uSwitch™ and uSwitchPro™ Installation and Operating Manual

and the A-Plug Adapter
Table of Contents

Introduction ................................................................................................................................................................3

uSwitch and uSwitchPro Features ..........................................................................................................................4

Installation Guidelines (Read before Installing) .....................................................................................................6

uSwitch and uSwitchPro Quick Start Guide ..........................................................................................................6

About uSwitch ..........................................................................................................................................................8

Power Supply Connection ...........................................................................................................................................9

Relay Connection .......................................................................................................................................................9

Network Connection ...................................................................................................................................................9

Control Center – Home Page .....................................................................................................................................11

Menu Navigation .......................................................................................................................................................12

Control Center (Relay 1- Momentary Mode) ............................................................................................................12

Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, Startup Delay phase) ..............................................................................13

Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, Ping Delay phase) ...................................................................................15

Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, pinging phase) .......................................................................................15

Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, auto reboot countdown phase) .................................................................17

Control Center (GPIO1 with counter enabled) ........................................................................................................18

Network Configuration Page ..................................................................................................................................19

Relay Configuration Page .......................................................................................................................................22

Force Watchdog Reboot .........................................................................................................................................24

GPIO Configuration Page (uSwitchPro only) ...........................................................................................................26

Watchdog Configuration Page ................................................................................................................................27

Virtual Relay Configuration Page ..........................................................................................................................29

Authorization Configuration Page ..........................................................................................................................31

Security Notes ........................................................................................................................................................31

uSwitch/uSwitchPro Board Schematic ..................................................................................................................32

Access Control to Electronic Door Strike ..............................................................................................................33

Driving multiple uSwitch Relays from a single uSwitch GPIO or Virtual Button ..................................................33

Connecting to High Power devices (such as Motors, etc) ........................................................................................34
Introduction

VideogeniX specializes in practical solutions for your network allowing you to Stay Connected and Take Control. All our industrial rated solutions keep you connected to the internet of things (IoT).

uSwitch™ allows you to control any device over the web including gates, doors, lights, sirens, doors, modems and cameras whether you are next door or halfway across the world. uSwitch can also restart any network device automatically when it locks up or stops communicating, saving you costly site visits, dissatisfied customers and time consuming manual reboots. uSwitch is the perfect solution for industrial, security and personal applications.

Simple to use and with no programming required, uSwitch automatically builds a control web page, provides multiple levels of password protected and can operate stand alone or user directed via the internet or a local intranet.

uSwitch comes with removable terminal connectors for the simplest wiring to two electromechanical relays that can be used as a dry contacts or power switches for remote control via the built in web server.

Once connected anywhere, users can monitor, control and reboot any device over the web or over a network whether under a desk on top of a pole, at a remote construction site, summer homes or business. In addition to computers and iPads, uSwitch is compatible with Android, iPhone, Blackberry and many other smart devices providing true remote control anywhere and anytime.

uSwitchPro™ adds several high end features to the standard uSwitch™ including General Purpose Inputs (GPIOs), and soft Virtual Relays.
This manual covers both uSwitch™ and uSwitchPro™. All exclusive features to the uSwitchPro will be, as this text is, on a light blue background, differentiating its advanced features.

Additionally, this manual covers the most popular adapters to the uSwitch including the A-plug™ a universal 110VAC uSwitch adapter.

**uSwitch and uSwitchPro Features**

- Plug-and-Play
- Two dry contact relays (5A@120Vac, 3A@250VAC), (5A@120VDC, 3A@250VDC) for direct connection to load. (Not designed for devices with large inrush current)
- No programming required
- Auto Discovery mode user configurable
- Connect from computers, smart phones, iPads and other web and network devices
- May be used as a standalone device
- Built-in web pages provide simple user interface for configuration and control.
- Customizable user interface (customize controls, colors, text and buttons).
- Removable terminal connectors (included) simplify wiring and service
- Custom applications can control uSwitch with standard CGI interface.
- Multiple levels of password protection
- Supports fixed IP, DHCP, and Dynamic IP with port forwarding and virtual port addressing.
- Selectable TCP ports for proxy server and NAT applications
- 10/100 Ethernet connectivity.
- Built-in automatic watchdog mode on each relay; with three independent user assignable ping-able URL options
- Watchdog Cloak™ mode for ultra-secure applications
- Watchdog mode timers and counters user configurable
- Latched, Momentary and Pulse timing modes for relays
- Relay power up state user configurable (Closed, Open, Previous)
- Minimal footprint
- Low power consumption
- Manual relay control mode
- All inputs and outputs have user customizable state colors and state text
- All inputs and outputs have user customizable displayed names
- **On board relays can be linked directly to onboard GPIOs**
- GPIO(s) and virtual buttons can drive relays on other uSwitch devices (Each Pro can drive up to 8 uSwitches and 16 relays which can be daisy chained to unlimited number of relays)
- Input Counters for tracking events
- Universal Voltage input 12-16VDC
- Great documentation, Great support
- Manufactured and all Software from USA
• Single Source Documentation available upon request
Installation Guidelines (Read before Installing)
Opening the uSwitch enclosure or tampering will void the warranty.

1. Not weatherproof (do not install outdoors without proper environmental enclosure).
2. Must be installed by qualified personnel.
3. Not designed to run in a radioactive environment
4. Must not be used for medical, lifesaving purposes, or for any purpose where its failure could cause serious injury, loss of life, or create significant financial losses.
5. Must be correctly wired. Incorrect wiring could result in damage to uSwitch or the device to which it is partnered.

uSwitch and uSwitchPro Quick Start Guide

1. uSwitch can be connected to a DC power source in the range of 12-16Vdc. Connect an appropriate DC power supply to the + and - Terminals in Figure 1 (regulated power supply is recommended). The power supply should be rated to meet the operating current of the uSwitch™ (see specifications for power requirements in appendix C). As shown in the photo, the positive terminal is the terminal closest to the outside unit edge; the negative terminal is the terminal closest to relay connectors.

2. Connect an Ethernet cable between the uSwitch Ethernet port and an Ethernet port on the network switch/router. Connect a computer to the network switch/router. (See diagram below). Alternatively, you can connect the uSwitch directly to the ethernet port of your computer (computer must be on a 192.168.1.xxx subnet and both should share the same gateway address and subnet mask).
3. Set up a computer on the same network/subnet as the uSwitch. To do this, set the IP address of the computer to 192.168.1.x with subnet mask of 255.255.255.0 (x can be any unused address on that network 2-254) and should not be in a range designated for DHCP addresses by the router.

4. Connect to the uSwitch by entering its factory default IP address (http://192.168.1.199) into the address bar on your computer’s browser. If the uSwitch is on a LAN with a router that has reserved the DHCP address of ‘192.168.1.199’ a conflict can occur. In this case either change the default address of the uSwitch upon connection or remove ‘199’ from the DHCP reserved address space of the router. (Make sure the uSwitch’s address is not blocked by any firewall you may be using).

5. If this is the first time you are logging on to the uSwitch from your computer, a password dialog box will appear (see examples below). Enter “admin”, for both the User name and Password fields (all lower case). Once logged on passwords and user names can be changed from the Authorization Configuration Menu. For higher level menus ‘admin’ is also the default password.

6. Press “OK” to accept the username and password.
7. Connect the relay contacts and or GPIOs as desired (refer to the diagram below for relay connections).

![Relay Connections Diagram]

**About uSwitch**

uSwitch contains two electro-mechanical relays and a built-in web server. The uSwitch’s web interface can be controlled and/or monitored over any IP network including private networks, IP-based industrial control networks, and the Internet. uSwitch can be controlled from a web browser or via a custom third-party application. Using standard CGI commands uSwitch can operate stand-alone or can be controlled from a remote or local web browser. It can be used to operate access control devices, lights, pumps, valves, locks, motors, etc.

Another feature of the uSwitch is, it can be programmed to automatically detect device and network failure and restart electronic devices that have frozen, or stopped functioning properly (even if communication to uSwitch or device has been completely lost). This mechanism is available to remotely reboot servers, computers, cell and satellite modems, and other devices one can imagine - either LAN or WAN. uSwitch relays can be wired in series with the power source of the device and switch the power on and off manually. Another option is to connect uSwitch directly into a device’s reset circuit. In this configuration, uSwitch does not power down the device and initiate a cold reboot, it simply forces a warm restart. All reboot methods have different requirements in physical connection and setup. A fourth additional option is to wire a uSwitch output to an external relay to control a physically isolated circuit or one with a power load that exceeds the max specifications of those inside the uSwitch.

uSwitch has a built-in Web Interface. You can access uSwitch by its IP address if you are connecting to it from the same network or if you are on a remote WAN by the URL of the LAN and or the uSwitch’s assigned port (via port forwarding/NAT). It can be accessed on networks with both static and dynamic IP addresses (in the case of a dynamic IP address a dynamic IP client is required or a router supporting DDNS). The factory default IP address for uSwitch is: 192.168.1.199, its default network port is 80 and the gateway is 192.168.1.1.

**uSwitchPro** has two General Purpose inputs (GPIOs). These GPIOs can be hooked up to sensors which can be linked to the local relay and up to 16 remote relays, so that a change in sensor status can effectively drive multiple remote relays. For instance, a premise detection alert could lock down 9 doors and set off 9 sirens across a campus.
Virtual Relays.

The uSwitchPro supports Virtual uSwitch control. With the creation of either virtual buttons, or by using local GPIOs up to eight (8) additional uSwitches can be controlled either by a single local button or by the change in state of one of a sensor attached to a GPIO.

Power Supply Connection
Connect an appropriate DC power supply to the Vin+ and Gnd Terminals as shown below (regulated power supply recommended). The power supply should be rated to meet the operating current of uSwitch (specified in Appendix B).

![Power Supply Connection Diagram]

Relay Connection
When connecting to the relay contacts make sure any current or future load will not exceed the load ratings for the relays (per spec. in Appendix B).

![Relay Connection Diagram]

Network Connection
Connect the uSwitch Ethernet port to a 10 Base-T or 100 Base-T switch, router or cell modem/gateway (per diagram below). For configuration, uSwitch can also connect directly to the Ethernet port on a computer using a crossover/null-modem cable. Otherwise, for connection through standard communication equipment a straight cable should be used.
Control Center – Home Page

This is the main control and interface of uSwitch, called the “uSwitch Control Center”. The Control Center appears when the IP address or URL assigned to a uSwitch is entered into a browser from a device that has access to that network. The “Control Center” provides manual relay control and status information based on the various operating modes and inputs (see operating modes in uSwitch Control Center Operating Modes section). Navigating between the uSwitch features is done by clicking on the blue menu buttons on the left side of any uSwitch page. The menu options for the uSwitch are, uSwitch Control Center, Relay Configuration, Watchdog Configuration, GPIO Configuration, Virtual Relay Configuration, Network Configuration, Authorization Configuration, Operations Manual. There are two levels of user operation. The Control Center home screen is accessible to anyone with the user name and password. Configuration menus are only accessible to privileged users with a senior level password (default is ‘admin’).

Selecting the red “Click to Turn ON” button on the “Control Center” page for a relay, energizes the selected relay forcing a normally closed (NC) contact to open or a normally open (NO) contact to close. The button’s color will simultaneously change from green to red (unless these colors have been modified on the Relay Configuration menu) and the button’s text will change to “Click to Turn OFF” (unless “user assigned text” has been similarly modified).

“Relay1” and “Relay2” are factory default names assigned to the relays. These names can be changed by the user from the Relay Configuration page (for example, “Front Door”, “Stair Lights”, etc.)

The Control Center also includes the states of the inputs (GPIO1 and GPIO2 in a round icon). GPIO1 and GPIO2 are default names assigned to these inputs. Custom colors, names, and state text for the GPIOs can be assigned from the GPIO Configuration Page.
Menu Navigation
Navigating between the uSwitch menus is done by clicking on the blue menu buttons on the left side of every page (each configuration page has the identical menu choices available). The menu options for the uSwitch are, uSwitch Control Center, Relay Configuration, Watchdog Configuration, GPIO Configuration, Virtual Relay Configuration, Network Configuration, Authorization Configuration, and Operations Manual (the Operations Manual is only available if a web connection is available).

uSwitch Control Center Operating Modes

Control Center (Relay 1- Momentary Mode)
The image below shows the Control Center with relay one configured as a twenty (20)second momentary (or pulsed) relay (a relay is configured into momentary mode from the Relay Configuration page). In this case each time relay1 button is clicked, the relay changes its state, counts down to zero (currently 5) and then changes back to its starting state. To change the relays initial state, temporarily disable momentary mode by setting the momentary time to zero (0) (from Relay Configuration page), Then manually change the state of the relay (on the Control Center page) to the desired initial state. Finally put the relay back into momentary mode by putting in a non-zero momentary time (from the Relay Configuration page). Note: Once a momentary countdown has started the push button relay controls are disabled until countdown completes (during countdown mode the colors of the relay flash between its current state and yellow).
Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, Startup Delay phase)

The image below shows the Control Center with relay1 configured in Watchdog Mode (a relay is placed in watchdog mode from the Relay Configuration page). A greyed out relay button indicates manual control is disabled when watchdog mode has been turned on. Whenever a relay is in watchdog mode it cannot be manually controlled by a push button. The screen below shows relay1 in Watchdog mode. On the screen below the watchdog feature has started the initial startup countdown specified by the startup delay entry before testing for connectivity, currently 261 seconds remain before watchdog mode becomes fully active. A minimum recommended startup countdown time of five minutes (300 seconds) is recommended.
Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, Ping Delay phase)
The image below shows the Control Center with relay1 configured in Watchdog Mode, during the, “Ping Delay” phase. This is the time interval between successive pings to the same URL. A recommended time of 90 seconds for the “ping delay” setting is suggested. Note: During Watchdog Mode manual relay control is not allowed so the relay control button is grayed out.
Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, pinging phase)
The image below shows the Control Center with Relay1 configured in Watchdog Mode. In this instance the uSwitch is attempting to ping the URL “yahoo.com” assigned for relay1 to determine if relay1 needs to be cycled. Also note this is the third consecutive attempt to communicate with the URL, indicating the previous two attempts failed.
Control Center (Relay1 Watchdog Mode, auto reboot countdown phase)
The image below shows the Control Center with Relay1 configured in Watchdog Mode. The uSwitch automatically is
 cycling the relay after failing to get responses from the URLs specified in the Watchdog Configuration page for Relay1.
The screen shot below shows the reboot countdown time remaining and will turn power back on to device when the count
 reaches 0. The amount of time for the relay to be cycled is as specified in the Relay Cycle Time field on the Watchdog
 Configuration page. After a reboot of the device the Watchdog will again initiate a startup delay countdown and hold off
 watchdog tests until the device Startup period completes.
**Control Center (GPIO1 with counter enabled)**

The image below shows the Control Center with relay1 configured in Watchdog Mode and GPIO1 configured with the "Enable Counting" field checked (if counting is not enabled the running count field and counter reset are not present on this screen). The value 119 in the "Running Count" field means, since the counter starting counting or was last reset by the “Clear Counter” button (directly below), 119 full input state transitions have occurred on GPIO1. Clicking the Reset button clears the counter.
Network Configuration Page

Network settings and control options are modified from the Network Configuration page. If multiple uSwitch devices are used on the same network, connect only one at a time and configure the IP address of each unit before connecting the next uSwitch to the network. This prevents having two network devices on the same network with identical network addresses (creating an IP address conflict). It is a good idea to clear the Address Resolution Protocol Cache (ARP) each time you swap uSwitch units on the same network. This is because each uSwitch has a factory default IP address (192.168.1.199) and if the cache is not cleared an IP address conflict could occur if two IP addresses are associated with two different hardware MAC addresses from two different uSwitch devices. To clear the ARP cache on a Windows PC type “arp –d inet addr” in a DOS/Windows command prompt window (“arp –d –a” as super user on Apple OSX). Once you have changed network settings on the uSwitch you must cycle power on the new uSwitch before the network settings will take effect.

You can use a proxy server to connect multiple uSwitch devices to an outside network or the internet by using a single static or dynamic IP resolved address. This can be done using most consumer or industrial grade routers. If a proxy server environment is to be set up, each uSwitch will not be accessible from the internet until the proxy server (router) is configured with the unique and specific port number and IP address assigned to each uSwitch on its local area network (LAN). This is a form of Network Address Translation (NAT) also called port forwarding or virtual port addressing. To determine how to set up the proxy server for port forwarding (also called NAT) review the manual for the device which will act as the proxy server and as the gateway to the other network.

(Note: When multiple uSwitch devices are installed on the same local area network, each must have its own unique ‘LAN’ IP address. Every uSwitch comes with a factory default IP address of 192.168.1.199. If multiple uSwitch devices are used, assign a unique IP address to each, such as: 192.168.1.195, 192.168.1.196, 192.168.1.197, etc.). The following Network Control Page shows the factory settings on the standard uSwitch and uSwitch products.
Host Name
This configurable field represents a user chosen name for your uSwitch. It will be used when reporting information from this device and in any status logs. It is a virtual name for the current uSwitch device.

Enable DHCP
This check box should be selected when the user chooses to have a DHCP server automatically assign IPV4 addresses to the uSwitch. DHCP is not recommended as DHCP assigned addresses are subject to change making it difficult to permanently access a uSwitch whose address could change at random points in time.

IP Address
This specifies the unique IPV4 address of the uSwitch on the LAN. (Each uSwitch is factory configured with the default static IPV4 address of 192.168.1.199). This static LAN address should be modified to be consistent with the LAN’s subnet on which it is to be installed. When using multiple uSwitch devices on the same LAN each uSwitch must have a unique IPV4 address.

Gateway
This specifies the IP address of the gateway (typically router/cell modem) which is responsible for creating the LAN and connecting to other networks and or the WEB. If unknown, the Gateway address can be obtained from the network administrator. The Gateway is the LAN address of the device that routes the internal LAN to an outside network (WAN) or other networks. The factory default gateway setting for the uSwitch is 192.168.1.1. This must be the assigned address of the device that routes the network on which the uSwitch is connected for uSwitch features to function correctly. For instance, pinging devices that are outside the local are network when Auto Reboot mode is enabled will not work if the correct Gateway address is not assigned.

Subnet Mask
The subnet mask identifies a specific LAN’s private addressing scheme on a TCP IPV4 network. This can typically be obtained from the network administrator. The uSwitch default subnet mask is set to 255.255.255.0. Each of these four, three-digit fields represents an IPV4 address field. Each of these fields represents a byte worth of addressing (1-255). Any bit positions in the address with a value of zero are accessible on the local subnet. Any bit positions with a value of 1 are fixed (unchangeable) on the local subnet. In the subnet mask, 255.255.255.0, the first three IP byte address fields are fixed and the last byte field may vary from 1 to 255 (a value of 255 is equivalent to 11111111 in binary).

HTTP Port
This specifies the HTTP port (for typical WEB access) used for outside communications to the uSwitch. By default, this port is set to 80 (standard access port for HTTP devices). A unique port is required for each uSwitch or other such device that is going to be accessed using a port address from outside the local network. In this case, each uSwitch device on the same local area network would be assigned a different port (for example 41, 42, 43, etc.). With unique ports assigned to a uSwitch, a router can forward all outside communication for a given device directly to a specific uSwitch without the outside network having any internal knowledge of the addressing scheme on the LAN beyond the address of the gateway to the LAN and the virtual port number (private IPV4 addresses are not accessible to the outside world/cloud). Each uSwitch is then accessed from the cloud on its private network by entering the routable/resolvable IP address of the gateway and the specific port assigned to the uSwitch™. Any port (besides port 80) assigned to a uSwitch™ requires all outside communications to that uSwitch to reference it via its assigned port. For instance, www.videogenix.com:42 (for a device on port 42) or www.MyHomeRouter:41.

TCP Port
This specifies the TCP port for any internal or external TCP commands to the uSwitch used for outside communications to the uSwitch. By default, this port is set to 9760 (standard port for TCP). This port does not need to be changed unless your remote device specifies a port other than 9760 to this device IP address or if multiple uSwitches on the same subnet are to be accessed via TCP from outside the network using only port numbers. With unique ports assigned to a uSwitch, a router can forward all outside communication for a given device directly to a specific uSwitch without the outside network having any internal knowledge of the addressing scheme on the LAN beyond the address of the gateway to the LAN and the virtual port number (private IPV4 addresses are not accessible to the outside world/cloud). Each uSwitch is then accessed from the cloud on its private network by entering the routable/resolvable IP address of the gateway and the specific port assigned to the uSwitch™.

Primary DNS

This field is used by the uSwitch to resolve outside URLs that may be included in the automatic reboot options or device firmware whose actual IP addresses are unknown inside the LAN.

**Secondary DNS**
This secondary DNS (Domain Name Server) is used by the uSwitch to resolve outside URLs that may be included in the automatic reboot options or device firmware whose actual IP addresses are unknown from the private network just in case the primary DNS is not available.

**Auto Discovery**
This checkbox should only be checked if you want to enable auto discovery of a uSwitch on a network. In this mode a uSwitch periodically announces its presence on the network. To hide the uSwitch or silence it and diminish unnecessary network traffic this checkbox should be unchecked. The default value is checked.

**MAC Address**
This is the physical address permanently assigned a given uSwitch. It cannot be modified however it can be used to verify which LAN IP address is connected to which uSwitch by executing either an arp -a command (from a windows computer), or when running the uSwitch discovery utility.

To access a uSwitch remotely from an outside network, WAN or the internet you will need to set up port forwarding (also called NAT or Virtual Port addressing) on your router or gateway. You can set this up from your router's configuration page as follows:

1. Assign a specific and unique port to each uSwitch from the Network Configuration page of the uSwitch
2. Find the Port Forwarding/Virtual Server/NAT configuration in your router and specify the unique port number assigned to each uSwitch along with each uSwitch’s private IP address assigned in the step above.
3. If you are on a static IP line you may use a 3rd Party free DDNS provider to register a Domain Name for your Router (URL). Map your router to the free DDNS provider.
4. If the address assigned to your router by your ISP is dynamic (changes regularly) than you will need to set up the dynamic DNS page of your router to map the URL to a Dynamic IP Name Server (consult your router’s user configuration manual).
5. Browse to your USwitch using the following protocol from a browser; [http://myNetworksURL:myuSwitchPortNumber](http://myNetworksURL:8000) (i.e. [http://myHomeRouter:8000](http://myHomeRouter:8000))
Relay Configuration Page

The Relay Configuration allows a user to customize how each relay is displayed, controlled and any configure startup features. The Relay Configuration Page also provides an extra menu option at the bottom titled “Force Watchdog Reboot”. This page is only accessible from within the Relay Configuration page. It allows a user to bypass the current Watchdog Cycle and force a full reboot of a device. Normally in Reboot mode the user cannot force the relay output to change states because the Watchdog is in control of the Relay. By placing access to this option it prevents users without access to the Relay Configuration from bypassing Watchdog Control.

Relay Configuration Page for uSwitchPro

Relay Configuration Page for uSwitch

User Assigned Names
These two configurable fields represent user assigned names for each relay. Once modified all text identifying “Relay1” or “Relay2” from the browser interface will be displayed with customer assigned names. Factory default names are Relay1 and Relay2.

Relay State On Text
This field specifies the text assigned to the relay button to be displayed when it is in the “On” state.

Relay State Off Text
This field specifies the text assigned to the relay button to be displayed when it is in the “Off” state.
User Assigned Colors
This field specifies which color is assigned to a relay for a given state. The choices are “RED/GREEN” or “GREEN/RED”. The colors may indicate different states depending on the physical wiring to the uSwitch.

Power On State
This dropdown box configures the initial power on state of the relay when a uSwitch is first turned on. The options are OFF, ON and LAST. (In Watchdog Mode the Relay Power On State Must be Programmed to “OFF”)

1. OFF - Relay is not energized on uSwitch power up.
2. ON  - Relay is energized on uSwitch power up.
3. LAST - Relay is put in the state it was in when on uSwitch power up.

Momentary (sec)
This timer field puts a relay into momentary (pulse) mode. When Momentary is set to zero, the relay is latching. Clicking on the relay’s control changes its state to the opposite state leaving it in that state (latched) indefinitely. A non-zero value in the Momentary field puts the relay in momentary/pulse mode. In this mode, each time the relay is clicked it changes its state and retains in the new state for the number of seconds specified in the Momentary field. After the second counter (on the display for the relay) elapses the relay returns to its original state. (Note, if wiring a uSwitch in parallel with another physical momentary switch, such as a garage door opener, the relay must be put into momentary/pulse mode. If not whenever uSwitch relay is closed the pre-existing switch will have its functionality blocked). A single relay cannot be configured to Momentary and any other Mode at the same time.

Ping Auto Reboot
When checked the selected relay will act as an automatic watchdog reboot device and its state will be automatically controlled as specified in the settings from the Watchdog Configuration page. Like momentary mode, watchdog mode, is mutually exclusive). Manual operation of the relay is disabled in Watchdog mode. (In Ping Auto Reboot Mode the Power on State Must be Programmed to “OFF”).

Allows Master Control (applies to uSwitch and uSwitchPro)
When Allows Master Control is checked the selected relay forfeits local control and only a remote uSwitch’s GPIO, or virtual input can control the relay. When a remote uSwitchPro is programmed to control this relay (on remote uSwitchPro’s GPIO Configuration page) the state of the relay will synchronize to the GPIO (input) from the remote uSwitchPro. This enables a remote uSwitch virtual input or remote GPIO to sync multiple devices such as door locks on a campus from a single action or uSwitch. uSwitchPros can be set up to remotely control a relay on a standard or Pro uSwitch. This mode is mutually exclusive to other modes that are locally controlled.

Timed Reboot
The “Timed Reboot” field can be programmed to either OFF, 12, 24, 36, or 48 hours. In Timed Reboot mode the relays will automatically change their state after the specified time period expires and then return to its original state after the number of seconds specified in the momentary field. A value must be specified in the momentary field because Timed Reboots are always momentary. (there is also a test option for 30 seconds, since it is unreasonable to wait for 12 hours to test this feature). Timed reboots are intended to be used as a secondary reset strategy.

Sync to Local GPIO
This pulldown menu ties the respective relay to the respective GPIO. The choices are “OFF, ANY, LOW, HIGH”. If “OFF” is not selected than the state of the relay will synchronize with the specified state of the GPIO. When ANY is specified the Relays output changes state with every state change of the GPIO. When LOW is specified the Relay will always track when the GPIO goes LOW however the relay remains under manual control if the GPIO state is HIGH. When HIGH is specified the Relay will always track when the GPIO goes HIGH however the relay remains under manual control if the GPIO state is LOW. The relay will either be in the same state as the GPIO when it is tracking or the opposite state of the GPIO depending on the “Sync Inverts GPIO” field.
Sync Inverts GPIO
If this field is not checked and Sync to Local GPIO is not set to “OFF” the relay state will match whatever the GPIO state is when it is synchronizing. If “Sync Inverts GPIO is not checked and Sync to Local GPIO is anything but “OFF” the Relay state will be the opposite state of the GPIO.

Link Buttons Together
This checkbox is used to assign all the properties for button 1 to button 2 and link them together. When relay buttons are linked, whenever Button1 is manually pushed both relays transition their states simultaneously (note: depending on the initial states they can both transition to the same state or opposite states). If timer mode is specified along with linking, both buttons use Relay1’s timing options.

Force Watchdog Reboot
This Page is accessible only from the menu on the Relay Configuration page. It enables a user to force a Relay in “Ping-Auto-Reboot Mode” to reboot. Only users with privileges to access the Relay Configuration page will be able to force a Watchdog Relay Reboot. The screen brings up all relays and enables the user to click on any relay and change its state or cycle the relay if in Ping-Auto-Reboot mode. However certain relay configurations or states still will not allow the relay to be forced to a different state (i.e. relays that are synced to a GPIO, slaves to another uSwitch, or in Ping-Auto-Reboot mode during a Reboot).

Force Watchdog Reboot Page
The GPIO Configuration allows a user to customize how each GPIO is displayed, controlled and its control features.

**User Assigned Names**
These two configurable fields represent user assigned names for each GPIO relay. Once modified all text identifying GPIO1 and GPIO2 from the browser interface will be displayed with customer assigned names.

**GPIO High State Text**
This field specifies the text assigned to the GPIO when it is in the high state.

**GPIO Low State Text**
This field specifies the text assigned to the GPIO when it is in the low state.

**User Assigned Colors**
This field indicates the text displayed on the Control Center when the GPIO is in either high state or low state. The choices from the selection box are “ON/OFF”, “OPEN/CLOSED”, “LOCK/UNLOCK”, “START/STOP”.

**Enable Counting**
When checked the internal logging software keeps a running count of full transitions on the associated GPIO and displays it in the “running count” field on the Control Center (home) page. Each time the GPIO goes through a full transition the counter increments. To reset a counter to zero click on the “Clear Counter” button on the Control Center page.
Watchdog Configuration Page

The Auto Reboot Ping feature allows uSwitch to automatically detect failed equipment and reboot or restart it without human intervention. You may set one to three IP addresses or URLs to be periodically tested for each relay. If the uSwitch determines a communication problem exists between any or all of the specified devices, the selected relay will automatically cycle, switching power on and off to reboot a device or devices whose power has been wired across the relay.

The Watchdog feature has been successfully deployed with: IP cameras, kiosks, web signs, cellular routers, Servers, DSL and cable modems, RTUs, control sensors, a variety of Smart Grid technologies, etc.

The following parameters are effective only when uSwitch is set to **Auto Reboot Ping** mode (in the Relay Configuration page).
**External Heartbeat**
This checkbox enables the watchdog to work in network CloakMode™. In this mode the uSwitch watchdog works from an external message embedded in a TCP string sent to the uSwitch from a remotely networked device (its heartbeat). If a uSwitch fails to receive the cloaked message based on the parameters specified than a reboot occurs. If not checked the uSwitch will do all its watchdog testing based on the IP addresses or URLs specified in the URLs to ping field. **Note, for a uSwitch to be placed in watchdog the Ping Auto Reboot checkbox on the Relay Configuration Page must be checked.**

**URLs to Ping (any Relay)**
These three (3) fields contain the IP addresses, or URLs of remote or local devices or servers that uSwitch will ping to test for communication or device problems. These may include the static IP address or remote IP of devices that will be tested (router, computer, Kiosk, network camera, or a device on the opposite side of a communications link). This is ideal for restarting communications devices such as CSU/DSUs/RTUs, cameras, satellite modems, routers, re-closures, power meters etc., after they have locked up.

**Verify all URLs**
The Verify all URLs checkbox specifies whether response from pings to all URLs (specified in URLs to Ping) is required to determine an operational failure, or if a failure from any single URL is an operational failure.

**Max Ping Failures**
If no ping responses are received for Max Ping (consecutive) failures than the selected relay will be cycled (forcing a power cycle on any connected device). A ping failure occurs if any single device fails to respond if Verify all URLs is checked, or when no devices respond if Verify all URLs is not checked.

**Max Reboot Attempts**
After “Max Reboot Attempts” without a successful communication the uSwitch™ exits “Auto Reboot” normal mode and enters “Fault mode”. (During “Fault mode” the uSwitch™ stops cycling the relay to the attached device for the specified Fault Mode Time. The Fault Mode cycle prevents continuous power cycling on a device after detecting that a normal power cycle is not working to bring the device(s) back online.

**Mode Start Delay**
When uSwitch is first powered on, or after a reboot occurs, the uSwitch will wait “Start Delay” time before restarting a new watchdog testing cycle. This start delay gives a newly restarted device normal setup time to fully establish its connections to external devices before resuming watchdog testing. The recommended minimum and factory default for this field is five (5) minutes. (Certain devices such as cellular modems will not work if not given time to re-establish connections with the ISP and WAN. This can take up to ten minutes).

**Time Between Pings**
This is the frequency (in seconds) between consecutive device ping attempts to the same URL. This field prevents ping flooding the network and allows the watchdog algorithm to successfully work in situations where the network or its connections are imperfect. (The recommended minimum time between Pings is ninety (90) seconds).

**Relay Cycle Time**
This is the time period that the uSwitch switches the relay off before switching it back on (giving a device time to have a clean power shutdown and re-power). (The recommended minimum Relay Cycle Time is five (5) seconds)

**Period before Retry on Fault**
This is the time that uSwitch will remain in “Device Fault Mode” before returning to “Auto Reboot Mode” to re-attempt device startup after the specified Max Reboot Attempt consecutive failures have occurred. This feature prevents the continuous cycling of power on a device that may not have a power cycle curable communication failure. The recommended minimum Period before Retry on Fault is four (4) hours.
Virtual Relay Configuration Page
The Virtual Relay Configuration allows a user to create additional control buttons on the Control Center page of a uSwitchPro to control relays that are on other uSwitch(s) or uSwitchPro(s) across the LAN. This feature is useful to have a single button control multiple different relays simultaneously across a network with the touch of a single button (i.e. for a multi-door lockdown).

This pulldown field provides four options: None, Button1, Relay1, GPIO. These fields select whether a virtual relay is created on the “Control Center” screen and if so what drives the remote uSwitch’s Relays. If Button1 is selected a virtual button is created on the Relay Control Center and this button controls all remote uSwitches as specified. If Relay1 is selected than the state of Relay1 on this uSwitch drives all other uSwitches specified. If GPIO is specified than the state of the GPIO specified will be used to drive the state of all remote uSwitch Relays.

User Assigned Names
These two configurable fields represent user assigned names for each “virtual relay” button. Once modified all text identifying “Remote1” or “Remote2” from the browser interface will be displayed with the assigned names.

Virtual On State Text
This field specifies the text assigned to the virtual relay button to be displayed when it is in the “On” state.

Virtual Off State Text
This field specifies the text assigned to the virtual relay button to be displayed when it is in the “Off” state.
User Assigned Colors
This field specifies which color is assigned to a “virtual” relay for its given state. The choices are “RED/GREEN” or “GREEN/RED”. The colors may indicate different states depending on the physical wiring to the uSwitch.

Momentary (sec)
This timer field puts a “virtual” relay into momentary (pulse) mode. When Momentary is set to zero, the relay is latching. Clicking on the relay’s control changes its state to the opposite state leaving it in that state (latched) indefinitely. A non-zero value in the Momentary field puts the relay in momentary/pulse mode. In this mode, each time the relay is clicked it changes its state only for the number of seconds specified by the Momentary field.

Control Slave Relay(s)
This selection box determines which remote relay or relays on the remote uSwitch(s) or uSwitchPro(s) will be driven. Choices are NONE, 1, 2 or ALL. This is a useful feature if a single HTML button, GPIO or Relay is desired to energize or de-energize multiple relays across the network from a single manual action via a virtual button, or automatically via a sensor attached to an input on one of the GPIOs.

Slave Relay Start IP
When Control Slave Relay(s) box is set to a selection other than “NONE”, this numeric IP address (such as 192.168.2.17) is the IP address of another uSwitch on this or an outside addressable network whose selected relay or relays are driven by the virtual relay Button, GPIO or Relay specified in the “Source of Control” field on this page. If the IP address specified is not routable from this uSwitch’s network (because of a firewall or addressing limitation) this feature will not drive the relay specified in the Slave Relay Start IP field.

Consecutive Relays
This box allows the entry of the single IP address in the Slave Relay’s Start IP field (above) to extend to multiple consecutive IP addressed uSwitches. This feature enables multiple uSwitch control; however, it requires uSwitches that are driven remotely by a single “virtual” control to have consecutive IP addresses. The number in this box is the number of consecutively addressed uSwitch relays beginning with the address specified by “Slave Relay Start IP” to be controlled by the single “virtual” control being identified (this can be a value of 1 to 4).

Slave Relay’s End IP
This automatically generated informational field shows the last IP address for the last uSwitch to be driven by the “virtual” control button. It is calculated by adding the “Consecutive Relays” count to the “Slave Relay Start IP” address.

Link Buttons Together
This checkbox is only active when both Virtual Relays are configured as “Buttons” in the “Source of Control” pull down. When checked it results in eliminating the second virtual button on the uSwitch Control Center page and ties all remotely driven relays from both fields to a single virtual button. (Linking Buttons Together enables a single push button to control up to Eight (8) remote uSwitches and a single or all of their relays from a single “Virtual Control”).
Authorization Configuration Page

The Authorization Configuration Page is used to change uSwitch access passwords. A password is required on initial login to uSwitch. Passwords may be up to fifteen (15) characters and numbers. We recommend difficult passwords of at least eight (8) characters including both letters and numerals.

Security Notes

uSwitch is an extremely secure networking control device. It does not support terminal or file transfer programs (TFTP/FTP). This means it is not possible for someone to ‘break in’ to it and access other devices on your local network. uSwitch does not support remote firmware updates so it is not possible for someone to remotely install malicious software. As with any device to be installed on a network, there are some security precautions that should be observed. If uSwitch is installed on the Internet, it is recommended that passwords be secure (at least eight (8) characters in length with a combination of upper case letters, lower case letters, and numbers). For additional security, a firewall may be used to limit access only to selected IP addresses. Another option may be to set up a Virtual Private Network (VPN) between the network where uSwitch resides and the client machine (web browser, second uSwitch, etc.).
The GPIO contacts are only on the uSwitchPro.
Configurations

Access Control to Electronic Door Strike
The following is a configuration where uSwitch is used to provide access control. When connecting to door strikes a reverse-bias diode is recommended. In this example, a reverse-bias diode is connected in parallel with the lock to protect the relay contacts from the inductive kickback that can occur when the lock is switched. A variety of diodes is available and can be ordered either online or directly from us. (For AC door access control no diode is necessary, for DC powered devices a 60V p/p diode is recommended).

Driving multiple uSwitch Relays from a single uSwitch GPIO or Virtual Button
In addition to a physical push button driving the local relay on the same uSwitch either that push button or the button generated on the Control Center page, or a virtual button can be created to command a relay on a remote uSwitch. Once setup, pushing that button will drive all relays in its configuration as specified by the virtual or physical button. Each uSwitch can be programmed to drive up to eight separate relays on the network. Additionally, if a relay output is hardwired into its own, or another uSwitch’s GPIO it can in turn be used to drive an additional 8 relays. By daisy chaining uSwitches in this manner a single GPIO can drive an unlimited number of relays on other uSwitches.
Connecting to High Power devices (such as Motors, etc)

For loads greater than those rated for the uSwitch's internal relays, or when connected to devices with high inrush or peak current surge an external relay should be used with the uSwitch triggering the relay. The illustration below shows how a high current motor or other high load device can be controlled using by wiring to an external relay. A variety of external relays is available and can be ordered either online or directly from Videogenix.

When relays switch inductive loads such as motors, transformers, relays, etc., electricity will arc across the internal relay contacts each time the contacts open. Over time this causes wear on the relay contacts which can shorten their life span. When switching a high inductive load, it is recommended that simple relay contact protection devices be used. To be economically feasible uSwitch cannot provide relay protection for all possible loads.

For applications with excessive loads, the following diagram shows a relay contact protection circuit for DC and for AC applications. For component values required to provide sufficient contact protection for a specific application, consult the application reference. Note: for DC circuits a diode is used and for AC circuits an RC circuit across the load can be used.
Hard Wired Network Connection

Using standard Ethernet cabling, connect uSwitch’s Ethernet port to a 10 Base T or 10/100 Base T Ethernet connection such as a network switch, router or cellular mode. To connect directly to a computer, use a “crossover/Null Modem” cable. For connection to a router or switch, a standard “straight-through” cable is recommended.
Wireless Network Connection

To operate uSwitch in a wireless network environment, connect the uSwitch’s Ethernet port to a wireless repeater or bridge. The wireless bridge in turn connects to the wireless network. The wireless Ethernet Bridge or router must be properly set up for the wireless network first. This information is contained in the End User documentation for the wireless networking device. A variety of wireless repeaters is available and can be ordered either online or from VideogeniX.
The A-Plug Universal 110VAC uSwitch Adapter

The A-Plug is designed to easily snap into uSwitch or uSwitchPro converting its two relay outputs into two 110VAC outlets. There is no need for wiring or splicing with A-Plug. The A-Plug powers the uSwitch and receives its power directly from any wall outlet to which it is plugged in.

Troubleshooting:
Before returning a device test the power input transformer to uSwitch. This can easily be done by swapping out with a known working power transformer.
Appendix A: Factory Default Settings

In the event that the IP address or passwords are forgotten and you cannot log in to uSwitch, you can reset uSwitch to its factory default settings. With power press the reset button for about five (5) seconds (you should feel or hear the reset pin click). After approximately five (5) seconds, release the reset button. Wait thirty (30) seconds then cycle power on uSwitch. At this point all settings should be restored to factory default settings (shown below).

Network Configuration:
- **Host Name:** U-SWITCH
- **Enable DHCP:** unchecked
- **IP Address:** 192.168.1.199
- **Gateway:** 192.168.1.1
- **Subnet Mask:** 255.255.255.0
- **HTTP Port:** 80
- **Primary DNS:** 8.8.4.4
- **Secondary DNS:** 8.8.8.8
- **Auto Discovery:** checked
- **MAC Address:** Predefined at Factory (non-configurable)

Relay Configuration:
- **User Assigned Name:** Relay1/Relay2
- **User Assigned Text:** On (Off)
- **User Assigned Colors:** Red/Green
- **Power Up State:** Last (sets relay to return to previous state after each uSwitch power cycle)
- **Momentary (sec):** 0 (non-momentary)
- **Ping Auto Reboot:** unchecked
- **Allows Master Control:** unchecked
- **Sync to Local GPIO:** unchecked
- **Sync Inverts GPIO:** unchecked
- **Timed Reboot (hours):** Off
- **Link Buttons Together:** unchecked

GPIO Configuration:
- **User Assigned Name:** GPIO1/GPIO2
- **User Assigned Text:** On (Off)
- **User Assigned Colors:** Red/Green
- **Enable Counting:** unchecked

Watchdog Configuration:
- **URLs to Ping**
  - **External Heartbeat:** unchecked
  - **URL Primary:** 8.8.8.8
  - **URL Secondary:** 4.2.2.2
  - **URL Tertiary:** 192.168.0.1
  - **Verify All URLs:** unchecked
- **Auto Reboot Counters**
  - **Max Ping Failures:** 3
  - **Max Reboot Attempts:** 3
- **Auto Reboot Timers**
  - **Mode Start Delay:** 5 min, 0 seconds
  - **Time Between Pings:** 1 min, 30 seconds
  - **Relay Cycle Time:** 5 Seconds
- **Fault Mode Timer**
  - **Period Before Retry on Fault:** 4 hours, 0 minutes, 0 seconds

Authorization Configuration
- **Username:** “admin”
- **User Password:** “admin”
- **Admin Password:** “admin”
Appendix B: Specifications

AC
Relay Capacity: 7.5 A Max at 105-125 VAC, 5 A Max at 210-240 VAC

Power Requirements:
Model uSwitch
Voltage: 12VDC – 24VDC%
Model uSwitch, uSwitchPro

Standby Current
(Relays OFF) - 58mA
One Relay on - 92mA
Both Relays on - 126mA

Relay Ratings:
Rated Carrying Current: 5A @ 125VAC, 5A @ 250VAC, 10A @ 24VDC
Max Current: 10A
Max Voltage: 240VAC, 110 VDC

Relay Performance
Relay Control Options: ON/OFF, Pulsed, Automatic, Momentary
Contact Resistance <50m ohms (initial value)
Contact Material: Ag alloy
Max Switching Voltage: 240VAC, 110VDC
Max Switching Current 20A
Mechanical life (rated load) 10,000,000 ops.
Electrical life (rated load) 100,000 ops.

Networking:
Network: 10/100 Base-T, IPv4
Network Setup: static IP address assignment, DHCP, HTTP port selectable
Network Connector: 8-pin RJ-45 socket

Connectors:
Power/Input: 2-position, removable terminal strip, 3.81mm terminal spacing
Relays: 3-position (Normally Closed, Normally Open, Common) removable terminal, 3.81mm terminal spacing
Ethernet: 8-pin RJ-45 socket
GPIOs 4-position, removable terminal strip, 3.0mm terminal spacing

LED Indicators: (on Ethernet jack)
- Network linked
- Network activity

Physical:
MTBF 360,000 hours
Temperature 0 – 50 degrees C (-30C, +80C)
Size: .42 in (106 mm) long, 2.15 in (55mm) wide, 1.0 in (25 mm) deep
Weight: 4.3 oz. (122 grams)

Password Settings:
Password protection on setup page: Yes
Password protection on configuration pages: Yes

Other:
Virtual Control: Yes
Control Linking: Yes
Warranty

VideogeniX warrants this product, if used in accordance with all manufacturers’ specification, to be free from original defects in material and workmanship for a period of One Year from the date of initial purchase. If the product should prove defective within that period, Seller will repair or replace the product at its sole discretion.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser of the equipment only. Call VideogeniX Technical service to receive a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) Number prior to sending any equipment back for repair. Include all cables, power supplies and proof of purchase with shipment. For warranty service or repair, return to VideogeniX at 1425 Beacon St, Brookline, MA. Purchaser shall prepay all charges for shipping to VideogeniX. VideogeniX will pay the shipping charges to return the product to the purchaser as long as the product is shipped within the United States. If the product is shipped outside of the United States, the purchaser shall pay all shipping charges, duties, and taxes.

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT APPLY TO NORMAL WEAR OR TO DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ACCIDENT, IMPROPER USE, MISUSE, UNAUTHORIZED REPAIR, TAMPERING, MODIFICATION, IMPROPER CONNECTION, OPERATION OUTSIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL OR ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS, ABUSE OR NEGLECT. SELLER MAKES NO EXPRESS WARRANTIES OTHER THAN THE WARRANTY EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT PROHIBITED BY LAW, ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PURPOSE ARE LIMITED TO THE WARRANTY PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE; AND THIS WARRANTY EXPRESSLY EXCLUDES ALL INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

Limitation

Further, the warranty does not cover Acts of God, such as fire, flood, hurricanes, and tornadoes. This warranty does not cover damage to property, equipment, direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage (including damage for loss of business profit, business interruption, loss of data, and the like) arising out of the use or misuse of this product. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE LIABILITY OF VIDEOGENIX TO THE PURCHASER OR ANY OTHER PARTY EXCEED THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT, REGARDLESS OF THE FORM OF THE CLAIM. No other warranty is expressed or implied. VideogeniX specifically disclaims the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for particular purpose. Some jurisdictions may not allow the exclusion of limitation of liability for consequential or incidental damage.

Notice:

Changes or modification not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.
Trademark and Copyright Information
This document is Copyrighted ©2015 by VideogeniX, Inc. All rights reserved. VideogeniX and uSwitch and uSwitchPro are Trademarks of VideogeniX. All parts of this product and design including but not limited to firmware, hardware design, Schematics, PCB layout, concept, graphics, user’s manual, etc., are property of VideogeniX, Inc. ©2015. uSwitch may not be opened, disassembled, copied, or reverse engineered without explicit written agreements to do so.

No part of this manual may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, scanning, for any purpose other than the personal use by the purchaser of this product. VideogeniX Inc., assumes no responsibility for any mistakes or errors in this document.

VideogeniX, Inc. is not liable for any damages or losses including direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages or losses arising from either the use of any information contained within this manual or the use of any products or services referenced in this manual.

VideogeniX, Inc. reserves the right to change any product’s features, specifications, documentation, warranties, fee schedules, and conditions at any time and without notice.