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Security Guide



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10GbE Switches

This guide provides security guidelines for the 10GbE Switches from Oracle.

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Product Overview

The security guidelines in this guide apply to the following 10GbE Switches:

Switch	Ports	Form Factor	Transfer Rate	Network Interconnect
Oracle Switch ES1-24	24	Top of Rack	10Gbps	QSFP, SFP+ Ethernet
Sun Network 10GbE Switch 72p	72	Top of Rack	10Gbps	QSFP, SFP+ Ethernet
Sun Blade 6000 Ethernet Switched NEM 24p 10GbE	24	ExpressModule	10Gbps	QSFP, SFP+ Ethernet

The 10GbE switches product line provides multipurpose connectivity for Oracle blades, Netra blades, and rack-mount platforms. These switches provide connectivity through SFP+ and QSFP connectors.

It is important to understand that having network access to the platforms and blades does not compromise the security of the switches in general. Platforms and blades do not have direct access to the switch firmware.

All policies that need to be set up in the 10GbE switches are accessible only through Oracle ILOM (Oracle Integrated Lights Out Manager).

All software written for these switches is embedded in firmware with access provided only by authenticated users through Oracle ILOM.

Security Principles

The following principles are fundamental to using the 10GbE switches securely.

Keep Software Up To Date

One of the principles of good security practice is to keep all software and firmware versions and patches up to date. 10GbE switches have embedded firmware that needs to be kept up to date. Firmware is accessible only to system administrators that have access to Oracle ILOM after logging in.

Monitor System Activity

Oracle ILOM has message log to log system activity. 10GbE switch firmware upgrade activity is included in the system log.

After three consecutive crashes of the configuration, the system will save the failing configuration file and revert to factory-default configuration to ensure availability. An Oracle ILOM alert is logged when this happens.

Keep Up To Date on Latest Security Information

Oracle continually improves its software and documentation. Check product release notes often for updates.

Secure Installation and Configuration

This section provides an overview of the software installation and configuration.

Installation Overview

The 10GbE switches are shipped with all firmware installed. Customers are not required to do any installation. All software update components such as patches and new firmware releases must be downloaded from Oracle web download site after logging in using service contract information and credentials.

Note – 10GbE switches firmware images are upgradeable only through Oracle ILOM.

To install new firmware, refer to:

- *Oracle Switch ES1-24 Product Notes*
- *Sun Network 10GbE Switch 72p Product Notes*
- *Sun Netra 6000 Switched NEM 24p 10GbE Product Notes*
- *Sun Blade 6000 Modular System Product Notes*

Installing Firmware

For detailed instructions, refer to:

- *Oracle Switch ES1-24 Installation Guide*
- *Sun Network 10GbE Switch 72p User's Guide*
- *Sun Blade 6000 and Sun Netra 6000 Switched NEM 24p 10GbE User's Guide*

Security Features

Users cannot access any of the 10GbE switches firmware directly. All requests are handled by proxy through Oracle ILOM.

AAA

The critical security features provided by Oracle ILOM are as follows:

- **Authentication:** Ensuring that only authorized individuals get access to the system and data.
- **Authorization:** Access control to system privileges and data. This builds on authentication to ensure that individuals get appropriate access only.
- **Audit:** Allows administrators to detect attempted breaches of the authentication mechanisms and attempted or successful breaches of access control.

Oracle ILOM information is located in the Oracle Integrated Lights Out Manager 3.0 documentation collection at: <http://docs.oracle.com/cd/E19860-01/>

10GbE switches security features are accessible only through Oracle ILOM.

Logging Information

All logging information is available only through Oracle ILOM.

10GbE Switches Configuration

Custom configurations can be saved, and settings can be reset to factory defaults.

Firmware/EEPROM Upgrades

Upgrades are allowed only through Oracle ILOM.

For more information refer to product documents:

- Oracle Switch ES1-24 Documentation
 - Sun Network 10GbE Switch 72p Documentation
 - Sun Blade 6000 and Sun Netra 6000 Switched NEM 24p 10GbE Documentation
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Security Considerations for Developers

All software and firmware running on 10GbE switches are provided by Oracle. Customers cannot develop their own software to run on the switches.

