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Abstract	How to configure X-ring Pro		
Keyword	X-ring , X-ring Pro, Couple-ring, Dual-ring, X-ring-Elite, Legacy Mode		
Related Product	EKI-7000, EKI-7700, EKI-7400 series, EKI-9200, EKI-9300 series, EKI-9500 series, EKI-9600 series, EKI-9700 series, EKI-5500/EKI-5600 Protocol switch		

■ Problem Description:

1. What is X-ring Pro technology?
2. How to configure the X-ring feature?

■ Answer:

[Purpose]

1. The X-ring feature provides improvements to Spanning Tree (STP) and Rapid Spanning Tree (RSTP), and is quickly and automatically restored when a network is broken,
2. X-ring is designed for the specific environments of industrial applications. It provides high speed redundancy for the network, when anyone of the port failed, the recovery time will be under 20ms.

[Definition]

1. It's a network topology where each node is connected to two other nodes.
2. To provide Ethernet networks with high-speed redundancy.
3. Both X-ring and X-ring Pro are Advantech's proprietary ring redundancy technology.
4. Advantech's 1st generation ring redundancy technology => X-ring
5. Advantech's 2nd generation ring redundancy technology => X-ring Pro

[Comparison Table for X-ring]

	X-ring Elite	X-ring Pro	X-ring Pro	X-ring Pro	X-ring
	NOS5.0	NOS5.0	NOS3.0	NOS2.0	NOS1.8
Max. Support Unit	250	250	250	250	50
Recovery time	<20ms	<20ms	<20ms	<20ms	< 20ms
Auto Ring Master Selection	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Required
Couple-Ring Support	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES
Dual-Ring Support	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Coupling-Ring & Dual-Homing Limitation	No	No	No	No	Yes (*)
Coupling Ring Control Port	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Required
Chipset Solution	Realtek	Realtek	Broadcom	Marvell	Marvell

[Note] X-ring with NOS1.8 is phase out

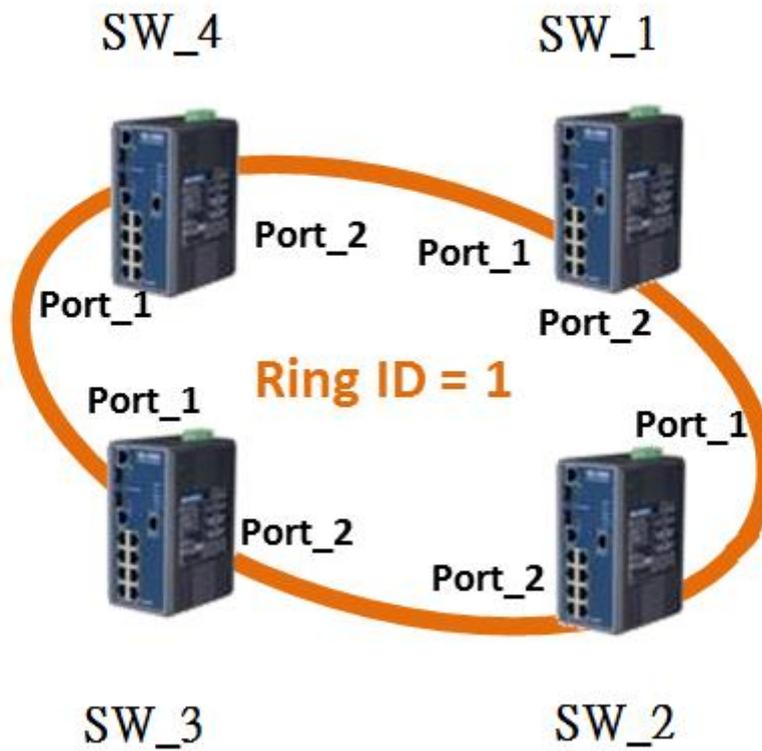
[Support model list]

	X-ring Elite	X-ring Pro	X-ring Pro	X-ring Pro
	NOS5.0	NOS5.0	NOS3.0	NOS2.0
Max. Support Unit	EKI-7428-4CI EKI-7428-4CPI EKI-7706E-2F/ EKI-7706G-2F EKI-7708E-4F(I)/ EKI-7708E-4FP(I) EKI-7708G-4F(I)/ EKI-7708G-4FP(I) EKI-7710E-2C(I)/ EKI-7710E-2CP(I) EKI-7710G-2C(I)/ EKI-7710G-2CP(I) EKI-7712E-4F(I)/ EKI-7712E-4FP(I) EKI-7712G-4F(I)/ EKI-7712G-4FP(I) EKI-7716E-4F(I)/ EKI-7716G-4F(I) EKI-7720E-4F(I)/ EKI-7720G-4F(I) EKI-9612 EKI-9628		EKI-9228 EKI-9312 EKI-9312P EKI-9316 EKI-9316P EKI-9512 EKI-9512P EKI-9512D EKI-9512D-P EKI-9516 EKI-9516P EKI-9516D EKI-9516D-P EKI-9728	EKI-7554M/S EKI-7559M/S EKI-7654C EKI-7659C EKI-7656C EKI-7657C EKI-7659CPI EKI-2748FI EKI-2748CI EKI-7758F EKI-6558TI EKI-6559TMI
	EKI-5528-PNMA EKI-5528(I)-PN EKI-5526(I)-PN EKI-5528(I)-EI EKI-5526(I)-EI EKI-5528(I)-MB EKI-5526(I)-MB EKI-5629C(I)-PN EKI-5626C(I)-PN EKI-5629C(I)-EI EKI-5626C(I)-EI EKI-5629C(I)-MB EKI-5626C(I)-MB			

1. Single X-ring Configuration

1. Topology Diagram

Below diagram is the example for the single ring application.



2. Web screen shot

Below screen shot show you the X-ring Pro configuration on the web:

SW_1~SW_4

(Each Ring must assign unique ring id, the maximum ring id is 255)

- Port 1 and Port 2 of SW_1 to SW_4 belong to same partition with **Ring ID = 1**

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Pro / X-Ring Pro Groups

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2: 2

1

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

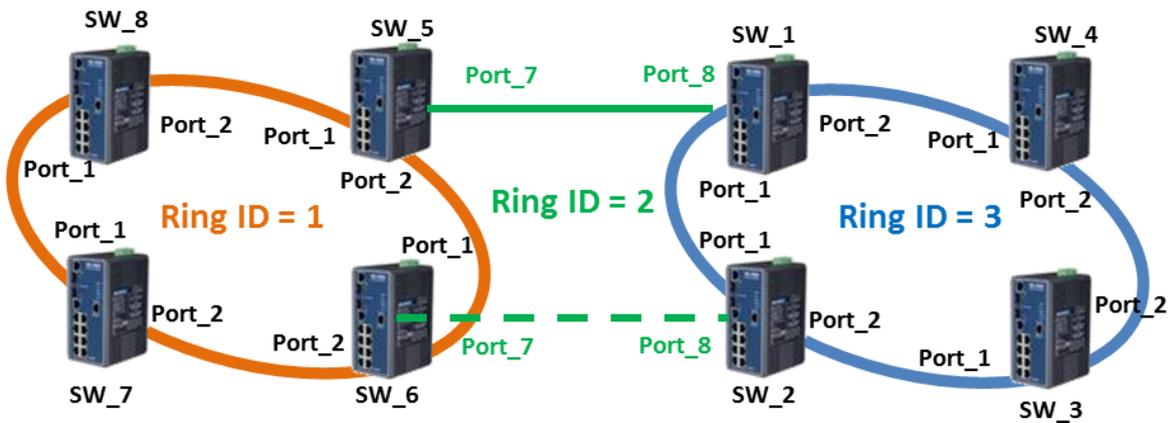
Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

2. Couple Ring Configuration

1. Topology Diagram

Below diagram is the example for the couple ring application.



-  Primary Path
-  Backup Path (Dotted Line)

2. Web screen shot

Below screen shot show you the X-ring Pro configuration on the web:

SW_7, SW_8

- Port 1 and Port 2 of SW_7 and SW_8 belong to same partition with **Ring ID = 1**

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Pro / X-Ring Pro Groups

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 1 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE2 Add

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 1-255 Port: Select Port Master Ring ID: Add

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
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X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

SW_5, SW_6

- Port 1 and Port 2 of SW_5 and SW_6 are also belong to same partition with **Ring ID = 1**
- **Port 7** belong to different partition with **Ring ID = 2** and associating it to **Partition 1** by selecting “**Ring 01**” in the Master Ring Port

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 1 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE2 **Add**

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 1-255 Port: Select Port Master Ring ID: **Add**

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1							

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 1-255 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE1 **Add**

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 2 Port: GE7 Master Ring ID: 1 **Add**

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	Delete

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
2	Couple	Disconnect	GE7	BLK			<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

SW_1, SW_2

- Port 1 and Port 2 of SW_1 and SW_2 are also belong to same partition with **Ring ID = 3**
- **Port 8** belong to different partition with **Ring ID = 2** and associating it to **Partition 3** by selecting “Ring 03” in the Master Ring Port

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 3 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE2 2

1

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 1-255 Port: Select Port Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
3	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 1-255 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE1

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 2 Port: GE8 Master Ring ID: 3 4

3

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
3	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
3	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
2	Couple	Disconnect	GE8	DWN			<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

SW_3, SW_4

- Port 1 and Port 2 of SW_3 and SW_4 belong to same partition with **Ring ID = 3**

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Pro / X-Ring Pro Groups

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2: ²

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
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X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
3	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

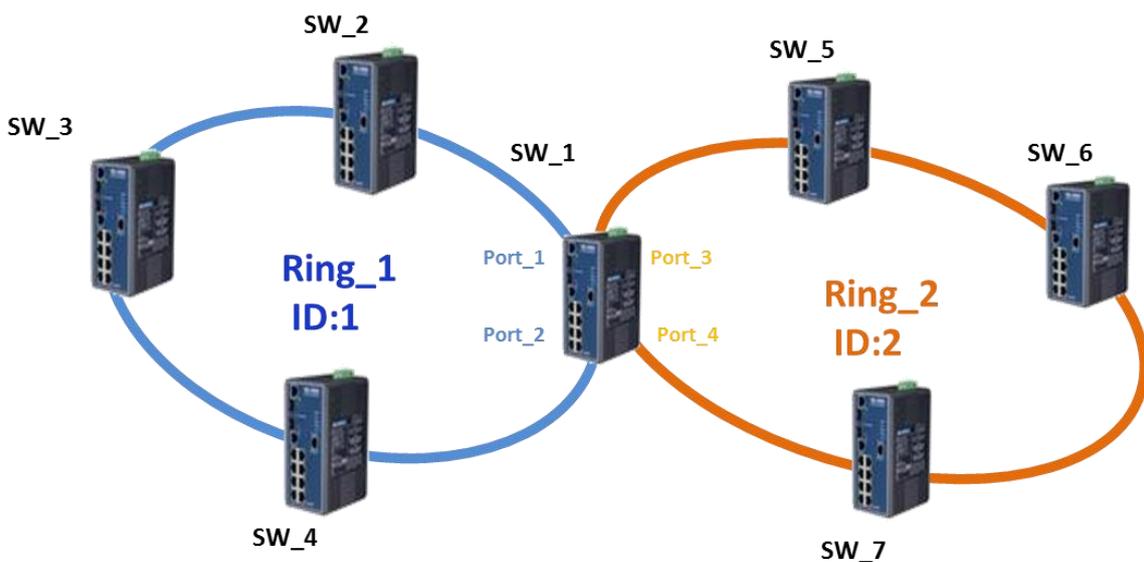
3. Dual Ring Configuration

1. Topology Diagram

Below diagram is the example for the Dual Ring application

Dual-Ring:

- Two adjacent rings share one switch.
- Ideal for application that have inherent cabling difficulties.



2. Web screen shot

SW_1

SW_1 Configuration:

- Port 1 and Port 2 => Ring ID 1
- Port 3 and Port 4 => Ring ID 2

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Pro / X-Ring Pro Groups

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID	Port 1	Port 2	
1	GE1	GE2	Add

1

2

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID	Port	Master Ring ID	
1-255	Select Port		Add

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
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X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
2	Basic	STANDBY	GE3	DWN	GE4	DWN	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

SW_2, SW_3 and SW_4

SW_2, SW_3 and SW_4 Configuration:

- Port 1 and Port 2 => Ring ID 1

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Pro / X-Ring Pro Groups

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

1

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	Delete

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: Port 1: Port 2:

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: Port: Master Ring ID:

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
1	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	Delete

SW_5, SW_6 and SW_7

SW_5, SW_6 and SW_7 Configuration:

- Port 1 and Port 2 => Ring ID 2

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Pro / X-Ring Pro Groups

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 2 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE2 Add

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 1-255 Port: Select Port Master Ring ID: Add

Information

Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
2							

X-Ring Pro Groups Settings

Ring ID: 1-255 Port 1: GE1 Port 2: GE1 Add

Couple Setting

Couple Ring ID: 1-255 Port: Select Port Master Ring ID: 2 Add

Information

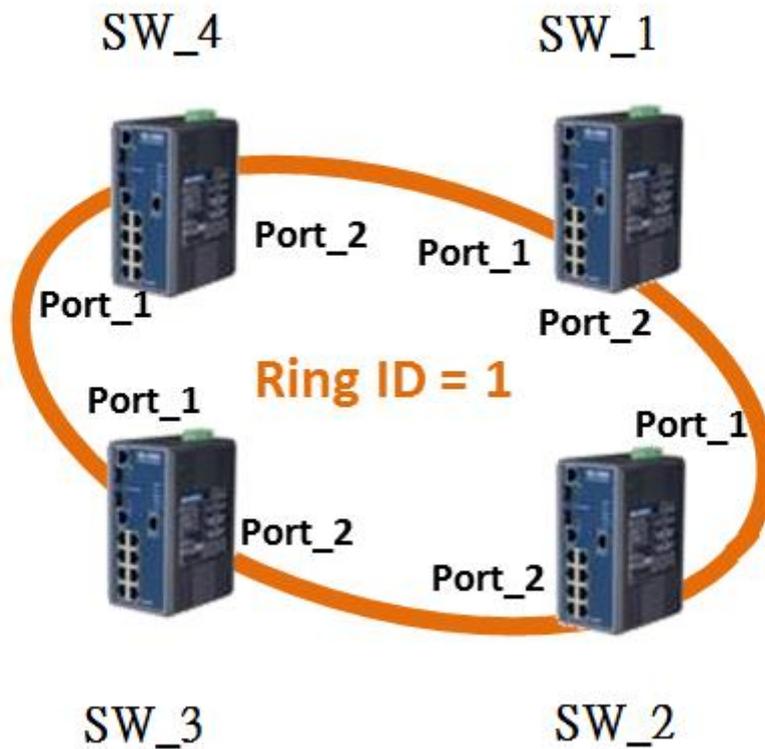
Ring ID	Mode	Operation State	Port 1	Forwarding State	Port 2	Forwarding State	Delete
2	Basic	STANDBY	GE1	DWN	GE2	DWN	Delete

4. X-ring Elite Configuration

1. Topology Diagram

Below diagram is the example for the X-ring Elite application for a single ring. You may extend the topology to dual ring, multi ring.

[Note: X-ring Elite is support Dual Ring, Multi Ring. But X-ring Elite do not support couple ring]



2. Web screen shot

Below screen shot show you the X-ring Elite configuration on the web:

SW_1~SW_4

(Each Ring must assign unique ring id, the maximum ring id is 255)

- Port 1 and Port 2 of SW_1 to SW_4 belong to same partition with **Ring ID = 1**

The screenshot shows the 'X-Ring Elite Groups Settings' form. A red box labeled '1' highlights the configuration for Ring ID 1. The 'Ring ID' field contains '1', 'Role' is 'Basic', 'Port 1' is 'GE1', and 'Port 2' is 'GE2'. A red box labeled '2' highlights the 'Add' button.

Ring ID	Role	Port 1	Port 2	Delete
1	Basic	GE1	GE2	

The screenshot shows the 'X-Ring Elite Groups Settings' form. The 'Ring ID' field contains '1-255', 'Role' is 'Basic', 'Port 1' is 'GE1', and 'Port 2' is 'GE1'. The 'Add' button is visible. Below the form, a table shows the configuration for Ring ID 1 (Standby).

Ring ID	Role	Port 1	Port 2	Delete
1 (Standby)	Basic	GE1 (Down)	GE2 (Down)	Delete

APPENDIX

5. Compatible with previous X-ring Configuration (X-ring Pro Legacy Mode)

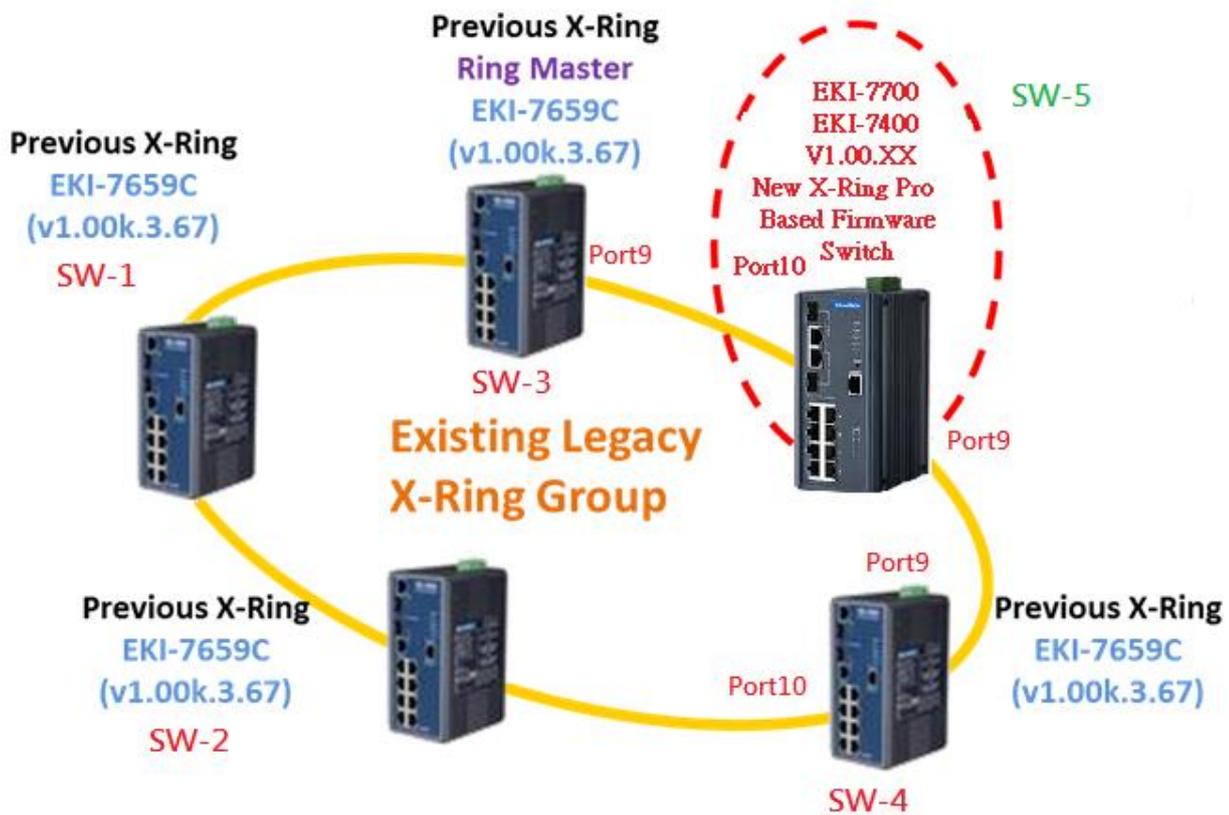
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1. Topology Diagram

- The **New X-ring Pro Based FW Switch** is backwards compatible with previous X-ring in the **existing legacy X-ring network**.
- Co-existence Requirement Between X-ring Pro and X-ring:
 - “Legacy Ring” must be manually enabled under **X-ring Elite Based FW Switch**.
 - Making sure at least one switch from the **existing legacy X-ring group** configured as “**Ring Master**”

Below diagram is the example to add a new EKI-7700 and EKI-7400 switch into X-ring (EKI-7000) as a ring member application.

[Purpose] Adding new EKI-7700 and EKI-7400 switches into original EKI-7000 X-ring



2. [Process]

Step1: Configure new switch **SW-5** as legacy mode and setting the ring port is port9, and port 10.

Step2: Disconnect the link between **SW-3** and **SW-4**

Step3: Link **SW-3** port9 to **SW-5** port10 and **SW-4** port9 to **SW-5** port9

3. Web screen shot

Below screen shot show you the X-ring Elite configuration as Legacy Mode on the web, after the setting, you can connect SW5 into the X-ring environment.

SW-5

Switch / L2 Switching / X-Ring Elite / X-Ring Elite Groups

X-Ring Elite Groups Settings

Ring ID	Role	Port 1	Port 2
1	Legacy	GE9	GE10

Add

Information

Ring ID	Role	Port 1	Port 2	Delete
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X-Ring Elite Groups Settings

Ring ID: Role: Port 1: Port 2:

Ring ID	Role	Port 1	Port 2	Delete
1 (Legacy)	Legacy	GE9 (Down)	GE10 (Down)	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

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