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for the HP ProCurve Switch 100/1000Base-T Module

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Software Updates Are *Free*!

Hewlett-Packard provides free software updates for *all* managed HP 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 Verify the Current Software Version in Your Switch. The switch displays its current software version as a *Firmware revision* number. (For example, **Firmware revision C.07.01**.) 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.

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.

If You Receive a Disk with an HP ProCurve Switch Module

Switch modules introduced after the initial introduction of a switch chassis usually require a later version of software than the original software version introduced with the switch. For this reason, a disk containing the minimum switch software version required for the module is included with the module.

However, because HP periodically releases switch software updates that you may have downloaded, your switch may already have either the same or a more recent version of the software than the version on the disk that accompanied your new module. Therefore, you should check the software version currently in the switch before downloading software from a disk. (See "To Verify the Current Software Version in Your Switch" on the first page of this document.) If the software version in your switch is earlier than the version on the disk, then you should download the disk version. But if the software version in your switch is later than the disk version (for example, if software version C.07.23 is in the switch and version C.07.22 is on the disk), then you can discard the disk.

The code version that must be running on the switch to support each of the available switch modules is listed in the file RELNOTES.TXT that is included on the disk that came with the module.