

Dual-network switching method of core switch



AI Overview

Dual-network switching in core switches ensures redundancy and high availability by using multiple links, link aggregation, and routing protocols to prevent single points of failure.

Overview of Core Switch Role A core switch is a high-performance switch located at the backbone of a network, responsible for high-speed data forwarding, routing, and traffic aggregation from distribution and access layers. Its performance directly affects the entire network, making redundancy and reliability critical.

Dual-Network Switching Concepts Dual-network switching involves connecting core switches to each other and to access/distribution switches via multiple links to provide:

- Redundancy:** If one link or switch fails, traffic can reroute through the alternate path.
- Load balancing:** Traffic can be distributed across multiple links to optimize bandwidth usage.
- High availability:** Ensures continuous network operation without downtime.

Key Methods

- Link Aggregation (EtherChannel / Eth-Trunk):** Multiple physical links between switches are combined into a single logical link. Supports LACP (Link Aggregation Control Protocol) for dynamic negotiation or manual load balancing if LACP is unsupported. Provides both increased bandwidth and failover capability.
- Redundant Core Switches:** Deploy two core switches in parallel, each connected to distribution/access switches. Use HSRP (Hot Standby Router Protocol) or VRRP (Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol) to provide a virtual gateway IP for hosts, ensuring seamless failover. OSPF or EIGRP can be used between cores and firewalls to control routing paths and preferred links.
- Spanning Tree Protocol (STP) Variants:** RSTP (Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol) or MST (Multiple Spanning Tree) prevent loops in Layer 2 networks while allowing redundant links. Designate primary and secondary root bridges on core switches to control traffic flow and avoid congestion...

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What Is a Core Switch?

Unlike access or distribution switches, a core switch is optimized for Layer 3 performance, modular scalability, and redundancy. In smaller networks, it may be combined with the distribution layer in a

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The core is a high-speed dual-switch interconnection that provides path redundancy and sub-second failover for nonstop forwarding of packets. Combining the core and services aggregation

What Is a Core Switch? Network Backbone Architecture Guide

A core switch is a high-capacity, high-performance Layer 3 switch positioned at the physical backbone of an enterprise network. Engineered to aggregate massive volumes of data from

What is Core Switch and How to Choose

Discover what a core switch is and learn how to choose the right one for your network. Explore key features in selecting a core layer switch. Make informed decisions for layer 3 of the core

Features and Applications of Core Switches

With high performance, large capacity, and high reliability, Core Switches offer a wide range of features and play a crucial role in enterprise networks, data centers, and large-scale

Difference between a core switch and "normal" switch?

What's the difference between a Core Switch and a normal switch? I have 4 switches in a stack that everything connects to. This is plugged into a router to reach outside. I was told recently I should

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This is done via a high-speed communication forwarding route and as a result, the core layer switch application has improved in terms of reliability, performance, and throughput. The major

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Consider the switch's capacity to handle additional devices and increased data traffic. Conclusion Core switches truly are the heartbeat of any network infrastructure. They facilitate rapid

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With the use of a core layer, each aggregation switch only needs 2x100-GbE links, and the core layer is the only place where you need large numbers of 100-GbE ports.

Core Switch vs Normal Switch: Key Differences Explained

Networking infrastructures rely on various types of switches, each serving a unique purpose. While both core and normal switches play crucial roles

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Connecting two core switches : r/networking

As Edge core is connected to switch so I am thinking about connecting Edge core direct to cisco router because I dont see a point connecting to the switch as there is no filtering via firewall happening. I

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What Is a Core Switch?

A core switch is the backbone of a large-scale network, designed to handle massive volumes of traffic with ultra-low latency and maximum reliability. Sitting at the top of the hierarchical model, core

Dual-Network Layered Network: A Method to Improve Reliability

This article delves into the routing architecture and reliable transmission service framework of dual-network layered networks, with a focus on analyzing their core design ideas and

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Solved: redundancy in core layer

In the core layer, I want to have redundancy, which means that if the main core switch of my network has a problem, the backup switch will automatically enter the circuit.

How to configure redundant core switch in collapsed core?

With a routed access design, you'd configure a default gateway per access switch then route the connections to both cores. The cores will only route to other access switches and shouldn't

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The aggregation switches then send traffic from the aggregation layer to a core layer through up to 4x100-GbE links (towards two core switches) and then connect the core switches to the FortiGate

Core Switch vs. Distribution Switch vs. Access Switch

Comprehensive guide to Core, Distribution, and Access Switches. Roles in the network and important parameters explained.

Recommendations: Dual Core Switch for redundancy.

Have both CORE switches have a route via each link to the firewall and control the preferred path with OSPF cost. Also add a trunk group ether-channel between the core switches too.

Chassis Aggregation

Chassis aggregation is a Cisco technology to make two switches operate as a single logical switch. It is similar to stacking but meant for chassis switches like the

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Without VPC (Nexus) or VSS/VSW your options are either a first-hop redundancy protocol like HSRP, VRRP, or GLBP (which will run on SVIs) or routed access. With a routed access design, you'd

Core Switch vs. Distribution Switch vs. Access Switch

These data switches are responsible for routing and data switching at the core layer of the network. The data routed and switched by the core switch is carried forward to the bottom layers of the network

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