

Installing the Catalyst 3920

This chapter explains the process you should follow to install the Catalyst 3920 Token Ring Switch.

Planning for Installation

Read this section carefully before installing the Catalyst 3920 Token Ring Switch. It contains the information on preinstallation planning.

Note Before installing the Catalyst 3920, read the “Safety Warnings” appendix.



Warning Read the installation instructions before you connect the system to its power source.

If you have a large network, we recommend that you create a sketch of the network to which you will add one or more Catalyst 3920 switches. Include major network elements such as hubs and concentrators, servers, bridges, and routers.

To plan for the installation of a Catalyst 3920, obtain all connectivity and physical planning information about the network segments to which you will attach. In addition, if you are planning to use permanently installed telecommunications wiring, you should have information about the cabling installation that will allow you to determine the termination points of every cable, the cable type, connector type (if any), and the distance between termination points. Building floorplans and telecommunications closet layouts are also useful.

Cabling Used Between Devices

Devices attached to the RJ-45 jacks on the front of the Catalyst 3920 should conform to the cabling rules established in the EIA/TIA 568A and ISO/IEC 11801:1995. Straight-through cables should always be used for the Token Ring ports. Because all ports operate at 120-ohm, no impedance-matching balun or filtering is required for UTP or STP.

For more information about cabling distances and specifications, refer to the “Cable and Pin Information” appendix for cable design specifications.

Dedicated Media

For installations where permanently installed building cable is available, 100-ohm UTP Category 3, 4, or 5 can be used. IBM Cabling System 150-ohm, STP cables (types 1 and 9) can also be used. Because the RJ-45 connectors on the Catalyst 3920 use pins 3, 4, 5, and 6, a cable with an IBM STP data connector on one end and an RJ-45 connector on the other must be constructed.

Shared Media

The types of cables that can be used are the same as those described above for dedicated-media segments. The acceptable distances are defined by the hub or concentrator attached to the Catalyst 3920 port.

Installation Summary

The basic installation steps are as follows:

- Unpacking the Catalyst 3920
- Gathering Other Materials You Will Need
- Setting Up the Catalyst 3920
- Cabling the Catalyst 3920
- Cabling a Catalyst Stack Configuration
- Powering On the Catalyst 3920

Unpacking the Catalyst 3920

To unpack the Catalyst 3920, follow these steps:

- Step 1** Open the carton. Along with the *Catalyst 3920 Token Ring Switch User Guide*, the package should contain:
- Catalyst 3920
 - Power cord
 - Accessory kit (includes the manual, rack mounting brackets and screws, surface mounting chassis feet, and electrostatic wrist strap)

If any item is missing or damaged, contact your Cisco Systems representative.

- Step 2** Remove the power cord and bag containing the accessory kit.
- Step 3** Remove the Catalyst 3920 from its protective packaging.
- Step 4** Visually inspect the Catalyst 3920 to ensure that it was not damaged during shipment.

Gathering Other Materials You Will Need

To install the Catalyst 3920, you need the following items:

- If the unit will be installed in a rack, you need:
 - Rack inventory chart and a cabling chart from your network administrator.
 - Four screws appropriate for your rack and a screwdriver. (Make sure that you have the appropriate screws before you begin installation.)
- If the unit will be installed as standalone equipment (such as on a tabletop), you will need:
 - Cabling chart from your network administrator.

Setting Up the Catalyst 3920

Determine whether the switch will be mounted in a rack or as standalone equipment on a surface, such as on a tabletop.



Warning To prevent bodily injury when mounting or servicing this unit in a rack, you must take special precautions to ensure that the system remains stable. The following guidelines are provided to ensure your safety:

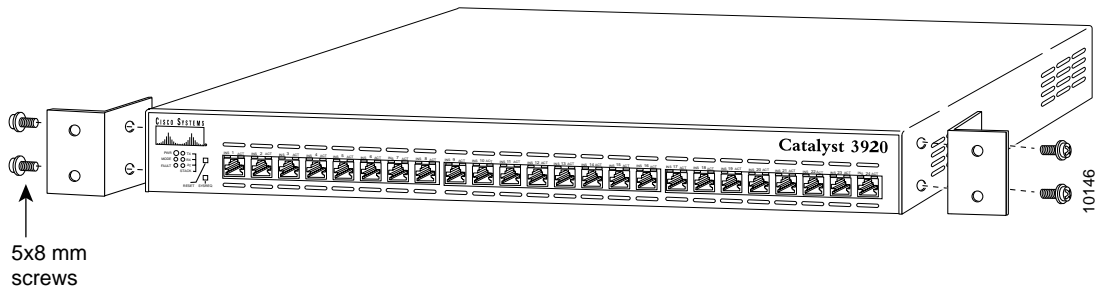
- The unit should be mounted at the bottom of the rack if it is the only unit in the rack.
- When mounting the unit in a partially filled rack, load the rack from the bottom to the top with the heaviest component in the bottom of the rack.
- If the rack has stabilizing devices, install the stabilizers before mounting or servicing the unit in the rack.

Rack Mounting the Catalyst 3920

Only fixed brackets are supplied with these units. If you want to install a sliding pull-out mount, you will need to provide the extra mounting hardware. Follow these steps to mount the Catalyst 3920 in a rack:

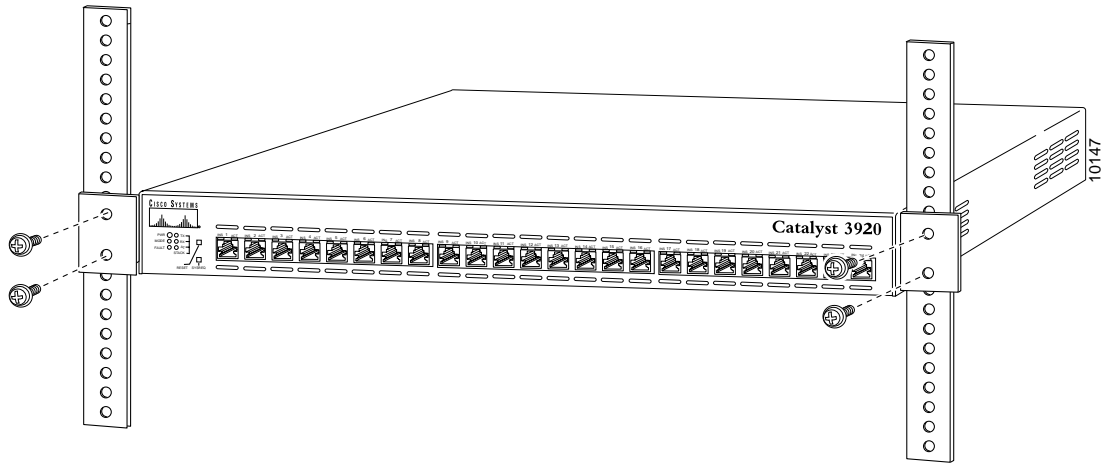
- Step 1** Look at the rack inventory chart provided by your network administrator to determine where in the rack the Catalyst 3920 should be mounted.
- Step 2** Obtain the L-shaped mounting brackets and four 8-mm M5 screws that are supplied with the unit in the accessory kit.
- Step 3** Using a Phillips (cross-head) screwdriver, attach an L-shaped mounting bracket to each side of the Catalyst 3920 with two 8-mm M5 screws (see Figure 3-1).

Figure 3-1 Attaching the Mounting Brackets



Step 4 Position the Catalyst 3920 in the rack or cabinet and slide it up or down until the rack holes line up with the bracket holes. Attach the Catalyst 3920 to the rack with the appropriate mounting screws (see Figure 3-2).

Figure 3-2 Mounting in a Rack or Cabinet

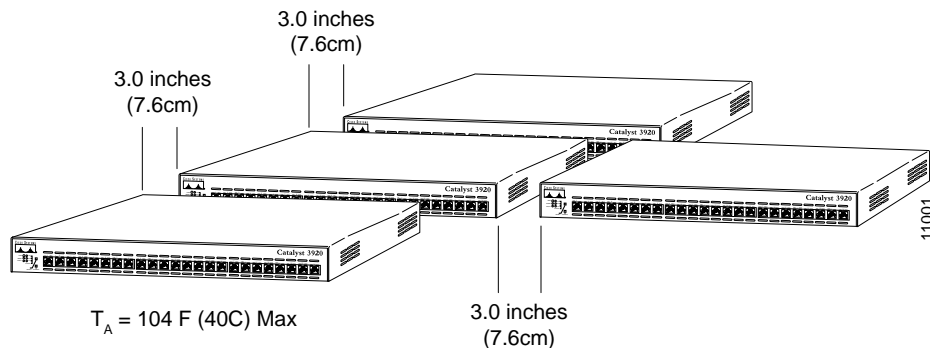


Step 5 Go to the instructions in the “Cabling the Catalyst 3920” section.



Warning To prevent the switch from overheating, do not operate it in an area that exceeds the maximum recommended ambient temperature of 104 F(40 C).To prevent airflow restriction, allow at least 3 inches (7.6 cm) of clearance around the ventilation openings.

Figure 3-3 Clearance Recommendations



Surface Mounting the Catalyst 3920

Follow these steps to mount the Catalyst 3920 as a standalone unit:

- Step 1** Obtain the chassis feet from the accessory kit.
- Step 2** Remove the protective paper from the adhesive surface of the feet and place the four feet in each of the four embossed, recessed areas located in the corners of the bottom of the Catalyst 3920.
- Step 3** Place the Catalyst 3920 on the surface where it is to be used.
- Step 4** Continue with the instructions in the “Cabling the Catalyst 3920” section.

Cabling the Catalyst 3920

This section provides instructions for connecting devices (such as hubs, servers, personal computers, and workstations) to a Catalyst 3920. Remember the following tips when connecting cables:

- Avoid excessively stretching or bending the cables. Support the cables to avoid excessive strain.
- Avoid routing the cables near sources of electromagnetic interference, such as motors and fluorescent lights.
- Avoid routing the cables through aisles and other areas where people walk. If routing through aisles is unavoidable, use floor cable covers or similar material to secure and protect the cables.

Connecting Devices to Token Ring Ports Using Loose Cables

Use this procedure if you will *not* use in-the-wall cables to connect devices to Token Ring ports on the Catalyst 3920.

If you will use in-the-wall cables (building wiring), go to the “Connecting Devices to the Token Ring Ports Using Building Wiring” section.

- Step 1** Using the Cabling Chart provided by your network administrator as a guide, connect the cables between the Catalyst 3920 and the other devices. Depending on the cable type you use, the device end of the cable may also have a 9-pin D-shell or 150-ohm data connector.

- Step 2** Label both ends of each cable so that it will be easy to find the device if you have to troubleshoot a network problem.

The label should indicate: the room location of the device at the other end, a unique cable identification number, the MAC address of the connected device, and the number of the port to which the cable is attached.

- Step 3** Continue with the instructions in the “Powering On the Catalyst 3920” section.

Connecting Devices to the Token Ring Ports Using Building Wiring

Use this procedure if you will use in-the-wall cables to connect devices to the Catalyst 3920.

- Step 1** Using the Cabling Chart provided by your administrator as a guide, connect the cables between the devices and the faceplates.
- Step 2** Label the faceplate, so that it will be easier to find the device if you have to troubleshoot a network problem.
- Step 3** In the wiring closet, connect a cable to the Token Ring connector on the patch panel or other equipment where the building wiring terminates.

- Step 4** Label this cable.
- Step 5** Continue with the instructions in the “Powering On the Catalyst 3920” section.

Cabling a Catalyst Stack Configuration

As an option, you can configure your Catalyst 3920 as a part of a Catalyst stack. There are two Catalyst stack configurations.

- Two Catalyst 3920 switches cabled together to form a back-to-back stack
- Up to eight Catalyst 3920 switches cabled together using a Catalyst Matrix

The next two sections describe how to cable the Catalyst stack equipment. The first section explains connecting two Catalyst switches back-to-back. The second section describes how to connect Catalyst switches to the Catalyst Matrix.

Note The software levels of all Catalysts in a stack should be the same. Therefore, downloading new software (such as updating firmware levels) to a single Catalyst 3920 while it is part of a stack will cause conflicts within the stack. If you need to download new software to the Catalyst 3920, we recommend that you either download the software to all the switches in the stack at one time or that you disconnect the switches, update them individually, and then reconnect them to the stack.

Note Before you create a stack, or add to a stack, if any of the Catalyst 3920 units need software downloaded, download the software *before* cabling the Catalyst 3920 units together.

Catalyst Stack Back-to-Back Connection

Keep the following in mind when you install two Catalyst switches in a back-to-back configuration.

- 1 One stack port cable is used to connect to the I/O stack port on each switch.
- 2 The stack port cable can be connected or disconnected, when power to either Catalyst switch is on or off.
- 3 To prevent bending the pins, do not install the stack port cable connector at an angle. Use care when inserting the cable connector straight into the stack port connector.

To install two Catalyst switches in a back-to-back configuration, follow these steps:

- Step 1** Connect one end of the stack port cable to the stack port on one Catalyst switch. It does not matter which end of the cable is used. Either end of the stack port cable can be connected to either one of the Catalyst switches.
- Step 2** Connect the other end of the cable to the stack port on the other Catalyst switch.

Figure 3-4 and Figure 3-5 show how two Catalyst switches are cabled together (the cable connector is shown at an angle for illustration purposes only).

Figure 3-4 Connecting the Stack Port Cable to the Stack Port

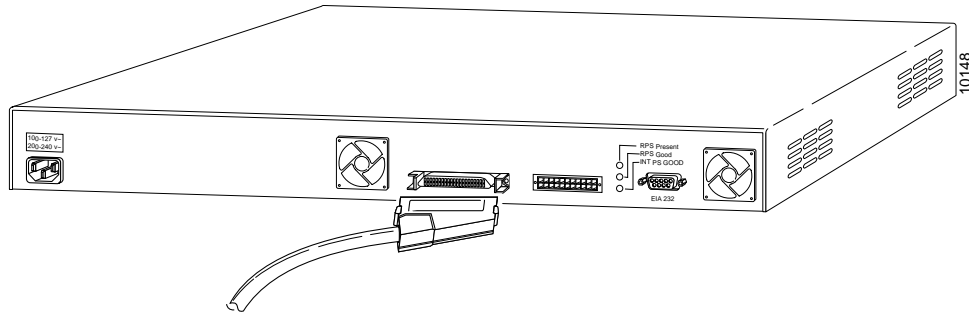
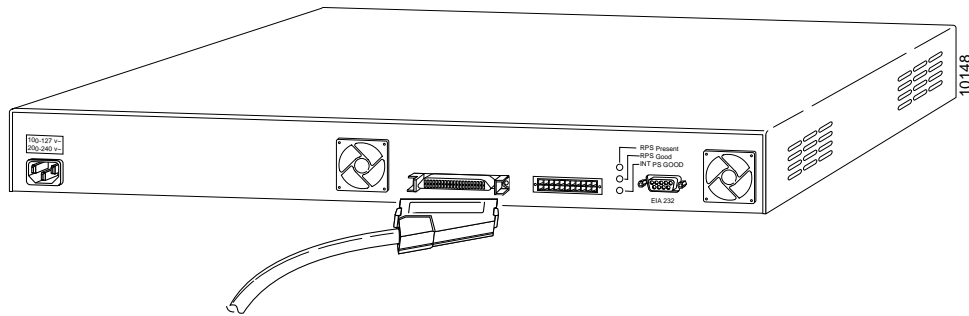


Figure 3-5 Connecting the Other End of the Cable to the Other Catalyst 3920



Connecting Catalyst Switches to the Catalyst Matrix

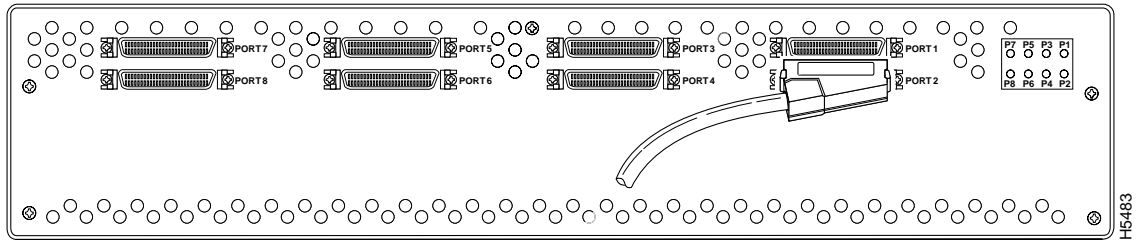
Up to eight Catalyst switches can be connected to a Catalyst Matrix. This configuration requires a Catalyst Matrix, and a stack port cable. The connection is made through one of the eight I/O stack ports on the back panel of the Catalyst Matrix to the single I/O stack port on the stack port on the back of each Catalyst switch. After mounting the Catalyst switches and Catalyst Matrix in a rack or cabinet, use the following instructions to cable the units together.

- Step 1** Attach one end of the stack port cable to Port 1 (recommended port to use first) on the Catalyst Matrix (Figure 3-6). It does not matter which end of the cable is used and it does not matter if the Catalyst switch or Catalyst Matrix is powered on or off.



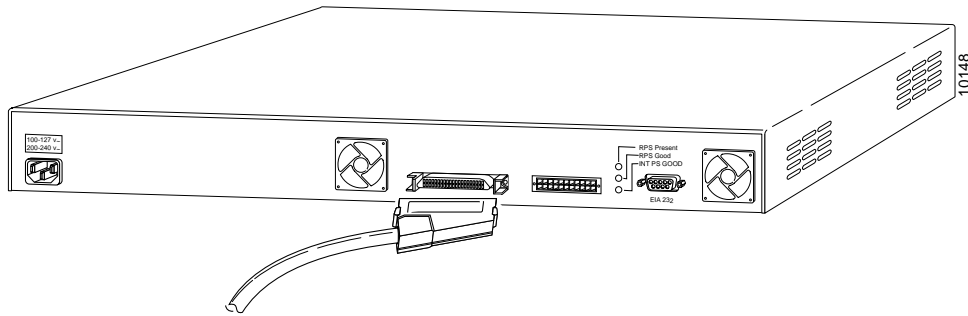
Caution When installing the stack port cable connector, keep the connector straight as you insert it in the stack port connector. Inserting the connector at an angle may cause the pins to bend. (The cable connector in the following figures are shown at an angle for illustration purposes only.)

Figure 3-6 Connecting the Stack Port Cable to Port 1 of the Catalyst Matrix



Step 2 Attach the other end of the cable to the stack port of a Catalyst switch (Figure 3-7). Repeat these steps for each Catalyst switch using the next lowest numbered port on the Catalyst Matrix.

Figure 3-7 Connecting the Stack Port Cable to the Stack Port on the Catalyst 3920



Powering On the Catalyst 3920



Warning This product relies on the building’s existing wiring installation for short-circuit (overcurrent) protection. Ensure that a fuse or circuit breaker no larger than 120 VAC, 15A U.S. (240 VAC, 10A international) is used on the phase conductors (all current-carrying conductors).



Warning This equipment is intended to be grounded. Ensure that the host is connected to an earth ground during normal use.



Warning This unit might have more than one power cord. To reduce the risk of electric shock, disconnect the two power supply cords before servicing the unit.

To power on the Catalyst 3920 and to verify that it is operating correctly, perform the following steps:

Step 1 Connect the power cord to the Catalyst 3920 and then to an electrical outlet. The Catalyst 3920 is powered on when you plug in the power cord. There is no power switch.

Step 2 If you are using an RPS system, connect the RPS port of the Catalyst 3920 to the RPS system.



Caution If a fully-redundant configuration is used, do not connect the AC power cord to the Catalyst 3920 as this may cause damage to the Catalyst 3920 or the RPS.

Step 3 Verify that the power (PWR) LED on the left side of the front panel is on. If it is not, make sure that the outlet is working correctly. If the outlet is working but the PWR LED is off, contact your Cisco Systems representative.

Step 4 Verify that diagnostics have been completed successfully.

The Catalyst 3920 automatically performs a self-test when connected to a power supply. During the test, the LEDs should behave as follows:

- In the first 2 minutes, the Mode LED is on and the FLT LED is off.
- After 2 minutes, the Mode and FLT LEDs are off.

Note that the Tx/Rx LEDs next to each port blink during self-test even when a device is not attached to the port.

If the self-test is successful (the PWR LED is on and the Mode and FLT LEDs are off), physical installation of the Catalyst 3920 is complete.

If the LEDs are not in the normal state, refer to the “Hardware Troubleshooting” appendix.

Powering on a Stack of Catalyst 3920s

If you install your Catalyst 3920 in a Catalyst stack formation, use the following steps to power on your Catalyst stack units:

Step 1 Using the supplied power cables, plug the female end of the cables into the AC receptacles on the Catalyst 3920 or each Catalyst Matrix module.

For the Catalyst 3920, the receptacle is on the left side of the back panel. For the Catalyst Matrix, it is at the lower right hand corner on the front panel of each module.

Step 2 Plug the male end of the power cords into a properly grounded electrical outlet.

Step 3 Verify that the PWR LED is on for each module in the Catalyst Matrix. For the Catalyst 3920, verify that the PWR LED on the left side of the front panel is on. If it is not on, ensure that the outlet is working correctly. If the outlet is working but the PWR LED is off, contact your Cisco Systems representative

Step 4 Verify that the diagnostics have been completed successfully.

The Catalyst 3920 automatically performs a self-test when connected to a power supply. During the test, the LEDs should do the following:

- In the first 2 minutes and 10 seconds, the Mode LED is on and the FLT LED is off.
- After 2 minutes and 10 seconds, the Mode and FLT LEDs are off.

Note that the Tx/Rx LEDs next to each port blink during self-test even when a device is not attached to the port.

If the self-test is successful (the PWR LED is on and the Mode and FLT LEDs are off), physical installation of the Catalyst 3920 is complete. If the LEDs are not in the correct state, refer to the “Hardware Troubleshooting” appendix.

