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for the HP ProCurve Switches 1600M, 2424M, 4000M, and 8000M

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Software Updates Are *Free!*



Hewlett-Packard provides free software updates for *all* managed ProCurve networking products. To access the software updates, go to the ProCurve website at <http://www.hp.com/go/procurve>, then click on **Free Software Updates**.

Register for Automatic Notification of Updates. From the Free Software Updates page you can also register yourself to automatically receive email notice of new updates for your managed ProCurve networking products. Just follow the instructions on that page for how to receive the update notices.

To determine whether you have the latest software, you can compare the software version that is available on the website with the version that is currently installed on your switch. Follow the instructions below to determine the current software version in your switch.

To Determine the Current Software Version in Your Switch. The switch displays its current software version as a *Firmware revision* number. (For example, **Firmware revision C.07.22**.) Use any of the following methods to view this number:

- Start a Console session. In the Console login screen (the first screen displayed), the **Firmware revision** line under the switch name shows the software version.
- If you are already displaying a Console menu, go to the Console Main menu and select:

1. Status and Counters

1. General System Information

In the resulting display, the current software version is listed as the **Firmware revision** number.

- In the web browser interface, click on the Identity tab. The current software version is listed as the **revision** number in the **Version** line.
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Your *Free* Ticket to Proactive Networking!

HP TopTools for Hubs & Switches is a breakthrough in network management software that gives you more network with less work. The TopTools for Hubs & Switches CD is included at no extra charge with your HP ProCurve Switch 1600M, 2424M, 4000M, and 8000M. See the system requirements printed on the sleeve containing the HP TopTools CD.

Switch 4000M and 8000M Power Supply Requirements

If you plan to install six or more HP ProCurve Switch 100Base-FX modules (HP J4112A) in the Switch 4000M or Switch 8000M, you *must* first install a second Switch 4000M/8000M (Redundant) Power Supply (HP J4119A) in the switch. Note that if a redundant power supply is installed and one of the switch's power supplies subsequently fails, you can replace the failed power supply without disrupting switch operation.

New Features for Software Release C.07.23

Release C.07.23 adds the following features to the HP ProCurve Switches:

- Support for the J4115A ProCurve Switch 100/1000Base-T (Gigabit-T) Module. Now you can get 1000 Mbps network speeds over your already installed twisted-pair (Category 5) cabling.
- Dynamic VLANs — once VLAN support is enabled through the switch console and the switch is rebooted, all other changes to the VLAN configuration, including adding and deleting VLANs and changing the VLAN port assignments, can be performed without having to reboot the switch.
- Multiple telnet sessions — with this software update, you can now have up to three simultaneous inbound telnet sessions to the switches.
- Support for the following features on the Switches 2424M and 4000M, making the feature set for these switches identical to the features for the Switches 1600M and 8000M:
 - Automatic Broadcast Control (ABC)
 - Switch meshing
 - Port trunking using the Cisco Fast EtherChannel[®] technology (FEC)
 - Protocol-based traffic filtering

For more information on these features, see the *Management and Configuration Guide* that is included with your switch.

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