

PoE switch cannot reach full load



Article Overview

A PoE switch may fail to reach full load due to power budget limitations, device compatibility issues, cabling problems, or misconfigured PoE settings.

Common Causes

1. Power Budget Limitations Each PoE switch has a total power budget that limits the combined power it can supply to all connected devices. If the total power required by all powered devices (PDs) exceeds the switch's budget, some devices may not receive full power or may cycle on and off . Advanced switches allocate power per port based on device class, but oversubscription or misallocation can prevent full load operation . 2. Device Compatibility and PoE Standards PoE devices and switches must comply with the same IEEE standards (802.3af, 802.3at, or UPoE). A mismatch in PoE mode (Alternative A, Alternative B, or 4-pair delivery) can prevent devices from drawing full power . Some devices may require more power during startup or when using extended features (e.g., PTZ cameras with heaters or wipers), which can exceed the per-port allocation . 3. Cabling Issues Ethernet cables that are too long (over 100 meters), of poor quality, or with high resistance can cause voltage drops, reducing the power delivered to PDs . Faulty or non-standard cables may also prevent devices from receiving full power. 4. Port or Configuration Problems Individual switch ports may be faulty, disabled, or misconfigured. PoE may be disabled on certain ports, or the switch may have manually limited power allocation per port . Environmental factors such as high temperature can also trigger power reduction to protect the switch.

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