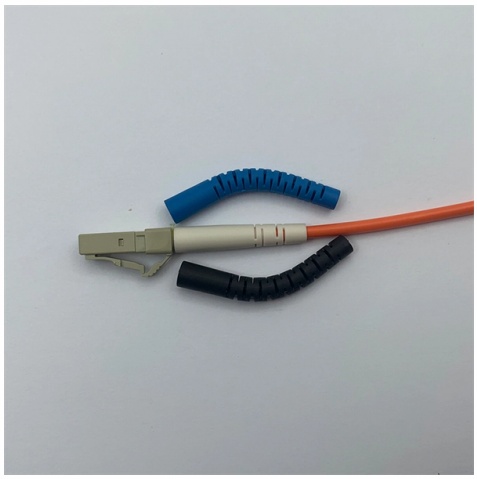
Composition and Structure of Core Switch Components



Overview

In a large enterprise, the core switch aggregates data from multiple distribution switches and routes it rapidly across the local area network (LAN) or toward the data center.

Key Takeaways

A core switch consists of a switching fabric, routing engine, port modules, power supply, and cooling system, all designed for high-speed, reliable data forwarding.

Key Components

Switching Fabric: This is the heart of the core switch, responsible for forwarding data packets between ports at wire-speed, ensuring minimal latency and high throughput across the network. Routing Engine: Determines the optimal path for data packets, enabling Layer 3 routing between VLANs, subnets, and security zones. It supports advanced routing protocols and ensures efficient traffic management.

Port Modules: Provide physical connections for network cables, supporting high-speed interfaces ranging from 10G to 400G+, and can be modular or fixed depending on the switch design. Power Supply: Core switches often include dual, redundant, and hot-swappable power supplies to maintain continuous operation even during component failures. Cooling System: Maintains optimal operating temperature, often with redundant fan modules to prevent overheating and ensure stable performance under heavy traffic loads.

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Additional Features

Redundancy: Many core switches include redundant control modules and link aggregation (LAG) to prevent downtime.

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Capacity Buffers: Large buffers handle bursty traffic and reduce packet loss, which is critical in data centers. Management and Security: Core switches provide centralized management through SNMP, CLI, or web GUI, and support ACLs, 802. 1X, and VLAN segmentation for network security.

Scalability: Modular chassis or stackable designs allow expansion as network demands grow.

Types of Core Switches

Fixed Configuration: Limited number of ports, less flexible for expansion. Modular: Flexible port configurations with additional modules for growth. Stackable: Interconnected switches forming a single logical unit for increased capacity.

Chassis-

Based: High port density and advanced features for large-scale enterprise networks. Core switches are essential for the backbone of enterprise and data center networks, ensuring high-speed, reliable, and scalable connectivity between distribution and access layers.

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