

Access Switch Routing



Article Overview

Access switch routing enables Layer 3 functionality at the network edge, allowing access switches to route traffic between VLANs and subnets directly, improving efficiency and reducing reliance on higher-layer switches.

Overview of Access Switch Routing

Access switches traditionally operate at Layer 2, connecting end devices like PCs, IP phones, and wireless access points to the network. However, modern Layer 3 access switches can perform routing functions, allowing them to handle inter-VLAN traffic locally without sending all traffic to distribution or core switches. This approach is often referred to as routed access.

Benefits of Routing at the Access Layer

- **Reduced Latency:** By routing traffic locally at the access switch, packets do not need to traverse multiple layers, which reduces latency for inter-VLAN communication.
- **Traffic Segmentation:** Each VLAN can be routed independently, improving network efficiency and security.
- **Scalability:** Routed access allows for easier expansion of subnets and VLANs without overloading distribution or core switches.
- **Simplified Design for Multi-Building Campuses:** Access switches with routing capabilities can connect multiple subnets in different buildings while maintaining local routing, reducing the need for complex core interconnections.

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