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Introduction—Analog KVM Switch

Product Description

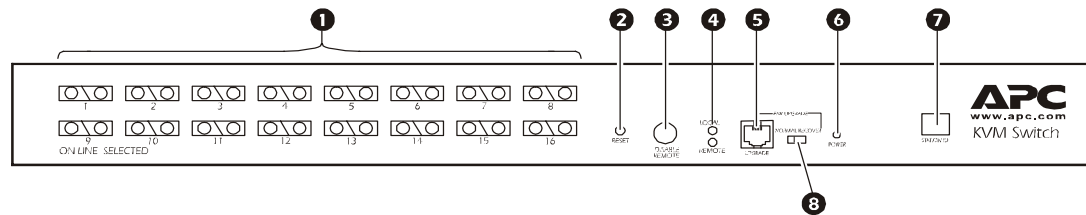
Analog KVM Switch capabilities

- Connect up to 31 additional Analog KVM Switches to control up to 512 computers from a single console.
- Add or remove switches or computers without having to remove power from the switch.

Features of the Analog KVM Switch

- The "keep-alive" feature assures all the keyboard and mouse connections work properly if the Analog KVM Switch temporarily loses power.
- KVM station positions are auto-sensed for serially-connected installations, which are indicated on the front panel LED.
- Port names automatically reconfigure when the station sequence is changed.
- Two-level password security for an Administrator and up to four Users, with separate files for each, ensures that only authorized users can view and control the computers.
- No software is required; select a computer by using the On-Screen Display (OSD) menu or Hot Key combination.
- Auto Scan provides monitoring of connected computers.
- Use any PS/2-compatible mouse, Microsoft® Intellimouse Explorer, or Logitech® FirstMouse+.

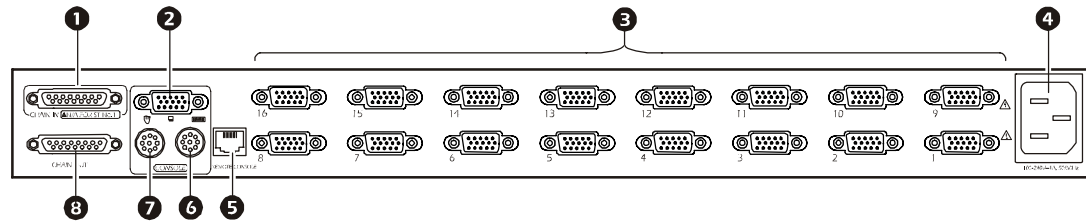
Front panel (AP5202 shown)



Item	Description
1 Port LEDs	<p>Each pair of Port LEDs provides status information about a corresponding computer port. Each port consists of a left (Online) and right (Selected) LED. The following list describes the LED light indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A green Online LED indicates the corresponding attached computer port is up and running. • An orange Selected LED indicates the corresponding attached computer has the KVM focus. Under normal conditions, the LED is steady. When accessing its port under Auto Scan Mode, the LED flashes. • Each time the Analog KVM Switch begins to provide power, it performs a self-test. The Online and Selected LEDs blink once in succession during the self-test.
2 Reset switch	Press the recessed Reset switch with a thin object (the end of a paper clip or ballpoint pen) to perform a system reset.
3 Disable Remote button	Enables or disables remote access to the console.
4 Local and Remote LEDs	Indicate which console is currently in use.
5 Upgrade port	The firmware upgrade cable plugs into the RJ-11 connector and transfers firmware upgrade data from the Administrator's computer to the Analog KVM Switch.

Item	Description
⑥ Power LED	Indicates when the Analog KVM Switch is receiving power.
⑦ Station ID LED (16-port units only)	Displays the station number of the Analog KVM Switch.
⑧ Firmware upgrade reset switch	Recovers operation if an attempt to upgrade firmware fails. The reset switch is in NORMAL position during normal operation. See To Recover From Lost Firmware for additional information.

Rear panel (AP5202 shown)



Item	Description
❶ Chain In port (AP5202 only)	Serially connects one Analog KVM Switch to another. (This port is not used for the primary [Station 01] Analog KVM Switch in a cascaded setup.)
❷ Monitor connector	Connects to a VGA, SVGA, or Multisync monitor capable of the highest resolution that you plan to use on any computer in the installation.
❸ Computer connections	Monitors connected computers; AP5201 can monitor up to eight, and AP5202 can monitor up to sixteen.
❹ Power inlet	3-pin, AC power inlet.
❺ Remote console	<p>To use a remote console, plug a CAT-5 cable into the RJ-45 connector. When both local and remote consoles are present, both can access the switch (but not simultaneously).</p> <p>Push the Disable Remote button on the front of the unit to toggle between “Remote access allowed” and “Remote access disabled”.</p> <p>When the remote console is accessing the switch, you can view input data through the local console, but can make changes only through the remote console. When the local console is accessing the switch, you can view input data through the remote console, but can make changes only through the local console.</p> <p>The Local and Remote LEDs indicate which console is currently in use. When a remote extension unit is attached and receiving power, the two LEDs will alternately light when no one is accessing either console.</p>

Item	Description
⑥ Keyboard connector	Connects to a PS/2-style keyboard.
⑦ Mouse connector	Connects to a PS/2-style mouse.
⑧ Chain Out port (AP5202 only)	Serially connects one Analog KVM Switch to another switch.

OSD Operation

Overview

The On-Screen Display (OSD) uses menu options to configure and control various operations such as editing port names and performing operations on multiple computers.

The OSD also provides security for the KVM. For example, the Administrator can assign access privileges to Users, such as the right to access or view certain computers connected to the KVM.

The OSD main menu displays a list of function key controls, the username of the logged in User, connected computers, and symbols that indicate the status of a computer. The OSD includes a two-level password system: Administrator and User.

To activate the OSD main menu

1. If you are already logged in, press the pre-assigned Hot Key (SCROLL LOCK) twice in rapid succession.



Optionally, you can assign the control key as the main menu Hot Key. See [OSD HOTKEY](#).

2. On initial startup, to access the OSD menus, do either of the following at the KVM login screen:
 - Enter a valid username in the username field, press TAB, enter a valid password in the password field, and press ENTER.
 - For a first-time KVM activation, or if the username and password have not been set, leave the username and password fields blank, and press ENTER.


If you logged on as either Administrator or User, the OSD main menu is displayed. Administrator mode provides access to both Administrator and User functions and lets you set up operations (including future password authorization).

OSD navigation

Use any of the following methods to navigate the OSD main menu screen:

- To dismiss the main menu and deactivate the OSD, press ESC, right-click the mouse, or click the X at the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
- To log off the OSD, press F8 or click F8 LOUT at the top of the screen, and answer YES to the prompt.
- To move up or down through the list one line at a time, press the up or down arrow keys, or click the up or down arrow symbols on the right scroll bar of the OSD.
- To move up or down through the list one screen at a time, press the PAGE UP (PGUP) or PAGE DOWN (PGDN) key.
- To activate a port, double-click its name in the list, or highlight the name and press ENTER.

OSD main menu headings

Heading	Description
SN-PN	List the Port ID numbers (Station Number - Port Number) for all computer ports on the installation. To access a computer, move the highlight bar over a computer in the list, and press ENTER.
QV	An arrowhead in a rectangle in this column indicates ports selected for Quick View (see SET QUICK VIEW PORTS).
	A sun symbol in this column indicates that computers that are receiving power are currently online.
NAME	A user-defined unique port name (see EDIT PORT NAMES).

OSD Functions

The OSD provides a series of function keys to configure and control various computer operations. For example, you can switch to any port, scan selected ports, and limit the list of ports to view. You can also manage port names or make OSD setting adjustments.

To access any OSD function do one of the following:

- Press the desired function key on your keyboard.
- Click a function key menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

A submenu provides additional functions related to your selected function key.

Press ESC, or click the X button in the upper right corner of the OSD, to return to the previous menu level.

GOTO (F1)

To activate the GOTO function, press F1 or click the **F1** menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

GOTO allows you to switch directly to a port by typing the port's name or the port ID. The last line on the OSD screen prompts you to select by name or port ID.

- To use the name method: type 1 and the port name, then press ENTER.
- To use the port ID method: type 2 and the port ID, then press ENTER.
- To return to the OSD main menu screen without selecting a port, press ESC.



Note

To quickly list the ports of only one KVM when you have multiple Analog KVM Switches in a cascading configuration, select GOTO, type the number 2, and enter the station ID of the desired KVM. For example, enter the station ID 20 to obtain a list of only the ports on KVM 20.

LIST (F2)

To activate the LIST function, press F2 or click the **F2** menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

LIST allows you to broaden or narrow the scope of ports listed on the OSD.

To activate a submenu option, move the highlight bar to the option, and press ENTER. An icon to the left of the menu option indicates your selection.

The following table provides a description of each **LIST** submenu option:

Main Option	Description
ALL	Lists all the ports on the installation.
QUICK VIEW	Lists only the ports selected as Quick View Ports under F4 ADM (see SET QUICK VIEW PORTS).
POWERED ON	Lists only those ports with attached computers that are turned on.
QUICK VIEW + POWERED ON	Lists only those ports selected as Quick View Ports with their attached computers turned on.

SET (F3)

To activate the SET function, press F3 or click the **F3** menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

SET allows an Administrator or User to set up a unique working environment profile. The stored profile activates each time a corresponding user logs into the system.

To activate a submenu option, move the highlight bar to the option, and press ENTER, or double-click the SET function item. An icon to the left of the menu option indicates your selection.

The following table provides a description of each **SET** submenu option:

Main Option	Description
OSD HOTKEY	Selects which Hot Key combination activates the OSD: press SCROLL LOCK twice or press CTRL twice. The default Hot Key combination is SCROLL LOCK. The CTRL Hot Key combination may conflict with other programs running on computers.
PORT ID DISPLAY POSITION	Allows you to position the Port ID display on your monitor. The upper-left corner is the default position. To re-position the Port ID display, use the mouse, the arrow keys on the keyboard, or the arrow keys on the numeric keypad (with NUMLOCK off). To lock the position and return to the SET menu, press ENTER or left-click the mouse. To return to the SET menu without saving changes, press ESC or right-click the mouse.

Main Option	Description
PORT ID DISPLAY DURATION	<p>Determines the number of seconds a Port ID appears on-screen after a port change has occurred. Select from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Defined: type the number of seconds (from 0–255) and then press ENTER. The default is three seconds. A value of zero disables the function (and thus displays OFF). • Always On displays the Port ID at all times (when the main OSD is not displayed).
PORT ID DISPLAY MODE	<p>Determines how a Port ID displays on-screen; displays the port number, port name, or both (default).</p>
SCAN DURATION	<p>Sets the amount of time a port displays on-screen each time you activate SCAN. See SCAN (F7)</p> <p>Type a value from 0 to 255 seconds, and press ENTER.</p> <p>The default is five seconds. A value of zero disables this function, preventing the KVM from scanning.</p>
SCAN/SKIP MODE	<p>Selects the computers accessed in Skip (see SKP (F5)) and Auto Scan (see SCAN (F7)) mode. The default is ALL.</p> <p>Select from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL: all ports set as accessible to the user. See SET ACCESSIBLE PORTS, under ADM (F4). • QUICK VIEW: all ports set as accessible to the user and selected as Quick View ports. See SET QUICK VIEW PORTS, under ADM (F4). • POWERED ON: all ports set as accessible by a user and receiving power. • QUICK VIEW + POWERED ON: all ports set as accessible to the user, selected as Quick View, and receiving power.
SCREEN BLANKER	<p>The screen clears when there is no console input for the number of minutes specified. Type a value from 0–30 minutes, and press ENTER. When the OSD is displayed, this feature is disabled.</p> <p>A value of zero (the default) disables this function.</p>

Main Option	Description
HOTKEY COMMAND MODE	If a software conflict occurs, disable the Hot Key function. With Hot Key commands enabled, the user can activate several functions without access to the main OSD menu. See Hot Key Operation .

ADM (F4)

Administrator only. To activate the ADM function, press F4 or click the **F4** menu option located at the top of the main menu screen.

ADM is an Administrator function that allows the Administrator to configure and control the overall operation of the Analog KVM Switch.

To activate a submenu option, either move the highlight bar to the desired option and press ENTER, or double-click the option. On some submenu screens, an icon to the left of the menu option indicates your selection.

The following table describes each **ADM** submenu option:

Main Option	Description
SET USERNAME AND PASSWORD	<p>Set usernames and passwords for one Administrator and four Users:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Select either the Administrator or User field.2. On the User Setup screen, enter a username and a unique password consisting of up to 15 alphanumeric characters.3. Re-enter the password in the Confirm field, and press ENTER. Press ESC to return to the previous menu. <p>NOTE: To modify or delete an existing username or password, press BACKSPACE to erase the characters.</p> <p>CAUTION: For effective security, you must enter usernames and passwords for four Users and the Administrator. If you leave any username or password field blank, an unauthorized user can log on without entering a username and password.</p>

Main Option	Description
SET LOGOUT TIMEOUT	<p>Sets the delay time that must occur before a user is logged off, when there is no console input for the number of minutes specified.</p> <p>To set the timeout value, type a value from 0 to 180 minutes, and press ENTER. A value of zero (the default) disables this function; it will display as OFF.</p>
EDIT PORT NAMES	<p>Assigns a unique name to each port to recognize a port's corresponding computer. To create, modify, or delete port names:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click on or highlight a port using the navigation keys, and press ENTER. 2. Type a new port name, or modify or delete an existing name. The maximum number of characters allowed is twelve, and the following characters are valid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphabetic: A–Z • Numeric: 0–9 • Non-alphanumeric: +/./%[] and Space <p>Port names are not case-sensitive and appear as all capital letters regardless of how they were input.</p> 3. When you are finished, press ENTER to save your changes. Press ESC to cancel.
RESTORE DEFAULT VALUES	<p>Returns current settings (except username and password) to the original factory default settings. See OSD default settings for a complete list of settings that are returned to default.</p>
CLEAR THE NAME LIST	<p>Clears assigned port names.</p>
ACTIVATE BEEPER	<p>Activates a beeper sound each time the KVM accesses a port or an invalid entry is made on an OSC menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Y (Yes) to activate the beeper (default). • Select N (No) to deactivate the beeper.

Main Option	Description
SET QUICK VIEW PORTS	<p>Quick View ports allow users to scan and view selected ports, saving time for a large installation base.</p> <p>Select or deselect a port by moving the highlight bar to the port and pressing SPACEBAR. An arrowhead in the QV column on the main menu list indicates ports selected as Quick View.</p> <p>Setting a port as a Quick View port causes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a user selects either the QUICK VIEW or QUICK VIEW + POWER ON options, only those ports selected as Quick View appear in the main menu list. See LIST (F2). • If a user selects either the QVIEW or QVIEW + POWER ON options, only those ports selected as Quick Views are auto-scanned or accessed through the Skip feature. See SCAN/SKIP MODE.
SET ACCESSIBLE PORTS	<p>The Administrator can configure User access to connected computers on a port-by-port basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F (full access) default • V (view only) • Blank (no access): The port does not display on the User's main menu list <p>To set User access, select the target port, and press the SPACEBAR to cycle through each selection (F, V, blank). Repeat for each User, and press ENTER when finished.</p>
RESET STATION IDS	<p>If you change a KVM station position in the serial connection, you must use this function to re-scan the KVM station position and update the OSD.</p> <p>NOTE: Only KVM station numbers update. You must reset all Administrator settings for all KVM stations affected by the change. Port names are not affected.</p>
FIRMWARE UPGRADE	<p>Activate Firmware Upgrade mode to upgrade the Analog KVM Switch's firmware. See Firmware Upgrade for more details.</p>

SKP (F5)

To activate the SKP function, press F5 or click the **F5** menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

SKP enables you to switch the console focus from the current active computer port to the next or preceding computer port. The SET function (see **SET (F3)**) determines which computers are available for Skip Mode switch selection.



For navigation functions, see the [Hot Key summary table](#).

- When Skip mode is selected, the Port ID and a double arrow symbol are displayed. Use the arrow keys to navigate.
- The console is not accessible while in Skip mode. You must exit Skip mode to regain console control.



Note

While Skip mode is in effect, ordinary keyboard and mouse functions are suspended and you can input only keystrokes and mouse clicks that are compliant with Auto Scan mode.

For normal control of the console, exit Skip mode.

- To exit Skip mode, press the SPACEBAR or ESC.

BRC (F6)

Administrator only. To activate the BRC function, press F6 or click the **F6** menu option located at the top of the main menu screen.

BRC is an Administrator function that enables Broadcast mode (BRC). In Broadcast mode, keyboard commands sent from the console are broadcast to all available computers connected to the Analog KVM Switch system.

The BRC function is especially useful for performing operations on multiple computers, such as a system-wide shutdown or software upgrade. For example, if you turn Broadcast on and press CTRL+ALT+DEL, all computers listed on the OSD will reboot (this may not be true for all operating systems).

While BRC mode is in effect:

- A speaker symbol appears next to the Port ID Display of the port with the current console focus.
- The mouse does not function normally. Only keyboard commands are recognized. You must exit BRC mode to regain mouse control.
- To exit BRC mode, activate the OSD (use the OSD Hot Key), and then press F6 or click the **F6** menu option.

SCAN (F7)

To activate the SCAN function, press F7 or click the **F7** menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

SCAN allows you to switch automatically among available computers at regular user-defined intervals.

The SCAN function operates as follows:

- Use the F3 SET Scan/Skip Mode (see **SCAN/SKIP MODE**) setting to select the computers you want included each time you activate SCAN.
- Use F3 SET Scan Duration (see **SCAN DURATION**) to set the amount of time each port displays on-screen each time you activate SCAN. Press SPACEBAR to stop at a particular port and exit Auto Scan mode.
- If scanning encounters an empty port or one with a corresponding computer that is turned off, the monitor screen appears blank and the mouse and keyboard input have no effect. Scanning moves to the next port after the assigned scan duration time.

- An icon with a curved arrow pointing from a half circle to a full circle appears to the left of the Port ID display, indicating that the port is being accessed under Auto Scan mode.
- The console does not function normally while in Auto Scan mode. Exit Auto Scan mode to regain console control by pressing ESC or SPACEBAR.
- Press P or left-click the mouse to pause scanning in order to keep the focus on a particular computer. Press P or left-click the mouse again to resume scanning.
- To exit Auto Scan mode, press the SPACEBAR or ESC.

LOUT (F8)

To activate the LOUT function, press F8, click the **zZ** button, or click the **F8** menu option at the top of the main menu screen.

LOUT logs you off and exits the main OSD, leaving only the login screen visible. To regain access to the OSD, you must log on to the OSD.

Pressing ESC at the main OSD temporarily deactivates the OSD, allowing you to regain access by pressing the OSD Hot Key without a login sequence.



Note

After you re-enter the OSD, the screen remains blank except for the OSD menu. You must select an active port to view anything other than the OSD.

After re-entry, if you immediately press ESC without first selecting a port from the OSD menu, a **Null Port** message appears. Press the OSD Hot Key to display the OSD main menu screen.

OSD default settings

The F4: ADM Restore Default Values function restores the following settings to their factory defaults:

Setting	Default
OSD Hotkey	SCROLL LOCK - SCROLL LOCK
Port ID display position	Upper-left corner
Port ID display duration	3 seconds
Port ID display mode	Port Number + Port Name
Scan duration	5 seconds
Scan/Skip mode	ALL
Screen Blanker	0 (disabled)
Hotkey Command Mode	ON
Logout timeout	0 (disabled)
Beeper	Y (activated)
Accessible ports	F (full) for all users on all ports
Set Quick View Ports	None

Hot-Plugging

Description and Availability

The Analog KVM Switch supports hot-plugging: you can remove or add components to the system by unplugging or plugging their cables at the ports without shutting down the unit.



Note

If your computer operating system does not support hot-plugging, this feature may not work properly.

Operation

Switching station positions

Switch KVM station positions by unplugging a KVM station from one chain out port and plugging it into a different one. If the automatic feature fails to recognize the change, reset the OSD to correspond with the change for the OSD menus.



See [RESET STATION IDS](#) for details.

Hot-Plugging computer ports

Manually reconfigure the OSD information for the new port information so that the OSD menus correspond to the change. See [SET \(F3\)](#) and [ADM \(F4\)](#) for details.

Hot-Plugging console ports

You can hot-plug the keyboard, the monitor, and the mouse. When hot-plugging the mouse:

- If you use the same mouse, unplug it and plug it back into the Analog KVM Switch.
- If you use a different mouse, all KVM stations and computers on the installation must be shut down for ten seconds and then restarted after you plug in the mouse.



See also

See the *Installation and Quick-Start Manual* included with the Analog KVM Switch for instructions on restarting the switch.



Note

If there is no response to keyboard or mouse input, press the **Reset** switch on the front panel.

Powering off and restarting

After turning off the Analog KVM Switch for any reason, perform these steps before applying power to the Analog KVM Switch:

1. Remove power from all connected computers.



Note

Unplug the power cord of any computer with the **Keyboard Power On** function enabled; otherwise, the station continues to receive power from the computers.

2. Wait 10 seconds, and then plug in the Analog KVM Switch.
3. Apply power to the computers only after the Analog KVM Switch is running.

Port ID numbering

Each computer port on a Analog KVM Switch system has a unique assigned Port ID. The Port ID includes two parts: a Station Number and a Port Number.

- Station Number—A two-digit number indicating the switch's position in the cascading sequence. The Station Number corresponds to the number displayed on the front panel **Station ID** LED. The Station Number precedes the Port Number.



Note

For the AP5201 8-port KVM, this number will always be 01.

- Port Number—A two-digit number indicating the corresponding connection port on the switch station.

Station and Port numbers 1 through 9 include a leading zero and display as 01 through 09. For example, a computer attached to Port 6 of Station 12 has a Port ID of 12-06.

Port selection

Select ports by entering Hot Key combinations from the keyboard or by using the On-Screen Display (OSD).



See [Selecting the active port](#) for more information on Hot Key Port Selection. See [OSD Operation](#) for more information on Hot Key Port Selection.

Hot Key Operation

Features

Purpose

Hot Keys allow you to use keyboard sequences that perform a variety of actions for Analog KVM Switch operations. This chapter provides information about each Hot Key operation and instructions for using the Hot Key port controls.

Hot Key Port Control

Hot Key Port Control allows you to monitor a computer directly from the keyboard. The Analog KVM Switch includes the following Hot Key Port Control features:

- Selecting the Active Port
- Auto Scanning
- Skip Mode

Activating Hot Key Mode

To activate or deactivate Hot Key mode, press NUM LOCK and the hyphen (-) key at the same time.



Note

Release the hyphen (-) key within 1/2 second. Otherwise Hot Key activation stops and has no effect.

When Hot Key mode is active, the following changes occur:

- Caps Lock and Scroll Lock LEDs flash in succession. These stop flashing and return to their normal status after you exit Hot Key mode.
- The screen displays `HotKey:` and all subsequent keyed-in Hot Key information.
- Ordinary keyboard and mouse function have no effect. You can input only keystrokes that are compliant with Hot Keys (as described in the following sections).

Press ESC to exit Hot Key mode.

Keystroke Sequences

Selecting the active port

Each computer port is assigned a Port ID. Directly access any computer on the installation with a Hot Key combination that specifies the Port ID of the connected computer's port.

To select the active port:

1. Activate Hot Key mode by pressing NUM LOCK and the hyphen (-) key at the same time.
2. Enter the Port ID as a 2-digit Station ID and a 2-digit Port ID.



Note

The Port ID displays on the command line as you type each number. For example, enter 0305 to switch to Port 5 of the third Analog KVM Switch in the cascaded configuration. Use BACKSPACE to delete an incorrectly typed number.

3. Press ENTER. The Analog KVM Switch will focus on the designated computer and exit Hot Key mode.

Auto Scan

Auto Scan automatically switches among all the active computer ports that are accessible to the currently logged-on user at regular intervals in order to monitor their activity.



For more information on Scan/Skip mode, see [Skip mode](#).

Setting the Scan Interval. Use the **Scan Duration** setting of the OSD SET function to set the amount of time Auto Scan waits on each port. You can also change the scan interval before activating Hot Key Auto Scanning.

1. Activate Hot Key mode by pressing NUM LOCK and the hyphen (-) key at the same time.
2. Type T and a number from 1 to 255 (the wait time, in seconds).
3. Press ENTER. The OSD will display INPUT OK and beep once, or it will display ERROR INPUT and beep twice for incorrect entries.

Activating Auto Scan. To activate Auto-Scanning, enter the following Hot Key combination:

1. Activate Hot Key mode by pressing NUM LOCK and the hyphen (-) key at the same time.
2. Press A. Hot Key mode stops automatically and Auto-Scanning begins. A scanning icon will appear next to the Port ID OSD.

How to pause Auto Scan. While in Auto Scan mode, pause scanning to keep the focus on a particular computer by either pressing P or left-clicking the mouse. While Auto-Scanning is paused, the command line displays `Auto Scan: Paused`.

To resume Auto-Scanning, press any key or left-click the mouse.

Use pausing if you want to keep the focus on a particular computer rather than exit Auto Scan mode. Auto Scan always starts from the port that currently has the focus.

To exit Auto Scan mode, press ESC or SPACEBAR.



Note

While Auto Scan mode is in effect, ordinary keyboard and mouse functions are suspended and you can input only keystrokes compliant with Skip mode. For normal control of the console, exit Auto Scan mode.

Skip mode

Skip mode allows you to monitor computers manually. Unlike Auto-Scanning, which automatically switches after a fixed interval, Skip mode lets you monitor a particular computer for a variable amount of time.

To activate Skip mode:

1. Activate Hot Key mode by pressing NUMLOCK and the hyphen (-) key at the same time.
2. Skip by pressing the arrow keys. A double-ended arrow icon next to the port ID indicates that Skip mode is active.
3. To exit Skip mode, press ESC or SPACEBAR.



Note

While Skip mode is in effect, ordinary keyboard and mouse functions are suspended and only Skip mode-compliant keystrokes may be input. For normal control of the console, exit Skip mode.

Hot Key Beeper control

Use Hot Keys to toggle the beeper on and off.

To toggle the beeper:

1. Activate Hot Key mode by pressing NUMLOCK and the hyphen (-) key at the same time.
2. Press B.

The beeper toggles on or off. The command line displays Beeper On or Beeper Off for one second, and Hot Key mode stops.

Hot Key summary table

The following table summarizes Hot Key operations on the Analog KVM Switch:

Action		Description
NUM LOCK + hyphen (-)	Port ID	Switches access to the computer corresponding to the port ID.
	T + number 1–255	Sets the Auto Scan interval to a number of seconds from 1 to 255.
	A	Activates Auto Scan mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To pause Auto Scan, press P or left-click the mouse.• To resume Auto Scan, press any key or left-click the mouse.
	←	Activates Skip mode and skips from the current port to the preceding port.
	→	Activates Skip mode and skips from the current port to the next port.
	↑	Activates Skip mode and skips from the current port to the last port of the previous KVM station.
	↓	Activates Skip mode and skips from the current port to the first port of the next KVM station.
	B	Toggles the beeper On or Off.

Firmware Upgrade

How to Upgrade Firmware

The Windows Firmware Upgrade Utility provides an automated method for upgrading the Analog KVM Switch firmware. This software is included as part of a firmware upgrade package, specific for each device.



Note

Check for the latest information, and download new versions of the firmware upgrade package at <http://www.apc.com/tools/download>.

This chapter explains how to retrieve the firmware upgrade software and complete the upgrade process.

Before you begin

1. Use a computer that is not part of your KVM system and visit <http://www.apc.com/tools/download>. Select your device model name to view a list of available firmware upgrade packages.
2. Select and download the firmware upgrade package you want to install (usually the most recent).
3. Connect a COM port on your computer to the **Firmware Upgrade** port on your Analog KVM Switch with the Firmware Upgrade Cable (provided with the switch).



Note

For a serial installation, connect the cable to the first KVM station. The subsequent KVM stations in the cascading configuration receive the upgrade through the serial cable.

4. From your Analog KVM Switch console, activate the OSD (see [OSD Operation](#)), and select the F4 ADM function.
5. Scroll to **FIRMWARE UPGRADE**, and press ENTER.
6. Press Y to activate the firmware upgrade mode.

Starting the upgrade

To upgrade your firmware:

1. Start the firmware upgrade program that you previously downloaded by doing either of the following:
 - Double-click the file icon.
 - Click **Start** and then **Run**. Type the path to the file you want to open.
2. Read the License Agreement. Select **I Agree**, and click **Next**. The Firmware Upgrade Utility main screen appears.



Note

The utility inspects your installation. The **Device List** pane displays all devices that can be upgraded.

If the utility detects more than one Master Device (the First Stage KVM unit on a serial connection) in the system, an alert message requires you to select the Master Device (and the KVM devices cascaded from it) that will receive the upgrade.

3. Select the KVM devices to upgrade, and click **OK**.
4. Click **Next** to perform the upgrade.
 - If you enable **Check Firmware Version**, the utility compares the firmware version of the Analog KVM Switch with that of the downloaded file. If the device firmware version is higher, an alert message appears. Click **Yes** to continue or **No** to cancel the downgrade.
 - If you do not enable **Check Firmware Version**, the utility installs the files without comparing the device firmware version with that of the upgrade files.
5. To abort the upgrade procedure before completion, click **Cancel**. An alert message warns you that stopping may cause the device's firmware to be lost. You can continue or abort the cancel operation.



To recover from a "lost firmware" situation, see [To Recover From Lost Firmware](#).

6. After the upgrade process has completed, a message confirms the result:
 - If the upgrade succeeded, click **Finish** to close the Firmware Upgrade Utility.
 - If the upgrade was unsuccessful, click **Yes** to retry or **No** to stop the process. Click **Cancel** to close the Firmware Upgrade Utility. If you click **No**, the Analog KVM Switch firmware may be lost.

To Recover From Lost Firmware

If the firmware upgrade does not succeed:

- Slide the reset switch to the RECOVER position.
- Remove power to the Analog KVM Switch.
- Restart the Analog KVM Switch by restoring power.
- Slide the reset switch back to the NORMAL position.
- Remove power to the Analog KVM Switch.
- Restart the Analog KVM Switch by restoring power.

How to Recover from a Lost Password

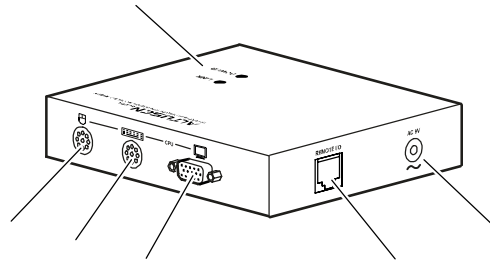
1. Turn off the power to the Analog KVM Switch.
2. Open the cover of Analog KVM Switch, and short the jumper marked "Restore Default Password".
3. With the jumper shorted, turn on power to the Analog KVM Switch, and wait until the LEDs stop blinking, then turn off the power.
4. Return the jumper to the open position, and replace the cover.
5. Turn the power back on for the Analog KVM Switch. The assigned user names and passwords will all be cleared. Start the OSD with the default user name and password.

Introduction—Analog KVM Console Extender

Product Description

Use the Analog KVM Extender to operate the Analog KVM Switch from a remote console that is up to 500 feet (150 meters) from the Switch.

Front view of Analog KVM Console Extender



Item	Description
❶ Port LEDs	<p>Two LEDs (Power and Link) indicate operating status.</p> <p>A steady Power LED indicates the connection to the local unit is operating correctly.</p> <p>A blinking Power LED indicates that there is a problem with the connection to the local unit.</p> <p>When the Link LED is on, the remote console is active.</p> <p>When the Link LED is off, the local console is active or there is a problem with the connection to the local unit.</p>
❷ Power inlet	AC power adapter cable inlet.
❸ Remote I/O port	To use a remote console, plug a CAT-5e or CAT-6 cable into this port.

Item	Description
④ Monitor port	Connects to a VGA, SVGA, or Multisync monitor capable of the highest resolution that you plan to use on any server in the installation.
⑤ Keyboard port	Connects to a PS/2-style keyboard.
⑥ Mouse port	Connects to a PS/2-style mouse.

Operation

The Analog KVM Console Extender provides remote access to the Analog KVM Switch. Control of the Analog KVM Switch is shared serially; only one station can provide input at a time. The Local and Remote consoles can monitor output simultaneously, unless the Disable Remote option of the Analog KVM Switch is activated.

The **Local** and **Remote** LEDs on the Analog KVM Switch cycle back and forth alternatively when no activity is occurring on either console. When the user begins to type on the keyboard, or moves the mouse, the LED for that station will turn on to indicate which console (Local or Remote) has control. The other station will be locked out while the activity continues, although both consoles may continue to monitor the activity. When the user stops all activity for a period of approximately 5 seconds, the LEDs again begin to cycle and either station can take control.

Two LEDs on the Analog KVM Console Extender indicate operating status:



Note

- When the **Power** LED is on and not blinking, the local connection is active.
- When the **Link** LED is on, the remote console is active.
- See **Port LEDs** for more information about the LEDs.

For security purposes, the remote console can be disabled. This prevents the remote console (the Analog KVM Console Extender) from accessing the Analog KVM Switch or any of the equipment attached to it. To disable the remote console, press the **Disable Remote** button on the Analog KVM Switch. The Analog KVM Switch's **Remote** LED will turn off when remote access is disabled. To re-enable the remote console, press the **Disable Remote** button again; the **Remote** LED will turn begin to cycle on and off again, alternating with the **Local** LED, when remote access is enabled.



Note

The Remote console cannot disable the Local console. Only the local user has access to the Disable Remote button.

See [OSD Operation](#) for information about accessing the Analog KVM Switch's ports.

Product Information

Warranty and Service

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Obtaining service

To obtain support for problems with your Analog KVM Switch:

1. Note the serial number and date of purchase. The serial number is printed on a label on the bottom of the KVM Switch.
2. Contact Customer Support at a phone number located at the end of this manual. A technician will try to help you solve the problem by phone.
3. If you must return the product, the technician will give you a return material authorization (RMA) number. If the warranty expired, you will be charged for repair or replacement.
4. Pack the unit carefully. The warranty does not cover damage sustained in transit. Enclose a letter with your name, address, RMA number and daytime phone number; a copy of the sales receipt; and a check as payment, if applicable.
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