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# **Introduction to Redundancy Protocol**

Setting up Redundancy Protocol on your network helps protect critical links against failure, protects against network loops, and keeps network downtime at a minimum.

Redundancy Protocol allows you to set up *redundant loops* in the network to provide a backup data transmission route in the event that a cable is inadvertently disconnected or damaged. This is a particularly important feature for industrial applications, since it could take several minutes to locate the disconnected or severed cable. For example, if the Moxa switch is used as a key communications component of a production line, several minutes of downtime could cause a big loss in production and revenue. The Moxa switch supports three different protocols to support this Redundancy Protocol function:

- Turbo Ring and Turbo Ring V2
- Turbo Chain
- Rapid Spanning Tree and Spanning Tree Protocols (IEEE 802.1W/802.1D-2004)

When configuring a redundant ring, all switches on the same ring must be configured to use the same redundancy protocol. You cannot mix the Turbo Ring, Turbo Ring V2, and STP/RSTP protocols on the same ring. The following table lists the key differences between the features of each protocol. Use this information to evaluate the benefits of each, and then determine which features are most suitable for your network.

	Turbo Ring	Turbo Ring V2	Turbo Chain	STP	RSTP
Topology	Ring	Ring	Chain	Ring, Mesh	Ring, Mesh
Fast Ethernet	< 300 ms	< 20 ms	< 20 ms	Up to 30 sec.	Up to 5 sec.
Recovery Time					
Gigabit Ethernet		< 50 ms	< 50 ms		
Recovery Time					

#### **NOTE** Most of Moxa's managed switches now support three proprietary Turbo Ring protocols:

- 1. **Turbo Ring** refers to the original version of Moxa's proprietary redundant ring protocol, which has a recovery time of under 300 ms.
- 2. **Turbo Ring V2** refers to the new generation Turbo Ring, which has a recovery time of under 20 ms for Fast Ethernet ports and under 50 ms for Gigabit Ethernet ports.
- 3. **Turbo Chain** is a new Moxa proprietary protocol with unlimited flexibility that allows you to construct any type of redundant network topology. The recovery time is under 20 ms for Fast Ethernet ports and under 50 ms for Gigabit Ethernet ports. To achieve a recovery time under 50 ms in a Gigabit Turbo Chain, we recommend using a Gigabit fiber port as Head port.

In this manual, we use the terminology **Turbo Ring** and **Turbo Ring V2** to differentiate between rings configured for one or the other of these protocols.

#### Gigabit Ethernet Redundant Ring Capability (< 50 ms)

Ethernet has become the default data communications medium for industrial automation applications. In fact, Ethernet is often used to integrate video, voice, and high-rate industrial application data transfers into one network. Moxa switches come equipped with a redundancy Gigabit Ethernet protocol called Gigabit Turbo Ring. With Gigabit Turbo Ring, if any segment of the network gets disconnected, your automation system will be back to normal in less than 300 ms (Turbo Ring) or 50 ms (Turbo Ring V2).



#### NOTE

Port trunking and Turbo Ring can be enabled simultaneously to form a backbone. Doing so will increase the bandwidth of the backbone, and also provide redundancy. For example, suppose that two physical ports, 1 and 2, are trunked to form trunk group Trk1, and then Trk1 is set as one Turbo Ring path. If port 1 gets disconnected, the remaining trunked port, port 2, will share the traffic. If ports 1 and 2 are both disconnected, then Turbo Ring will create a backup path within 300 ms.

# **Turbo Ring**

The following topics are covered in this chapter:

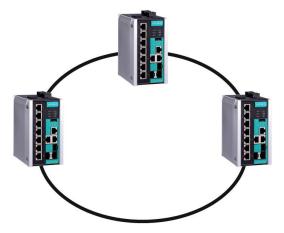
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  - Configuring "Turbo Ring V2"

# The Turbo Ring Concept

Moxa developed the proprietary Turbo Ring protocol to optimize redundancy and achieve a faster recovery time on the network.

The Turbo Ring and Turbo Ring V2 protocols identify one switch as the *master* of the network, and then automatically block packets from traveling through any of the network's redundant loops. In the event that one branch of the ring gets disconnected from the rest of the network, the protocol automatically readjusts the ring so that the part of the network that was disconnected can reestablish contact with the rest of the network.

# Setting up "Turbo Ring" or "Turbo Ring V2"



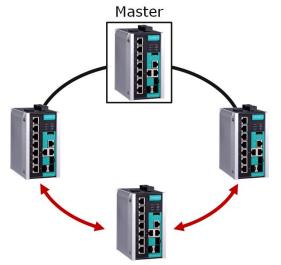
- 1. Select any two ports as redundant ports.
- 2. Connect the redundant ports to form the Turbo Ring.

The user does not need to configure any of the switches as the master to use Turbo Ring or Turbo Ring V2. If none of the switches in the ring is configured as the master, then the protocol will automatically assign master status to one of the switches. In fact, the master is only used to identify which segment in the redundant ring acts as the backup path. In the following subsections, we explain how the redundant path is selected for rings configured for Turbo Ring, and Turbo Ring V2.

# Determining the Redundant Path of a "Turbo Ring" Ring

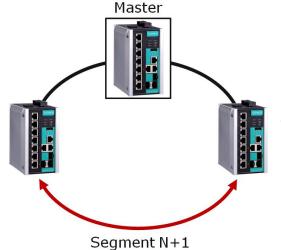
In this case, the redundant segment (i.e., the segment that will be blocked during normal operation) is determined by the number of switches in the ring, and where the ring master is located.

## When the Number of Switches in the Turbo Ring is Even



If there are 2N switches (an even number) in the "Turbo Ring" ring, then the backup segment is one of the two segments connected to the (N+1)st switch (i.e., the switch directly opposite the master).

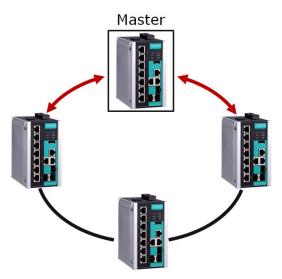
## When the Number of Switches in the Turbo Ring is Odd



If there are 2N+1 switches (an odd number) in the "Turbo Ring" ring, with switches and segments labeled counterclockwise, then segment N+1 will serve as the backup path.

For the example shown here, N=1, so that N+1=2.

## Determining the Redundant Path of a "Turbo Ring V2" Ring



For a "Turbo Ring V2" ring, the backup segment is the segment connected to the 2nd redundant port on the master.

See Configuring "Turbo Ring V2" in the Configuring "Turbo Ring" and "Turbo Ring V2" section below.

# **Ring Coupling Configuration**

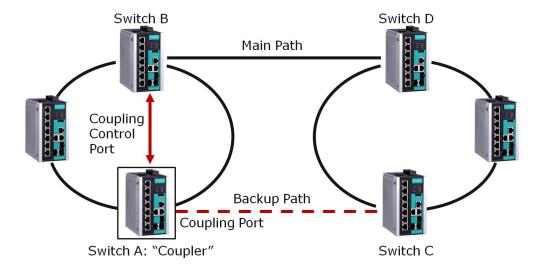
For some systems, it may not be convenient to connect all devices in the system to create one BIG redundant ring, since some devices could be located in a remote area. For these systems, **Ring Coupling** can be used to separate the devices into different smaller redundant rings, but in such a way that they can still communicate with each other.



#### **ATTENTION**

In a VLAN environment, the user must set **Redundant Port**, **Coupling Port**, and **Coupling Control Port** to join all VLANs, since these ports act as the *backbone* to transmit all packets of different VLANs to different switches.

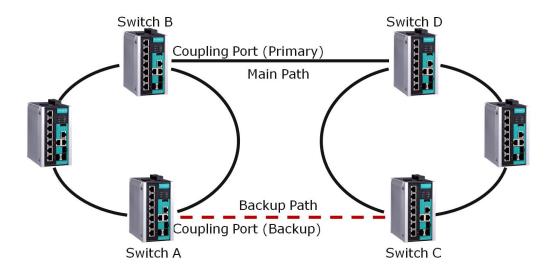
## Ring Coupling for a "Turbo Ring" Ring



To configure the Ring Coupling function for a "Turbo Ring" ring, select two switches (e.g., Switch A and B in the above figure) in the ring, and another two switches in the adjacent ring (e.g., Switch C and D). Decide which two ports in each switch are appropriate to be used as coupling ports, and then link them together. Next, assign one switch (e.g., Switch A) to be the **coupler** and connect the coupler's coupling control port with Switch B (for this example).

The coupler switch (i.e., Switch A) will monitor Switch B through the coupling control port to determine whether or not the coupling port's backup path should be recovered.

## Ring Coupling for a "Turbo Ring V2" Ring



Note that the ring coupling settings for a "Turbo Ring V2" ring are different from a "Turbo Ring" ring. For Turbo Ring V2, Ring Coupling is enabled by configuring the **Coupling Port (Primary)** on Switch B, and the **Coupling Port (Backup)** on Switch A only. You do not need to set up a coupling control port, so that a "Turbo Ring V2" ring does not use a coupling control line.

The **Coupling Port (Backup)** on Switch A is used for the backup path, and connects directly to an extra network port on Switch C. The **Coupling Port (Primary)** on Switch B monitors the status of the main path, and connects directly to an extra network port on Switch D. With ring coupling established, Switch A can activate the backup path as soon as it detects a problem with the main path.



#### **ATTENTION**

Ring Coupling only needs to be enabled on one of the switches serving as the Ring Coupler. The Coupler must designate different ports as the two Turbo Ring ports and the coupling port.

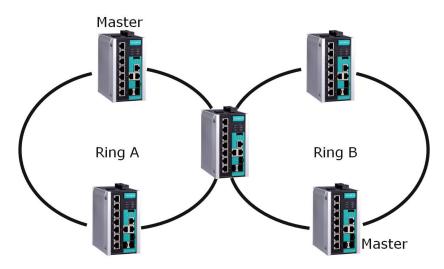
**NOTE** You

You do not need to use the same switch for both Ring Coupling and Ring Master.

# **Dual-Ring Configuration (applies only to "Turbo Ring V2")**

The **dual-ring** option provides another ring coupling configuration, in which two adjacent rings share one switch. This type of configuration is ideal for applications that have inherent cabling difficulties.

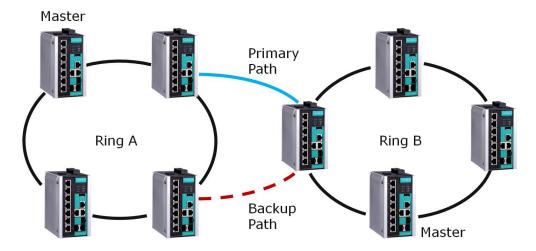
#### Dual-Ring for a "Turbo Ring V2" Ring



# **Dual-Homing Configuration (applies only to "Turbo Ring V2")**

The **dual-homing** option uses a single Ethernet switch to connect two networks. The primary path is the operating connection, and the backup path is a back-up connection that is activated in the event that the primary path connection fails.

#### Dual-Homing for a "Turbo Ring V2" Ring



# Configuring "Turbo Ring" and "Turbo Ring V2"

Use the scrollbar at the top of the Redundancy Protocol page to select **Turbo Ring**, **Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, or **MSTP**. Note that the configuration pages for these five protocols are different.

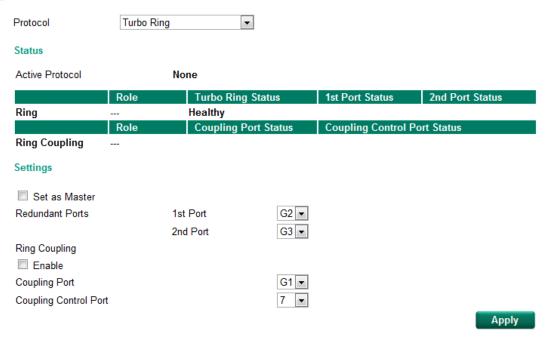
#### Protocol

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Turbo Ring	Select this item to change to the Turbo Ring configuration page.	None
Turbo Ring V2	Select this item to change to the Turbo Ring V2 configuration	
	page.	
Turbo Chain	Select this item to change to the Turbo Chain configuration	
	page.	
RSTP (IEEE	Select this item to change to the RSTP configuration page.	
802.1D-2004)		
MSTP (IEEE 802.1s)	Select this item to change to the MSTP configuration page.	

# Configuring "Turbo Ring"

The following figure indicates which Turbo Ring parameters can be configured. A more detailed explanation of each parameter follows.

#### Redundant Protocol



## **Explanation of "Status" Items**

#### Active Protocol

Shows which redundancy protocol is in use: **Turbo Ring, Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, **MSTP** or **None**.

#### Ring: Role

Indicates whether or not this switch is the **Master** or **Slave** of the Turbo Ring.

# **NOTE** The user does not need to set the master to use Turbo Ring. If master is not set, the Turbo Ring protocol will assign master status to one of the switches in the ring. The master is only used to determine which segment serves as the backup path.

#### Ring: Turbo Ring Status

Shows Healthy if the ring is operating normally, and shows Break if the ring's backup link is active.

#### Ring: 1st Port Status / Ring: 2nd Port Status

The "Ports Status" indicators show *Forwarding* for normal transmission, *Blocking* if this port is connected to a backup path and the path is blocked, and *Link down* if there is no connection.

#### Ring Coupling: Role

Indicates whether or not this switch is assigned as coupler.

#### Ring Coupling: Coupling Port Status

#### Ring Coupling: Coupling Control Port Status

The "Ports Status" indicators show *Forwarding* for normal transmission, *Blocking* if this port is connected to a backup path and the path is blocked, and *Link down* if there is no connection.

## **Explanation of "Settings" Items**

#### Set as Master

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enabled	Select this switch as Master	Not checked
Disabled	Do not select this switch as Master	

#### Redundant Ports

Setting	Description	Factory Default
1st Port	Select any port of the switch to be one of the redundant ports.	Port G2
2nd Port	Select any port of the switch to be one of the redundant ports.	Port G3

#### Ring Coupling: Enable

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable	Select this switch as Coupler	Not checked
Disable	Do not select this switch as Coupler	

#### Ring Coupling: Coupling Port

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Coupling Port	Select any port of this switch to be the coupling port	Port G1

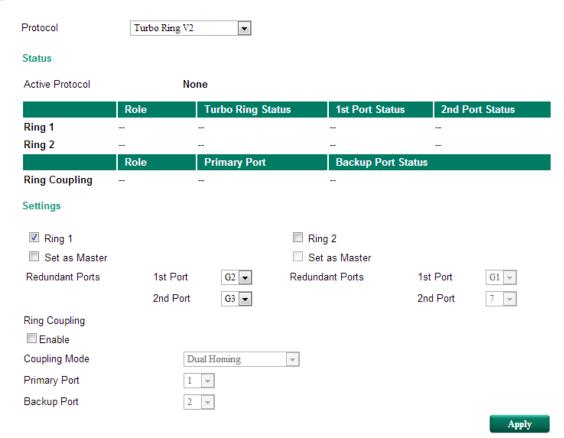
#### Ring Coupling: Coupling Control Port

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Coupling Control Port	Select any port of this switch to be the coupling control port	Port 7

## Configuring "Turbo Ring V2"

The following figure indicates which Turbo Ring V2 parameters can be configured. A more detailed explanation of each parameter follows.

#### Redundant Protocol



NOTE

When using the Dual-Ring architecture, you must configure settings for both Ring 1 and Ring 2. In this case, the status of both rings will appear under "Status."

## **Explanation of "Status" Items**

#### **Active Protocol**

Shows which redundancy protocol is in use: **Turbo Ring, Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, **MSTP** or **None**.

## Ring 1/2: Role

Indicates whether or not this switch is the **Master** or **Slave** of the Turbo Ring. (When using the Dual-Ring architecture and this switch is selected to operate on both rings, you must configure settings for both Ring 1 and Ring 2 at this switch. In this case, the status of both rings will appear under "Status.")

NOTE

The user does not need to set the master to use Turbo Ring. If master is not set, the Turbo Ring protocol will assign master status to one of the switches in the ring. The master is only used to determine which segment serves as the backup path.

#### Ring 1/2: Turbo Ring Status

Shows **Healthy** if the ring is operating normally, and shows **Break** if the ring's backup link is active.

#### Ring 1/2: 1st Port Status / Ring 1/2: 2nd Port Status

The "Ports Status" indicators show *Forwarding* for normal transmission, *Blocking* if this port is connected to a backup path and the path is blocked, and *Link down* if there is no connection.

#### Ring Coupling: Role

Indicates None, Dual Homing, or Ring Coupling.

#### Ring Coupling: Primary Port

The "Primary Port" indicators show *Forwarding* for normal transmission, and *Link down* if there is no connection.

#### Ring Coupling: Backup Port Status

The "Backup Port Status" indicators show Forwarding, Blocking, or Link down.

## Explanation of "Settings" Items

#### Ring 1

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enabled	Enable the Ring 1 settings	checked
Disabled	Disable the Ring 1 settings	

#### Ring 2\*

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enabled	Enable the Ring 2 settings	Not checked
Disabled	Disable the Ring 2 settings	

#### NOTE

You should enable both Ring 1 and Ring 2 when the switch interconnects between Ring 1 and Ring 2 in the Dual-Ring architecture.

#### Set as Master (Ring 1/2)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enabled	Select this switch as Master	Not checked
Disabled	Do not select this switch as Master	

#### Redundant Ports (Ring 1/2)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
1st Port	Select any port of this switch to be one of the redundant ports.	Ring 1: G2
		Ring 2: G1
2nd Port	Select any port of this switch to be one of the redundant ports.	Ring 1: G3
		Ring 2: 7

#### Ring Coupling: Enable

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable	Select this switch as Coupler	- Not checked
Disable	Do not select this switch as Coupler	

#### Ring Coupling: Coupling Mode

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Dual Homing	Select this item to change to the Dual Homing configuration	Primary port: 1
	page	Backup port: 2
Ring Coupling	Select this item to change to the Ring Coupling (backup)	Port 1
(backup)	configuration page	
Ring Coupling	Select this item to change to the Ring Coupling (primary)	Port 1
(primary)	configuration page	

**NOTE** The Turbo Ring DIP Switches located on the outer casing of the EDS E series switches can be used to configure switch Turbo Ring protocols (Turbo Ring or Turbo Ring V2).

If the **Turbo Ring DIP Switch** is enabled from any access interface (web-based UI, console, or Telnet), and the 4<sup>th</sup> DIP Switch on the switch outer casing is set to **ON**, the Redundancy Protocol will be set automatically to the Turbo Ring protocol based on the version configured in the **Turbo Ring DIP Switch** page, and the corresponding Redundant Ports, Coupling Ports, and Coupling Control Port will be fixed to the assigned factory default port number automatically. In this case, you will not be able to use the web-based UI, console, or Telnet interface to change the status of the DIP Switch and all settings in the Redundancy Protocol page will not be allowed to be configured, as shown in the following figure:

#### Redundant Protocol Turbo Ring Protocol Status Active Protocol Turbo Ring Role Turbo Ring Status 1st Port Status 2nd Port Status Ring Master Break Link down Link down Role Coupli Coupling Co Ring Coupling Disabled Settings Set as Master Redundant Ports 1st Port G2 🔻 2nd Port Ring Coupling Enable Coupling Port G1 → Coupling Control Port

In addition, those default Redundant Ports, Coupling Ports, and Coupling Control Port will be added automatically to all VLANs (i.e., to act as "Trunk Ports") if you set the 4th DIP Switch to the "ON" position when the Turbo Ring DIP Switch is enabled. Once you flip the 4th DIP Switch back from **ON** to **OFF** when the Turbo Ring DIP Switch is enabled, such default Redundant Ports, Coupling Ports, and Coupling Control Port that were added to all VLANs will be restored to their previous software settings.

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**NOTE** If you would like to enable VLAN and/or port trunking on any of the last four ports, do not use the fourth DIP switch to activate Turbo Ring. In this case, you should use the Web, Telnet, or Serial console to activate Turbo Ring.

**NOTE** Turbo Ring V2 or Turbo Chain is one function of V-ON technology that should be enabled in layer 2 and layer 3 switches. For a detailed introduction, please refer to Chapter 5, V-ON.

# **Turbo Chain**

The following topics are covered in this chapter:

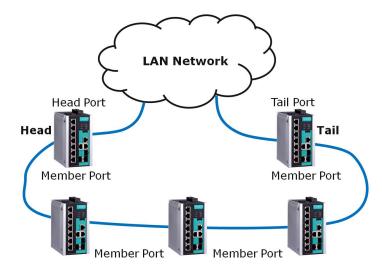
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  - > Member Switch Configuration
  - > Tail Switch Configuration

# The Turbo Chain Concept

Moxa's Turbo Chain is an advanced software technology that gives network administrators the flexibility of constructing any type of redundant network topology. When using the "chain" concept, you first connect the Ethernet switches in a chain and then simply link the two ends of the chain to an Ethernet network, as illustrated in the following figure.

Turbo Chain can be used on industrial networks that have a complex topology. If the industrial network uses a multi-ring architecture, Turbo Chain can be used to create flexible and scalable topologies with a fast media-recovery time.

# **Setting Up Turbo Chain**



- 1. Select the Head switch, Tail switch, and Member switches.
- 2. Configure one port as the Head port and one port as the Member port in the Head switch, configure one port as the Tail port and one port as the Member port in the Tail switch, and configure two ports as Member ports in each of the Member switches.
- 3. Connect the Head switch, Tail switch, and Member switches as shown in the above diagram.

The path connecting to the Head port is the main path, and the path connecting to the Tail port is the backup path of the Turbo Chain. Under normal conditions, packets are transmitted through the Head Port to the LAN network. If any Turbo Chain path is disconnected, the Tail Port will be activated so that packet transmission can continue.

# Configuring "Turbo Chain"

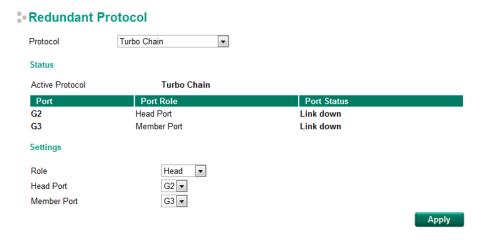
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#### Protocol

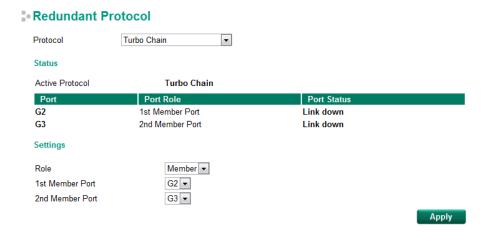
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Turbo Ring	Select this item to change to the Turbo Ring configuration page.	
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Turbo Chain	Select this item to change to the Turbo Chain configuration page.	None
RSTP (IEEE	Colort this item to shape to the DCTD configuration need	
802.1D-2004)	Select this item to change to the RSTP configuration page.	
MSTP (IEEE 802.1s)	Select this item to change to the MSTP configuration page.	

The following figures indicate which Turbo Chain parameters can be configured. A more detailed explanation of each parameter follows.

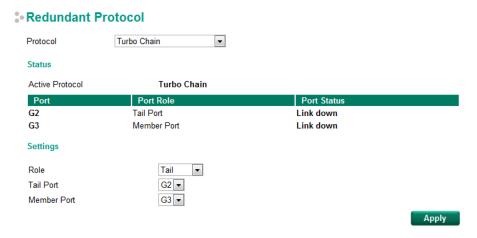
# **Head Switch Configuration**



# **Member Switch Configuration**



# **Tail Switch Configuration**



## **Explanation of "Status" Items**

#### **Active Protocol**

Shows which redundancy protocol is in use: **Turbo Ring, Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, **MSTP** or **None**.

#### Port

Shows which ports have been assigned for redundancy protocol usage.

#### Port Role

Shows the role that has been assigned to any specific redundancy port: Head, Member, or Tail.

#### Port Status

The "Ports Status" indicators show *Forwarding* for normal transmission, *Blocked* if this port is connected to the Tail port as a backup path and the path is blocked, and *Link down* if there is no connection.

## **Explanation of "Settings" Items**

#### Role

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Head	Select this switch as Head Switch	
Member	Select this switch as Member Switch	Member
Tail	Select this switch as Tail Switch	

#### Head Role

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Head Port	Select any port of this switch to be the head port.	G2
Member Port	Select any port of this switch to be the member port.	G3

#### Member Role

Setting	Description	Factory Default
1st Member port	Select any port of this switch to be the 1st member port	G2
2nd Member port	Select any port of this switch to be the 2nd member port	G3

#### Tail Role

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Tail Port	Select any port of this siwtch to be the tail port.	G2
Member Port	Select any port of this switch to be the member port.	G3

**NOTE** Turbo Ring V2 or Turbo Chain is one function of V-ON technology that should be enabled in layer 2 and layer 3 switches. For a detailed introduction, please refer to Chapter 5, V-ON.

# STP/RSTP/MSTP

The following topics are covered in this chapter:

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# The STP/RSTP/MSTP Concept

Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) was designed to help reduce link failures on a network, and provide an automatic means of avoiding loops. This is particularly important for networks that have a complicated architecture, since unintended loops in the network can cause broadcast storms. Moxa switches' STP feature is disabled by default. To be completely effective, you must enable RSTP/STP on every Moxa switch connected to your network.

Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) implements the Spanning Tree Algorithm and Protocol defined by IEEE 802.1D-2004. RSTP provides the following benefits:

- The topology of a bridged network will be determined much more quickly compared to STP.
- RSTP is backwards compatible with STP, making it relatively easy to deploy. For example:
  - > Defaults to sending 802.1D style BPDUs if packets with this format are received.
  - > STP (802.1D) and RSTP (802.1w) can operate on different ports of the same switch, which is particularly helpful when switch ports connect to older equipment such as legacy switches.

You get essentially the same functionality with RSTP and STP. To see how the two systems differ, see the Differences between STP, RSTP, and MSTP section in this chapter.

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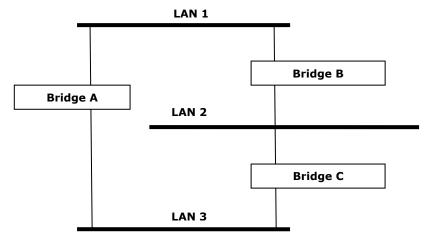
The STP protocol is part of the IEEE Std 802.1D, 2004 Edition bridge specification. The following explanation uses "bridge" instead of "switch."

## What is STP?

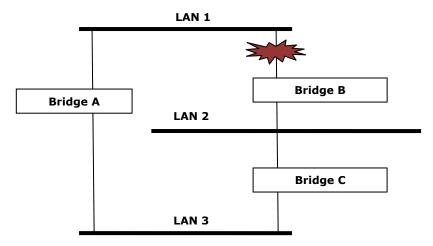
STP (802.1D) is a bridge-based system that is used to implement parallel paths for network traffic. STP uses a loop-detection process to:

- Locate and then disable less efficient paths (i.e., paths that have a lower bandwidth).
- Enable one of the less efficient paths if a more efficient path fails.

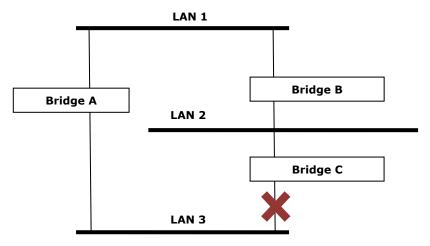
The figure below shows a network made up of three LANs separated by three bridges. Each segment uses at most two paths to communicate with the other segments. Since this configuration can give rise to loops, the network will overload if STP is NOT enabled.



If STP is enabled, it will detect duplicate paths and prevent, or *block*, one of the paths from forwarding traffic. In the following example, STP determined that traffic from LAN segment 2 to LAN segment 1 should flow through bridges C and A since this path has a greater bandwidth and is therefore more efficient.



What happens if a link failure is detected? As shown in next figure, the STP process reconfigures the network so that traffic from LAN segment 2 flows through bridge B.



STP will determine which path between each bridged segment is most efficient, and then assign a specific reference point on the network. When the most efficient path has been identified, the other paths are blocked. In the previous 3 figures, STP first determined that the path through bridge C was the most efficient, and as a result, blocked the path through bridge B. After the failure of bridge C, STP re-evaluated the situation and opened the path through Bridge B.

## **How STP Works**

When enabled, STP determines the most appropriate path for traffic through a network. The way it does this is outlined in the sections below.

## **STP Requirements**

Before STP can configure the network, the system must satisfy the following requirements:

- All bridges must be able to communicate with each other. The communication is carried out using Bridge Protocol Data Units (BPDUs), which are transmitted in packets with a known multicast address.
- Each bridge must have a Bridge Identifier that specifies which bridge acts as the central reference point, or Root Bridge, for the STP system—bridges with a lower Bridge Identifier are more likely to be designated as the Root Bridge. The Bridge Identifier is calculated using the MAC address of the bridge and a priority defined for the bridge. For example, the default priority setting of Moxa switches is 32768.
- Each port has a cost that specifies the efficiency of each link. The efficiency cost is usually determined by the bandwidth of the link, with less efficient links assigned a higher cost.

#### **STP Calculation**

The first step of the STP process is to perform calculations. During this stage, each bridge on the network transmits BPDUs. The following items will be calculated:

- Which bridge should be the **Root Bridge**. The Root Bridge is the central reference point from which the network is configured.
- The Root Path Costs for each bridge. This is the cost of the paths from each bridge to the Root Bridge.
- The identity of each bridge's **Root Port**. The Root Port is the port on the bridge that connects to the Root Bridge via the most efficient path. In other words, the port connected to the Root Bridge via the path with the lowest Root Path Cost. The Root Bridge, however, does not have a Root Port.
- The identity of the **Designated Bridge** for each LAN segment. The Designated Bridge is the bridge with the
  lowest Root Path Cost from that segment. If several bridges have the same Root Path Cost, the one with the
  lowest Bridge Identifier becomes the Designated Bridge. Traffic transmitted in the direction of the Root
  Bridge will flow through the Designated Bridge. The port on this bridge that connects to the segment is
  called the **Designated Bridge Port**.

## **STP Configuration**

After all of the bridges on the network agree on the identity of the Root Bridge, and all other relevant parameters have been established, each bridge is configured to forward traffic only between its Root Port and the Designated Bridge Ports for the respective network segments. All other ports are blocked, which means that they will not be allowed to receive or forward traffic.

## **STP Reconfiguration**

Once the network topology has stabilized, each bridge listens for Hello BPDUs transmitted from the Root Bridge at regular intervals. If a bridge does not receive a Hello BPDU after a certain interval (the Max Age time), the bridge assumes that the Root Bridge, or a link between itself and the Root Bridge, has ceased to funtion. This will trigger the bridge to reconfigure the network to account for the change. If you have configured an SNMP trap destination, the first bridge to detect the change will send out an SNMP trap when the topology of your network changes.

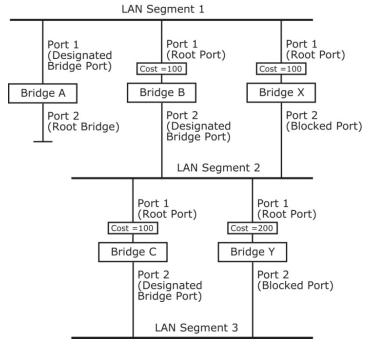
# Differences between STP, RSTP, and MSTP

RSTP is similar to STP, but includes additional information in the BPDUs that allow each bridge to confirm that it has taken action to prevent loops from forming when it decides to enable a link to a neighboring bridge. Adjacent bridges connected via point-to-point links will be able to enable a link without waiting to ensure that all other bridges in the network have had time to react to the change. The main benefit of RSTP is that the configuration decision is made locally rather than network-wide, allowing RSTP to carry out automatic configuration and restore a link faster than STP.

STP and RSTP spanning tree protocols operate without regard to a network's VLAN configuration, and maintain one common spanning tree throughout a bridged network. Thus, these protocols map one loop-free, logical topology on a given physical topology. MSTP uses VLANs to create multiple spanning trees in a network, which significantly improves network resource utilization while maintaining a loop-free environment.

# STP Example

The LAN shown in the following figure has three segments, with adjacent segments connected using two possible links. The various STP factors, such as Cost, Root Port, Designated Bridge Port, and Blocked Port are shown in the figure.

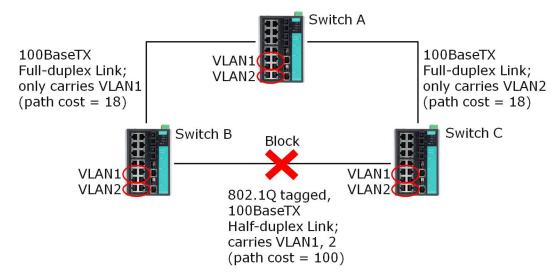


- Bridge A has been selected as the Root Bridge, since it was determined to have the lowest Bridge Identifier
  on the network.
- Since Bridge A is the Root Bridge, it is also the Designated Bridge for LAN segment 1. Port 1 on Bridge A is selected as the Designated Bridge Port for LAN Segment 1.
- Ports 1 of Bridges B, C, X, and Y are all Root Ports since they are nearest to the Root Bridge, and therefore have the most efficient path.
- Bridges B and X offer the same Root Path Cost for LAN segment 2. However, Bridge B was selected as the Designated Bridge for that segment since it has a lower Bridge Identifier. Port 2 on Bridge B is selected as the Designated Bridge Port for LAN Segment 2.
- Bridge C is the Designated Bridge for LAN segment 3, because it has the lowest Root Path Cost for LAN Segment 3:
  - $\succ$  The route through bridges C and B costs 200 (C to B=100, B to A=100)
  - ➤ The route through bridges Y and B costs 300 (Y to B=200, B to A=100)
- The Designated Bridge Port for LAN Segment 3 is port 2 on bridge C.

# Using STP on a Network with Multiple VLANs

IEEE Std 802.1D, 1998 Edition, does not take into account VLANs when calculating STP information—the calculations only depend on the physical connections. Consequently, some network configurations will result in VLANs being subdivided into a number of isolated sections by the STP system. You must ensure that every VLAN configuration on your network takes into account the expected STP topology and alternative topologies that may result from link failures.

The following figure shows an example of a network that contains VLANs 1 and 2. The VLANs are connected using the 802.1Q-tagged link between switch B and Switch C. By default, this link has a port cost of 100 and is automatically blocked because the other switch-to-switch connections have a port cost of 36 (18+18). This means that both VLANs are now subdivided—VLAN 1 on switches A and B cannot communicate with VLAN 1 on switch C, and VLAN 2 on switches A and C cannot communicate with VLAN 2 on switch B.



To avoid subdividing VLANs, all inter-switch connections should be made members of all available 802.1Q VLANs. This will ensure connectivity at all times. For example, the connections between switches A and B, and between switches A and C, should be 802.1Q tagged and carrying VLANs 1 and 2 to ensure connectivity.

# **Configuring STP/RSTP**

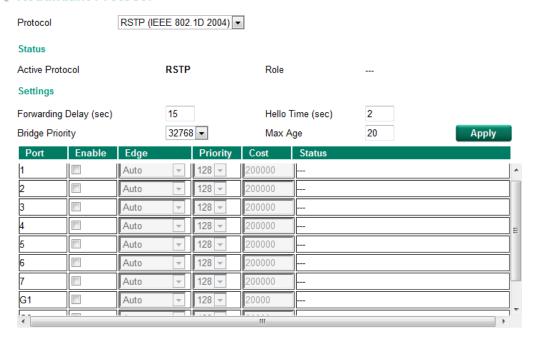
Use the scrolling bar at the top of the Redundancy Protocol page to select among **Turbo Ring**, **Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, or **MSTP**. Note that configuration pages for these five protocols are different.

#### Protocol

Setting	Description	<b>Factory Default</b>
Turbo Ring	Select this item to change to the Turbo Ring configuration page.	
Turks Ding V2	Select this item to change to the Turbo Ring V2 configuration	
Turbo Ring V2	page.	
Turbo Chain	Select this item to change to the Turbo Chain configuration page.	None
RSTP (IEEE	Colort this item to shows to the DCTD configuration now	
802.1D-2004)	Select this item to change to the RSTP configuration page.	
MSTP (IEEE 802.1s)	Select this item to change to the MSTP configuration page.	

The following figure indicates which Spanning Tree Protocol parameters can be configured. A more detailed explanation of each parameter follows.

#### - Redundant Protocol



# **Explanation of "Status" Items**

#### Active Protocol

Shows which redundancy protocol is in use: **Turbo Ring**, **Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, **MSTP**, or **None**.

#### Role

This field only appears when RSTP mode is selected. The field indicates whether or not this switch is the **Root** of the Spanning Tree (the root is determined automatically).

## **Explanation of "Settings" Items**

#### Forwarding delay (sec.)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input	The amount of time this device waits before checking to see if it	15
by user	should change to a different state.	15

#### Bridge priority

Setting	Description	Factory Default
	Increase this device's bridge priority by selecting a lower	
Numerical value	number. A device with a higher bridge priority has a greater	32768
selected by user	chance of being established as the root of the Spanning Tree	
	topology.	

#### Hello time (sec.)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
	The root of the Spanning Tree topology periodically sends out a	
Numerical value input	"hello" message to other devices on the network to check if the	2
by user	topology is healthy. The "hello time" is the amount of time the	2
	root waits between sending hello messages.	

#### Max. Age (sec.)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	If this device is not the root, and it has not received a hello	
	message from the root in an amount of time equal to "Max.	
	Age," then this device will reconfigure itself as a root. Once two	20
	or more devices on the network are recognized as a root, the	
	devices will renegotiate a new Spanning Tree topology.	

#### Enable STP per Port

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable/Disable	Select to enable the port as a node on the Spanning Tree topology.	Disabled

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NOTE

We suggest not enabling the Spanning Tree Protocol once the port is connected to a device (PLC, RTU, etc.) as opposed to network equipment. The reason is that it will cause unnecessary negotiation.

#### Edge

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Auto	<ol> <li>If the port does not receive a BPDU within 3 seconds, the port will be in the forwarding state.</li> <li>Once the port receives a BPDU, it will start the RSTP negotiation process.</li> </ol>	Auto
Force Edge	The port is fixed as an edge port and will always be in the forwarding state	
False	The port is set as the normal RSTP port	

#### **Priority**

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value	Increase this port's priority as a node on the Spanning Tree	128
selected by user	topology by entering a lower number.	120

#### Cost

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input	Input a higher cost to indicate that this port is less suitable as a	200000
by user	node for the Spanning Tree topology.	200000

#### Status

Indicates the current Spanning Tree status of this port. **Forwarding** for normal transmission, **Blocking** for block transmission, or **Link down** for no connection.

# **Configuring MSTP**

Use the scrollbar at the top of the Redundancy Protocol page to select **Turbo Ring**, **Turbo Ring V2**, **Turbo Chain**, **RSTP**, or **MSTP**. Note that configuration pages for these five protocols are different.

#### Protocol

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Turbo Ring	Select this item to change to the Turbo Ring configuration page.	
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Turbo Ring V2	page.	
Turbo Chain	Select this item to change to the Turbo Chain configuration page.	None
RSTP (IEEE	Coloct this item to shape to the DCTD configuration need	
802.1D-2004)	Select this item to change to the RSTP configuration page.	
MSTP (IEEE 802.1s)	Select this item to change to the MSTP configuration page.	

The following figure indicates which Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol parameters can be configured. A more detailed explanation of each parameter follows.

#### Redundant Protocol MSTP (IEEE 802.1s) Protocol Status Global Settings Forwarding Delay (sec) 15 Hello Time (sec) Max Hops 20 Max Age Revision Level 0 Configuration confirm MSTP Region Name Instance Settings Instance ID Cist 32768 🔻 Vlan Mapping Bridge Priority Port Enable Priority Oper Cost Edge State 128 🔻 128 🔻

# **Explanation of "Status" Items**

#### Status

Indicates the Root bridge of the Spanning Tree.

# **Explanation of "Global Settings" Items**

#### Forwarding Delay (sec.)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	The amount of time this device waits before checking	15
(4-30)	to see if it should change to a different state.	

#### Hello time (sec.)

Setting	Description	<b>Factory Default</b>
Numerical value input by user	The root of the Spanning Tree topology periodically	2
(1-10)	sends out a "hello" message to other devices on the	
	network to check if the topology is healthy. The "hello	
	time" is the amount of time the root waits between	
	sending hello messages.	

#### Max Hops

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	The MSTP maximum hops value is the maximum	20
(6-40)	number of hops in the region. Configure the maximum	
	number of hops a BPDU can be forwarded in the MSTP	
	region.	

## Max. Age (sec.)

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	If this device is not the root, and it has not received a	20
(6-40)	hello message from the root in an amount of time	
	equal to "Max. Age," then this device will reconfigure	
	itself as a root. Once two or more devices on the	
	network are recognized as a root, the devices will	
	renegotiate to set up a new Spanning Tree topology.	

#### Revision Level

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	The MSTP revision level is the revision number of the	0
(0-65535)	configuration. All EDS switches in an MSTP region	
	must be configured with the same revision level.	

#### Region Name

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Character string	The region name helps define the logical boundary of	MSTP
	the network. All EDS switches in an MSTP region must	
	be configured with the same name.	

## Configuration confirm

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable/Disable	Clicking "Apply" button will only save the MSTP	Disabled
	settings temporarily; you can select to enable this	
	configuration to activate the MSTP settings during the	
	operation.	

# **Explanation of "Instance Settings" Items**

#### Instance ID

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value selected by	Within each MST region, the MSTP maintains multiple	Cist
user	spanning-tree instances. A common and internal	
	spanning tree (CIST) is a collection of the following:	
	ISTs in each MST region, and the common spanning	
	tree (CST) that interconnects the MST regions, and a	
	single spanning tree. All other MST instances are	
	numbered from 1 to 15.	

#### Vlan Mapping

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	Configure which VLAN ID is mapped to the multiple	None
(1-4094)	spanning-tree instances.	

## Bridge priority

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value selected by	Increase this device's bridge priority by selecting a	32768
user	lower number. A device with a higher bridge priority	
	has a greater chance of being established as the root	
	of the Spanning Tree topology.	

#### Enable

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable/Disable	Select to enable the port as a node on the Multiple	Disabled
	Spanning Tree topology.	

#### Priority

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value selected by	Increase this port's priority as a node on the Multiple	128
user	Spanning Tree topology by entering a lower number.	

#### Cost

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Numerical value input by user	Input a higher cost to indicate that this port is less	0
	suitable as a node for the Multiple Spanning Tree	
	topology. Use the default value (0) to use port speed	
	in the auto port cost.	

#### Oper Cost

It indicates the cost of the path to the other bridge from this transmitting bridge at the specified port.

#### Edge

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable/Disable	Select to enable the port as the edge port for the	Disabled
	Multiple Spanning Tree topology.	

#### State

Indicates the current Multiple Spanning Tree status of this port. The "Blocking" status indicates the transmission is blocked; the "Learning" status indicates the MAC address of the device is being recorded in the MAC table, and the "Forwarding" status indicates normal transmission.

#### Role

Indicates the current port role status.

Setting	Port Role Status	Factory Default
Port Role	Backup	None
	Alternate port	
	Root port	
	Designated port	
	Disable	

# Configuration Limits of STP/RSTP

The Spanning Tree Algorithm places limits on three of the configuration items described previously:

[Eq. 1]: 1 sec  $\leq$  Hello Time  $\leq$  10 sec

[Eq. 2]:  $6 \sec \leq Max. Age \leq 40 \sec$ 

[Eq. 3]:  $4 \sec \leq Forwarding Delay \leq 30 \sec$ 

These three variables are further restricted by the following two inequalities:

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[Eq. 4]: 2 \times (Hello Time + 1 sec) \le Max. Age \le 2 \times (Forwarding Delay - 1 sec)
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Moxa EDS-600's firmware will alert you immediately if any of these restrictions are violated. For example, setting

Hello Time = 5 sec, Max. Age = 20 sec, and Forwarding Delay = 4 sec does not violate Eqs. 1 through 3, but does violate Eq. 4, since in this case,

 $2 \times (Hello Time + 1 sec) = 12 sec, and <math>2 \times (Forwarding Delay - 1 sec) = 6 sec.$ 

You can remedy the situation in many ways. One solution is simply to increase the Forwarding Delay value to at least 11 sec.

HINT: Perform the following steps to avoid guessing:

Step 1: Assign a value to **Hello Time** and then calculate the left most part of Eq. 4 to get the lower limit of **Max. Age**.

Step 2: Assign a value to **Forwarding Delay** and then calculate the right most part of Eq. 4 to get the upper limit for **Max. Age**.

Step 3: Assign a value to Forwarding Delay that satisfies the conditions.

# V-ON

The following topics are covered in this chapter:

- ☐ The V-ON Concept
  - ➤ What is V-ON?
- ☐ Configure Turbo Ring V2/Turbo Chain
- □ Configure Multicast Fast Forward
- ☐ Configure VRRP Fast Switchover
- □ Configure Multicast Local Route

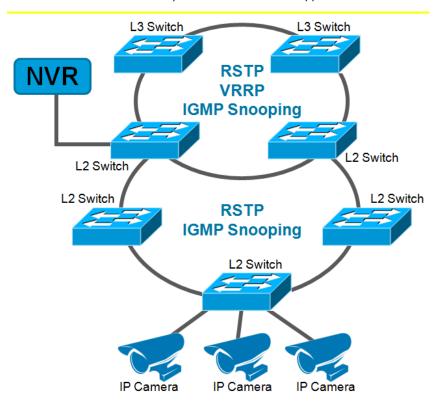
# The V-ON Concept

Video surveillance can be a tremendous help to enhance public safety and property security. During the chaos of an emergency, IP surveillance networks might fail to deliver and instead lose key images within seconds. In mission-critical applications, to prevent video loss from surveillance networks at all times, Moxa V-ON (Video-Always-ON Networking) technology overcomes multicast limitations.

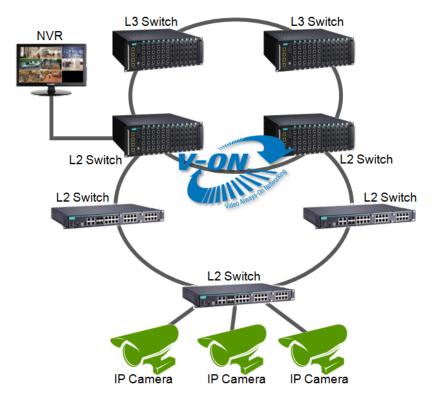
## What is V-ON?

Moxa V-ON is a technology that enables layer 2 video multicast traffic redundancy under 50ms and layer 3 routing redundancy under 300ms to support nonstop security surveillance, especially in mission-critical applications.

The figure below shows a traditional network with standard RSTP, VRRP, and IGMP protocol for multicast video stream. However, standard IGMP is not optimized for multicast video transmission. Once a network is down, a ring transmission path changes in a few seconds, but the recovery time of a multicast transmission path may be up to 125 seconds. It's not allowed in many mission-critical video applications.



Hence, Moxa V-ON technology focuses on the optimization of multicast video transmissions. The figure below shows Moxa recommended ring/chain network with V-ON technology for multicast video streams. By using Moxa V-ON technology, the recovery time of layer 2 video multicast traffic redundancy is under 50ms, and the recovery time of layer 3 routing redundancy is under 300 ms.



Moxa V-ON technology is an integration of several proprietary functions,

For layer 2 switches:

- Turbo Ring V2/Turbo Chain
- · Multicast Fast Forward

For layer 3 switches:

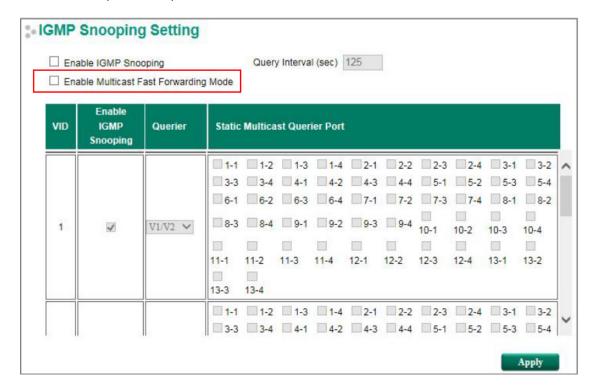
- Turbo Ring V2/Turbo Chain
- Multicast Fast Forward
- VRRP Fast Switchover
- Multicast Local Route

# **Configure Turbo Ring V2/Turbo Chain**

In a redundancy setting, Turbo Ring V2 or Turbo Chain is one function of V-ON technology that should be enabled in layer 2 and layer 3 switches. For a detailed configuration, please refer to Chapter 2 and Chapter 3.

# **Configure Multicast Fast Forward**

In an IGMP Snooping setting, Multicast Fast Forwarding Mode is one function of V-ON technology that should be enabled in layer 2 and layer 3 switches.

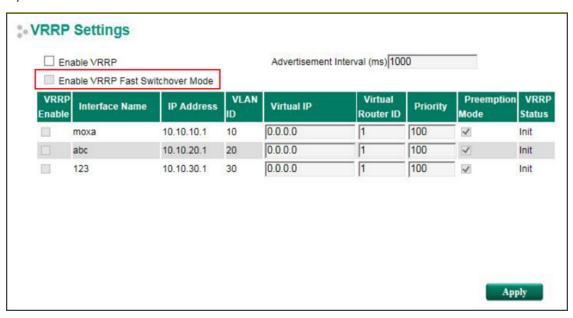


#### Enable Multicast Fast Forwarding Mode

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable/Disable	Select the Enable Multicast Fast Forwarding Mode checkbox to	Disable
	achieve fast multicast forwarding path re-learning while the	
	ring redundant network is down.	
	Note: Turbo Ring V2 or Turbo Chain must be enabled.	

# **Configure VRRP Fast Switchover**

In a VRRP setting, VRRP Fast Switchover Mode is one function of V-ON technology that should be enabled in a layer 3 switch.



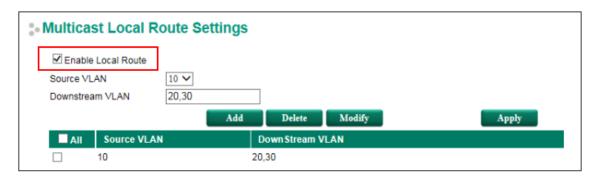
#### Enable VRRP Fast Switchover Mode

Setting	Description	<b>Factory Default</b>
Enable/Disable	Checkmark the Enable VRRP Fast Switchover Mode checkbox to	Disable
	achieve fast VRRP; the backup router takes over the role of	
	master while VRRP master is down.	

NOTE When enabling VRRP Fast Switchover Mode, the maximum number of VRRP Interfaces is 60.

# **Configure Multicast Local Route**

In a Multicast Routing setting, Multicast Local Route is one function of V-ON technology that should be enabled in a layer 3 switch.



#### Enable Local Route

Setting	Description	Factory Default
Enable/Disable	Enable Local Route function	Disable

#### Source VLAN

The VLAN ID that the source multicast stream comes from.

#### Downstream VLAN

The VLAN ID(s) that the source multicast stream is going to.

#### Add

Add a new rule for multicast routing.

#### Delete

Remove the selected rule(s) from the table.

#### Modify

Modify the contents of the selected rule(s) in the Table.

## **NOTE** The maximum number of rules is 16.

The maximum number of Downstream VLAN in each rule is 16.