

How to configure the switches in the distribution box



AI Overview

Configuring switches in a distribution box involves initializing the switch, setting management access, creating VLANs, and assigning ports to ensure proper network segmentation and security.

Initial Setup
Power On and Inspect: Verify the switch hardware and connected cables for damage, then power it on and check indicator lights to ensure proper operation.
Console Access: Connect to the switch using a console cable and software like PuTTY. Set the serial connection speed to 9600 bps to access the command-line interface.
Erase Previous Configurations: For spare or reused switches, delete the `flash:vlan.dat` file to remove old VLAN configurations.

Basic Configuration
Set Hostname and Domain: Assign a professional hostname and domain name for easier management and identification.
Configure Passwords: Set a line control password and an enable secret password to secure access to the switch.
Assign Management IP: Configure an IP address on the management VLAN to allow remote administration.

VLAN Configuration
Create VLANs: Use the `vlan [vlan-number]` command to create VLANs for network segmentation.
Assign Ports: Configure ports as access or trunk:
Access Port: Belongs to a single VLAN (untagged traffic).
Trunk Port: Carries multiple VLANs (tagged traffic) between switches.
Verify VLANs: Use `show vlan brief` to confirm VLAN creation and port assignments.

Advanced Settings and Best Practices
Spanning Tree Protocol (STP): Enable STP to prevent loops in the network.
Command-Line Efficiency: Use tab completion, command history, and context-sensitive help to reduce errors and speed up configuration.
Save Configuration: Use `write memory` or `copy running-config startup-config` to save changes permanently.

Security and Maintenance
Secure Management Access: Enable SSH and disable unused services to prevent unauthorized access.
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