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for the HP ProCurve Switch xl Module (J4907A)

Software Release E.08.3x Is Included with Your Module

HP ProCurve switch software release E.08.3x is on the CD-ROM that is included with your HP ProCurve Switch xl Module (J4907A). This version of the switch software provides support for that module.

For HP ProCurve Series 5300xl Switches that have switch software versions earlier than E.08.30, you must first install the version E.08.30 or later before your switch can support the J4907A.

Software Updates Are *Free!*



Hewlett-Packard provides free software updates on the HP ProCurve website for your Series 5300xl Switch. To access the software updates, go to the HP ProCurve web site at <http://www.hp.com/go/hpprocurve>, then click on **Software updates** to go to the “HP ProCurve Networking software updates” page. Under **Latest software** click on **Switches** to go to the page that has the free download for your switch.

Register for Automatic Notification of Updates. From the “HP ProCurve Networking software updates” page, you can also register yourself to automatically receive email notice of new updates for your managed ProCurve networking products.

To determine whether you have the latest software, you can compare the software version that is available on the web site 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. For the Series 5300xl Switches, use any of the following methods to view the current software version:

- Start a console session with the switch. In the console login screen (the first screen displayed), the **Firmware revision** line under the switch name shows the software version.
- If you already have a console session going, at the prompt enter the **show version** command. The resulting display lists the current software version.
- In the web browser interface, click on the **Identity** tab. The current software version is listed as the **revision** number in the **Version** line.

To Download the New Software. Your HP ProCurve Series 5300xl Switches support several different methods for downloading new operating system software. For instructions on how to download the new software, please see appendix A, “File Transfers” in the *Management and Configuration Guide* on the *Documentation CD-ROM* included with your switch.

Saving the Configuration After Installing or Exchanging a Module

The following cases automatically result in a change to the running-configuration on your switch:

- If you replace a module with another module of a different type and then reboot the switch
- If you install a module in a slot that has not previously been used (including when you install a module and apply power to the switch for the first time)

If you want to save such changes to permanent memory (startup-configuration), use the **write memory** command in the switch console. This causes the switch to use the new hardware configuration for subsequent reboots. (The switch always reboots from the startup-configuration.)

If you do not save the hardware changes to the startup-configuration, you will be prompted with the following message the next time you use the **reboot** or **reload** commands:

Do you want to save the current configuration [y/n] ?

For more information on switch memory, including the startup-config and running-config memories, refer to the *Management and Configuration Guide* on the *Documentation CD-ROM* included with your switch. For the latest version of HP switch documentation, visit <http://www.hp.com/go/hpprocurve>. (Click on **Technical support**, then **Product manuals**.)

For more information regarding the software documentation for the PoE module refer to either of the following:

- *Release Notes: Version E.08.30 or later for the HP ProCurve series 5300xl Switches* (part number 5990-6004).
- *HP ProCurve Series 5300xl Management and Configuration Guide* (part number 5990-6050, edition 2, March 2004 or later), in chapter titled “Power Over Ethernet (PoE) Operation.

For the latest version of this documentation, visit <http://www.hp.com/go/hpprocurve>. (Click on **Technical support**, then **Product manuals**, then **HP ProCurve 5300xl Series**.) Under Current Manuals, click on one of the following links:

[Release Notes: Version E.08.30 for the HP ProCurve Series 5300xl Switches](#)

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[HP ProCurve Series 5300xl Switches Management and Configuration Guide \(Edition 2, March 2004\)](#)

