

Core Layer Switch Configuration



Article Overview

A core layer switch is configured by setting up VLANs, interfaces, routing protocols, and interconnections to ensure high-speed, reliable backbone connectivity.

Core Switch Role

The core layer acts as the backbone of a network, providing high-speed connectivity between distribution layer switches and external networks. It is responsible for fast, reliable routing and minimal packet manipulation to maintain network performance .

Step 1: Initial Setup

- Power on the switch and verify all indicator lights are functioning .
- Console into the switch using a rollover cable and terminal software like PuTTY at 9600 baud .
- Set a hostname and domain name for identification and management purposes .
- Erase previous configurations if using a spare switch to avoid conflicts, e.g., delete flash:vlan.dat on Cisco devices .

Step 2: VLAN and Interface Configuration

- Create interconnection VLANs for links to distribution switches, firewalls, and BRAS devices .
- Assign interfaces to VLANs and configure VLAN interfaces (SVIs) for Layer 3 routing .
- Bind VLAN interfaces to VPN instances if isolating traffic between public and priva...

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The core layer is critical, yet very simple to design, and allows for network evolution quite easily. Point-to-point links are used

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Layer2 and Layer3 switches are the foundation of any network. After all, any network devices (routers, firewalls, computers, servers

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Conclusion Simply put, knowing what a core switch does and how to pick the right one is key to building a solid

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