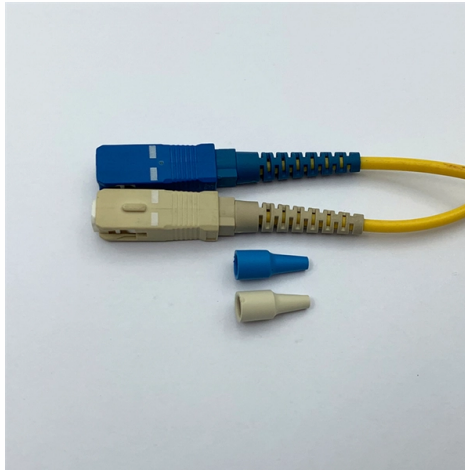


Aggregation Switch Primary and Backup Machines



Overview

Configuration of Aggregation Switch Primary and Backup Machines Aggregation switches set up stacks to implement device-level backup and increase the interfa.

Key Takeaways

Aggregation switches use primary and backup configurations to ensure high availability, redundancy, and uninterrupted traffic flow in enterprise and data center networks.

Role of Aggregation Switches

An aggregation switch consolidates traffic from multiple access switches, wireless access points, or edge devices and forwards it to core switches or routers, operating at Layer 2 or Layer 3 depending on the network design. It enhances bandwidth, reduces bottlenecks, and provides failover capabilities through link aggregation and redundancy mechanisms.

Primary and Backup Machines

In high-availability designs, aggregation switches often have primary and backup machines to maintain continuous network operation. The primary switch handles normal traffic, while the backup switch remains in standby or actively shares the load, ready to take over if the primary fails. This setup prevents downtime and ensures seamless failover.

Mechanisms for Redundancy

Link Aggregation (LAG) and LACP: Multiple physical links are combined into a single logical interface. If one link fails, traffic is automatically rerouted over the remaining links, maintaining connectivity.

Multi-

Chassis Link Aggregation (MLAG): Extends LAG across two switches, allowing both primary and backup switches to appear as a single logical device to connected devices, providing redundancy without spanning tree blocking.

Virtual Port

Channel (vPC): In Cisco environments, vPC allows two aggregation switches to act as a single logical switch, enabling active-active forwarding and control-plane isolation, so a failure in one switch does not disrupt traffic.

Stacking and Device-

Level Backup: Aggregation switches can be stacked to increase interface density and bandwidth while providing device-level backup. If one switch in the stack fails, another switch continues forwarding traffic.

Traffic Prioritization and Failover

Aggregation switches can also implement QoS policies and ACL-based traffic classification to prioritize critical traffic, ensuring that VIP or real-time services like VoIP and video conferencing maintain performance even during failover. Backup switches automatically take over these policies to maintain service continuity.

Summary

Using primary and backup aggregation switches with link aggregation, MLAG, or vPC ensures high availability, redundancy, and load balancing. These mechanisms allow networks to handle failures gracefully, maintain uninterrupted traffic flow, and provide scalable, resilient infrastructure for enterprise and data center environments.

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Aggregated Ethernet LACP for Switches

When using LACP link protection to protect multiple links in an aggregated ethernet bundle, you configure links into primary and backup subgroups. A link protection subgroup is a

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1.1 Overview Port aggregation is binding the physical ports with the same attribute together, so as to establish a logic channel. To aggregate multiple physical ports into a logical

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In the NORMAL action mode, OVS operates like a traditional MAC learning switch. The following link aggregation modes are supported in OVS with DPDK. Active-Backup (Active/Standby)

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