

# **GATEWAY**

# **VEGA BS**

# User Manual

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# INTRODUCTION

This manual is designated for VEGA BS-1 and VEGA BS-2 gateways (hereinafter – the gateway) manufactured by LLC Vega-Absolute and provides information on powering and activation procedure, control commands and functions of the gateway.

This manual is targeted at specialists familiar with installation work fundamentals for electronic and electrical equipment.



The gateway shall be installed and adjusted by qualified specialists in order to ensure proper operation of the device.



# 1 DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION PRINCIPLES

VEGA BS gateway is designed to deploy LoRaWAN network within 863-870 MHz frequency band.

The gateway operates with Linux operating system and is supplied with pre-installed Packet forwarder software.



Fig. 1.1 Appearance of VEGA BS gateway

The gateway is powered and communicates with the server via the Ethernet channel.

The device is configured through Ethernet via SSH protocol with any terminal program (e.g. PuTTY).

VEGA BS-2 has an additional 3G-module for communication channel and GPS/GLONASS-module for gateway positioning, and internal clock synchronizing with navigation-satellites signals.



2 SPECIFICATION			
	BS-1	BS-2	
Main			
GPS/GLONASS module	no	yes	
3G modem	no	yes	
Server communication link	Ethernet	Ethernet, GSM 3G	
Operating system		Linux	
USB-port		yes	
Operating temperatures	-4	0+85 °C	
LoRaWAI	V		
Number of LoRa channels		8	
Frequency band	863	3-870 MHz	
Power output	up t	to 500 mW	
Antenna connector	SMA		
Radio coverage in restrained urban conditions	up to 5 km		
Radio coverage within line of sight	up	to 15 km	
Power			
Power consumption	3 W	4 W	
Power supply	Passive PO	E 4,5(+) 7,8(-) 15 W	
Case			
Housing dimensions	165 x	110 x 40 mm	
Ingress protection rating		IP65	
Mounting	mas	st supports	



# **3 OPERATION**

The gateway terminal board has control and indication instruments, input and output interfaces. Detailed information see below.

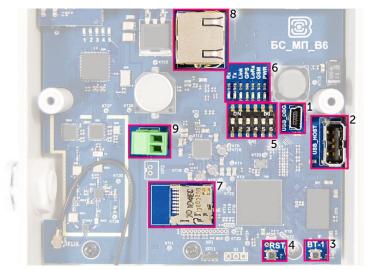


Fig. 3.1. Control and indication instruments, input and output interfaces.

- 1 mini USB-port for connection to a computer
- 2 USB-host for connection of external devices
- 3  */Spare/*
- 4 gateway reset button
- 5 service DIP-switches
- 6 performance indicators of various systems
- 7 micro SD-card connector
- 8 Ethernet-cable connector
- 9 additional power connector (optional)



# **CONTACTS**

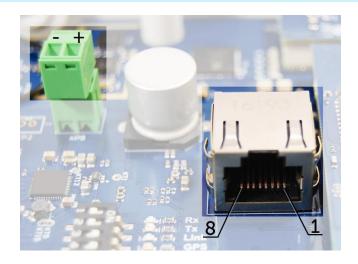


Fig. 3.2. Contacts in the connectors.

The gateway is connected to the network with 8-core network cable (twisted pair) through connector on the terminal board (fig. 3.1 (8)). Cable shall be crimped in compliance with T568A and T568B standards. Contacts shall be numerated 1-8 right-to-left.

Colors are shown for cable T568B:

Contact no.	Color	Designation
1	Orange-and-white	TD+ signal
2	Orange	TD- signal
3	Green-and-white	RD+ signal
4	Blue	Power
5	Blue-and-white	Power
6	Green	RD- signal
7	Brown-and-white	Ground
8	Brown	Ground



There is an additional power connector on the board (fig. 3.1 (9)). It can be connected only when power contacts 4, 5 and 7, 8 in the network cable are disabled. Permissible power voltage is 12-48 V. Minimum power is 20 W.

### INPUT AND OUTPUT INTERFACES

The gateway has a mini-USB-port for connecting to a computer and working via the SSH protocol (Fig. 3.1 (1)), and a USB-host for connecting of external devices via a USB cable (Fig. 3.1 (2)). There is a slot on the board for a SD card (fig. 3.1 (7)).

In addition, there is a SMA socket on the gateway housing for connecting of the antenna supplied with the device.

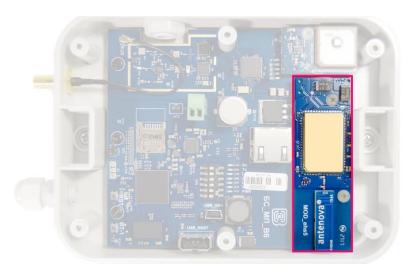


For high-quality signal reception, it is important to properly place the gateway antenna. For antenna installing recommendations, see the <u>Appendix</u>.

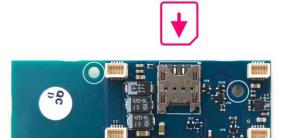


# SIM CARD INSTALLATION AT THE BS-2

The Vega BS-2 gateway includes a GSM module, which is installed on the main board.



The SIM slot is located on the back of the module. To install the SIM card, you must disconnect the GSM module from the main board and turn it over.



The SIM card of the micro-SIM format is inserted into the slot, after which the GSM module is replaced.



### CONTROL INSTRUMENTS – PUSHBUTTONS AND SWITCHES

There are two buttons on the gateway board. One button is spare for further developments (Fig. 3.1 (3)). Push the other button (Fig. 3.1 (4)) for the gateway instantaneous rebooting.

In addition, there are DIP switches (Fig. 3.1 (5)) on the board used to select the download option of the firmware image: from internal memory, from the SD card or via mini-USB from the computer. The switches are used only in service conditions. In operating mode, only switches 3 and 4 shall be enabled, see fig. 3.3.

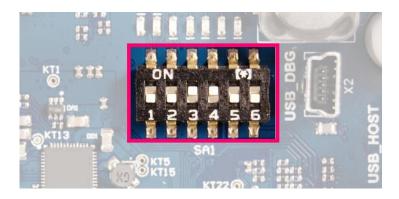


Fig. 3.3. Operating position of DIP-switches

# **INDICATION**

There are several LEDs (fig. 3.1 (6)) on the terminal board, which signals are shown in the table below. They indicate operation of particular systems: power (on / off), visibility of GPS satellites, GSM modem (on / off), operation of the LoRa signal processing program (Packet forwarder on/off), Ethernet activity, the data exchange via mini USB port.



LED	Color	Indication	
Rx	Green	Clashas data ayahanga via LISB DDC nort	
Tx	Red	<ul><li>Flashes – data exchange via USB_DBG port</li></ul>	
Link	Green	<i>Flashes</i> – activity via Ethernet	
GPS¹ Blu		Doesn't light – no data from GPS-receiver	
	Rlug	Flashes— there data exist, but are not valid for use by Packet	
	Dide	forwarder	
		Lights – location identified	
LoRa Yellow	Vallow	<i>Lights</i> – Packet forwarder is started	
	Doesn't light – Packet forwarder is stopped		
GSM Green	Lights – GSM-modem is enabled		
	Green	Doesn't light – GSM-modem is disabled	
PWR	Red	<i>Lights</i> – gateway is powered	
	Reu	Doesn't light – gateway is not powered	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  GPS LED indicates GPS system functioning only when Packet forwarder is started (LoRa LED lights).



# **4 GATEWAY CONFIGURATION**

# CONNECTION TO THE COMPUTER - START OF WORK

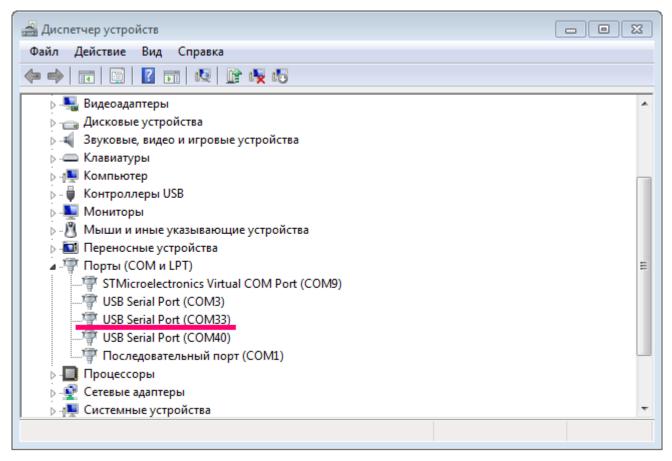
The gateway is configured when connected to a computer using a terminal program. Connection is possible, for example, with a mass-market PuTTY program. There are two ways of connection to the gateway – via a serial port or SSH.

# 1. Connection via a serial port

In case of a serial port, connect the gateway to a personal computer with a mini-USB connector by a cable. On the board, the required port is designated as USB\_DBG (Fig. 3.1 (1)). Next, connect to a virtual COM port by installing the driver for MCP2200. "Ports (COM and LPT)" menu appears at the device manager.

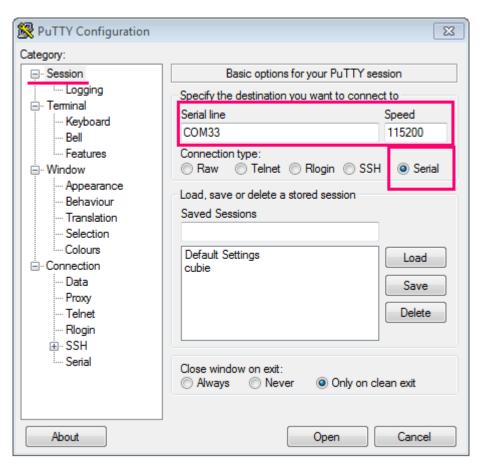
Search "USB Serial Port" in the "Ports" menu and see its number.





Open PuTTY, select **Serial**, enter number of the gateway virtual COM-port and speed (115200) in the corresponding fields.



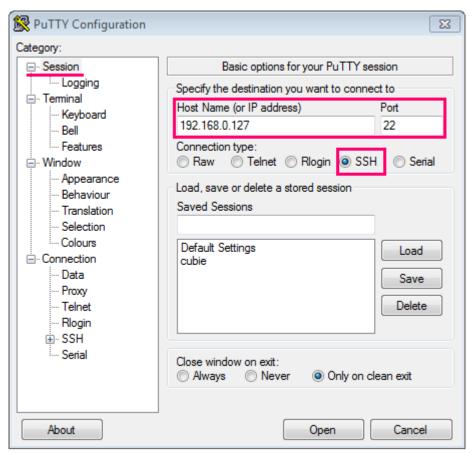


# Push "Open" button.

# 2. Connection via SSH

In case of SSH, select SSH connection in the PuTTY dialog box, enter the device's IP-address and port 22. By default, the device obtains an IP-address via DHCP when connected via Ethernet.





Push "Open" button.

After connecting to the gateway by one of the methods, PuTTY terminal window appears, where login and password shall be entered. By default, login **root** and password **temppwd** are used for connection to the gateway. At the first connection, it is recommended to change the password for individual access.



Now the configuration can be carried out.

Packet forwarder starts automatically when the system starts. Before the gateway configuring, stop Packet forwarder by entering command:

/etc/init.d/lora\_watchdog stop

```
COM40 - PuTTY

root@am335x-evm:~# /etc/init.d/lora_watchdog stop
```

Configuration files are in the directory LoRa/packet\_forwarder/lora\_pkt\_fwd – it may contain frequency band, the gateway ID, IP-address and server ports settings.

global\_conf.json - global configuration file;



local\_conf.json - local configuration file.



Settings contained in local\_conf.json file take priority over global\_conf.json

Enter the command, containing the required configuration file in order to change the settings, for example:

```
am335x-evm login: root
Password:
root@am335x-evm:~# nano LoRa/packet_forwarder/lora_pkt_fwd/global_conf.json
```

After all changes completed enter the command:

/etc/init.d/lora\_watchdog start

```
COM40 - PuTTY

root@am335x-evm:~# /etc/init.d/lora_watchdog start
Starting lora watchdog
root@am335x-evm:~#
```

Packet forwarder will automatically start with new settings.



### PACKET FORWARDER UPDATING TO 4.0.1 VERSION

Packet forwarder updating is carried out when connected to a computer using the terminal program as follows:

- 1. After connecting to the gateway enter login and password in the PuTTY terminal window.
- 2. Enter a command /etc/init.d/lora\_watchdog stop command to turn off the internal timer.
- 3. Go to the root directory with the command cd ~/



Before upgrading Packet forwarder, save the settings from the files local\_conf.json and global\_conf.json located in ~/LoRa/packet\_forwarder /lora\_pkt\_fwd/ for later restoration of the settings after the update

4. Delete files of the previous version of Packet forwarder by sequential introduction of commands:

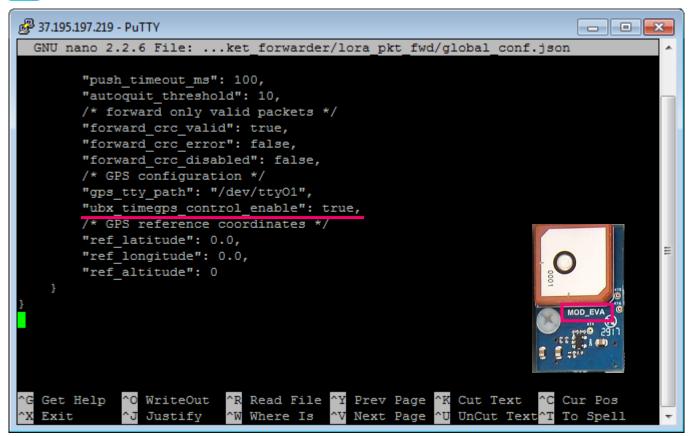
rm -r LoRa rm LoRa.tar.gz

5. Download files of the new version of the Packet forwarder by typing at the command line:

wget ftp://89.183.233:14104/3.12.10-ti2013.12.01/LoRa\_v4.0.1.tar.gz

- 6. Unzip the downloaded files with the command tar xf LoRa\_v4.0.1.tar.gz -C ~/
- 7. Move downloaded files to the working directory mv ~/LoRa\_v4.0.1 ~/LoRa
- 8. Restore settings in files local\_conf.json и global\_conf.json
- 9. If the GPS module "MOD\_EVA" is used in BS-2, then in the file global\_conf.json the option "ubx\_timegps\_control\_enable" should be enabled, i.e. "Ubx\_timegps\_control\_enable": true. In other cases, when the GPS-module is called otherwise, this option should be turned off, i.e. "Ubx\_timegps\_control\_enable": false.





10. Restart the Packet forwarder process with the command /etc/init.d/lora\_watchdog start

Update complete.

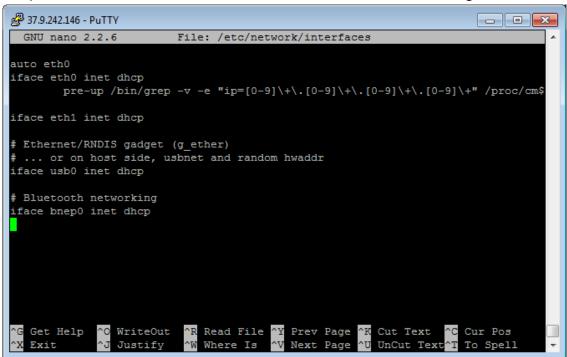
# CONFIGURATION OF A STATIC IP-ADRESS FOR THE GATEWAY

Configuration of a static IP shall be carried out with the terminal program:

1. After connecting to the gateway enter login and password in the PuTTY terminal window.



2. Open file /etc/network/interfaces. Search authorization settings in this file:



3. Enter changes highlighted in red (example: static IP address 192.168.240.252 and gateway 192.168.240.1):

```
auto eth0 iface eth0 inet static pre-up /bin/grep -v -e "ip=[0-9]\+\.[0-9]\+\.[0-9]\+\.[0-9]\+" /proc/cmdline > /dev/null address 192.168.240.252 netmask 255.255.255.0 gateway 192.168.240.1
```

4. Open file **~/link\_detect.sh**, then search string if [ "\$LINK\_STATE" == "UP" ]; then



Check, that after this string the following string is entered

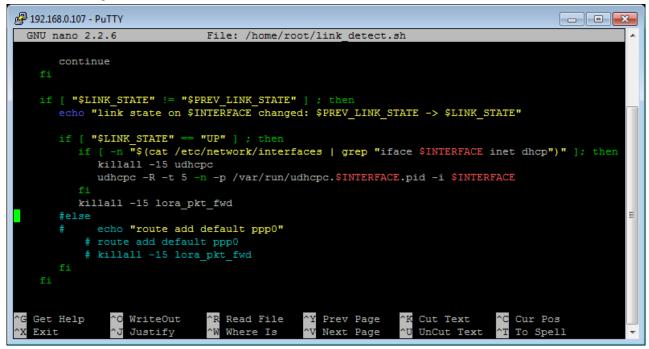
if [ -n "\$(cat /etc/network/interfaces | grep "iface \$INTERFACE inet dhcp")" ]; then Check, that before string

killall -15 lora\_pkt\_fwd

the following string is entered

fi

(see figure below)



5. If the strings correspond to the figure above, do not change anything. If these strings are absent, enter them – changes are highlighted in red:

```
if [ "$LINK_STATE" == "UP" ] ; then
if [ -n "$(cat /etc/network/interfaces | grep "iface $INTERFACE inet dhcp")" ]; then
killall -15 udhcpc
```



```
udhcpc –R –t 5 –n –p /var/run/udhcpc.$INTERFACE.pid –i $INTERFACE
fi
killall -15 lora_pkt_fwd
```

6. Enter reboot at the command line to reboot the gateway with new settings.

# GATEWAY SETTING UP FOR 3G OPERATION

Gateway setting up for 3G operation using the terminal program is carried out in the following order:

- 1. After connecting to the gateway enter login and password in the PuTTY terminal window.
- 2. Check, that in file /etc/ppp/peers/wvdial entered strings highlighted in red:

noauth
name wvdial
usepeerdns
defaultroute
replacedefaultroute

If these strings are not present, then they should be added.

3. Check, that in file /etc/wvdial.conf entered strings highlighted in red:

```
; Init1 = ATZ
; Init2=ATQO V1 E1 &C1 &D2 +FCLASS=0
Init1 = AT+CPIN?
Init2 = AT+CGDCONT=1,"IP","internet.beeline.ru"

Modem Type = USB Modem

Baud = 460800

New PPPD = yes

Auto Reconnect = off

Modem = /dev/ttyACM0
```



ISDN = 0

Phone = \*99#

Password = beeline

Username = beeline

where "internet.beeline.ru" is APN cellular operator.

If the strings correspond to the figure above, you do not need to change anything. If these strings are not present, then they should be added. At that, strings

Init1 = AT+CPIN?

|nit2 = AT+CGDCONT=1,"IP","internet.beeline.ru"

entered instead string

# Init = AT+CGDCONT=1,"IP","internet.beeline.ru"

The last three strings of the file specify the required dial-up phone, user name and password (different for each cellular operator):

Phone = \*99#

Password = beeline

Username = beeline

4. Create a script to update the DNS data received from the operator

nano /etc/ppp/ip-up.d/resolv\_conf\_update

#I/bin/sh -e

cat /etc/ppp/resolv.conf > /etc/resolv.conf

exit (

Give him the right to run by typing at the command line:

chmod +x /etc/ppp/ip-up.d/resolv\_conf\_update



5. Add parameters to startup by typing at the command line:

update-rc.d gsm\_init defaults

6. Type reboot at the command line to reboot the gateway with new settings.

To stop using the 3G modem for communicate with server, type at the command line **update-rc.d -f gsm\_init remove** and restart the gateway to apply new settings.

To start using the 3G modem to communicate with the server again, type **update-rc.d gsm\_init defaults** at the command line and restart the gateway to apply new settings.

For recommendations for gateways using white IP, see Appendix.



# 5 STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

VEGA BS gateways shall be stored in the original packaging in heated room at temperatures  $+5^{\circ}$ C to  $+40^{\circ}$ C and relative humidity less than 85%.

The gateway shall be transported in covered freight compartments of all types at any distance at temperatures -40°C to +85°C.



#### 6 CONTENT OF THE PACKAGE

The gateway is delivered complete with:

VEGA BS gateway – 1 pce.

Antenna 864-870 MHz- 1 pce.

POE-adapter – 1 pce.

Data sheet – 1 pce.



# 7 WARRANTY

The manufacturer guarantees normal operation of the gateway and its elements within 36 months from the date of sale.

The manufacturer undertakes to repair or replace the failed device within 36 months from the date of sale.

The consumer undertakes to comply with the terms and conditions of transportation, storage and operation, specified in this manual.

Warranty does not apply to:

- the device with mechanical, electrical and / or other damages and defects caused by violation of the transportation, storage and operation requirements;
  - the device lacking any part of the kit;
  - the device with traces of repair performed not by the manufacturer's service center;
  - the device with traces of oxidation or other signs of liquids leaking inside the device.

In the event of a warranty claim, contact the service center:

113/1, Kirova Str., Novosibirsk, 630008, Russia.

Tel.: +7 (383) 206-41-35.



# APPENDIX - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WORKING WITH GATEWAY

### ANTENNA MOUNTING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Antenna included in the scope of supply has fasteners for installation on a mast support. To ensure maximum communication range, follow the installation guidelines for the antenna:

- 1. Install the antenna outside, preferably on the roof of the building (the higher the better, depending on the surrounding buildings). Installing the antenna in the room significantly weakens the sensitivity of the antenna.
- 2. The installation site shall be as far as possible from the cellular antennas. Antenna tuning requires the maximum distance from other antennas. After tuning and testing, antenna can be brought back closer to the cellular antennas, if the quality of the communication is satisfactory.
- 3. The antenna shall not stand in the close proximity to obstacles (about 2 meters from railing, walls, etc.). The sensitivity towards the obstacle weakens.
- 4. The gateway shall be installed in the close proximity to the antenna at the length of the antenna coaxial conductor. Increase of the cable length between the antenna and the gateway will result in a loss of antenna sensitivity.



For example, 25 meters of RG-58 cable attenuate the signal by 14 dBm, i.e. if transmission power is 14 dBm (25mW), the power on the antenna will be 1mW

5. The antenna directional pattern shall be taken into account. In the horizontal plane, the antenna has a circular direction, but no vertical direction. Therefore, the quality of communication directly under the antenna will be worse than at some distance from the antenna.



#### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GATEWAY USING IN WHITE IP NET

In case the BS is used in network with white IP, it is recommended to change the standard port numbers of ssh and telnet to anothers. This should be taken into account while port forwarding. The steps sequence for changing BS dropbear and telnetd ports is described below.

# To change ssh port:

- 1. Enter at the command line of the terminal program /etc/init.d/dropbear stop
- 2. Open file nano /etc/init.d/dropbear

```
192.168.0.231 - PuTTY
  GNU nano 2.2.6
                               File: /etc/init.d/dropbear
#!/bin/sh
   BEGIN INIT INFO
  Provides:
                     dropbear
                     $remote_fs $syslog
 Required-Start:
 Required-Stop:
                     $remote_fs $syslog
                     2 3 4 5
 Default-Start:
 Default-Stop:
                     0 1 6
 ## END INIT INFO
 Do not configure this file. Edit /etc/default/dropbear instead!
PATH=/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin
DAEMON=/usr/sbin/dropbear
NAME=dropbear
DESC="Dropbear SSH server"
DEFAULTCFG=/etc/default/dropbear
DROPBEAR_PORT=22
DROPBEAR_EXTRA_ARGS=
NO_START=0
```

- 3. Find string DROPBEAR\_PORT=22 and change standard port «22» to another, then save the file.
- 4. Enter at the command line of the terminal program /etc/init.d/dropbear start



# To change telnet port:

- 1. Enter at the command line of the terminal program /etc/init.d/telnetd stop
- 2. Enter at the command line killall -15 telnetd
- 3. Open file nano /etc/init.d/telnetd and find strings:

```
> 192.168.0.231 - PuTTY
 GNU nano 2.2.6
                                File: /etc/init.d/telnetd
#IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY,
FFITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NONINFRINGEMENT. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE
#AUTHORS OR COPYRIGHT HOLDERS BE LIABLE FOR ANY CLAIM, DAMAGES OR OTHER
#LIABILITY, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, ARISING FROM,
#OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOFTWARE OR THE USE OR OTHER DEALINGS IN
THE SOFTWARE.
telnetd=/usr/sbin/telnetd
test -x "$telnetd" || exit 0
case "$1" in
 start)
   echo -n "Starting telnet daemon"
   start-stop-daemon --start --quiet --exec Stelnetd
   echo "
 stop)
   echo -n "Stopping telnet daemon"
   start-stop-daemon --stop --quiet --pidfile /var/run/telnetd.pid
```

4. Enter strings highlighted in red (instead of "2224" enter the desired port number):

```
telnetd=/usr/sbin/telnetd
port="-p 2224"
...
start-stop-daemon --start --quiet --exec $telnetd -- $port
```

5. Save file and enter at the command line /etc/init.d/telnetd start





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