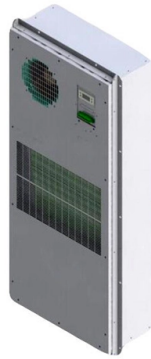


Function of Switches in Access Links



Overview

Access Layer Switches: Operating at the network's edge, access switches connect end-user devices like PCs, printers, IP phones, and wireless access points. They are characterized by high port density, cost-effectiveness, security features at the edge, and often PoE support. These links allow us to connect multiple switches together or just simple network devices e. VLAN Configuration, InterVLAN routing, Trunk Link configuration for Cisco Layer 3. **Quality of Service (QoS):** Quality of Service (QoS) is essential in core switches. Since the networks are highly demanding and a massive amount of data passes through the core layer, the QoS enables the selective transmission of data. This guide provides a comprehensive comparison of Access, Distribution, and Core switches, detailing their functions, characteristics, and deployment scenarios. It typically sits at the access layer, provides high port density, often delivers PoE, and forwards traffic. If a campus network is part of an enterprise network, it allows end users and devices to access network services and resources within the same geographic area or in proximity. The Cisco three-layer hierarchical model provides recommendations for designing campus LANs. **Loop Avoidance** The primary function of any switch is to receive data from connected sources and transmit it to the appropriate destination.



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An Ethernet/Network Switch functions at the data link layer (layer 2) of the OSI model. In contrast to a hub, a switch directs a message to a designated

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