

**8-Port / 16-Port  
COMBO FREE  
KVM SWITCH**

**User Manual**

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## 1. Introduction

**Thank you for your purchase of Combo Free KVM Switch! You now have a high quality, durable system that will enable you to control 8 or 16 Host computers and/or servers by using PS/2 and/or USB Connectors from one console (PS/2 & USB Mouse, PS/2 & USB Keyboard, and Monitor).**

### 1.1 Features

1. Console your Keyboard/Mouse via either way of PS/2 and/or USB arbitrarily.
2. Complex connections with PCs via either way of PS/2 and/or USB arbitrarily.
3. Controls 8 or16 computers from a single console (Keyboard/Mouse) over PS/2 and/or USB connections.
4. Supports Windows, Linux, Mac OS9/OSX, Sun Microsystems.
5. On-Screen-Display (OSD) & Cascade Chain functions.
  - OSD is intuitive menu driven for quick and efficient navigation.
  - 3 level cascades: up to 3 levels; control up to 64/256/4096 PCs, from a single console; cascaded units don't need special configuration.
6. Emulates PS/2 or USB keyboard on each PC to allow your computers to boot normally without a keyboard error.
7. Supports hot-pluggable. All devices connected to the KVM can be added or removed at any time, without shutting the unit down.
8. Supports 3 types of switching:
  - (1) Hardware Push Button, (2) Hot-Keys on PS/2 and/or USB of keyboard, (3) Menu driven OSD ( On Screen Display).
9. Supports Auto-Scan function to switch video automatically among computers in preset intervals sequentially by OSD menu driven.
10. Supports LED display for PC and/or server status monitoring.
11. Supports VGA resolutions up to 2048 x 1536 @ 85HZ.
12. Supports Beeper during Switching enabled.
13. Powered with external power adaptor connection.
14. Fully compliant with the USB 1.1/ 2.0 specification.
15. Rack Mountable in 19" - inch ( 1U ).

### 1.2 Package Contents

**The product you purchased should contain the following equipment and accessories:**

- 1 8-Port or 16-Port Combo Free KVM Switch .
- 1 User Manual.
- 1 Power adaptor
- 1 Rack Mount Kit
- 2 Combo custom 4-in-1 cable

## 2. Specifications

### 2.1 General Specifications

		Specification
Number Of Computers Controlled		8 or 16
Selection Method		Push Button and Hot-Key (PS/2 and/or USB Keyboard) Or On-Screen-Display (OSD)
LEDs		Red for PC Selection Green for PC On-Line ready
	Video	1 x HDB-15 male ( PS/2 & USB signal combined )
PC Connectors		
	Keyboard	1 x 6 pin mini-DIN female
	Mouse	1 x 6 pin mini-DIN female
	Video	1 x HDB-15 female
Console Ports	Keyboard	1 x USB – A type female
	Mouse	1 x USB – A type female
Auto-Scan Interval		Adjustable time setting by OSD menu driven
DDC, DDC2 monitor		Yes ( Max. Resolution: 2048x1536 )@85Hz
Hot Swappable		Yes
Operating systems supported		<b>Windows 98SE/ME/2000/XP/2003 Server, Linux Mac OS9/OSX and Sun Micro Systems</b>
Device driver		No Need
Power		By external power adaptor
Dimensions (L X W X H)		44 x 15.7 x 4.5 cm (17.3 x 6.1 x 1.5 inch )
Unit Weight		1900 g
Housing material		Metal
Operating Temperature		32~ 122°F (0~ 50°C )
Humidity		0%~80%RH

### 3. System Requirements

#### Console

A VGA, SVGA, Multisync monitor capable of the highest resolution.  
PS/2 and/or USB Keyboard/Mouse

#### Computer or Server

The following equipment must be equipped with each computer or server.  
- A VGA, SVGA or Multisync card.  
- Type A USB port or PS/2 6 pin mini-DIN for Keyboard and Mouse.

#### Cables

The Combo Free KVM Switch must be used specific custom 4-in-1 cables.  
To purchase the specific cable sets, please contact your dealer.

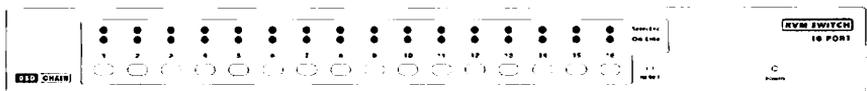
### 4. Installation

#### 4.1 Front View

##### 8-Port



##### 16-Port



#### LED Indicators:

**Selected** : RED LED indicates that the KVM Switch is selected to the corresponding PC.

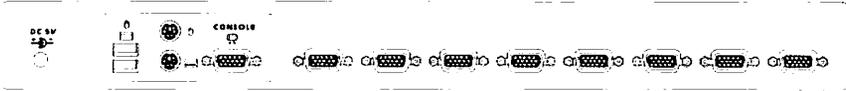
**On-Line** : GREEN LED indicates that the KVM Switch is ready to the corresponding PC.

#### Reset Switch :

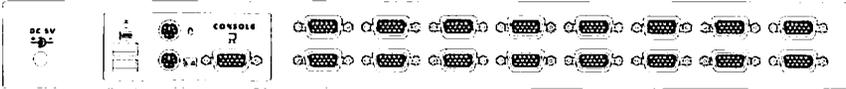
Press this switch when a system reset. This switch must be pushed with a thin object, for example, such as the end of a paper clip, or a ball point pen.

## 4.2 Rear View

### 8-Port



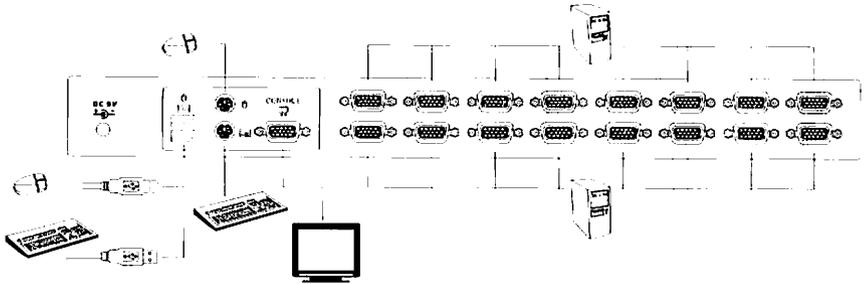
### 16-Port



## 4.3 Single stage installation

### Precaution:

1. Make sure all of devices are turning off as connecting up with KVM Switch. You must unplug the power cords of any computers which might have the Keyboard Power On function in advance. Otherwise, the switch will receive power from the computer.
2. With under running OS Windows 98 , we suggest that the PC must be plugged to PS/2 ports, because of Windows 98 is not support installation at first time as through USB HID installation driver.
3. There are some of older PCs supported USB ports only, please open BIOS USB setting in advance.
4. The console plugging is not support USB keyboard of having USB HUB.



( Fig. 1 )

**Console connecting:**

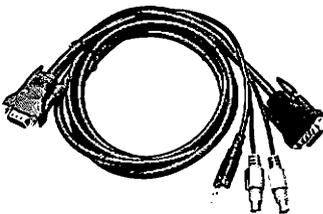
Plug either your USB keyboard, mouse or PS/2 keyboard, mouse arbitrarily and VGA video into the Console ports located on the KVM Switch's rear panel. ( Fig.1 )  
( Note: No matter what you plugged even though USB mouse with PS/2 keyboard or PS/2 mouse with USB keyboard are available working to the KVM Switch unit.)

**System connecting:**

Use KVM custom cable sets to connect any available PC ports to the video and either USB or PS/2 ports, or even USB & PS/2 all connected of the computers you are connecting up.

( Note: The custom cable set, as Fig. 2, is supplied one cable set with this package; any additional sets is required purchase separately.)

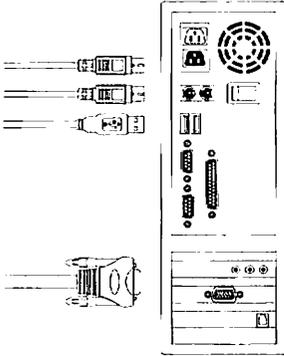
To purchase the custom KVM cable sets, please contact with your dealer.



( Fig 2 ) custom combo 4-in-1 cable

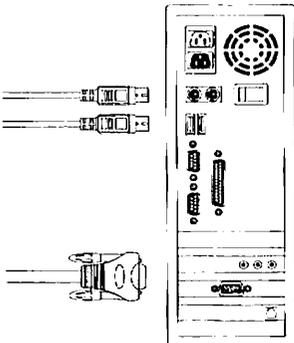
This KVM Switch with custom specific cable set provide three connecting methods.

1. Plug USB, PS/2 ( keyboard/mouse) ports and VGA video into PCs at same time, recommended in priority. ( Fig. 3 )



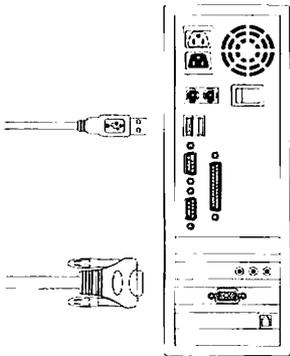
( Fig. 3 ) PS/2 & USB and VGA video connected at same time.

2. Plug only PS/2 ( keyboard / mouse) ports and VGA video into PCs ( Fig. 4 ).



( Fig. 4 ) PS/2 and VGA video connected.

3. Plug only USB and VGA video into PCs. ( Fig. 5 ).



( Fig. 5 ) USB and VGA video connected.

#### 4.4 Cascade Chaining

3 level cascades: up to 3 levels; control up to 64/256/4096 PCs, from a single console; cascaded units don't need special configuration.

To set up cascade chained installation, please do the following:

1. Before you begin install, please make sure all of devices connected must be turned off power before connecting.
2. Use the custom cable set ( Fig. 2 ), cascade chain connecting the second and third level of one or more Slave KVM Switches to any PC port of Master KVM Switch. Cascade configuration expands system ability and allows you to select computers connected to the Master or Slave. After connected, KVM Switches automatically configure Master and Slave by themselves.

Note: The second and third level of Slave KVM Switch cascade chained via custome cable set ( see ref. Fig. 2 ) is just **only connected their console ports of PS/2 Keyboard, PS/2 mouse and VGA video, no more necessary to connecting USB port.**

3. All of PC ports of Master KVM Switch and Slave KVM Switches could be support connecting PCs or Servers via through methods ( Fig 3 ), or ( Fig.4 ) or ( Fig. 5 ).
4. You can do console operating your Master KVM Switch via either USB and/or PS/2 keyboard and mouse arbitrarily, even USB mouse with PS/2 keyboard, or PS/2 mouse with USB keyboard both are available to Master KVM Switch.
5. Plug in the power adapter for the first level Master KVM Switch and connected PCs, and then plug in power adapter for each level Slave KVM Switch and connected PCs sequently.
6. After all of the level of KVM Switches are up, power on the computers.

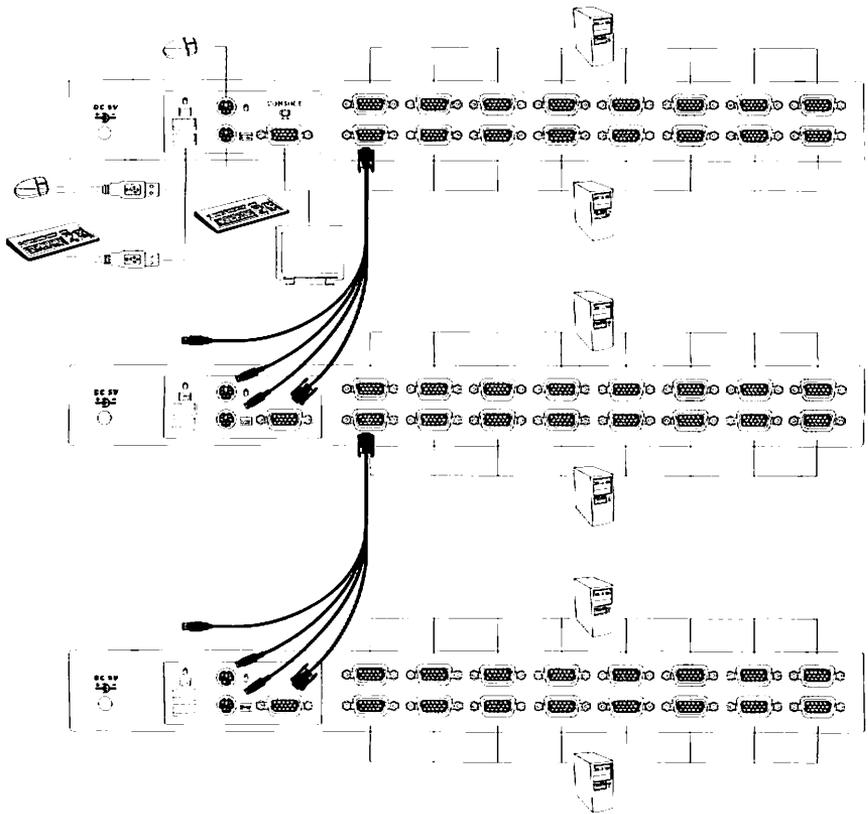
**Initial Power-Up Process:**

You must power up the Master KVM Switch first before turning on any other devices.

**Note:** You may hot plug any powered-down computer and Slave KVM at any time after initial power up process completed.

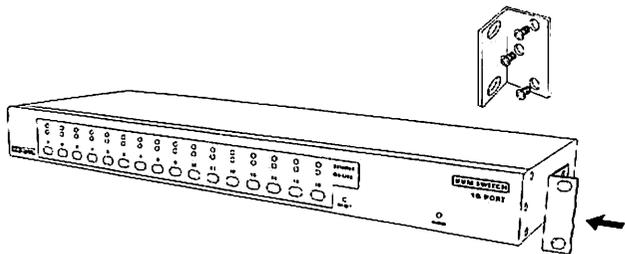
**Hot plug and Hot Swap:**

- a) You can replace keyboard or mouse of the Master KVM CONSOLE port at any time without powering down the Master KVM.
- b) Plug in or out of PC port or swap PC port could be at any time without powering down th KVM.



( Fig. 6 )

## 4.5 Rack Mounting



( Fig.7 )

Figure 7 shows you how to attach mounting brackets to the KVM Switch unit for standard 19-inch rack cabinet.

1. Screw the mounting brackets into the sides of the KVM Switch unit.
2. Slide the KVM Switch unit into the rack cabinet and secure it to the rack.

# 5. Hotkey Operation

The 8-Port or 16-Port Combo Free KVM Switch has the ability to switch the keyboard, video, mouse simultaneously

**Note: If your Keyboard is without < Scroll Lock > button, please push <Ctrl> twice, then <K>, and <Enter> to become <Caps Lock> button instead of Scroll Lock.**

## 5.1 Call OSD Menu

Press < Scroll Lock> twice and <Enter>, and then the OSD “ Main Menu” will be on the screen.

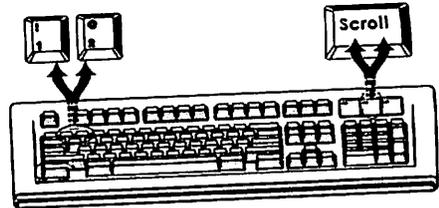
Note: Hot-Key can be changed to become <Caps Lock>. (See page 20 )

## 5.2 Channel Select ( Single KVM mode )

- OSD: Use Up/Down arrow and <Enter> to select the channel directly.
- Hot-Key via PS/2 and/or USB Keyboard  
Press <Scroll Lock> twice, and then Keying a channel number ( 1 to 16 )  
And then press <Enter>.
- Left <Alt> or right <Alt> pushed twice, the PC channel will automatically shift left/right one channel ( channel decrease / increase to next ), while <Alt> enables.
- <Alt> shift function default was off, and press Hot-Key <Alt> twice, and <Enter>. You can be on/off this function alternately. If buzzer was on, it will generate a beep for correct operating.

### Hot Key:

[Scroll] → [Scroll] → [ 1 ] → [Enter] or  
[Scroll] → [Scroll] → [ 2 ] → [Enter] or  
->       ->       ->       ->  
->       ->       ->       ->  
->       ->       ->       ->  
[Scroll] → [Scroll] → [ 16 ] → [Enter]



### 5.9 Console unlock

- OSD: Display the message only.
- Hot-Key via PS/2 and/or USB Keyboard  
Press any key into the Unlock window, and then enter the correct User Name and Password. KVM and console device will unlock and be back to normal operation.

### 6. Sun Micro System Function Key Emulation:

There are 16 special functions on the Sun Micro system keyboard, the Combo Free KVM Switch can emulate these function keys via the PS/2 and/or USB keyboard. Here is the mapping table for these functions operation. To active these emulation on the PS/2 and/or USB keyboard, you have to press the LEFT Window KEY first (this key usually is located between the left [Ctrl] and left [Alt]), do not release the lift Window key choice the second relative key, and then release the two keys.

Sun Micro System Function Key	PS/2 Keyboard
Stop	L_Win & L_Alt
Props	L_Win & L_Ctrl
Compose	L_Win & L_Shift
Front	L_Win & F1
Open	L_Win & F2
Find	L_Win & F3
Again	L_Win & F4
Undo	L_Win & F5
Copy	L_Win & F6
Paste	L_Win & F7
Cut	L_Win & F8
Help	L_Win & F11
Power	L_Win & F12
Mute	L_Win & 1
Volume Down	L_Win & 2
Volume UP	L_Win & 3

## 7. OSD Operation

### OSD (On-Screen-Display) Operation

- OSD Main Menu for Administrator

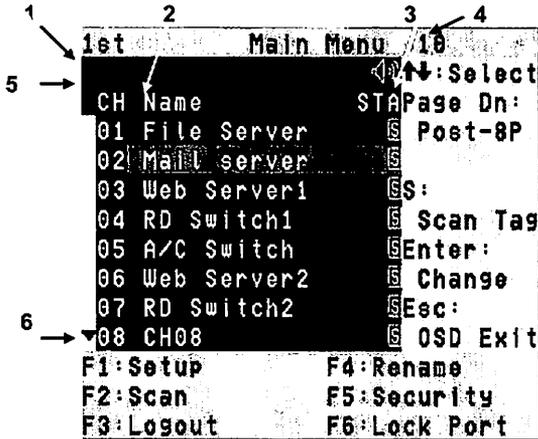


Figure 8: Administrator OSD

#### 7.1 OSD Main Menu

1. KVM layer number: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

2. PC name (defined by user): 31 characters (Max.)

3. PC Status: (Status: STA, See above figure 8)

- ◀ Buzzer sound on
- × Buzzer sound off
- L Locked port indication, and normal is blank
- Indicating the computer is powered on
- s Indicating the channel scan function is on

#### 4. Current channel number

5. Cascade channel number: only display cascade 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> layer connected channel number; if it's in 1<sup>st</sup> layer, it will show blank.

6. Page down-up indicator: (to next page) while connecting 16 port OSD KVM, it will show up & down arrows alternatively to select previous/next page's port number. (Only for 16-port KVM only.)

#### 7.2 Function Control Menu

F1: Set up: basic set up menu

F2: Scan: autoscan function

F3: Lock: setup lock/unlock, and available when F5 Security is set 'ON'

F4: Rename: rename selected port name.

F5: Security: security function and user priority setting

F6: Lock Port: PC port lock function (administrator only)

● OSD Main Menu for Other User (1, 2, 3)

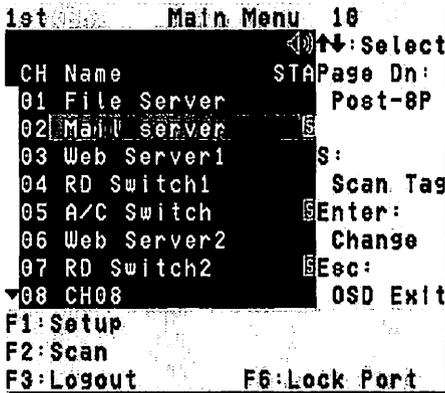


Figure 9 : User OSD

By pressing <Scroll Lock> twice and <Enter>, you will see an OSD 'Main Menu' popped out in the screen with channel number, names and other status and other function keys, please see figure 8 above. The channel of the currently selected computer is displayed in the top right corner and a highlighted pink bar shown in the selected channel row. The sign  is displayed if computer has power on and ready for being selected (its corresponding front panel indicator is green). If it doesn't appear  sign, it means no computer connected or no powered up. OSD menu will update the sign  when computer is activated. Use the <UP> and <DOWN> arrow keys to highlight a computer and the <ENTER> to select it and leave OSD menu. Or, you can press <ESC> to exit OSD menu.

A plus mark (+) showing in the left of a name indicates that the port has cascades. The number at the up-left corner (below KVM layer number) shows the number of port for the upper layer, i.e. 8 means link from upper KVM 8. If in master layer it will show blank. <ENTER> brings you one level down and the screen pops up listing the names of the computers on the *Slave KVM*. The name of the *Slave* will be shown at the OSD menu. It is useful to group computers and still be able to see the group name. Press <R> will return to upper layer OSD menu. Press <ESC> to exit OSD and to return to the selected computer; the computer name is also shown on the screen with a left-up banner.

● F1: Setup Mode

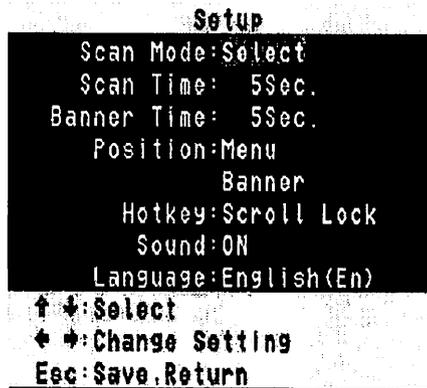


Figure 10: OSD Setup

All changes are enabled by left/right arrow key (← →) to select it.

■ Scan Mode: Select – Scan selected channels in 'STA' column with 's' on OSD main menu.

PC ON – Scan all powered-on PC channels only.

■ Scan Time: 5 sec(Default) to 90 sec., 5 sec. a select step

■ Banner Display Time: 5 sec. (Default), 10 sec., 15 sec, and always on (∞).

■ Display Position: Menu – use four arrow keys to move the OSD main menu to the desired position.

Banner – use four arrow keys to move the channel banner to the desired position.

■ Hot-Key: Scroll Lock – Scroll Lock becomes the Hot-Key.

Caps Lock – Caps Lock becomes the Hot-Key.

Ctrl – Ctrl is a defaulted Hot-Key.

Note: Scroll and Caps Lock are alternative. While Scroll Lock is enabled, if you want to alter the Hot-Key to Caps Lock, you just press 'Scroll Lock' twice, K, and <enter>, and vice versa.

■ Sound: ON – Buzzer sound enabled. (Turn on)

OFF – Buzzer sound disabled. (Turn off)

■ Language: English (En) / Deutsch (De) / Francais (Fr), 3 languages.

● **Position Adjustment**

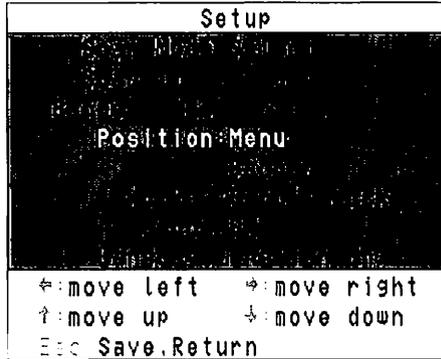
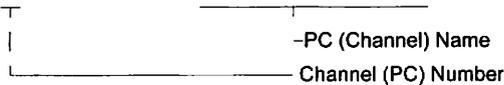


Figure 11: Select Items to Setup

Into the banner Display Position, the display will become:

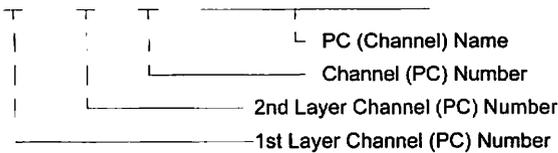


● **Channel Banner ( Single Layer ) (Max. 22 characters)**



- PC powers on or change channel by OSD/Hot-Key, this banner will display 5 sec, and disappear. User can change display time in the Setup Mode (F1).

● **Channel Banner ( Multi-Layer ) (Max. 22 characters)**



- PC powers on or changes channel by OSD/Hot-Key, this banner will display 5sec., and disappear. User can change display time in the Setup Mode (F1).

- **Channel Banner (Scan Mode)**



- Stop scan: press any key.
- Banner will disappear when the scan stops.

- **F4: Rename** (New Name: 31 characters Max)

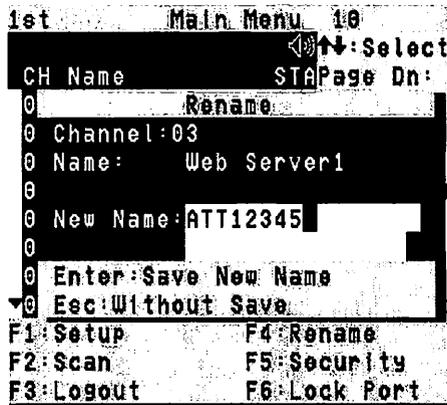


Figure 12: F4 Function Setup

- **F5: Security Mode**

```
Admin. Password :
```

Entry Password:

(Default User Name: admin, Password: 123456)

After entering correct password, Security function is enabled.

```

Security
Security Mode: OFF
Admin/Password: ++++++
User Name: 1 2 3
           ABC DEF GHI
Ch Name
01 File Server   [x] [x] [x]
02 Mail server   [x] [ ] [ ]
03 Web Server1   [ ] [x] [ ]
04 RD Switch1    [ ] [x] [x]
↑ ↓:Select
← →:Change Setting
Esc:Save,Return

```

Figure 13: Security Function Setup (1)

After the Security mode is 'ON' status, and F3 Lock Mode will be enabled automatically (it will display on the Main Menu).

Also the Hot-Key Lock function (H) will be available.

After security mode is on, you can actively lock Hot-Key function (F3 or <H> Hot-Key), until keyin a password, the console will be locked as log-out status. (Hot-Key twice, <H>, and <Enter>) Only administrator can keyin password to unlock the console, but according to the limit of authority setting, different user will have different access computers.

- **Change Administrator Password:**

```

Security
Security Mode: OFF
Admin/Password: [XXXXXXXX]
New Password: ++++++
Confirm Password: ++++|
Enter: Confirm
Esc:Return
02 Mail server   [x] [ ] [ ]
03 Web Server1   [ ] [x] [ ]
04 RD Switch1    [ ] [x] [x]
↑ ↓:Select
← →:Change Setting
Esc:Save,Return

```

Figure 14: Security Function Setup (2)

● Change User Name and Password:

```

Security
Security Mode: OFF
User Name:
PERRE-HELEN LEWI
New Password:
Confirm Password:
Enter: Confirm
Esc: Return
03 Web Server1    
04 RD Switch1     
↑ ↓: Select
← →: Change Setting
Esc: Save, Return
  
```

Figure15: Security Function Setup (3)

● User PC Channel Authorization Setting

```

Security
Security Mode: OFF
Admin/Password: ++++++
User Name: ABC DEF GHI
Ch Name
01 File Server    
02 Mail server     
03 Web Server1    
04 RD Switch1     
↑ ↓: Select
A: ALL 1: U1 2: U2 3: U3
Esc: Save, Return
  
```

● F6 Lock Port

```

1st Main Menu 10
CH Name          ST Page Up:
09 CH09          [G] Pre-8P
10 CH10          [G]
11 CH11          [G] S:
12 CH12          [G] Scan Tag
13 CH13          [G] Enter:
14 CH14          [G] Change
15 CH15          [G] Esc:
16 CH16          [G] OSD Exit
F1: Setup        F4: Rename
F2: Scan         F5: Security
  
```

Figure16-17: Security Function Setup (4-5)

After PC port locked, "L" mark will show in its STA column until unlock status. (Select F6 and keyin password again, and the PC port unlocks.)

- **F3 Console Lock Mode Banner:**



Into the Security lock mode, this banner will display until Unlock status. The console device and KVM button will lock (no any function could be enabled while back to unlock status); the keyboard will just accept the correct password only. (Press any key into the unlock window.)

- **Unlock Window:**



After key in a correct User Name and Password, the system will unlock (leave the Security mode), screen will be into the normal and all devices are available to operate (according to the authorization setting).

*Note: If you forget the password, the only way to permanently disable the security function is to key in a universal password to unlock KVM. You need to key in this unlock password to release your device and KVM, and then you can restart everything.*

Universal password will let your KVM go back to defaulted administrator password, ask the Universal password to your agency/distributor.

## 8. Troubleshooting :

Symptom	Possible Cause	Recommended Solution
Keyboard and/or Mouse not working.	Keyboard and/or Mouse need to be reset	To unplug from console port(s), and then replug it / them into console in.
	Failed connection to the computer.	Check the cable connected from switch to computer and make sure it is connected properly.
	KVM Switch needs to be reset	Power off all of devices and then power up again.
Master/ Slave daisy chained doesn't work	Incorrect configuration or improper installation procedures	Make sure the console of the Slave's connected to Master's PC port. Remove any possible power supplies to the slave ( unplug all cables), before connecting it to the Master.
Double OSD images at cascade configuration	Improper slave connection procedure.	Remove any possible power supplies to the Slave ( unplug all cables), before connecting it to the Master. Make sure cable is connected well, Slave console link to Master port.
	Fail connection	
OSD menu is not at the proper position	OSD menu has fixed resolution and its size varies due to the changes of computer VGA resolution	Use <F1>: Set/Position to move OSD menu and banner to proper position.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the device and receiver.
- Connect the computer into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

