

Two core switches are combined into one



AI Overview

Two core switches can be combined into a single logical switch using technologies like Cisco StackWise Virtual or switch stacking, allowing them to operate as one unit with shared configuration, forwarding, and management. How It Works Combining two physical switches into a single logical switch involves virtualizing the control and management planes so that the network sees them as one device. In Cisco environments, this is often achieved using StackWise Virtual, which allows two Catalyst 9000 switches to function as a single logical entity. One switch is designated as the active switch and the other as the standby switch, but both actively forward traffic. The switches share the same configuration, routing, and Layer 2/Layer 3 protocols, and failover occurs seamlessly if one switch fails (). From a data-plane perspective, traffic can be forwarded locally on each switch, and if the destination is on the other switch, it is sent over a StackWise Virtual link to the egress switch for final forwarding (). This setup also supports Multi-Chassis EtherChannel (MEC), allowing multiple physical links to be combined into a single logical link, simplifying spanning-tree topology and increasing bandwidth ().

Benefits

- High Availability:** Stateful Switch Over (SSO) and Non-Stop Forwarding (NSF) ensure minimal disruption during failover ().
- Simplified Management:** Both switches are managed as a single device, reducing configuration complexity ().
- Loop-Free Topology:** The network treats the pair as a single bridge, eliminating blocked links in spanning-tree ().
- Increased Bandwidth:** Multi-Chassis EtherChannel allows aggregation of multiple uplinks without spanning-tree blocking ().
- Scalability:** Port density and switching capacity are effectively doubled while maintaining a single logical IP and management interface ().

Alternative Approaches Other methods to combine switches include switch stacking, which uses dedicated stack ports and cables to operate multiple switches as one logical unit, and collapsed core architecture, where the core and distribution layers...

Article Content

How to Connect Multiple Ethernet Switches

Switch stacking is a networking solution that connects two or more stackable switches to operate as a single logical unit. This approach enhances network capacity, link redundancy, and management

Communication through Multiple Switches

Communication through multiple switches is similar to communication through one switch. This article illustrates exactly how it works using two switches.

Core layer | FortiSwitch 7.4.0 | Fortinet Document Library

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.

Connecting Two Network Switches Together

In this video we take a look at the different ways of connect 2 switches together. There are many different ways of connecting two or more switches together but we take a look at a few different ways.

Switch Stacking Explained: Basis, Configuration & FAQs

Switch stacking connects multiple switches into one logical unit. Learn its basics, benefits, configuration, and how it differs from MLAG.

How to connect 2 switches with router? : r/HomeNetworking

Is the loop illustrated best? Should the switches not be connected, and each just go to the router? Should one switch go to the router and connect to the other switch that isn't connected to the router?

Stacking

Stacking Stacking is the process of connecting multiple physical network switches together, so they function as a single, logical switch. This is achieved by using stacking-capable switches which have

Combining Two Switches/Lights into One Switch? : r/electrical

Combining Two Switches/Lights into One Switch? I have a situation in my house where I have a room that had two independently switched lights, that now - I want just a single switch to operate. The two

Best Way to Connect Multiple Switches

How to connect multiple switches in a network with clear steps and tips for effective setup and configuration.

Core Switch

A simplified Helios topology model consists of 64 pods, each with 1024 hosts and two core switches; one for optical circuit switching and the other for packet switching.

combine two switches

Hi, I want to connect my both 3560 switch together. 1stswitch: 3 vlans but all server are attached to only one vlan8(ip 192.168.5.1/27 2ndswitch:3 Vlans but server are conneted to one

should core switch be stacked

Stacking turns multiple switches into a single unit for management and provides improved throughput across the switches. Does the core connect to a disti layer or collapsed backbone or

How to Connect Multiple Switches together

The post introduces how to connect multiple switches together by three methods including cascade, stack, and cluster.

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

Connecting multiple cisco dwitches together

What is the best approach, protocol and configuration to use when connecting 3 nx 9000 cisco switches together as core switches using fiber connects? We will eventually add edge switches.

Network with inter vlan routing

I would recommend using OSPF, and have all of the transit interfaces between the switches and routers in a single VLAN. Or put a router into one VLAN and the other router into a

Cisco Switch Virtualization

One way of solving this problem is to create a logical switch. Cisco switches offer some technologies to convert two or more physical switches into a single logical switch, it will look like this: A1 and A2 are

Best practice for chaining switches together?

If you have enough fiber runs to one of the locations, it may be a better design to have star topology by uplinking each set of 9300 stack switches to a pair of core switches. So, for

electrical

I have two light switches that I would like to combine to one. See image. On the left is my existing setup, on the right is what I am thinking of doing (apologies, I never learned proper electrical

Cisco Switch Virtualization

A1 and A2 are two physical switches but they are combined into a single logical switch. The distribution layer switches think that they are connected to one access layer switch.

Solved: Redundancy with two switches core

Access Switches come to one Switch Core and this connect to a Firewall to reach Internet. Now, I would like to set up Redundancy with this two core but the access switches only have one

Collapsed Core and Three-Tier Network Architectures

Collapsed Core Architecture is a campus network design wherein we combine the core and distribution layers. We do not use a separate set of core switches in addition to the distribution switches. The

Can you have two switches on the same network?

Can You Have Two Switches on the Same Network? The Ultimate Guide Yes, absolutely! You can, and often should, have multiple network switches on the same network. In fact, most

Multiple connections between two switches

My apologies if this is a silly question, but I'm squarely in the client/server space and am not so strong on the networking side of things. I had a fiber line running from one switch to another,

What is optimal way to connect two core switch/routers

We have two 4507s at our core, running HSRP. We have three other 4507s at the edge, plus eight 2950s. All edge switches and WAN routers are connected to both core 4507s. We have a Port-Group

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