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# Preface

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BLADE OS 5.1 Browser-Based Interface (BBI) software is included with the HP GbE2c L2/L3 Ethernet Blade Switch. The BBI software lets you use your Web browser to access switch information and statistics, and to perform switch configuration via the Internet.

This *BBI Quick Guide* provides an overview of how to access and use the Browser-Based Interface.

## Who Should Use This Book

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This guide is intended for network installers and system administrators engaged in configuring and maintaining a network. It assumes that you are familiar with your switch, your Web browser, Ethernet concepts, IP addressing, the IEEE 802.1D Spanning Tree Protocol, and SNMP configuration parameters.

## Related Documentation

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For documentation on installing the switch physically, see the *HP GbE2c L2/L3 Ethernet Blade Switch Installation Guide*.

For details about the switch information, statistics, and configuration parameters available using the BBI, see the *BLADE OS 5.1 Command Reference* and *BLADE OS 5.1 Application Guide*.

# Typographic Conventions

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

**Table 1** Typographic Conventions

Typeface or Symbol	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	This type is used for names of commands, files, and directories used within the text.  It also depicts on-screen computer output and prompts.	View the <code>readme.txt</code> file.  Main#
<b>AaBbCc123</b>	This bold type appears in command examples. It shows text that must be typed in exactly as shown.	Main# <b>sys</b>
<AaBbCc123>	This italicized type appears in command examples as a parameter placeholder. Replace the indicated text with the appropriate real name or value when using the command. Do not type the brackets.  This also shows book titles, special terms, or words to be emphasized.	To establish a Telnet session, enter: host# <b>telnet</b> <IP address>  Read your <i>User's Guide</i> thoroughly.
[ ]	Command items shown inside brackets are optional and can be used or excluded as the situation demands. Do not type the brackets.	host# <b>ls</b> [-a]
AaBbCc123	This block type depicts menus, buttons, and other controls that appear in Web browsers and other graphical interfaces.	Click the <b>Save</b> button.

# CHAPTER 1

## Getting Started

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This chapter briefly describes the software features and requirements for the BLADE OS Browser-Based Interface (BBI), and explains how to access the BBI start page.

### Features

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The network administrator can access switch configuration and monitoring functions through the BBI, a Web-based switch management interface. The BBI has the following features:

- Many of the same configuration and monitoring functions as the command-line interface
- Intuitive and easy-to-use interface structure
- Password protection
- Nothing to install; the BBI is part of the BLADE OS switch software
- Automatically upgraded with each new software release

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**Note** – You can perform most configuration and monitoring tasks through the BBI. For a comprehensive set of commands, use the command-line interface. Refer to the *BLADE OS 5.1 Command Reference*.

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## Requirements

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- HP GbE2c L2/L3 Ethernet Blade Switch (GbE2c)
- Installed switch software
- PC or workstation with network access to the switch's management interface, as configured using the management module
- Frame-capable Web-browser software, such as the following:
  - Netscape Navigator 4.7x or higher
  - Internet Explorer 6.0x or higher
  - Mozilla FireFox 1.0.4 or higher
- JavaScript enabled in your Web browser

## Switch Set Up

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Before you can access the BBI, 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 switch management.

For complete information about configuring IP interfaces, see your *HP GbE2c L2/L3 Ethernet Blade Switch User Guide*.

### Enabling/Disabling BBI Access

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

```
>> Main# /cfg/sys/access/http disable|enable
```

By default, secure BBI access is disabled. If you need to enable access, use the following command from the command line interface:

```
>> Main# /cfg/sys/access/https/https enable
```

The default TCP port to use for BBI access is port 80. To change the port number, use the following command:

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>> Main# /cfg/sys/access/wport <TCP port number>
```

For more information on the accessing and configuring the switch through the command-line interface, see your *BLADE OS Command Reference*.

## Web Browser Set Up

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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.

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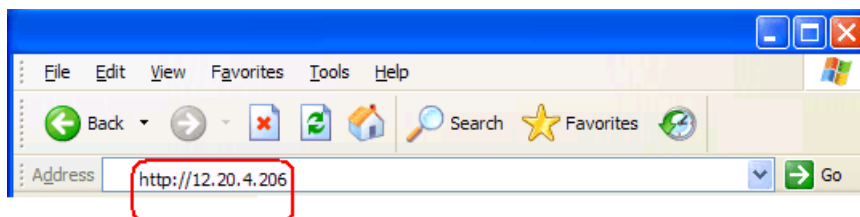
## Starting the BBI

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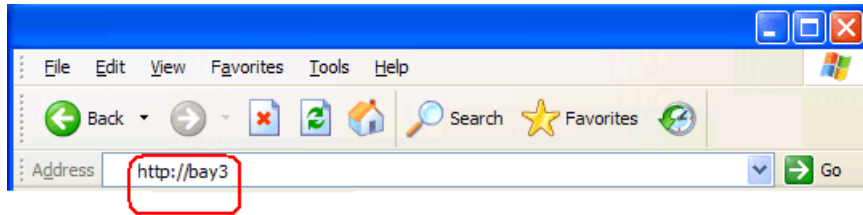
When the switch and browser set up is done, follow these steps to launch the BBI:

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 12.20.4.206  
You could enter the following:

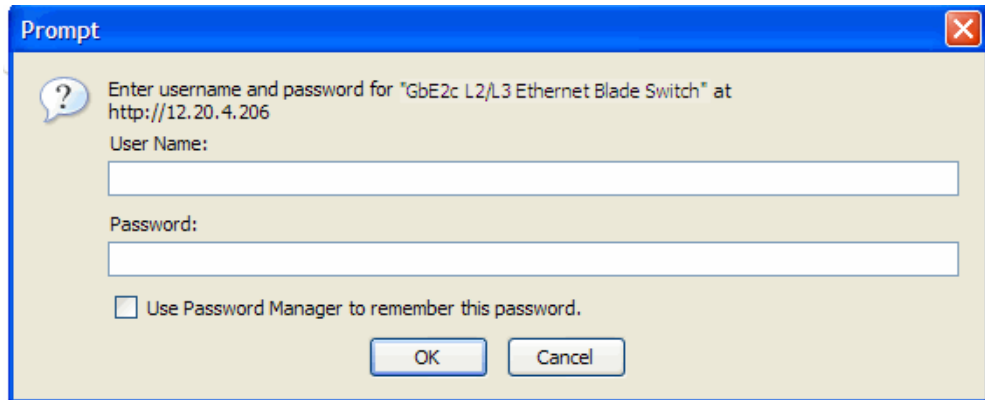


If the IP interface's address has a name on your local domain name server, you could enter the name instead. For example, with Internet Explorer, you could enter the following:



3. Log in to the switch.

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



Enter the account name and password for the switch's administrator or user account. The default account name is *admin*, and the default password is *admin*. For more password information, see your *BLADE OS Command Reference*.

4. Allow the BBI Dashboard page to load.

When the proper account name and password combination is entered, the BBI Dashboard page is displayed in your browser's viewing area. 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 appears in the left-hand Navigation window.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the HP BBI Dashboard for a switch. The browser's address bar shows the URL `http://12.20.4.206/`. The HP logo is visible in the top left, and navigation buttons for CONFIGURE, STATISTICS, and DASHBOARD are in the top center. Below these are links for Apply, Save, Revert, Diff, and Dump, along with Show Log, Help, and Quit. The main content area is titled "Switch Dashboard" and contains a table with the following data:

Switch Name	
Switch Location	
Switch Type	GbE2c L2 L3 Ethernet Blade Switch for HP c-Class BladeSystem
Rack ID	Default RUID
Rack Name	Rack2
Enclosure	SGH7276D4X
Enclosure Name	SGH642X98W
Bay Number	8
Switch Up Time	3 days, 4 hours, 14 minutes and 30 seconds.
Last Boot Reason	reset by WEB-UI
Time and date	11:13:43 , 1/4/2009
Timezone Location	Americas-USA-PacificTime
Daylight Savings Time Status	disabled
MAC Address	00:22:00:b8:c0:00
IP Address	0.0.0.0
Hardware Revision	0A
Switch Serial No	MY38512H7Y
Hardware Part No	438030-B21
HW Spare Part No	438475-001
Software Rev	5.1.0-Advanced Functionality (FLASH image2)
Banner	

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**Note** – There may be a slight delay while the Dashboard page is initializing. You should not stop the browser while loading is in progress. When loading is complete, a folder icon for the switch displays in the left-hand BBI window. Click this folder and a tree of folders displays.

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## CHAPTER 2

# Browser-Based Interface Basics

Once you are properly logged in, the BLADE OS Browser-Based Interface (BBI) appears in your Web browser's viewing window:

The screenshot shows the HP c-Class GbE2c Switch BBI interface. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the HP logo on the left and three main menu items: CONFIGURE, STATISTICS, and DASHBOARD. Below these are sub-menu items: Apply | Save | Revert | Diff | Dump. On the right side of the top bar are links for Show Log - Help - Quit. The main content area is divided into two sections: a left-hand navigation window and a right-hand forms window. The navigation window contains a folder icon and the text 'HP c-Class GbE2c Switch'. The forms window is titled 'Switch Dashboard' and contains a table of system information.

**Toolbar**

**Message window**

**Navigation window**

**Forms window**

Property	Value
Switch Name	
Switch Location	
Switch Type	GbE2c L2/L3 Ethernet Blade Switch for HP c-Class BladeSystem
Rack ID	Default RUID
Rack Name	Rack2
Enclosure	SGH7276D4X
Enclosure Name	SGH642X98W
Bay Number	8
Switch Up Time	3 days, 4 hours, 14 minutes and 30 seconds.
Last Boot Reason	reset by WEB-UI
Time and date	11:13:43 , 1/4/2009
Timezone Location	Americas-USA-PacificTime
Daylight Savings Time Status	disabled
MAC Address	00:22:00:b8:c0:00
IP Address	0.0.0.0
Hardware Revision	0A
Switch Serial No	MY38512H7Y
Hardware Part No	438030-B21
HW Spare Part No	438475-001
Software Rev	5.1.0-Advanced Functionality (FLASH image2)
Banner	

There are four main regions on the BBI screen:

- The Toolbar is used for selecting 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 window is used for viewing or altering switch information.
- The Message window is used for displaying the most recent switch `syslog` messages and events.

## Toolbar

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### Context Tabs

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

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<b>Configure</b>	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.
<b>Statistics</b>	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.
<b>Dashboard</b>	This context tab is selected by default when the BBI 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.

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The selected context tab is highlighted, to remind you of the current context mode.

## Commands

The following general commands are available on the Toolbar:

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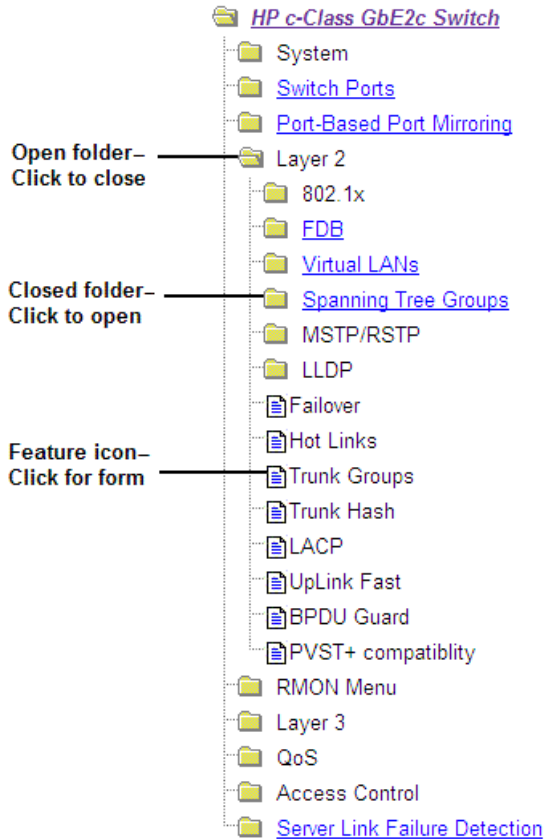
<b>Apply</b>	Pending configuration changes do not take effect until you click the <b>Apply</b> command. Once applied, all changes take effect on the switch immediately. If you do not save the changes, however, they will be lost the next time the switch is rebooted.
<b>Save</b>	Writes applied configuration changes to non-volatile flash memory on the switch.
<b>Revert</b>	Removes pending configuration changes made since the last <b>Apply</b> command.
<b>Diff</b>	Show any pending configuration changes.
<b>Dump</b>	Displays the running configuration of the switch in a separate browser window.
<b>Show Log</b>	Opens a new Web-browser window for displaying the most recent switch log messages. Close the log browser when finished.
<b>Help</b>	Displays basic Help information in a separate browser window. Close the Help window when finished.
<b>Quit</b>	Log off the switch and exit the BBI.

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## 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

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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

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

To view all messages at the same time, click 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 *BLADE OS 5.1 Command Reference*.



## CHAPTER 3

# Configuring the Switch

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The Browser-Based Interface (BBI) 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 BBI configuration forms.

The following sections provide a basic outline for switch configuration. You should be familiar with configuration commands as covered in the *BLADE OS Command Reference*.

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

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## Configuration Steps

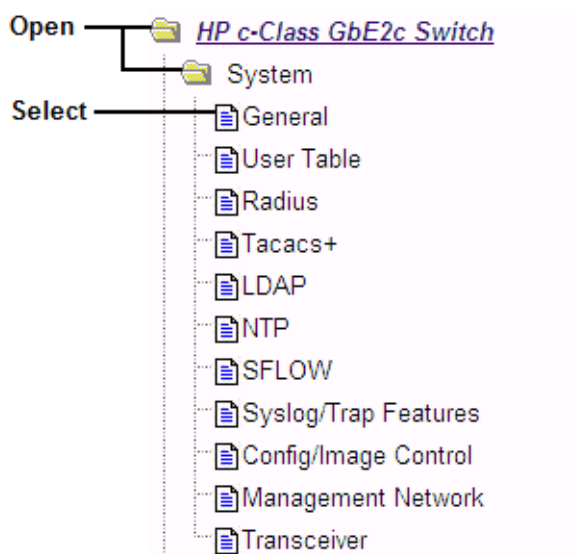
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Follow these basic steps for viewing or configuring switch parameters:

1. Click the Configure context tab in the BBI 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, as shown in the example below:

The screenshot displays the HP iNvent configuration interface for a Switch Management Processor. The interface includes a navigation tree on the left and a configuration form on the right. The configuration form contains the following settings:

Switch IP Address	0.0.0.0
Switch IP Subnet Mask	0.0.0.0
Enable/Disable BOOTP for IP Management	Enabled
Enable/Disable DHCP for Management Interface	Enabled
Enable/Disable Console output of syslog messages	Enabled
Enable/Disable Host Name	Disabled
Syslog Host IP Address	Enabled
Severity of Syslog Host	log debug 7
Facility of Syslog Host	local 0
Second Syslog Host IP Address	0.0.0.0

The 'Enable/Disable Host Name' dropdown menu is highlighted in green, and its options 'Enabled' and 'Disabled' are also highlighted in green. A red box highlights the dropdown menu.

**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.

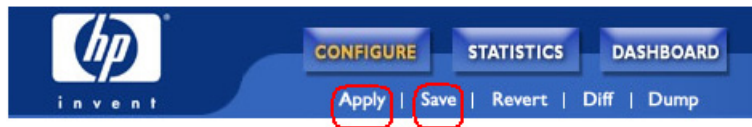
4. Submit, reset, or delete the form contents using buttons on the bottom of the form.

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<b>Submit</b>	When selected, the form is sent to the switch. Any configuration changes are placed in the “pending” state and do not take effect until you click the toolbar <b>Apply</b> command.
<b>Reset</b>	When selected, the form fields are reset to their last submitted values.
<b>Delete</b>	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 actually deleted, however, until you click the Toolbar <b>Apply</b> command.

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



Pending configuration changes (including deletions) do not take effect until you click the **Apply** command.

Applied changes take effect on the switch immediately, but will be lost the next time the switch is rebooted, unless the you click the **Save** command.

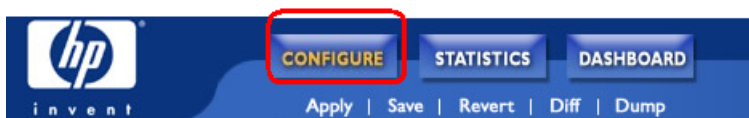
## Using the BBI to Load Switch Software

You can use the Browser-Based Interface to load software onto the switch. The software image to load can reside in one of the following locations:

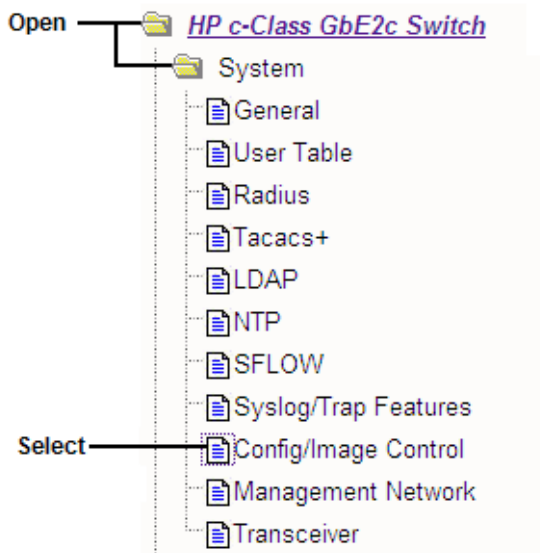
- FTP server
- TFTP server
- Local computer

After you log onto the BBI, perform the following steps to load a software image:

1. Click the **Configure** context tab in the BBI Toolbar:



2. In the Navigation window, select **System > Config/Image Control**.



The Switch Image and Configuration Management form appears.

Switch Image and Configuration Management	
Image 1 Version	version 2.0.60, downloaded 19:58:15 Mon Feb 6, 2009
Image 2 Version	version 5.1.0-Advanced Functionality, downloaded 22:59:59 Tue Jan 3, 2009
Boot Version	version 5.1.0
Active Image Version	5.1.0-Advanced Functionality
Next Boot Image Selection	image 2 ▾
Active Configuration Block	active config
Next Boot Configuration Block Selection	active config ▾
Next CLI Boot Mode Selection	BLADEOS CLI ▾
Prompt for selectable boot mode	ENABLE ▾
<b>FTP/TFTP Settings</b>	
Hostname or IP Address of FTP/TFTP server	100.10.20.1
Username for FTP Server or Blank for TFTP Server	
Password for FTP Server	
<b>Image Settings</b>	
Image for Transfer	image 1 ▾
Image Filename (on server)	5.1.0_OS.img <input type="button" value="Get Image"/> <input type="button" value="Put Image"/>
Image Filename (on HTTP Client)	<input type="button" value="Browse..."/> <input type="button" value="Download via Browser"/>
<b>Config/Dump Settings</b>	
Configuration Filename	<input type="button" value="Get Config"/> <input type="button" value="Put Config"/>
TS Dump Filename	<input type="button" value="Put TS Dump"/>
FLASH Dump Filename	<input type="button" value="Put FLASH Dump"/> <input type="button" value="Clear FLASH Dump"/>

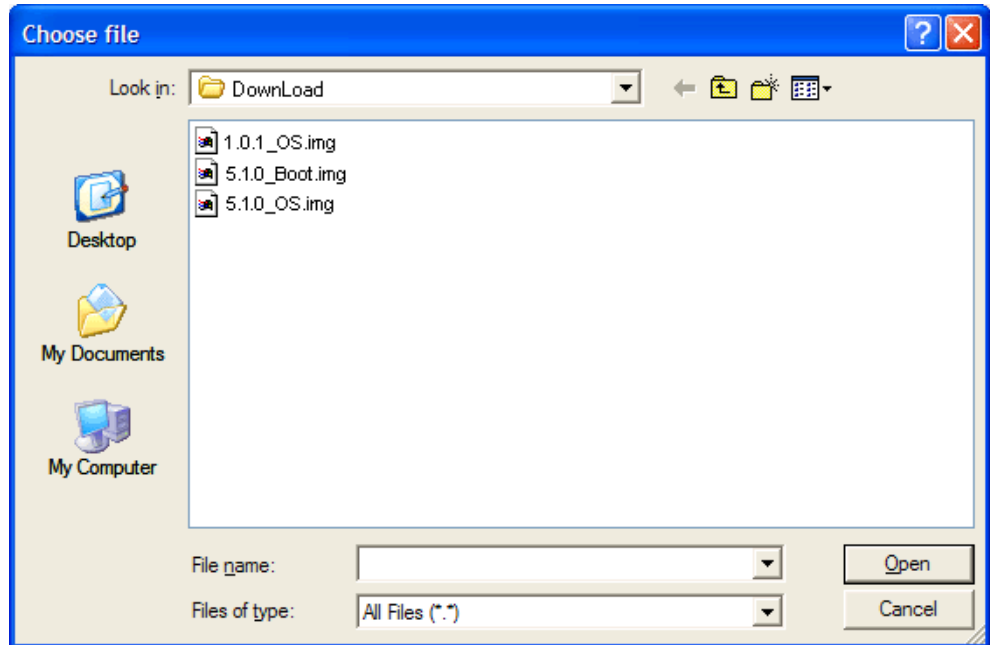
- If you are loading software from your computer (HTTP client), go to Step 4. If you are loading software from a FTP/TFTP server, enter the server's information in the FTP/TFTP Settings section.

<b>FTP/TFTP Settings</b>	
Hostname or IP Address of FTP/TFTP server	100.10.20.1
Username for FTP Server or Blank for TFTP Server	
Password for FTP Server	

4. In the Image Settings section, select the image version you want to replace (Image for Transfer).

<u>Image Settings</u>	
Image for Transfer	image 1 ▾
Image Filename (on server)	5.1.0_OS.img <input type="button" value="Get Image"/> <input type="button" value="Put Image"/>
Image Filename (on HTTP Client)	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> <input type="button" value="Download via Browser"/>

- If you are loading software from a FTP/TFTP server, enter the file name and click **Get Image**.
- If you are loading software from your computer, click **Browse**. In the File Download Dialog, select the file and click **OK**. Click **Download via Browser**.



Once the image has loaded, the page refreshes to show the new software.



## CHAPTER 4

# Viewing Statistics

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The Browser-Based Interface (BBI) 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 BBI statistics forms.

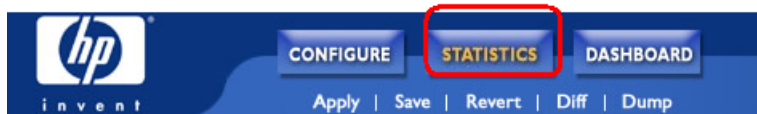
The following provides a basic outline for viewing statistics. You should be familiar with available statistics as covered in the *BLADE OS 5.1 Command Reference*.

## Steps for Displaying Statistics

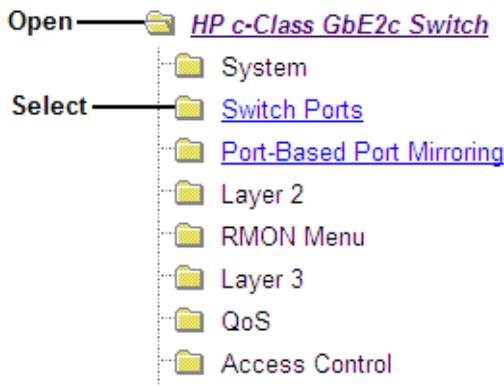
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Follow these basic steps for viewing switch statistics:

1. Click the **Statistics** context tab in the BBI Toolbar:



2. Select a feature icon or underlined folder in the Navigation window. For example:



3. View the statistics in the Forms window, as shown in the example below:

The screenshot shows the HP iNvent web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'CONFIGURE', 'STATISTICS', and 'DASHBOARD' buttons. Below the navigation bar are links for 'Apply | Save | Revert | Diff | Dump' and 'Show Log - Help - Quit'. The left sidebar contains a tree view with folders: 'System', 'Switch Ports', 'Port-Based Port Mirroring', 'Layer 2', 'RMON Menu', 'Layer 3', 'QoS', 'Access Control', and 'Server Link Failure Detection'. The 'Switch Ports' folder is underlined. The main content area is titled 'Switch Ports Statistics Summary' and contains a table with the following data:

Switch Port	InOctets	OutOctets	Total Errors
<u>1</u>	0	0	0
<u>2</u>	0	0	0
<u>3</u>	0	0	0
<u>4</u>	0	0	0
<u>5</u>	0	0	0
<u>6</u>	0	0	0
<u>7</u>	0	0	0
<u>8</u>	0	0	0
<u>9</u>	0	0	0
<u>10</u>	0	0	0
<u>11</u>	0	0	0
<u>12</u>	0	0	0

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**Note** – Items which load other forms when selected are underlined.

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## CHAPTER 5

# The Dashboard

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The Browser-Based Interface (BBI) can be used to view the present settings and operating status of a variety of switch features. The same information available through the switch's command-line interface is present on the Dashboard forms.

The following provides a basic outline for viewing the Dashboard forms. You should be familiar with configuration as covered in the *BLADE OS 5.1 Command Reference*.

## Steps for Displaying Dashboards

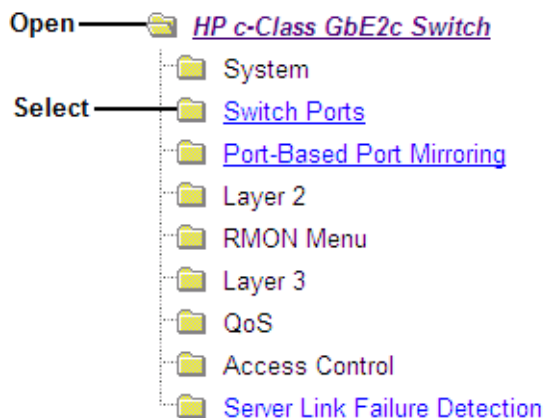
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Follow these basic steps for viewing switch Dashboard forms:

1. Select the Dashboard context tab in the BBI Toolbar:



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



- View information shown in the Forms window, as shown in the example below:

The screenshot shows the HP iNvent web interface. At the top, there are tabs for CONFIGURE, STATISTICS, and DASHBOARD. Below the tabs are navigation links: Apply | Save | Revert | Diff | Dump, and Show Log - Help - Quit. The main content area is titled "Switch Ports Dashboard" and displays a table of switch port information. On the left, a navigation tree shows folders for System, Switch Ports, Port-Based Port Mirroring, Layer 2, RMON Menu, Layer 3, QoS, Access Control, and Server Link Failure Detection. The "Switch Ports" folder is selected.

Status	Switch Port Info	Operational Status	Speed Duplex FlowCtl	Input Frames Output Frames	LinkState Changes Total Errors
	<a href="#">1</a> : name: Downlink1 stp: DISABLED rmon: disabled <b>Media:</b> Auto Flood Blocking: disabled FDB Learning: enabled tagging: disabled PVID: 1 VLANs:1	offline	1000 Full/Both	0 0	0 0
	<a href="#">2</a> : name: Downlink2 stp: DISABLED rmon: disabled <b>Media:</b> Auto Flood Blocking: disabled FDB Learning: enabled tagging: disabled PVID: 1 VLANs:1	offline	1000 Full/Both	0 0	0 0
	<a href="#">3</a> : name: Downlink3 stp: DISABLED rmon: disabled <b>Media:</b> Auto Flood Blocking: disabled FDB Learning: enabled tagging: disabled PVID: 1 VLANs:1	offline	1000 Full/Both	0 0	0 0

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