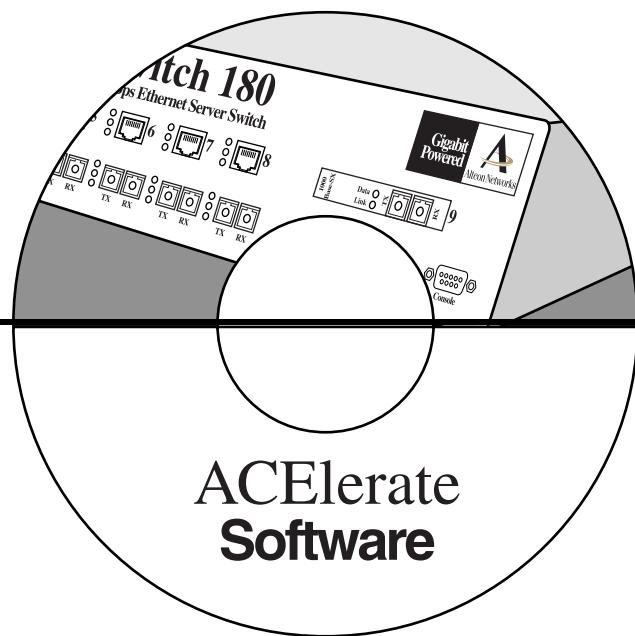


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Preface

This *Quick Guide* describes how to access and use the ACEvision Web Interface software included in the Alteon Networks family of switches. For documentation on installing the switch physically, see the hardware installation guide for your particular switch model.

Who Should Use This Book

This *Quick Guide* is intended for network installers and system administrators engaged in configuring and maintaining a network. It assumes that you are familiar with your web-browser, Ethernet concepts, IP addressing, the IEEE 802.1d Spanning-Tree Protocol, and SNMP configuration parameters.

Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the meanings of the various typographic styles used in this book.

Type	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	This type is used for names of commands, files, and directories used in the text. It also depicts on-screen computer output.	Load the <code>Avis_UGa.pdf</code> file. <code>>> Main#</code>
AaBbCc123	This bold type appears in command examples. It shows text that must be typed in exactly as shown.	<code>>> Main# sys</code>
<i>AaBbCc123</i>	This italicized type appears in command examples as a parameter placeholder. Replace the indicated text with a real name or value when using the command. This also shows book titles, new words or terms, or words to be emphasized.	To establish a Telnet session, type: <code>telnet IP-address</code> Read Chapter 6 in your <i>User's Guide</i> . You <i>must</i> log in as <code>admin</code> to do this.
[]	Items shown inside brackets are optional and can be used or excluded as the situation demands. Do not type the brackets.	<code>ls [-a]</code>

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Getting Started

This chapter briefly describes the ACEvision Web Interface software features and requirements, and explains how to access the ACEvision start page.

Features

Beginning with Release 4.0 of the ACElerate Switching Software, the network administrator can access all switch configuration and monitoring functions through ACEvision, a web-based switch management interface. ACEvision has the following features:

- All of the same configuration and monitoring functions as the command-line interface
- Intuitive and easy-to-use interface structure
- Nothing to install; ACEvision is part of the ACElerate Switching Software, beginning with Release 4.0
- Two levels of password protection
- Can be upgraded as future software releases are available

Requirements

- Alteon Networks ACEswitch 180, ACEdirector 2, and ACEdirector 3 series switches
- ACElerate Switching Software, Release 4.0 (or better)
- PC or workstation with network access to the switch
- Frame-capable web-browser software, such as the following:
 - Netscape Navigator 3.0x or higher
 - Internet Explorer 3.0x or higher
- JavaScript must be enabled in your web-browser

Switch Set Up

Before you can access ACEvision, minimal configuration is required on the switch.

IP Interfaces

At least one IP interface must be configured on the switch. This is usually done from the command-line interface during first-time switch set up. Each IP interface address provides a point of access for ACEvision switch management.

For complete information about IP Interface configuration, see your *ACElereate Switch Software User's Guide*.

Enabling/Disabling Web-Access

By default, ACEvision web access is enabled. If you need to disable or re-enable access, use the following command from the command-line interface:

```
>> Main# /cfg/sys/http
```

For more information on the accessing and configuring the switch through the command-line interface, see your *ACElereate Switch Software User's Guide*.

Web-Browser Set Up

Most modern web-browsers work with frames and JavaScript by default, and require no additional set up. However, you should check your web-browser's features and configuration to make sure frames and JavaScript are enabled.

NOTE – JavaScript is not the same as Java. Please make sure that JavaScript is enabled in your web-browser.

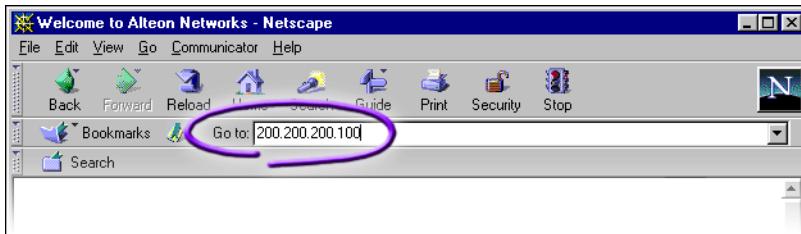


Starting ACEvision

When the switch and browser set up is done, follow these steps to launch ACEvision:

1. Start your web-browser.
2. Enter the switch IP interface address in the web-browser's URL field...

For example, consider an IP interface with a network IP address of 200.200.200.100. Using Netscape Navigator, you could enter the following:

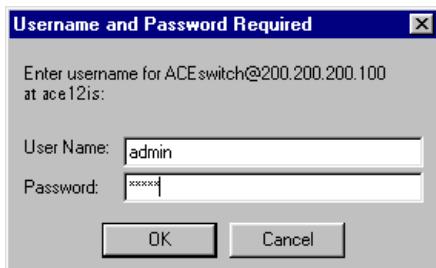


If the IP interface's address has a name on your local domain name server, you could enter the name instead. For example, with Internet Explorer, you could enter the following:



3. Log in to the switch.

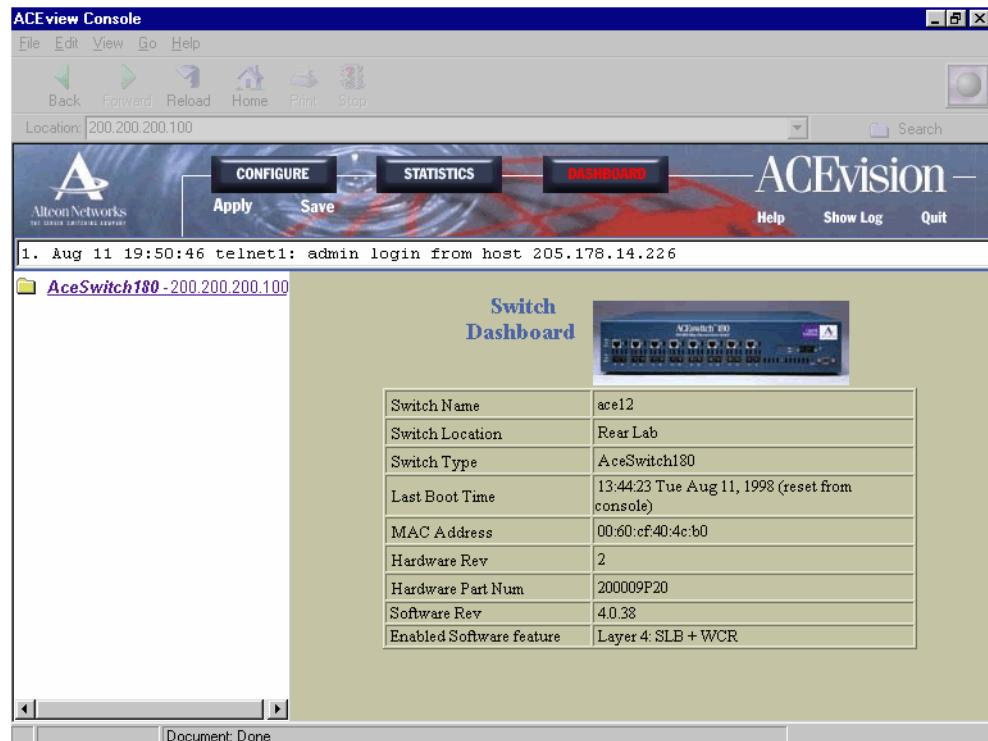
If your switch and browser are properly configured, you will be asked to enter a password:



Enter the account name and password for the switch's administrator or user account. For more password information, see your *ACElerate Switch Software User's Guide*.

4. Allow the ACEvision Dashboard page to load.

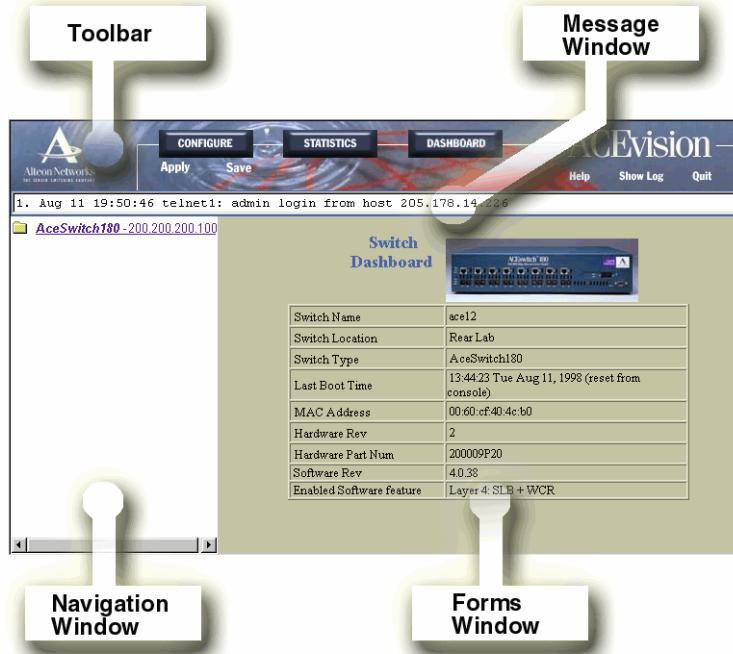
When the proper account name and password combination is entered, the ACEvision Dashboard page is displayed in your browser's viewing area:



NOTE – There may be a slight delay while the Dashboard page is being initialized. You should not stop the browser while loading is in progress. When loading is complete, a folder icon will appear in the left-hand ACEvision window.

ACEvision Basics

Once you are properly logged in, ACEvision appears in your web-browser's viewing window:



There are four main regions on the ACEvision screen:

- Use the toolbar to select the context for your actions in the other windows.
- The navigation window is used for selecting particular items or features to act upon.
- The forms page is used for viewing or altering switch information.
- The message window displays the 10 latest switch `syslog` messages and events.

The Toolbar

Context Buttons

The toolbar is used for setting the context for your actions in the application. There are three context buttons:

Configure	When selected, you can access the switch configuration forms. Configuration forms can be altered only if you are logged in using the administrator account. Select an item in the navigation window to display the desired configuration form in the forms window.
Statistics	When selected, you can view information about switch performance. Select an item in the navigation window to display the desired statistics in the forms window.
Dashboard	This context button is selected by default when ACEvision is first activated. When selected, basic switch information and status can be viewed in the forms window. Select an item in the navigation window to display the desired dashboard information in the forms window.

When a context icon is selected, the button will be highlighted as a reminder of the current context mode.

Commands

The following general commands are available on the toolbar:

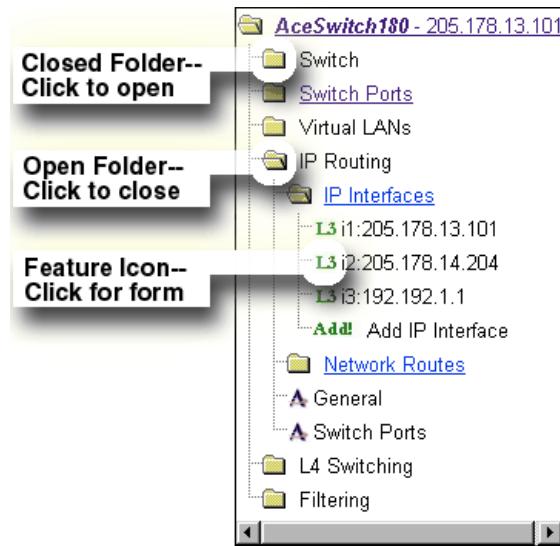
Apply	Pending configuration changes do not take effect until the Apply command is selected. Once applied, all changes (except enabling/disabling Spanning-Tree Protocol) take effect on the switch immediately. If you do not save the changes, however, they will be lost the next time the switch is rebooted.
Save	Write applied configuration changes to non-volatile flash memory on the switch.
Help	Opens a new web-browser window for displaying the basic online help information. Close the help browser when finished.
Show Log	Opens a new web-browser window for displaying the 10 most recent switch log messages. Close the log browser when finished.
Quit	Log off the switch and exit ACEvision.



Navigation Window

The navigation window is used for selecting a particular switch feature to act upon. Status, statistics, or configuration forms for the selected item will appear in the forms window, depending on the context chosen on the toolbar.

The navigation window contains a tree of folders, sub-folders, and feature icons:



You can click on any closed folder to open it and reveal its contents. Click on any open folder to close it. Click on any feature icon to load the appropriate status, statistics, or configuration form in the forms window.

Some folders also have forms. If the name of the folders is underlined, click on the name to display the appropriate form.

Forms Window

When a feature icon is selected on the navigation window, a status, statistics, or configuration form is displayed in the forms window. The exact nature of the form depends on the current context selected on the toolbar, as well as the type of information available. Not all feature icons have forms for all contexts.

Some forms display switch information such as settings, status, or statistics. Others allow you to make configuration changes to switch parameters.

Message Window

Switch log messages are generated by events such as login/logout activity, password changes, configuration changes, and switch reboot. ACEvision records the ten most recent messages and displays each one briefly in the message window. When the tenth message has been displayed, the cycle is repeated.

To view all ten messages at the same time, select the Show Log command on the toolbar. A new web-browser window will be opened to display the log information. Close the window when finished.

For a list of `syslog` messages, see your *ACElerate Switch Software User's Guide*.



Configuring the Switch

The ACEvision Web Interface can be used to view and change switch configuration parameters. The same configuration parameters that are available through the switch's command-line interface are present on the ACEvision configuration forms.

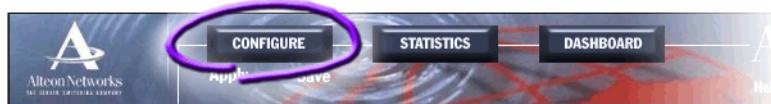
The following provides a basic outline for switch configuration. You should first be familiar with configuration as covered in the *ACElerate Switch Software User's Guide*.

NOTE – You must be logged in using the administrator account in order to change switch configuration settings.

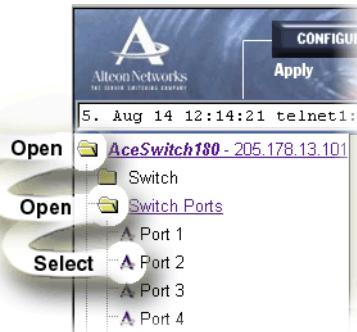
Configuration Steps

Follow these basic steps for viewing or configuring switch parameters:

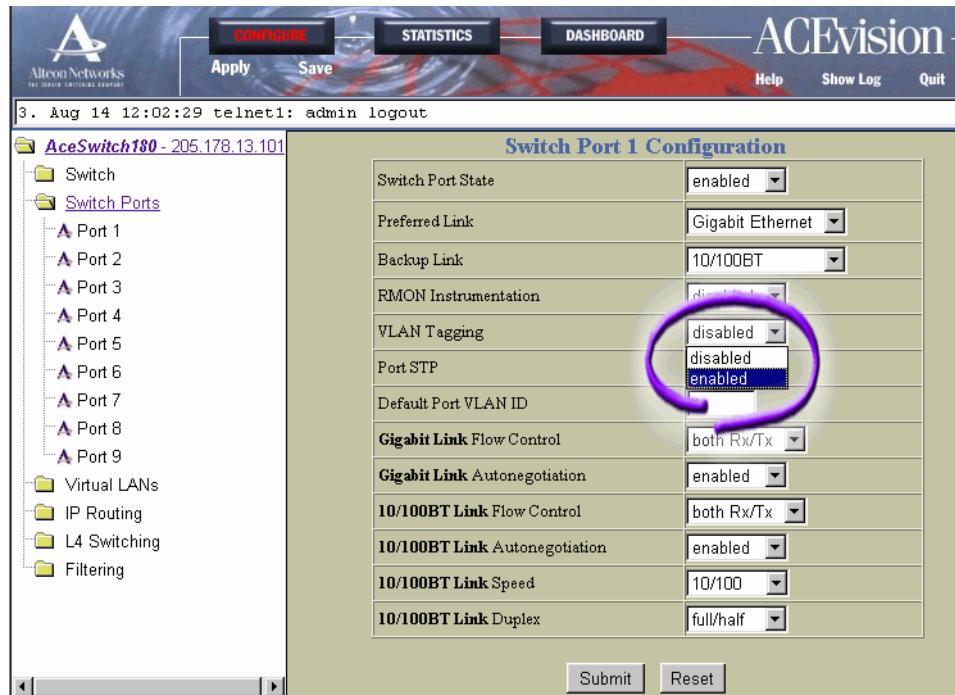
1. Select the **Configure** context button in the ACEvision toolbar:



2. Select a feature icon in the navigation window. For example:



3. View or make changes to the settings shown in the forms window. For example:



NOTE – Fields which must be configured for proper switch operations are highlighted on the forms in **GREEN** type. Items which load other forms when selected are underlined.

4. Submit, reset, or delete the form contents using buttons on the bottom of the form.

Submit When selected, the form sent to the switch. Any configuration changes are placed in the “pending” state and do not take effect until the toolbar Apply command is given.

Reset When selected, the form fields are reset to their last submitted values.

Delete This button is available for configuration items that can be deleted. When selected, the featured item is slated to be removed from the switch configuration database. The item is not acutally deleted, however, until the toolbar Apply command is given.

5. Apply and save your changes using the toolbar commands.



Pending configuration changes (including deletions) do not take effect until the Apply command is selected. Applied changes take effect on the switch immediately, but will be lost the next time the switch is rebooted unless the Save command is selected.

Viewing Statistics

The ACEvision Web Interface can be used to view a variety of switch performance statistics. The same statistics that are available through the switch's command-line interface are present on the ACEvision statistics forms.

The following provides a basic outline for viewing statistics. You should first be familiar with available statistics as covered in the *ACElerate Switch Software User's Guide*.

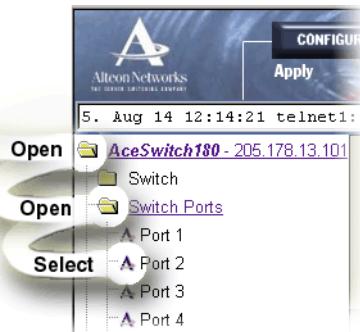
Steps for Displaying Statistics

Follow these basic steps for viewing switch statistics:

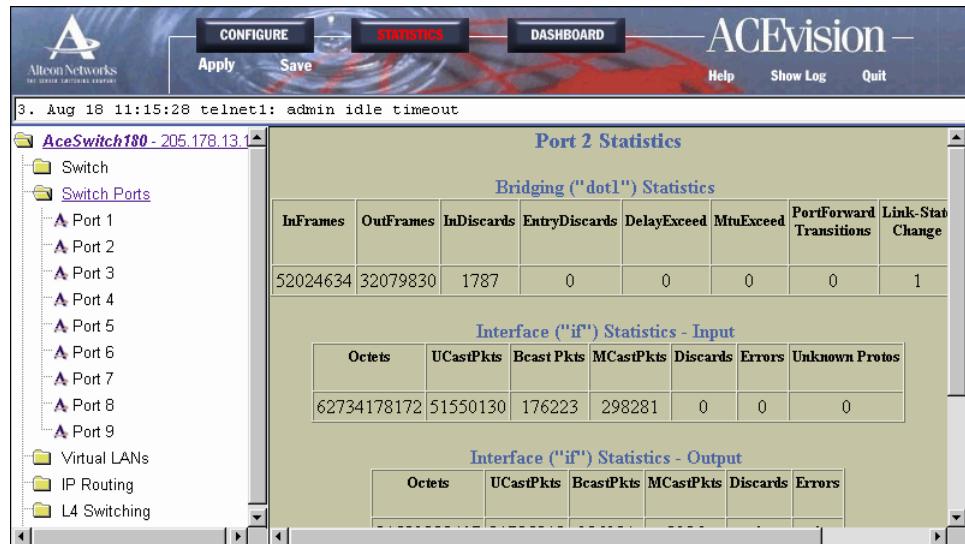
- 1. Select the Statistics context button in the ACEvision toolbar:**



- 2. Select a feature icon in the navigation window. For example:**



3. View the statistics in the forms window. For example:



NOTE – Items which load other forms when selected are underlined.

The Dashboard

The ACEvision Web Interface can be used to view the present settings and operating status of a variety of switch feature. The same information available through the switch's command-line interface is present on the ACEvision dashboard forms.

The following provides a basic outline for viewing the dashboard forms. You should first be familiar with the information menus as covered in the *ACElerate Switch Software User's Guide*.

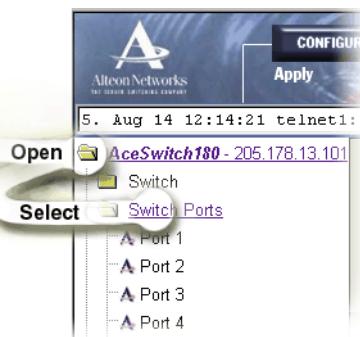
Steps for Displaying Dashboards

Follow these basic steps for viewing switch dashboard forms:

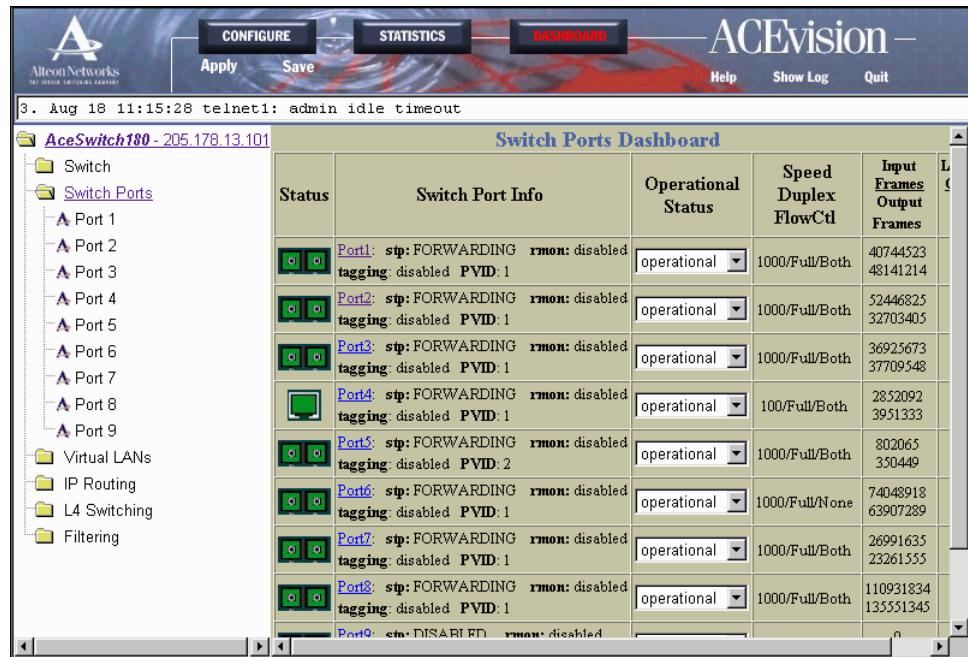
1. Select the Dashboard context button in the ACEvision toolbar:



2. Select a feature icon in the navigation window. For example:



3. View information shown in the forms window. For example:



The screenshot shows the ACEvision interface for an AceSwitch180. The main window is titled "Switch Ports Dashboard". The left sidebar shows a tree view with "Switch Ports" selected, and under it, "Port 1" through "Port 9" are listed. The main table displays 10 ports, with Port 10 listed as disabled. The columns in the table are: Status, Switch Port Info, Operational Status, Speed Duplex, Input Frames, and Output Frames. The "Switch Port Info" column contains detailed configuration for each port, including STP status, RMON status, and PVID. The "Operational Status" column shows "operational" for most ports, while Port 10 is marked as "disabled". The "Speed Duplex" column shows various speeds (1000, 100, etc.) and duplex modes (Full, Half). The "Input Frames" and "Output Frames" columns show frame counts for each port.

Status	Switch Port Info	Operational Status	Speed Duplex	Input Frames	Output Frames
Port1: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	1000/Full/Both	40744523	48141214
Port2: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	1000/Full/Both	52446825	32703405
Port3: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	1000/Full/Both	36925673	37709548
Port4: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	100/Full/Both	2852092	3951333
Port5: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 2	operational	1000/Full/Both	802065	350449
Port6: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	1000/Full/None	74048918	63907289
Port7: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	1000/Full/Both	26991635	23261555
Port8: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	operational	1000/Full/Both	110931834	135551345
Port9: <small>stp: FORWARDING rmon: disabled</small>	tagging: disabled PVID: 1	disabled			
Port10: <small>stp: DISCARD rmon: disabled</small>					

NOTE – Items which load other forms when selected are underlined.