

Access Layer Switch 8



Article Overview

An access layer switch is a network edge device that connects end-user devices to the broader network, providing high port density, PoE support, and uplink connectivity to distribution or core switches.

Role and Function

Access layer switches operate at the network edge, connecting devices such as PCs, IP phones, wireless access points, cameras, and IoT devices to the LAN . They serve as the first point of network access for end users, ensuring reliable connectivity and forwarding traffic upstream to distribution or core layers . In hierarchical network design, the access layer is also called the desktop layer, forming the foundation for security and network management .

Key Features

- **Port Density:** Access switches typically come in 24- or 48-port models. High port density reduces the number of switches needed and accommodates multiple end devices .
- **Port Speed:** Commonly 10/100/1000 Mbps, with options for multi-gigabit ports (2.5G, 5G) for high-throughput devices like Wi-Fi 7 access points .
- **PoE Support:** Many access switches provide Power over Ethernet (PoE/PoE+) to power devices such as IP phones and cameras directly through the network cable .
- **Uplink Capacity:** Access switches must have sufficient uplink bandwidth (10G, 25G, or 40G fiber SFP+ ports) to handle aggregated traffic to distribution or core switches

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