

What configurations are needed for the core switches in the data center

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AI Overview

Core switches in a data center provide high-speed, resilient backbone connectivity, typically configured with Layer 3 routing, redundancy, and multi-chassis link aggregation for scalability and performance.

Core Layer Role and Design

The core layer serves as the backbone of the data center network, connecting aggregation modules and providing high-speed packet switching between multiple tiers. It acts as the gateway to external networks, including WAN, Internet, and campus networks, and is distinct from the campus core in purpose and responsibilities. Core switches are typically Layer 3 devices with high backplane bandwidth, modular design, and support for advanced protocols such as ACLs, QoS, and load balancing.

Architecture Models

Multi-Tier Design (Cisco Model)

Three-layer architecture: Core, aggregation, and access layers. Core switches terminate all links at Layer 3, often using 10 GigE or higher interfaces for high throughput. Recommended when multiple aggregation modules are deployed for scalability; smaller deployments may leverage the campus core.

Two-Tier Design (Aruba ESP)

VSX pair of core switches connected to access switches using multi-chassis link aggregation (MC-LAG). Provides redundancy and load balancing for both small and medium data centers. Active Gateway MAC addresses and system MAC addresses are configured to ensure uniqueness and simplify troubleshooting.

VS and VRRP-Based Design (Huawei)

Core and aggregation switches are configured as Virtual Switches (VSs). VRRP is used on aggregation switches for gateway redundancy. Access switches are dual-homed to two aggregation switches for resiliency.

Key Configuration Considerations

Redundancy and High Availability: Use dual core switches, MC-LAG, or VRRP to prevent single points of failure.

Routing Protocols: Implement OSPF or BGP for Layer 3 connectivity...

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Data Center Design Considerations

Incorporating Services Switch into the data center design is desirable for the following reasons: • Large Aggregation Layer—If services are deployed in the aggregation layer, as this

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