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# Cisco C9350 Series Smart Switches - Switch Configuration

## Configuring the switch using the web user interface

For instructions on setting up the switch using the WebUI, refer to the [Configuring the Switch Using the Web User Interface](#) article.

## Accessing the CLI through the console port

You can access the CLI on a configured or unconfigured switch by connecting the RJ-45 console port or USB console port of the switch to your PC or workstation and accessing the switch through a terminal emulation program.



### Note

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If you have stacked your switches, connect to the console port of one of the switches in the stack. You can initially configure the entire stack from any member switch.

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## Connecting the RJ45 console port

- Step 1** Connect the RJ45 port adapter to the serial port on the terminal server or your PC using the optional RJ45-to-DB9 adapter cable. Connect the other end of the cable to the switch console port.
- Step 2** Start the terminal-emulation program on the PC or the terminal. The program, frequently a PC application such as Putty or TeraTerm, makes communication between the switch and your PC or terminal possible.
- Step 3** Configure the baud rate and character format of the PC or terminal to match the console port default characteristics:
- 9600 baud (default)
  - 8 data bits
  - 1 stop bit
  - No parity
  - None (flow control)
- Step 4** Power on the switch.
- Step 5** The PC or terminal displays the bootloader sequence.

## Connecting the USB console port

The Cisco 9350 series switches will either have a Cisco USB Device or Silicon Labs USB Device (CP2102N). To identify which USB device is available,

- connect a USB cable from the Windows-based PC or Mac-based PC to the USB console port.



### Note

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On a Windows-based device, we recommend using the default Windows driver.

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**Step 1** To install the USB driver to a Windows-based PC or Mac-based PC for the first time, do the following:.

**Windows-based PC**

We recommend using the default Windows driver.

**Mac-based PC**

- For Cisco USB Device, no driver installation is required.
- For Silicon Labs USB Device, you can download the USB driver from the Silicon Labs [website](#). Once the installation is completed, a virtual COM port session, "tty.SLAB\_USBtoUART", will be started.



Do not use the generic USB serial driver available on the Mac-based PC.

**Note**

**Step 2** On a Mac-based PC: Before connecting the USB cable to the MAC, run the “ls -lrt /dev/tty.usb\*” command from the terminal application on MAC.

**Step 3** Connect a USB cable to the PC USB port. Connect the other end of the cable to the switch Type C USB console port.

**Step 4** Start the terminal-emulation program on the PC or the terminal. The program, frequently a PC application such as Putty or TeraTerm, makes communication between the switch and your PC or terminal possible.

**Step 5** On a MAC-based PC: After connecting the USB cable, run the “ls -lrt /dev/tty.usb\*” command from the terminal application to identify the device.

The new device is identified as “/dev/tty.usbserial-XXXXX”.

**Step 6** Configure the baud rate and character format of the PC or terminal to match the console port default characteristics.

- 9600 baud (default)
- 8 data bits
- 1 stop bit
- No parity
- None (flow control)

a) To configure the baud rate on a Mac-based PC, run the “screen /dev/tty.usbserial-XXXXX <baud-rate>” command.

**Step 7** Power on the switch as described in the switch getting started guide.

**Step 8** The PC or terminal displays the bootloader sequence.