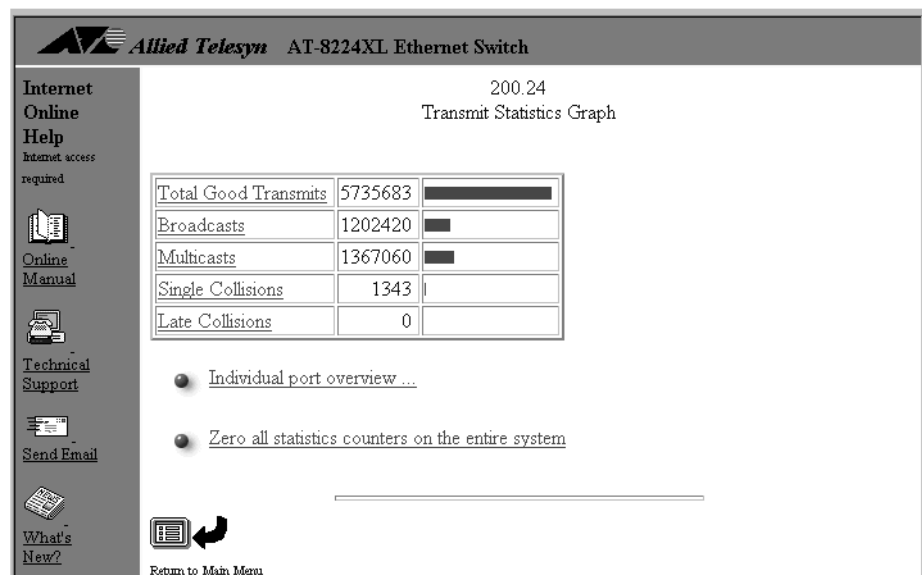


Figure 67 Sample Graph of Transmitted Frames Window

3. To view statistics for a particular port, do either of the following:
 - a. Select *Individual port overview* and then a port. The frames statistics for the selected port are displayed.
 - b. Select a frame type from the graph transmit Frames window. The statistics for the selected frame type for all of the ports is displayed.

Table 7 defines the statistics.

Table 7 Transmit Frames

Frame Type	Description
Total good transmits	Total frames transmitted by the switch without errors since the last reset.
Broadcasts	Frames forwarded by the switch destined for all nodes on the network, excluding multicast frames.
Multicasts	Frames forwarded by the switch destined for multiple but specific addresses, excluding broadcast frames.
Single collisions	Frames from two ports that collided because they were sent at the same time; considered normal.
Late collisions	Collisions that occur after 64-byte times of the frame had elapsed.

4. To clear the graph, select *Zero all statistics counters on the entire system*.
5. Return to the Main Menu.

Displaying RMON Statistics for a Switch

To display the RMON statistics for a switch, perform the following steps:

1. From the Main Menu, select *Ethernet statistics*.

The Receive Statistics Graph in Figure 64 on page 134 is displayed.

2. Select *RMON statistics*.

The RMON Statistics Graph window is displayed. An example of the window is shown in Figure 68.

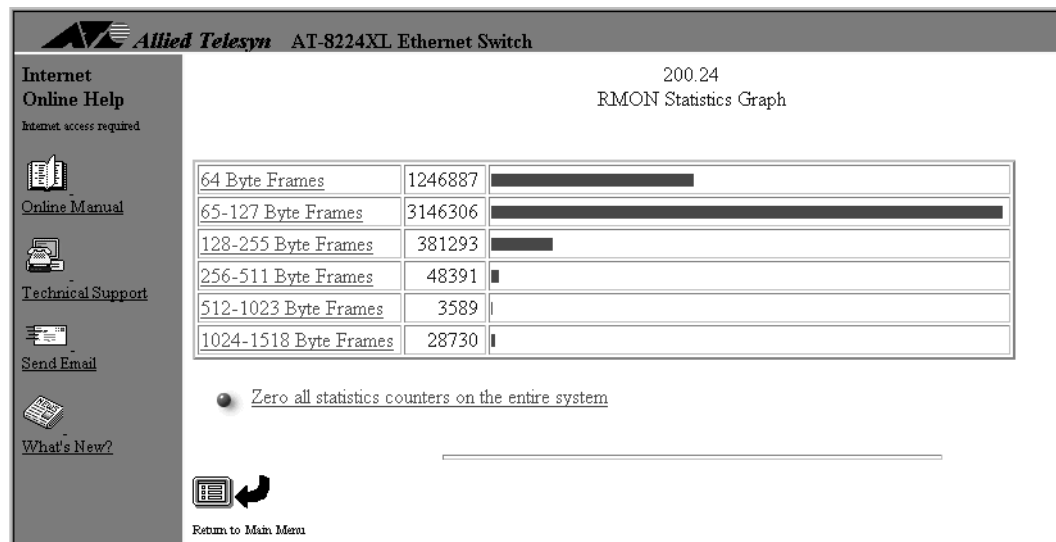


Figure 68 RMON Statistics Graph Window

3. To clear the graph, select *Zero all statistics counters from the entire system*.
4. Return to the Main Menu.

Displaying RMON Statistics for a Port

To display RMON statistics for a specific port, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Main Menu, select *Ethernet statistics*.

The Receive Statistics Graph shown in Figure 64 on page 134 is displayed.

2. Select *Port RMON Statistics*.

The Omega interface displays a list of the ports on the switch.

3. Select a port to display a graph similar to Figure 69.

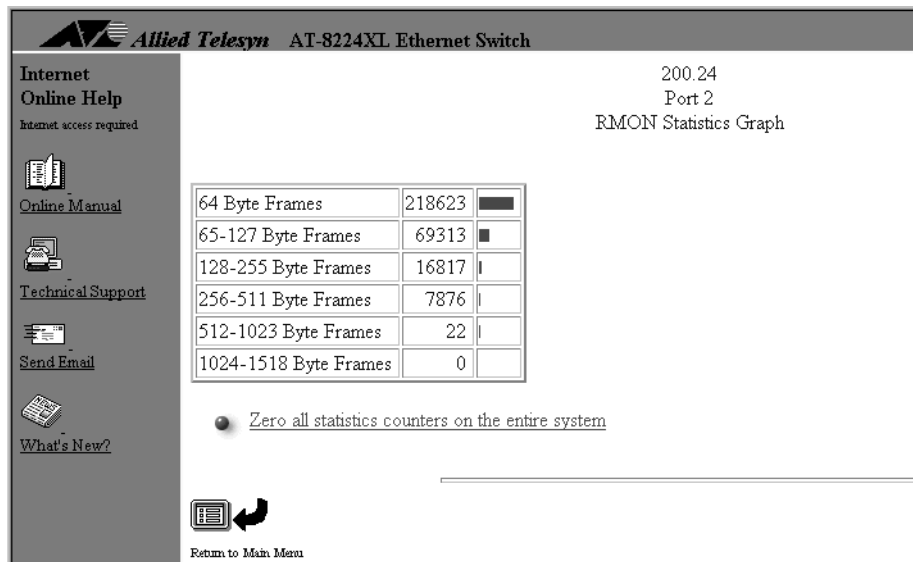


Figure 69 Sample RMON Statistics Graph for a Port

4. To clear the graph, select *Zero all statistics counters from the entire system*.
5. Return to the Main Menu.

Resetting the Statistics Counters

You reset statistics counters because:

- ☐ The counters no longer reflect the current information.

For example, disabling a port to fix a problem does not reset its counters. After the error clears and you manually re-enable the port, you might want its statistics to accumulate from a fresh start. Otherwise, the counters and the graph not only still reflect information associated with the error condition; the counters continue to increment from the wrong baseline.

- ☐ As each frame type reaches the maximum of 2^{32} (over 4 billion), the statistics for that frame type resets to zero. Once this happens, the counters and graph become inaccurately skewed.

To reset switch (system) counters, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Main Menu, select *Ethernet Statistics*.
2. Select *Zero all statistics on the entire system*.

Both Receive and Transmit counters and graphs are reset to zero.

Interpreting the Graphs

The statistics graphs show the types of received and transmitted frames since the last time the counters or the switch were reset. The counters and the graph dynamically increment as the switch processes frames over a period of time.

When the individual counters reach a maximum of 2^{32} (over 4 billion), they reset to zero. Because each counter resets independently, your graph may become inaccurately skewed over time; therefore, you need to reset the counters to get a new baseline on frame statistics.

The graphs help you visually monitor the proportion of good and bad frames the switch has detected. Good frames consist of filtered and forwarded broadcasts and multicasts. Bad frames are runts and long frames, or those with CRC or alignment errors. It is normal to have a number of error packets now and then. If the network seems to be “slow,” this graph is one of the areas you can check to help isolate the problem.

To use the graphs as monitoring and diagnostics tools:

1. Display any of the Ethernet statistics graphs by selecting *Ethernet statistics* from the Main Menu.
2. Observe the counters and the graph.
3. Identify and then fix the problem.

Note that the problem may be external to the switch, and the statistics may just indicate an error condition somewhere on the network you need to fix. You may also need additional monitoring devices specifically designed for that purpose, such as a network analyzer, to identify the problem.

4. Select *Zero all statistics counters on the entire system* from any of the Statistics window after fixing the problem.

You need to reset counters to get a new baseline. That is because the counters and graphs still depict the information during the error condition and will continue to increment from there until you reset the counters.

Chapter 7

Configuring the Omega Interface

This chapter describes the security features of the Omega interface. These features allow you to configure the interface so as to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the interface and making changes to the configuration settings of a switch. This chapter contains the following procedures:

- ❑ **Creating an Omega Password** on page 144
- ❑ **Specifying a Timeout Value** on page 146
- ❑ **Enabling and Disabling the Access Methods** on page 147

Creating an Omega Password

To prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the Omega interface and altering a switch's configuration settings, you can assign a password to the program. Any person who starts the interface will be required to enter the password, regardless of how they access the Omega (i.e., RS232 port, web browser, Telnet program, or SNMP management program). The default value for the Omega interface is no password.

Note

The Omega password is not related to the download password for downloading software to a switch. For information on the download password, refer to **Chapter 8, Upgrading Switch Software and Configuration Files**.

1. From the Omega Main Menu, choose *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu is displayed.

2. Select *Omega Options*.

The Omega Options window in Figure 70 is displayed.

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Internet Online Help
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Password:

Timeout:

✓ ☒ [Local Omega Enabled](#)
☐ [Disable Local Omega](#)

✓ ☒ [Remote Omega Enabled](#)
☐ [No Remote Omega](#)

✓ ☒ [Web-based Omega Enabled](#)
☐ [Exclude Web-based Omega](#)

Figure 70 Omega Options Window

3. Enter a new password for the Omega interface in the Password field at the top of the window. Select Enter or press <Return>.

The password can be up to 20 characters. The password displays as a series of asterisks. To delete the current password but not assign a new password, enter a space in the Password field.

Note

The password can consist of the letters A to Z in uppercase and lowercase, as well as the numbers 1 to 9. It is recommended that you avoid special characters, such as a space, asterisk (*), or exclamation point (!). Avoiding the use of special characters is particularly important if you will be managing the switch using a web browser, since browsers cannot handle special characters in program passwords.

The new password is now activated on the switch. You will be required to enter the password the next time you start an Omega management session.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Specifying a Timeout Value

Specifying a timeout value is a way to prevent unauthorized individuals from using the Omega interface in the event you forget to exit the Omega interface and leave your management station unattended. By specifying a timeout value, the program will end the session if it detects that there has been no management activity after the timeout value has expired. The default for the timeout value is 5 minutes.

To enter a new timeout value, perform the following procedure:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, choose *System Configuration*.

The the System Configuration menu is displayed.

2. Select *Omega Options*.

The Omega Options window in Figure 70 on page 144 is displayed.

3. Enter a value from 0 (zero) to 65,535 (in minutes) in the Timeout field. Select Enter or press <Return>.

Entering a value of 0 means there is no timeout. The Omega interface will not automatically end any session. A session is ended only if you end the session yourself. If you enter 0, you must always properly quit after a management session in order not to block subsequent remote sessions and software downloads to the switch.

Selecting Reset returns the timeout value to the default value of 5 minutes.

The new Omega timeout value is now activated on the switch.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Enabling and Disabling the Access Methods

As explained in Chapter 1, you can access the Omega interface three different ways. You can disable one or more of the methods to enhance the security of a switch by preventing unauthorized individuals from accessing the switch and making changes to the switch's configuration settings.

To enable or disable an Omega access method, perform the following steps:

1. From the Omega Main Menu, choose *System Configuration*.

The System Configuration menu is displayed.

2. Select *Omega Options*.

The Omega Options window in Figure 70 on page 144 is displayed.

3. Toggle the options as desired. Changes are immediately activated on the switch. The options are explained below:

Local Omega Enabled

Local Omega Disabled

These two selections allow you to control whether the Omega interface can be accessed by connecting a terminal or PC to the RS232 management port on the switch. This is referred to as accessing the program locally. The default for this access method is enabled.

Remote Omega Enabled

Remote Omega Disabled

Accessing Omega remotely is accomplished with the Telnet program or an SNMP management program, such as HP Openview. Accessing the program remotely means you can access the program from a remote location by entering the switch's MAC address, its IP address, or user-assigned unique name. The default for this access method is enabled.

Web-based Omega Enabled

Web-based Omega Disabled

Web-based Omega means you can access the management menus by connecting to your switch through a web browser. This feature requires a TCP/IP network. The default is enabled.

4. Return to the Main Menu.

Chapter 8

Upgrading Switch Software and Configuration Files

This chapter contains the following procedures:

- ❑ **Upgrading the Switch Software** on page 149
- ❑ **Uploading and Downloading System Configuration Files** on page 152

Upgrading the Switch Software

Allied Telesyn periodically updates and revises the AT-S24 software for your AT-8216FXL, AT-8224XL, and AT-8288XL Series Fast Ethernet Switches. The latest version of the software is posted on the Allied Telesyn web site for you to download onto your switches.

The file for you to download is a self-extracting compressed file. It contains several additional files. One of the files is the actual software image file. It has an .IMG extension. This is the software image file that is to be used in the following upgrade directions.

You can use either by XModem or Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) to upgrade the software on a switch.

The Omega interface simplifies the task of upgrading the software in multiple Fast Ethernet switches. Rather than having to upgrade each switch manually, you need only upgrade one Fast Ethernet switch in your network and then use commands in the Omega interface to download the new software to the other switches automatically. The Omega commands used for this are *Update Software in Another Switch* and *Broadcast Updated Software to All Systems*.

Upgrading the software in a switch involves using the Download Password. This password is required when upgrading the software except when using the XMODEM software upgrade feature. The default download password is **ATS24**. The password is case sensitive. Changing this default password to a unique password will prevent unauthorized personnel from changing the software on the switch. See **Configuring the Switch IP Parameters** on page 29 for instructions on how to change the download password.

Using XModem to Upgrade the Switch Software

Omega supports software upgrades to the switch using XModem. It is assumed that you have the required setup to support this type of file transfer. This upgrade procedure can only be performed from a local session because the Xmodem transfer occurs through the switch's RS232 management port. For instructions on how to start a local session, refer to **Starting a Local Omega Session Using the RS232 Port** on page 17.

To upgrade the software on a switch, perform the following procedure:

1. Attach a terminal to the RS232 port on the switch.
2. Press the Reset button on the right side of the switch's front panel.
3. Immediately press any key when you see the following prompt:

```
Hit any key to run diagnostics or to reload
system software.
```

```
A menu is displayed.
```

4. Enter X to select *XModem software update to this system*.

```
The following prompt is displayed.
```

```
Ready to receive software upgrade via XModem.
```

```
Warning: During software update, management
activity is disabled.
```

```
Do XModem update now? (Yes or No):
```

5. Enter **Yes** and wait for the following message:

```
The system host is now ready for download.
Please start your XModem transfer.
```

6. Initiate the upgrade from your XModem host.

```
The Xmodem host displays a message stating that the upgrade in
progress.
```

Note

This procedure can also be performed using the *XModem software update to this system* selection in the *Administration* menu of a local Omega session.

Using TFTP to Upgrade Software

If you use TCP/IP protocol on your network, you can use a workstation and TFTP software to upload new software to the switch or download a copy of the current software from the switch. The switch contains the TFTP server portion of the TFTP protocol which requires that the workstation contain the TFTP client portion of the protocol.

TFTP software is available from various sources and is included in SNMPc, which can be purchased through Allied Telesyn. A command line version is included in most UNIX variants and in Windows NT. Please consult the documentation or the manufacturer of the software for instructions on how to use the software.

Regardless of the manufacturer, all TFTP client software will need the following information:

Host - This is the IP address of the switch to which you are uploading or downloading software.

Binary or **ANSI** - You will need to specify binary mode for the file transfer.

Get or **Put** - The Get command is used to download a copy of the software to a file on the workstation. The Put command is used to upload a new software image file to the switch.

Source file - When using the Put command to upload software to the switch, enter the path and filename of the software image that is to be uploaded. When using the Get command to download the software from a switch, enter the Download Password here. The default password is **ATS24**. For instructions on changing the password, refer to **Configuring the Switch IP Parameters** on page 40.

Destination file - When using the Put command to upload software to the switch, enter the Download Password here. The default password is **ATS24**. For instructions on changing the password, refer to **Configuring the Switch IP Parameters** on page 40. When using the Get command to download the software from a switch, enter the path and filename of the software image that is to be downloaded.

Uploading and Downloading System Configuration Files

The switch configuration information can be downloaded and saved to a file on a workstation. This file can then be used to restore the configuration information to the same switch or can be uploaded to other switches of the same family that need to be configured identically.

TFTP is used to download and upload the switch configuration information. Please refer to the section **Using TFTP to Upgrade Software** on page 151 earlier in this chapter for requirements and instructions for using TFTP. The only difference is that you must use the Config Download Password to access the switch configuration information. By default, this Config Download Password is set to **config** and is case sensitive. Changing this default password to a unique password will prevent unauthorized personnel from copying or uploading an unauthorized configuration to a switch. See the section **Configuring the Switch IP Parameters** on page 40 for instructions on how to change the download password for configuration files.

The basic TFTP parameters for downloading and uploading the switch configuration information are as follows:

Host - This is the IP address of the switch that you are uploading or downloading the configuration information to.

Binary or ANSI - You need to specify binary mode for the file transfer.

Get or Put - The Get command is used to download a copy of the switch configuration information to a file on the workstation. The Put command is used to upload an existing switch configuration file to the switch.

Source file - When using the Put command to upload a configuration file to the switch, enter the path and filename of the configuration file that is to be uploaded. When using the Get command to download the software from a switch, enter the Config Download Password here.

Destination file - When using the Put command to upload a configuration file to a switch, enter the Config Download Password here. When using the Get command to download the configuration information from a switch, enter the path and filename of the file that you want to save the information to.

Note

The switch configuration file created with these procedures cannot be edited.

Appendix A

AT-S24 Default Settings

This appendix lists the AT-S24 Version 2.01 factory default settings.

Settings	Default
IP Address	0.0.0.0
Subnet Mask	0.0.0.0
Gateway Address	0.0.0.0
Domain Name Server	None
Default Domain Name	None
Download Password (AT-S24 image file)	ATS24
Config Download Password (Configuration Files)	config
DHCP Configuration	Disabled
IGMP Snooping	Disabled
System Name	None
MAC Aging Time	300 seconds
Domain Name	None
Community Strings	
Get Community String	public
Set Community String	private
Trap Community String	public
Spanning Tree Protocol	
Status	Disabled
Bridge Priority	32768
Bridge Max Age Time	20
Bridge Hello Time	2
Bridge Forwarding Delay	15

Settings	Default
Omega	
Omega Password	No password
Omega Time Out Value	5 minutes
Local Access	Enabled
Remote Access (Telnet or SNMP)	Enabled
Web-based Access	Enabled
Twisted Pair Ports (AT-8224XL and AT-8288XL)	
Status	Enabled
Duplex Mode	Auto-negotiation
Speed	Auto-negotiation
Backpressure	Disabled
Flow Control	Disabled
Broadcast Packets	Forwarded
Security	Automatic
Fiber Optic Ports (AT-8216F and AT-8288XL)	
Status	Enabled
Duplex Mode	Full-duplex
Speed	100 Mbps
Security	Automatic
VLANs	
Port-based and Tagged VLANs	Enabled
Default VLAN Name	Default VLAN (all ports)
VID	1
Multiple VLAN Mode	Disabled
RS232 Port	
Configuration	VT-100-compatible / ANSI
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Duplex Mode	Full-duplex
Data Rate	9600 bps

Appendix B

Spanning Tree Protocol Concepts

This appendix provides a brief explanation of the STP as implemented by Allied Telesyn on the switches.

For detailed information on the operation of the STP, consult Section 4 of IEEE Std 802.1D, ISO/IEC 10038: 1993.

The Fast Ethernet switches and the AT-S24 software implement the IEEE 802.1D STP. The STP provides a network with robustness and allows network administrators to easily change their network topology. Its implementation reduces complex network topologies (networks with multiple paths between source and destination nodes) to a single active topology. This technique guarantees that loops do not occur between source and destination nodes of the network. Loops are eliminated by placing some of the redundant ports in a “blocking” state, in which they do not forward packets but continue to execute the protocol. If the network topology changes, for example by the failure, removal, or addition of an active network node, a “blocked” port may be included in the new active topology and begin forwarding frames.

Spanning Tree Protocol Features

The switches implement the following STP features:

- ☐ Compensate automatically for the failure, removal, or addition of any bridge in an active data path.
- ☐ Achieve port changes in short time intervals, which establishes a stable active topology quickly with a minimum of network disturbance.
- ☐ Use a minimum amount of communications bandwidth to accomplish the operation of the STP.
- ☐ Reconfigure the active topology in a manner which is transparent to stations transmitting and receiving data packets.
- ☐ Manage the topology in a consistent and reproducible manner through the use of STP parameters.

Spanning Tree Protocol Parameters

Several configuration parameters control the operation of the Spanning Tree Protocol. Table 8 describes the parameters and lists each parameter's default settings for the switch. The port numbers include the twenty-four 10Base-T or 100Base-TX ports.

Table 8 Spanning Tree Protocol Parameters

Parameter and Description	Default
Bridge Group Address Unique MAC group address, recognized by all bridges in the network	N/A
Bridge Identifier Identifier for each bridge, consisting of two parts: a 16-bit bridge priority and a 48-bit network adapter address. Ports are numbered in absolute numbers; from 1- <i>n</i> for a multi-port switch including optional expansion ports, if any. The network adapter address is the same address as the first port of the bridge.	32768 (bridge priority)
Port Priority	128
Port Cost The spanning tree algorithm calculates and ensures that an active topology generates minimal path costs.	100 for 10 Mbps ports 10 for 100 Mbps ports

Spanning Tree Protocol Operation

When STP is enabled for the first time, or when the network topology changes due to a failure, the addition, or removal of a component, the spanning tree algorithm automatically sets up the active topology of the current network.

Communication Between Bridges. Periodically, all devices running STP on a network transmit packets to each other through the Bridge Group Address which all bridges share. When a bridge receives a packet sent to the Bridge Group Address, the bridge's STP processes the packet. The packet is ignored by application software and other LAN segments. Bridges communicate between each other in order to determine the **root bridge**.

Selecting a Root Bridge and Designated Bridges. During communication between bridges, one bridge is determined to have the lowest bridge identifier. This bridge becomes the root bridge.

After the root bridge has been selected, each LAN segment looks for the bridge that has the lowest cost relative to the root bridge. These bridges become designated bridges.

Selecting Designated Ports. Each designated bridge selects a **designated port**. This port is responsible for forwarding packets to the root bridge.

Handling Duplicate Paths. When the active topology of the network is determined, all packets between any two nodes in the network use only one path. Where a duplicate path exists, the non-designated port is put into a blocking state.

Remapping Network Topology. If there is a change in the network topology due to a failure, removal, or addition of any active components, the active topology also changes. This may trigger a change in the state of some blocked ports.

The blocked ports do not forward packets immediately. They first pass through two states, listening and learning, to verify that they may begin forwarding. A port remains in each of these two states for the time defined by the Forwarding Delay parameter. This algorithm ensures that no temporary loops exist in the active network topology and is a safeguard against packet forwarding during a network topology change period.

Appendix C

Supported Platforms

Table 9 lists the Allied Telesyn Fast Ethernet switches supported by the AT-S24 Version 2.01 management software.

Table 9 Switch Models

Model ¹	Number of Ports	Type of Ports	Type of Connector	Type of Cable ²	Maximum Distance ³
AT-8216FXL/MT	16	100Base-FX	MT-RJ	Multimode fiber optic	2 kilometers (1.25 miles)
AT-8216FXL/VF	16	100Base-FX	VF-45	Multimode fiber optic	2 kilometers (1.25 miles)
AT-8216FXL/SC	16	100Base-FX	SC	Multimode fiber optic	2 kilometers (1.25 miles)
AT-8224XL	24	10/100Base-TX	RJ-45	Category 5 or better twisted pair	100 meters (328 feet)
AT-8288XL/MT	8	10/100Base-TX	RJ-45	Category 5 or better twisted pair	100 meters (328 feet)
	8	100Base-FX	MT-RJ	Multimode fiber optic	2 kilometers (1.25 miles)
AT-8288XL/SC	8	10/100Base-TX	RJ-45	Category 5 or better twisted pair	100 meters (328 feet)
	8	100Base-FX	SC	Multimode fiber optic	2 kilometers (1.25 miles)

1. All models include two expansion slots.

2. Multimode fiber optic cable can be either 50/125µm or 62.5/125µm cabling.

3. Maximum distance can be less depending on the duplex mode of the end node and the type of cabling used with the switch.

Table 10 lists the optional expansion modules supported by the software.

Table 10 Optional Expansion Modules

Model	Number of Ports	Type of Ports	Type of Connector	Type of Cable ¹	Maximum Distance ²
AT-A14	1	100/1000Base-T	RJ-45	Category 5 or better twisted pair ³	100 m (328 ft)
AT-A15/SX	1	1000Base-SX	SC	Multimode fiber optic	550 m (1,804 ft)
AT-A15/LX	1	1000Base-LX	SC	Single-mode fiber optic	10 km (6.2 mi)
AT-A16	2	100Base-FX	VF-45	Multimode fiber optic	2 km (1.25 mi)
AT-A17	2	100Base-FX	SC	Multimode fiber optic	2 km (1.25 mi)
AT-A18	4	10/100Base-TX	RJ-45	Category 3 (for 10Base-T) or Category 5 (for 100Base-T) or better twisted pair	100 m (328 ft)
AT-A19	2	100Base-FX	MT-RJ	Multimode fiber optic	2 km (1.25 mi)
AT-A22/SX	1	1000Base-SX	SC	Multimode fiber optic	550 m (1,804 ft)
AT-A22/LX	1	1000Base-LX	SC	Single-mode fiber optic	10 km (6.2 mi)

1. Multimode fiber optic cable can be either 50/125µm or 62.5/125µm cabling. Single-mode fiber optic cable must be 9/125µm

2. Maximum distance can be less depending on the duplex mode of the end node and the type of cabling used with the module.

3. Contact a qualified cabling technician for details on the IEEE specifications for Gigabit Ethernet over twisted pair cabling.

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