



ePowerSwitch 8G

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Quick Start Guide

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ePowerSwitch 8G is a power control unit with a built-in Web server, an Ethernet port and a serial RS 232 port. It can be used for switching up to eight power outlets on and off either remotely through a network (an intranet or the Internet) or locally through a serial connection.

Its special Guard function uses the Ping and Scan functions to allow the ePowerSwitch 8G to monitor eight separate IP devices (such as servers or routers) and automatically reboot them in case of a lock-up.

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1. Safety guidelines: Read before use!



- ▶ The ePowerSwitch 8G must be installed and used only by qualified personnel using the following operating and installation instructions. The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for damage or injury – either direct or indirect – resulting from improper use of the ePowerSwitch 8G.
- ▶ This equipment is designed for use in a dedicated circuit equipped with a circuit breaker or fuse protection.
- ▶ The electrical mains socket to which the power cables of the ePowerSwitch 8G is connected must be easily accessible and close to the ePowerSwitch.
- ▶ Check that the power cords, plugs and sockets are in good condition.
- ▶ Connect the ePowerSwitch 8G only to three-wire 230 V AC, 50–60 Hz mains outlets.
- ▶ Always plug the ePowerSwitch 8G into properly grounded power outlets (two poles plus ground).
- ▶ The total load for each power input must never exceed 10 amperes.
- ▶ This device does not have its own fuse. The electrical installation and/or the connected consumer must therefore be designed and connected in such a way that the maximum permissible current of 10 amps for IEC 320 connectors is not exceeded.
- ▶ The ePowerSwitch 8G is intended for indoor use only. Do not install it in an area where excessive moisture or heat is present.
- ▶ The power outlets of the ePowerSwitch 8G do not act as circuit breakers! Always disconnect the mains plug before opening any devices connected to the ePowerSwitch.
- ▶ The ePowerSwitch 8G contains potentially hazardous voltages. Do not attempt to disassemble it.
- ▶ The ePowerSwitch 8G does not contain any user-serviceable parts. Repairs must be performed by factory-trained service personnel.

2. Configuring the ePowerSwitch 8G

Before you can use the ePowerSwitch 8G in your network, you must configure its network settings. Ask your network administrator for the correct settings..

You can configure the ePowerSwitch 8G by one of three different methods:

Method 1: Through a network using the epsFinder Program.

This is the simplest and fastest configuration method, but you need access to a PC running the Windows operating system. You should use this program at least for the first configuration, because it lets you configure your ePowerSwitch through your local network even if its network settings (IP address, subnet mask and port number) are not the same as those of your PC or your local network.

This method is described in detail in section 2.1, "Configuration using the epsFinder program".

The epsFinder Program is included on the supplied CD.

Method 2: Through a network using a Web browser

(Your Web browser must be Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher or Netscape 6.1 or higher.)

This method can be used only if the network settings of the ePowerSwitch (IP address, subnet mask, etc.) have already been configured either using the epsFinder program (method 1) or using a terminal program (method 3).

During the first configuration, you can also change the network settings of your PC to the default settings of the ePowerSwitch.

Default Network setting of the ePowerSwitch are:

IP address:	192.168.100.100
Subnet mask:	255.255.255.0
Gateway:	0.0.0.0
Port number:	80

If you decide to use this method, go to section 2.2, "Configuration using a Web browser".

Method 3: Through an RS 232 serial connection using a terminal program

(For the pin assignment of the serial connector, see section 5, "Serial port pin assignment").

If you are using a PC, use the supplied serial cable and a terminal program, such as HyperTerminal, which is a component of Windows.

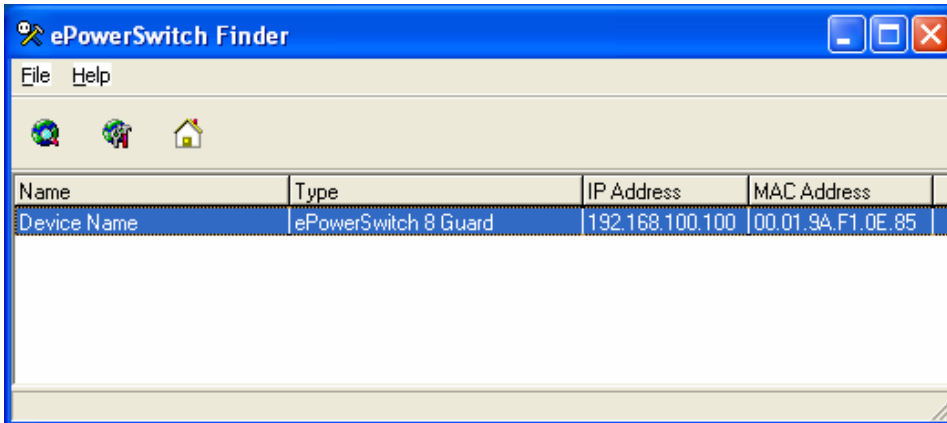
If you decide to use this method, go to section 2.3, "Configuration using a terminal connection".

2.1 Configuration using the epsFinder program

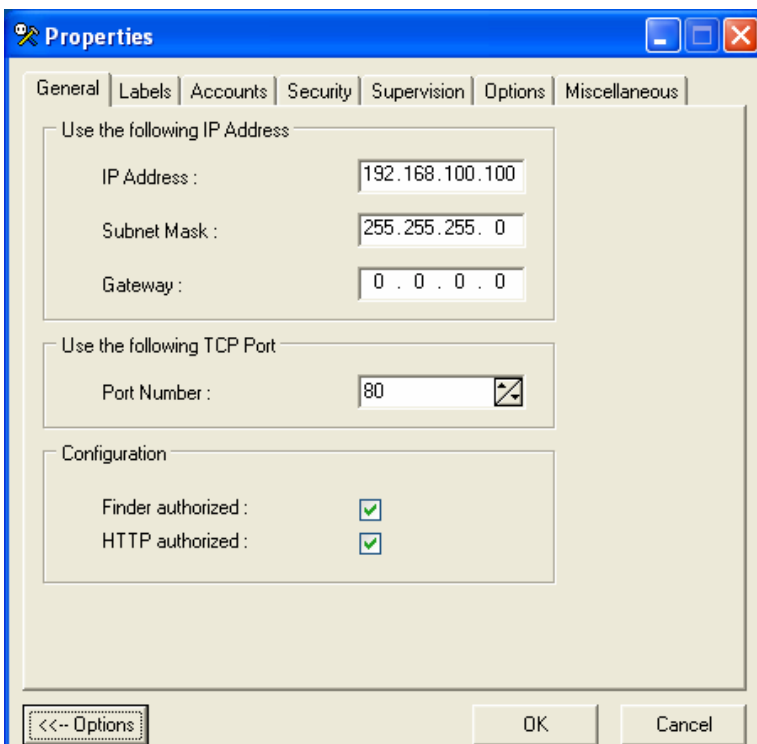
Notes:

- ▽ The ePowerSwitch and the PC used to configure it must be connected to the same network segment. Because the protocol of the epsFinder program can not be routed, it can not be used to configure the ePowerSwitch through a WAN or the Internet.
- ▽ The epsFinder program does not work if the administrator has deactivated it in the ePowerSwitch configuration settings (for example for security reasons).

1. Start the program **epsFinder.exe** on the CD-ROM. The ePowerSwitch Finder window appears:



2. On the toolbar, click the **first button on the left** or select **Scan** from the **File** menu. The program scans the network segment to which your PC is connected and displays the name, type and IP and MAC addresses of the connected ePowerSwitch.
3. on the toolbar, click the **second button from the left** or select **Configure** from the **File** menu. In the Properties dialog box that appears, enter the required network settings. To set the remaining parameters, click the **Options** button at the bottom of the dialog box.



General Tab

On this tab you can make the required network settings (IP address, subnet mask, gateway and port number) and authorise or deny the configuration of the ePowerSwitch 8G either using the Finder program or through HTTP.

Labels Tab

On this tab, you can assign a name to the device and its eight controlled power outlets.

Note: Never use inverted commas (") in the name field.

Accounts Tab

On this tab, you can assign a name and a password to the administrator and to up to eight users. You can also define which outlet(s) each user can control.

Note: Never use inverted commas (") in these fields.

Security Tab

On this tab, enter the IP addresses that are allowed or denied access to the ePowerSwitch 8G over the network. For details about this features, see section 3, "Configuring the security settings".

Supervision

On this tab, you can define the IP addresses of the connected devices to be monitored and the corresponding parameters. The ePowerSwitch can monitor IP devices by pinging specific IP addresses and/or by scanning specific port numbers (see explanation in section 4 "Pinging and Scanning").

Note: The guard function works only if the corresponding power outlet is switched On.

Options Tab

On this tab, define individually the default states of each power outlet after power-up and the delay for the restart function for each power outlet.

Miscellaneous Tab

This tab indicates the firmware version and the number of power-ups and On–Off switching cycles for each power outlet.

These values can be reset to 0 through a terminal connection using the /RC (Reset Counter) function (see section 2.3, "Configuration using a Terminal Connection").

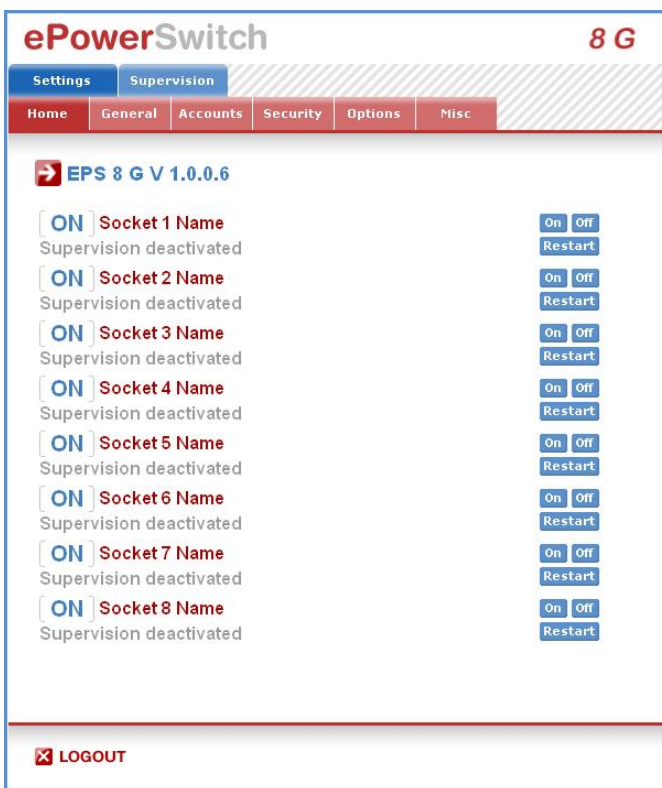
2.2 Configuration using a Web browser

Notes:

- ▽ Before you can access the Web server of the ePowerSwitch, you must define the ePowerSwitch's network settings. Ask your network administrator for the correct settings).
- ▽ The Web server of the ePowerSwitch works with Internet Explorer version 6.0 or higher and with Netscape version 6.1 or higher.

1. Start your Web browser.
2. Enter the IP address of your ePowerSwitch. The browser displays the login dialog.

Enter the administrator name (default: "admin") and password (default: "admin") and click **OK**. The browser now displays the homepage of the ePowerSwitch, where you can define the settings of the ePowerSwitch 8G.



Home Tab

On this tab, you can switch on, off and restart the controlled power outlets.

General Tab

On this tab, you can:

- assign a label to the ePowerSwitch 8G and its eight controlled power outlets,
- define the IP parameters (IP address, subnet mask, gateway and port number),
- enable or disable the use of the ePowerSwitch Finder program,
- enable or disable the configuration of the ePowerSwitch using HTTP.

Accounts Tab

On this tab, you can assign a name and password to the administrator and up to eight users and specify the power outlets each user can control.

Security Tab

On this tab, define your network security masks. For details about this feature, see section 3, "Configuring the security settings".

Options Tab

On this tab, define the default states (On, Off or last memorised state) of each power outlet after power-up and the delay for the restart function for each power outlet.

Misc Tab

This tab displays the number of power-ups and the number of switching cycles from Off to On for each controlled power outlet.

These values can be reset to 0 through a terminal connection using the /RC (Reset Counter) function (see section 2.3, "Configuration using a Terminal Connection").

Supervision 1 to Supervision 8 Tab

On these tabs, enter the IP addresses of the devices to be monitored and the corresponding settings. The ePowerSwitch can monitor IP devices by pinging specific IP addresses and/or by scanning specific port numbers.

Note: the supervision function works only if the corresponding power outlet is switched On.

To save your settings, click **Apply changes**.

To cancel the changes, click **Discard changes**.

To exit without saving the settings, click **Exit**.

2.3 Configuration using a Terminal Connection

You can also control the ePowerSwitch's power outlets and configure its Web server through its RS 232 serial port.

To configure the Web server:

1. Using the supplied RS 232 serial cable, connect the ePowerSwitch 8G to a free serial port of your PC.
2. Run a terminal program such as Windows HyperTerminal or MicroTerminal.
3. Configure the appropriate serial port with the following settings:

Bits per second: 9600
Data bits: 8
Parity: None
Stop bits: 1
Flow control: None

4. On your computer, press <Enter> until the prompt ">" appears on your screen.

Note: The ePowerSwitch is now in Command mode and is waiting for commands to control the power outlets.

5. Press the <Tab> key on your keyboard.

The Configuration menu appears on your screen and the ePowerSwitch is now in Configuration mode. Configure the Web server of your ePowerSwitch 8G using the commands listed on screen.

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Commands :  
Configuration  
  /NP      Network Parameters Settings  
  /PS      Passwords Settings  
  /NS      Device and Socket Names Settings  
  /SP      Socket Parameters Settings  
  /SU      Socket Supervision Settings  
  /IS      IP Security Settings  
  /RS      Restart the Device  
  /FS      Factory Settings  
  /RC      Reset Counters  
  
Enter Selection  
>_
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All commands start with the slash (/).

Examples: To go to the **N**etwork **P**arameters settings menu, type “/NP” and press <**Enter**>.
To display the current menu again, press <**Enter**>.
To return to the previous menu, press <**Esc**>.

Note: to exit Configuration mode and activate the new configuration, type the restart command **/RS**. This is particularly important if you want to control the power outlet later through the serial connection.

3. Configuring the security settings

Explanation of the mask settings

- ▽ Each mask consists of an IP address or an IP address range and defines the access rights to the ePowerSwitch's Web server for those addresses or address ranges.
- ▽ Each mask can be activated or deactivated.
- ▽ Each IP address consists of a series of four eight-bit numbers. The number 255 is a wildcard representing any number.
- ▽ Masks are listed in order of descending priority; mask 1 has the highest priority.
- ▽ Higher-priority masks override lower-priority ones.

Example 1

⇒ Deny access to all IP addresses except 192.168.001.015

Mask	IP address	Permit	Deny	Activated
1	192.168.001.015	✓		✓
2	255.255.255.255		✓	✓

Example 2

⇒ Permit access only to IP addresses beginning with 192

Mask	IP address	Permit	Deny	Activated
1	192.255.255.255	✓		✓
2	255.255.255.255		✓	✓

Example 3

⇒ Permit access only to IP addresses beginning with 192

⇒ Deny access to IP address 192.168.001.010

Mask	IP address	Permit	Deny	Activated
1	192.168.001.010		✓	✓
2	192.255.255.255	✓		✓
3	255.255.255.255		✓	✓

Example 4

- ⇒ Permit access to IP addresses beginning with 192
- ⇒ Deny access to address 192.168.001.010
- ⇒ Permit access to IP addresses beginning with 217.128.103

Mask	IP address	Permit	Deny	Activated
1	192.168.001.010		✓	✓
2	192.255.255.255	✓		✓
4	217.128.103.255	✓		✓
3	255.255.255.255		✓	✓

4. Pinging and Scanning

The ePowerSwitch 8G uses two methods to check whether IP devices (PCs, servers, routers, web cams, etc.) are still alive.

Address pinging

The first method uses the well-known Ping command whereby a request is sent to a specific IP address. The Ping command is an echo request that uses ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) to determine whether an IP device is available on the network. If the system responds to the request, the ePowerSwitch knows that a TCP/IP connection is established. If the system does not respond to requests, ePowerSwitch 8G can automatically restart the device by cutting the power to this device and switching it on again after a specified delay.

Port scanning

The second method uses the Port Scan command to test a specific TCP/IP port. This command allows you to find out if a specific protocol is available on a server (for example HTTP, FTP, Telnet, SMTP, or POP). The ePowerSwitch simply tries a connection to a specific server port. If the connection is possible, the ePowerSwitch knows that a server program is running there. If the connection is not possible, the ePowerSwitch can automatically restart the device by cutting the power to this device and switching it on again after a specified delay.

Notes:

- The Ping and Scan functions can be used either separately or together.
- The network route between the ePowerSwitch 8G and the monitored IP device should be as direct as possible: avoid unnecessary routers and complex wiring. A router or wiring fault could cause an accidental reboot of the monitored IP device.
- Execute several Pings and/or Scans before running the Reboot function. It could be possible that the monitored IP device does not respond even though it is operational.
- Choose a realistic monitoring cycle. An interval of one second is possible, but this may overload the network with Ping and Scan requests.

Recommended values:

Interval between requests: at least 10 seconds

Number of unsuccessful requests before reboot: at least 3

Delay before reboot: at least 10 seconds

Delay before first request after reboot: at least 120 seconds

5. Serial port pin assignment

The 9-pin Sub-D connector for the serial connection has the following pin assignment:

Pin 2: TxD (transmit data to the PC)

Pin 3: RxD (receive commands)

Pin 5: GnD (ground)

The port settings are:

Bits per second: 9600

Data bits: 8

Parity: None

Stop bits: 1

Flow control: None

6. Controlling the power outlets through a Web browser

1. Start your Web browser.
Enter the IP address of your ePowerSwitch.
The browser displays the login dialog box.
2. Enter a user name and its corresponding password.
 - If you log on as administrator (default name: “admin”, default password: “admin”), you can control all power sockets and change all ePowerSwitch settings.
 - If you log on as a user (default names: “user1”, “user2”, “user3”, ... “user8”; corresponding default passwords: “user1”, “user2”, “user3”, ... “user8”), you can control only the sockets to which this user has authorized access.

Use the **ON** and **OFF** button to switch the socket On and Off.

Use the **Restart** button switches the socket Off. It is automatically switched on again after a delay specified by the administrator (default value: 5 seconds).

The IP monitoring status is shown below the command button.

- If monitoring is deactivated, the message “Supervision deactivated” is displayed.
- If monitoring is active, the message “Supervision activated” is displayed.

This setting can be changed only by the administrator.

Note: If you switch the socket Off, monitoring is temporarily deactivated and the message “Supervision temporarily deactivated” is displayed.

7. Controlling the power outlets through a serial connection

The power outlets of the ePowerSwitch 8G can also be controlled through an RS 232 serial connection using a simple ASCII protocol.

To control the power outlets:

1. With the supplied RS 232 serial cable, connect the ePowerSwitch 8G to an available serial port of your PC.
2. Run a terminal program such as Windows HyperTerminal or MicroTerminal.
3. Configure the appropriate serial port with the following settings:

Bits per second:	9600
Data bits:	8
Parity:	None
Stop bits:	1
Flow control:	None

4. On your computer, press **<Enter>** until the prompt (**>**) appears on your screen.
The ePowerSwitch 8G is now in command mode and is waiting for user input to switch the power outlets.

Note: The power outlets of the ePowerSwitch can be controlled only if the ePowerSwitch is in Command mode and **not** in Configuration mode. To exit Configuration mode and activate the new configuration, enter **/RS**. By default, the ePowerSwitch is in Command mode after a power-up.

7.1 Switching the power outlets

The command syntax is $Px=y$

Where x = power outlet number (0 to 8):

- 0: all power outlets together
- 1: power outlet 1
- 2: power outlet 2
- 3: power outlet 3
- 4: power outlet 4
- 5: power outlet 5
- 6: power outlet 6
- 7: power outlet 7
- 8: power outlet 8

and y defines the action to be performed:

- 0: switch power outlet(s) Off
- 1: switch power outlet(s) On
- r: restart power outlet(s)
- t: toggle power outlet(s)

Examples:

Switch power outlet 1 On:	p1=1
Switch power outlet 2 Off:	p2=0
Restart power outlet 1:	p1=r
Restart power outlet 4:	p4=r
Toggle power outlet 3:	p3=t
Switch all power outlets On:	p0=1
Restart all power outlets:	p0=r

The commands are not case-sensitive, i.e. you can use upper- and lower-case letters. To display the firmware version, type "?" followed by <Enter>.

7.2 Reading out the status of the power outlets

In the same way, the status of the power outlets can be read out using the following syntax:

Rx <ENTER>

The ePowerSwitch then sends the status with the following syntax:

Px=y<CR><LF>">"

y = 0 if the power outlet is Off

y = 1 if the power outlet is On

<CR> = Carriage Return

<LF> = Line Feed

">" = ">" character as prompt

Examples:

Read out the status of power outlet 1:
R1 <ENTER>

Read out the status of power outlet 2:
R2 <ENTER>

8. Technical specifications

Network standards	IEEE 802.3, 10Base-T
Network protocols	TCP/IP, HTTP
Network connection	RJ-45 connector for UTP CAT5
Max. network cable length	100 meters (not included)
Serial connection	RS232, SUB-D 9-pin female
Nominal input voltage	230 V/50 Hz
Input power socket	IEC-320
Output voltage	230 V/50 Hz
Output power sockets	IEC-320
Maximum total current	2 x 10 A
LEDs	1 for Power and Network Traffic (PL) 1 for Power Supply Group A (outlet 1 to 4) (PA) 1 for Power Supply Group B (outlet 5 to 8) (PB) 1 for Supervision Activity in progress for group A (SA) 1 for Supervision Activity in progress for group B (SB) 8 for power outlet status
Operating temperature	0 °C to +40 °C
Operating humidity	10 % to 80 %
Dimensions	437 x 107 x 42 mm
Weight	2 kg
Approvals	CE, EN 55022 & EN 55024
Warranty	2 years repair or replace

Konformitätserklärung

Für unser Erzeugnis "ePowerSwitch" in den Varianten **ePowerSwitch-4, ePowerSwitch 1G, ePowerSwitch 4G, ePowerSwitch 8G, ePowerSwitch M8, ePowerSwitch S8, ePowerSwitch 4XM, ePowerSwitch 8XM, ePowerSwitch 8XS** wird hiermit bestätigt, dass es den wesentlichen Schutzanforderungen entspricht, die in den Richtlinien des Rates über elektrische und elektronische Produkte festgelegt sind:

1. **89/336/EWG EMV-Richtlinie**
2. **73/23, bzw. 93/68 Niederspannungsrichtlinie**

Zur Beurteilung wurden folgende Normen herangezogen:

Zu 1. Elektromagnetische Verträglichkeit nach

EN55022 Klasse B (1998) + A1, A2
EN55024 (1998) + A1, A2
EN61000-3-2 (2000) +A2
EN61000-3-3 (1995) + A1

Zu 2. Elektrische Sicherheit nach

EN60950-1 (2001)

Diese Erklärung wird verantwortlich für den Hersteller abgegeben durch (siehe unten):

Declaration of Conformity

We hereby declare that the versions **ePowerSwitch-4, ePowerSwitch 1G, ePowerSwitch 4G, ePowerSwitch 8G, ePowerSwitch M8, ePowerSwitch S8, ePowerSwitch 4XM, ePowerSwitch 8XM, ePowerSwitch 8XS** of our **ePowerSwitch** product meet the safety requirements specified in the European Union directives relating to electrical and electronic products:

1. **EMC Directive 89/336/EEC**
2. **Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC and 93/68/EEC**

The following standards were used in assessing conformity:

Electromagnetic compatibility

EN 55022 Class B (1998) + A1, A2
EN 55024 (1998) + A1, A2
EN 61000-3-2 (2000) +A2
EN 61000-3-3 (1995) + A1

Electrical safety

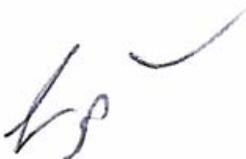
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