

Core Switches in the Data Center Layer 3



Overview

Core layer—Provides the high-speed packet switching backplane for all flows going in and out of the data center. 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 distribution switches, it provides ultra-low latency and maximum throughput to ensure uninterrupted routing and packet.

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To achieve backbone speeds, a core switch must operate at Layer 3 of the OSI model, bridging the gap between traditional MAC-based switching and IP-based routing.

Core Switches: The Backbone of High-Speed Data Networks

Advanced Layer 3 Switching: Core switches are Layer 3 switches, meaning they perform routing functions in addition to traditional Layer 2 switching. This allows them to route traffic between

Core Switch vs. Distribution Switch vs. Access Switch

What is a Core Switch? A core switch is the primary switch installed at the backbone of a layered or hierarchical network. These data switches are responsible for

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Core Switch

Core switches are defined as high-capacity switches located at the top of a cloud data center network, connecting aggregation switches and providing interfaces to wide area networks (WANs). They are

Data Center Architecture Overview

Core layer—Provides the high-speed packet switching backplane for all flows going in and out of the data center. The core layer provides connectivity to multiple aggregation modules and provides a

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What Is a Core Switch?

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