SuperSwitch



Low cost serial and parallel data switch

Interconnects up to 9 CPUs and peripherals

Expandable 64K byte buffer

7-serial and 2-parallel ports

Features and Benefits

- Connects any port to any port
- Easy menu-driven configuration
- Status command shows all jobs by origin, destination, status, priority, timeout, and buffer used
- Cancel command clears any job
- Programmable initialization strings for each port
- Can automatically send a form-feed on each port
- Each serial port can be programmed for individual baud rate, word size, parity, stop bits, and flow control
- Each parallel port can be programmed to be either an input or an output
- LEDs on the front panel display buffer capacity, data flow, and busy status
- Automatic job termination timeout adjustable from 1-255 seconds
- Advance and select switches control LED display and access diagnostics
- Each port can be configured with a name
- Configuration stored in non-volatile memory
- Rack mount kits available in 19" or 23" sizes
- Made in USA



Connect up to 9 peripherals

The SuperSwitch[™] Advantage . . .

The SuperSwitch is a powerful and versatile, yet low cost, microprocessor controlled switch. This peripheral sharing unit interconnects up to nine computers and peripherals using common serial and parallel interfaces.

The SuperSwitch allows several computers or terminals to have shared access to peripheral devices, such as a printer, a plotter, a modem, or host computer. Peripheral device selection is done either automatically by sending data to the default destination or by sending a code to select a new destination. Any port may communicate to any other port. Pairs of ports may communicate simultaneously.

The units can be daisy-chained for expansion. The versatility of the SuperSwitch makes it a practical investment for the budget-conscious.



Typical Application



Introduction SuperSwitch, a powerful, yet low-cost, peripheral sharing unit interconnects up to nine computers and peripherals using common serial and parallel interfaces. Here are some of the features that make it a practical investment for the budget-conscious. Basic Concepts This versatile microprocessor controlled switch has seven serial and two parallel ports for connecting any combination of computers and peripherals. Destinations are selected using an easy popup menu, keyboard commands, batch files, or by other ways. SuperSwitch activates the port connection when you send data from your application or print program. Data from each port is sent to its destination immediately if the destination device is available. If the destination device is busy, the data is queued by priority for its turn to access the device.

Buffer Memory The SuperSwitch buffer is dynamically allocated. As the data in the buffer is sent to its destination, the buffer is reclaimed to be used again. Allocating memory in this way protects against lockout and ensures that large jobs always have adequate memory available. It also maximizes productivity by returning control of the computer to the operator faster and by significantly reducing printing time. SuperSwitch's 64K buffer is expandable to 1Mb.

Cables You connect SuperSwitch to your equipment using standard cabling with DB25 serial connectors and 36 pin female Centronics parallel connectors. Cables are ordered by length and the type of device that is being connected. Please refer to the cabling section for further information.

Configuration SuperSwitch is configured through a PC connected to port 0 using simple installation software provided. A pop-up configuration menu displays setup parameters for all ports and allows you to change them as needed. You choose whether each port is to be connected to a computer, printer, plotter, or modem. Other settings for each port are its name, default destination, and priority. For serial ports you also assign its communication settings. Configuration is stored in the switch's nonvolatile memory.

Part Numbers

SS-9 SS-9S /2 /5 /10 /RM-MP mount /RM-MP/23 /422 /220FM Specifications Size

Weight Power

Connectors

Controls

Serial: DB25 Female Memory Chassis

Parallel: 36 pin Female Centronics Field upgradeable to 1MB Fully shielded, tan painted steel Front Panel LEDs: Buffer, Data, Busy, Ports 0-8 Advance and Select switches EIA asynchronous RS232D Serial protocol* Parallel protocol** TTL Centronics

7-serial and 2-parallel port

19" x 5.25" black anodized rack

RS422 option for serial models 220 VAC floor mount adapter

10.5 W x 5.0 D x 3.5 H (in) 26.7 W x 12.7 D x 8.9 (cm)

110VAC, 10VA wall adapter,

9-serial ports

256K buffer option

512K buffer option

23" rack mount

8 lbs. / 3.63 kg

Power: DIN5

220 VAC optional

1Mbyte buffer option

Serial flow control DTR/DSR or* XON/XOFF to buffer: DSR/DTR sent through for modem Parallel flow control STB/ACK/BUSY 50 - 19,200 BAUD* Serial baud rate

Word Size 5, 6, 7, or 8 Parity None, odd, even, mark, space 1 or 2** Stop Bits Environmental 32°- 131°F (0°-55° C) 0%-80% non-condensing relative humidity

Approvals CE

* Each port is individually programmable

** Each parallel port is programmable as a computer port or printer port



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