

Manage the core switch



AI Overview

Managing core switches involves configuring high-speed routing, ensuring redundancy, monitoring performance, and integrating with network management systems.

Understanding Core Switches A core switch is a high-capacity Layer 3 switch positioned at the backbone of an enterprise network, responsible for aggregating traffic from distribution switches and forwarding it efficiently across the LAN or to data centers. Unlike access switches, core switches focus on high-speed data forwarding rather than granular packet inspection or user-level access control. They are critical for network stability, low latency, and high throughput, making their management essential for overall network performance.

Key Management Steps

- Network Integration** Connect the core switch to your network management system (e.g., iMaster NCE-Campus) by configuring VLANs and IP addresses for management access. Set up static routes from the core switch to the management controller to ensure proper communication. Enable NETCONF over SSH or Callhome mode to allow remote management and synchronization of device names and configurations.
- Configuration** Assign interfaces to VLANs to segment traffic efficiently and maintain network organization. Configure routing protocols (e.g., OSPF, BGP) to ensure optimal path selection and redundancy. Verify port types, speeds, and quantities to match the aggregation layer and future expansion needs.
- Performance Monitoring** Monitor forwarding rates to ensure the switch can handle the expected traffic load. Forwarding rate calculations should consider the number of connected devices and port speeds. Track CPU and memory usage, interface errors, and packet drops to detect potential bottlenecks early.
- Redundancy and Stability** Implement redundant links and protocols (e.g., VRRP, HSRP, or link aggregation) to prevent network downtime in case of link or device failure. Regularly test failover mechanisms to ensure seamless traffic rerouting.
- Security** Apply access control lists (...)

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Explore the core switch's role as the backbone of your network. Discover key differences, uses, and insights into layer 3 core switch technology.

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8 Steps to configure your network switch

All that's left is to test your access, reload the switch, and ready the cables. Once that's done, label your switch, rack it up, and go enjoy doing anything that doesn't involve switch configuration!

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Understanding Core Switch: What It Is and How to Choose the

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Currently, iMaster NCE-Campus mainly manages devices from the access layer to the core layer. To manage a core switch, you need to run commands on the core switch to connect it to

What Is a Core Switch? Network Backbone Architecture

Think of a core switch as the high-speed interstate highway of your network. It does not inspect the cargo or check driver's licenses; its sole

Configuring the Core Switch to Be Managed by the Controller

Configuring the Core Switch to Be Managed by the Controller Context After devices to be managed are added to the network site Tenant_Campus, iMaster NCE-Campus needs to establish management

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