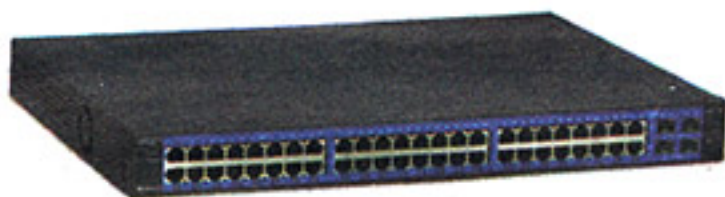


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IF IN NEED OF A viable alternative to fully managed switches, SMEs need to look no further than TRENDnet's newly updated Web Smart Switch portfolio. TRENDnet just announced a new firmware upgrade for its complete line of Web Smart Switches, which brings SNMP, STP, and IEEE 802.1X port-based network access control to each of the five switches.

According to Steve Kuo, senior technology manager for TRENDnet, "Partner feedback indicates that 802.1X port-based network access control is the most popular; whether you're a network administrator for a small or large enterprise, network security is usually at the top of the list, and IEEE 802.1X/Radius support is a key ingredient in most security implementations."

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The new features are available in all new 16- to 48-port Web Smart Switches, and existing customers can download the firmware update from TRENDnet's Web site to update their equipment. ■



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