



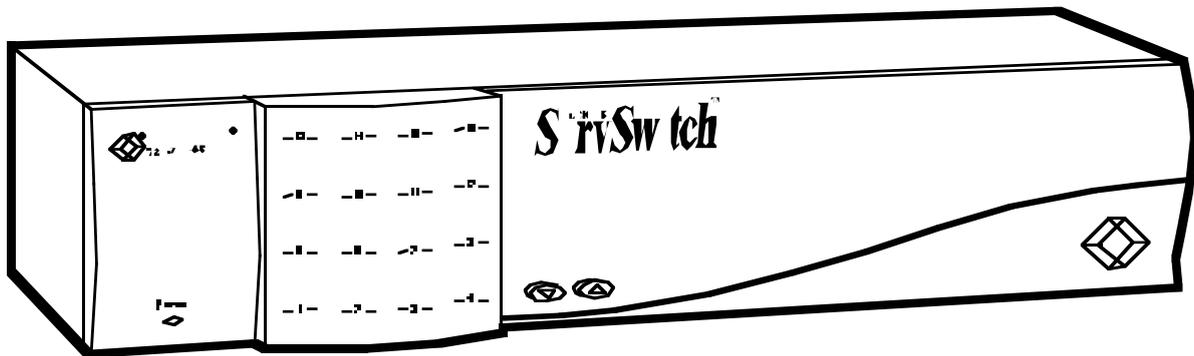
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## SERVSWITCH



*Manage up to 256 CPUs using a single keyboard, mouse, and monitor!*

### Key Features

- ▶ **Access up to 256 CPUs with one keyboard, monitor, and mouse.**
- ▶ **Select CPUs from the shared keyboard, the switch's front panel, a remote PC, or an easy on-screen menu.**
- ▶ **Flash ROM for easy firmware upgrades.**
- ▶ **Compatible with most IBM keyboard, mouse, and video standards.**
- ▶ **Excellent video resolution—up to 1600 x 1280 @ 100 Hz.**
- ▶ **Built-in security.**

The ServSwitch™ is a keyboard/video/mouse switch compatible with AT® and PS/2® computer platforms. You can attach as many as 256 CPUs to a set of ServSwitches and use a single shared keyboard, monitor, and mouse to administer them all.

With the exception of the KV3104MN-R4, SW721A-R2, and SW722A-R2 models, you can harness all that power with easy on-screen menus—without having to remember commands! For more information, see On-Screen Menus on page 2.

You can configure the ServSwitch, scan CPU ports, set and trigger a screen-saver function, set the key-repeat rate for the keyboard, and perform other functions via on-screen menus or by entering simple commands of two to six keystrokes from the shared

keyboard. You can also control the switch (but not actually view the CPUs) through the RS-232 port. (As firmware upgrades for the ServSwitch become available, you can connect a PC to this RS-232 port to quickly and easily transmit them to the switch.)

ServSwitch makes cable management easy. The control station and all CPUs attach to the ServSwitch with special three-way cables that have a single standard DB25 male connector on one end and split out into three connectors at the other end. This means that you only have one cable to run instead of separate cables for your keyboard, monitor, and mouse. If you need to reorganise CPUs or peripherals, just plug and unplug single cables rather than three. And these cables can span up to 100 feet (30.5 m) on either side of the switch, so you have plenty of

flexibility in your installation.

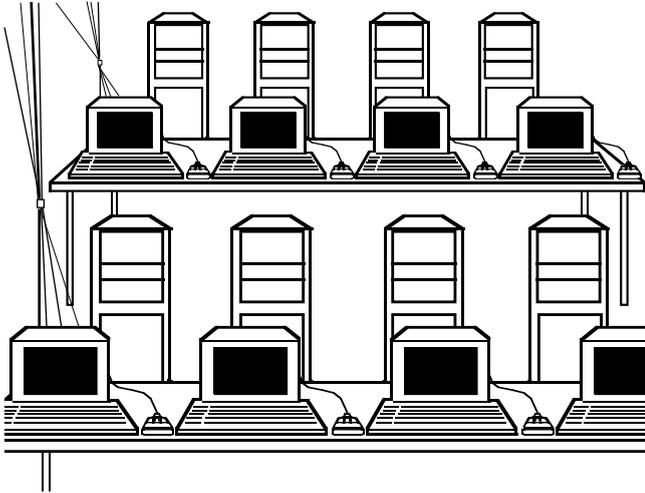
Each ServSwitch supports VGA and SVGA video; with special cabling, it can also handle XGA and XGA-2. See Additional Equipment and Specifications on page 4 for information about video compatibility, screen resolutions, and cabling distances.

ServSwitch comes with 2, 4, 8, 12, or 16 CPU ports. Depending on the model, ServSwitch is available in a Mini, Slim, or Full Chassis. You can use ServSwitch to ServSwitch Expansion Cable to cascade subsidiary ("sub-master") switches to a master ServSwitch in order to control as many as 256 CPUs.

For secure applications, choose the -R2 ServSwitch versions. They feature non-upgradeable ROM.

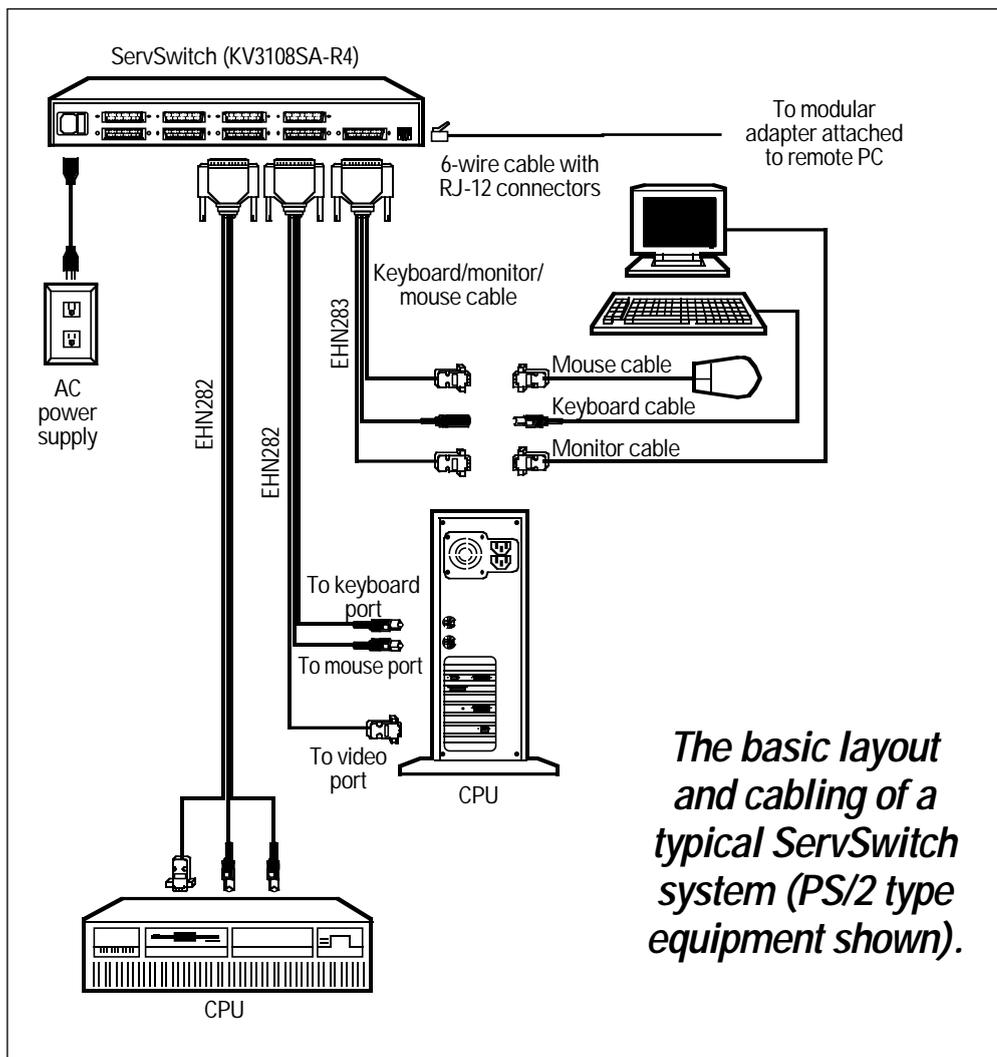
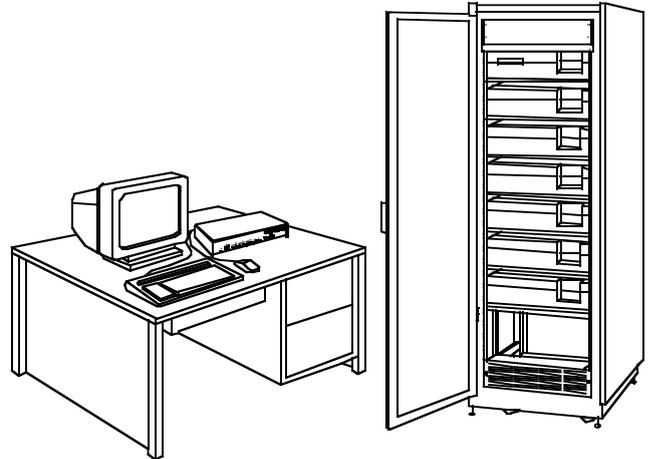
### *Before ServSwitch:*

You needed a separate monitor, keyboard, and mouse for each server.



### *After ServSwitch:*

Now only one station is needed to manage all those servers. There's actually enough free space to expand your network!



## On-Screen Menus

With on-screen menus (standard on every ServSwitch unit except for the KV3104MN-R4, SW721A-R2, and SW722A-R2), you can give each CPU a name that makes sense to you. That makes it easy to identify the server you want and switch to it. Plus, you can easily configure CPU, keyboard, and mouse types via the on-screen menus.

You can position your on-screen menus anywhere on your computer screen and keep the name of your current server on the screen at all times or for just a few seconds after switching. Built-in security features keep unwanted users from using the menus to infiltrate your system.

## Typical Applications

- Put your servers on a rack and use one shared keyboard, monitor, and mouse to manage them.
- Cascade ServSwitch units to administer all of the PCs in a data center.

# Technically Speaking

ServSwitch commands consist of a press and release of the left Control (CTRL) key followed by just a few other keystrokes.

The ServSwitch is not designed to handle bus-mouse I/O, so it cannot be attached to bus-mouse CPUs, and it cannot be an adequate master unit for submaster ServSwitch bus-mouse units.

The ServSwitch is not designed to be cascaded with the ServSwitch Multi, the ServSelect, or the ServSwitch Duo. However, ServSwitch can be cascaded with itself, the

ServSwitch Ultra, the Matrix ServSwitch, and the ServSwitch Affinity.

The maximum distance that original ServSwitch cable can be run is 20 ft. (6.1 m) end to end from the shared peripherals to any CPU. Because some CPUs can drive keyboard and mouse signals further than that, we offer coaxial cables in lengths up to 100 ft. (30.5 m). (Consult with your CPU manufacturers about this, and note that screen-image quality will decrease with distance.)

4-Port Expansion Boards are available if you would like to add CPU ports to a Full-Chassis 8- or 12-Port ServSwitch. Since it's a tricky procedure, we'll install the upgrade for you at no extra charge.

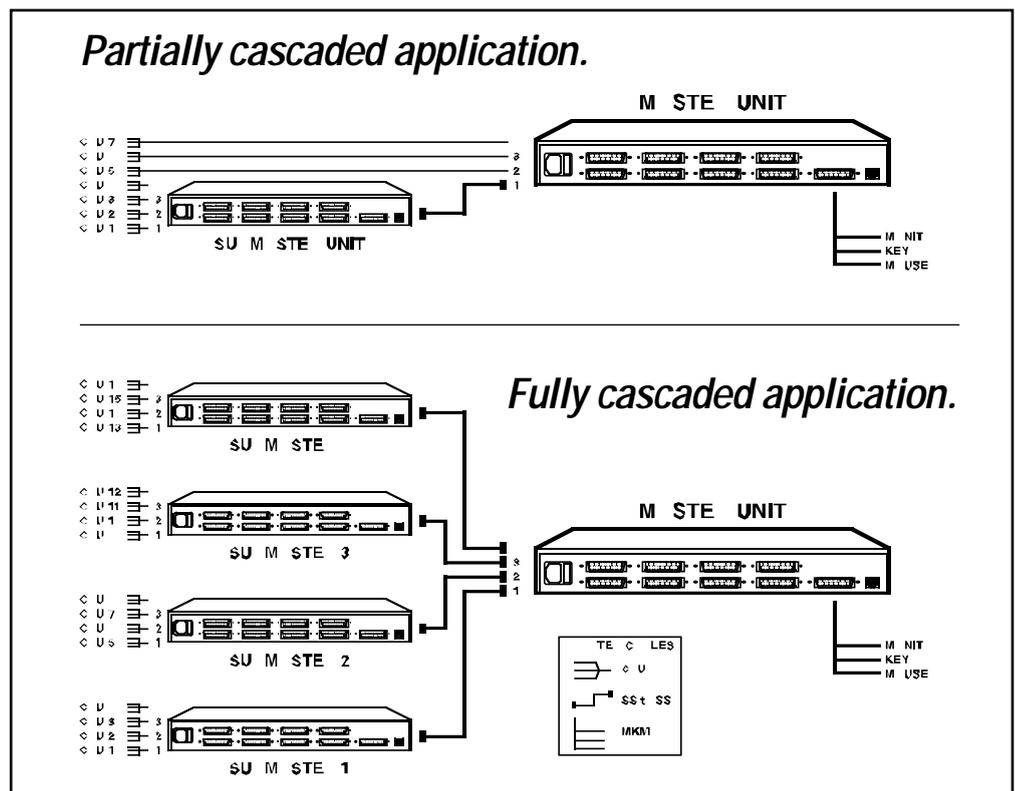
Specially quoted cables are available if you would like to use an IBM 9515, 9517, or 9518 monitor. Call Tech Support on 0118 965 6166 to find out about the custom cables for these products.

If you would like to mount a 2-Port Mini-Chassis ServSwitch in a 19", 23", or 24" rack, our product

codes for the required Rackmount Kit are RMK19M, RMK23M, or RMK24M. The corresponding product codes for the 4- or 8-Port Slim-Chassis switches are RMK19B, RMK23B, or RMK24B. The corresponding codes for the 8-, 12-, and 16-Port Full Chassis units are RMK19C, RMK23C, or RMK24C.

The ServSwitch is not designed to work with dongles or docking stations. Call Technical Support for information on other products that support these devices.

In properly installed and configured cascaded systems, the master ServSwitch automatically keeps track of where each CPU is.



## Specifications

**Compliance:** FCC Part 15 Class A, DOC Class/MDC classe A, CE

**Data Format:** RS-232: 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity (fixed)

**Data Rate:** RS-232: 9600 bps or (for firmware update only) 57.6 kbps

**Distance (Maximum):**

Depending on the CPU, monitor, and video resolution, either: 25 ft. (7.6 m) of total original ServSwitch cable from the keyboard, monitor, and mouse to any CPU, including up to 5 ft. (1.5 m) from any ServSwitch to any other ServSwitch unit (submaster) attached to it; or 20 ft. (6.1 m) of coaxial cable—possibly as much as 100 ft. (30.5 m), depending on CPUs—from any ServSwitch to any device attached to it;

Also, 50 ft. (15.2 m) of serial cable from any ServSwitch's RS-232 port to a remote computer (for switching via serial port or upgrading firmware)

**Protocol:** RS-232: Asynchronous

**Resolution (Maximum):** Secure models: With original ServSwitch cabling: 1024 x 768;

With coaxial cabling: 1280 x 1024;

All other models: With original ServSwitch cabling:

1024 x 768 noninterlaced; With coaxial cabling:

1600 x 1280 noninterlaced

**Supported CPUs:** AT; PS/2; IBM® PCs (286, 386, 486), Pentium® or compatible; and most PC UNIX® boxes (SGI™, RS/6000®, etc.)

**User Controls:**

On-screen menus (except for KV3104MN-R4, SW721A-R2, and SW722A-R2);

Keyboard commands;

(3) push buttons: Power, "▼" (switch to next port), and "▲" (switch to previous port)

**Video Standards:** All PC video up to 1600 x 1280 noninterlaced video; monitor used must support desired video resolution

**Interface:**

CPU and keyboard/monitor/mouse ports: Proprietary composite of IBM AT or

IBM PS/2 keyboard, video (standards listed above), and either an RS-232 or PS/2 mouse;

RS-232 port: Proprietary variant of EIA RS-232D, DTE

**Connectors:** All rear-mounted;

2-Port model:

Power: (1) 5-pin DIN F;

RS-232 remote control:

(1) RJ-12 (6-wire RJ-11) F;

Keyboard/monitor/mouse:

(1) DB25 F;

4-, 8-, 12-, and 16-Port models:

Power: (1) IEC 320 M;

RS-232 remote control:

(1) RJ-12 (6-wire RJ-11) F;

Keyboard/monitor/mouse:

(1) DB25 F;

2-Port model also has:

CPU: (2) DB25 F;

4-Port models also have:

CPU: (4) DB25 F;

8-Port models also have:

CPU: (8) DB25 F;

12-Port model also has:

CPU: (12) DB25 F;

16-Port model also has:

CPU: (16) DB25 F

**Indicators:** All front-mounted LEDs;

All models: (1) [Unit] Power;

2-Port model also has:

(2) Select, (2) [CPU] Power;

4-Port models also have:

(4) Select, (4) [CPU] Power;

8-Port models also have:

(8) Select, (8) [CPU] Power;

12-Port model also has:

(12) Select, (12) [CPU] Power;

16-Port model also has:

(16) Select, (16) [CPU] Power

**Operating Environment:**

Temperature: 32 to 131°F (0 to 55°C);

Humidity: 5 to 80% noncondensing

**Power:** 100 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, autosensing; IEC 320 connector with power cord

**Size:** Mini chassis:

1.75"H (1U) x 8.9"W x 4.9"D (4.4 x 22.6 x 12.4 cm);

Slim chassis:

1.75"H (1U) x 16.75"W x 4.9"D (4.4 x 42.5 x 12.4 cm);

Full chassis:

3.5"H (2U) x 16.75"W x 4.9"D (8.9 x 42.5 x 12.4 cm)

**Weight:** Mini chassis:

4 lb. (1.8 kg);

Slim chassis:

5.4 lb. (2.4 kg);

Full chassis:

8.2 lb. (3.7 kg)

## The Complete Package

- The ServSwitch.
- Power adapter (PS024) with cord (or power cord alone).
- KV99 Flash Kit, which includes a serial to RJ-11 adapter and 7-ft. (2.1-m) RJ-11 cable.
- A users' manual.

## Additional Equipment You Will Need

- A keyboard and mouse. They must both be of the same platform—AT or PS/2.
- A monitor compatible with all of the CPUs' video cards, capable of syncing to each CPU's video-output frequencies. We recommend that the monitor be able to display a maximum resolution of at least 1024 x 768 (1600 x 1280 is better) at a maximum refresh rate of not less than 75 Hz.
- A keyboard/monitor/mouse adapter cable to connect the shared keyboard/monitor/mouse to the ServSwitch.
- CPU adapter cables to connect your CPUs to the ServSwitch.

## Additional Equipment You Might Need

- ServSwitch-to-ServSwitch Cables (EHN284) for cascading.
- An RS-232 cable and adapter for remote switching.
- Station Extenders and Cables for extra distance.
- A Rackmount Kit.

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# Ordering Information

ITEM	CODE
ServSwitch	
Mini Chassis Style	
2-Port.....	SW721A-R4
4-Port.....	KV3104MA-R4
4-Port (No On-Screen Menus).....	KV3104MN-R4
Slim Chassis Style	
4-Port.....	SW722A-R4
8-Port.....	KV3108SA-R4
Full Chassis Style	
8-Port.....	SW723A-R4
12-Port.....	SW724A-R4
16-Port.....	SW725A-R4
<i>For secure applications, order...</i>	
ServSwitch (Secure), Mini Chassis Style	
2-Port.....	SW721A-R2
4-Port.....	SW722A-R2
<i>Connect your ServSwitch with the following cables. For distances up to 20 feet (6.1 m), order standard cables.</i>	
<i>For higher resolutions and greater distances, order coax cables...</i>	
CPU/Server to ServSwitch Cables	
Standard—PS/2 (available in lengths of 5-, 10-, and 20-ft. [1.5-, 3-, and 6.1-m]).....	EHN151
Standard—AT (available in lengths of 5-, 10-, and 20-ft. [1.5-, 3-, and 6.1-m]).....	EHN048
Coax—PS/2 (available in lengths of 5-, 10-, 20-, and 35-ft. [1.5-, 3-, 6.1-, and 10.7-m]).....	EHN382
Coax—PS/2 and AT (available in lengths of 50-, 75-, and 100-ft. [15.2-, 22.9-, and 30.5-m]).....	EHN282
ServSwitch to Keyboard/Monitor/Mouse Cables	
Standard—PS/2 (available in lengths of 1-, 5-, 10-, and 20-ft. [0.3-, 1.5-, 3-, and 6.1-m]).....	EHN154
Standard—AT (available in lengths of 1-, 5-, 10-, and 20-ft. [0.3-, 1.5-, 3-, and 6.1-m]).....	EHN052
Coax—PS/2 (available in lengths of 5- and 100-ft. [1.5- and 30.5-m]).....	EHN383
Coax—PS/2 (available in lengths of 10-, 20-, 35-, and 50-ft. [3-, 6.1-, 10.7-, and 15.2-m]).....	EHN283
Coax—AT (available in lengths of 5-, 10-, 20-, 35-, 50-, and 100-ft. [1.5-, 3-, 6.1-, 10.7-, 15.2-, and 30.5-m]).....	EHN270
<i>To extend the distance to your monitor, keyboard, and mouse or to your CPUs beyond 100 ft. (30.5 m), order...</i>	
Station Extender Kits	
CPU to ServSwitch—AT.....	AC254A
CPU to ServSwitch—PS/2.....	AC258A
ServSwitch to Keyboard/Monitor/Mouse—AT.....	AC255A
ServSwitch to Keyboard/Monitor/Mouse—PS/2.....	AC259A
CPU to Keyboard/Monitor/Mouse—AT.....	AC257A
ServSwitch to ServSwitch—PC.....	AC256A
Station Extender Cables	
PVC (available in lengths of 50-, 100-, and 150-ft. [15.2-, 30.5-, and 45.7-m]).....	EHN250
Plenum (available in lengths of 100- and 200-ft. [30.5- and 61-m]).....	EHP250
<i>To install your ServSwitch in a rack, order...</i>	
Rackmount Kits	
19" Rackmount Kit for Mini Chassis.....	RMK19M
23" Rackmount Kit for Mini Chassis.....	RMK23M
24" Rackmount Kit for Mini Chassis.....	RMK24M
19" Rackmount Kit for Slim Chassis.....	RMK19B
23" Rackmount Kit for Slim Chassis.....	RMK23B
24" Rackmount Kit for Slim Chassis.....	RMK24B
19" Rackmount Kit for Full Chassis.....	RMK19C
23" Rackmount Kit for Full Chassis.....	RMK23C
24" Rackmount Kit for Full Chassis.....	RMK24C