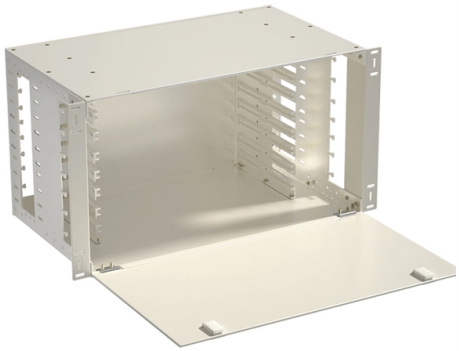
Aggregation Layer Switches and Monitoring



Article Overview

An aggregation layer monitoring switch consolidates traffic from multiple access points or TAPs to enable centralized monitoring, analysis, and troubleshooting in enterprise or data center networks.

Role of an Aggregation Switch in Monitoring

An aggregation switch sits between the access layer and the core layer in a network, consolidating traffic from multiple access switches, servers, wireless access points, or TAPs (Test Access Points) and forwarding it to core switches or monitoring systems . In monitoring scenarios, it acts as a central hub that collects traffic from various network points and distributes it to analysis tools such as packet sniffers, IPS devices, RMON probes, or application firewalls . This setup allows network administrators to observe traffic flows, detect anomalies, and troubleshoot performance issues efficiently.

TAP Aggregation for Monitoring

TAP aggregation is a common method for monitoring high-traffic networks. In this approach, a dedicated aggregation switch receives traffic from multiple TAPs or SPAN (Switched Port Analyzer) ports. The switch can then filter, redirect, or replicate traffic to multiple monitoring tools simultaneously . Key features include:

• Traffic Filtering: Direct specific traffic types to relevant monitoring tools using ACL...

Article Content

What is an Aggregate Switch?

How do I monitor the performance of an aggregate switch? Performance can be monitored using Simple Network

Everything You Need to Know About Aggregation Switch

An aggregation switch operates at Layer 2 or Layer 3 of the OSI model, depending on the

Difference and connection scheme between access layer switch and ...

The aggregation layer switch is the aggregation point of multiple access layer switches. It is used to export the access

Aggregation Switch

An aggregation switch refers to a type of switch used to connect multiple ToR switches to a core switch/router in a cloud data center

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1 Link Aggregation Configuration Guide This document describes the Link Aggregation feature supported in

Link Aggregation: What is it, and How Does it Work?

In the context of network architecture, switch aggregation is an essential element, particularly in building high

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Arista switches support Multi-Chassis Link Aggregation (MLAG) to logically aggregate ports across two switches. For example, two

Aggregation Layer

Aggregation-layer submodule The aggregation-layer submodule plays a pivotal role in providing a highly reliable, scalable “middle

Link Aggregation: What is it, and How Does it Work?

Link aggregation is a way of bundling a bunch of individual Ethernet links together so they

Dynamic vs Static Link Aggregation: Differences & Use

Learn the key differences between static and dynamic link aggregation (LACP). Compare

Data Center Multi-Tier Model Design

Data Center Core Layer The data center core layer provides a fabric for high-speed packet switching between multiple aggregation

What is an Aggregation Switch?

The aggregation switch is located in the middle of the network architecture, which is

Everything You Need to Know About Aggregation Switch

Aggregation switches provide several benefits to Layer 2 networks, including: Increased

Core, Aggregation, or Access Switches? Choose the

Discover the crucial differences between core, aggregation, and access switches. Find out

Data Center Access Layer Design

Access layer switches are primarily deployed in Layer 2 mode in the data center. A Layer 2 access topology provides

TAP Aggregation Switch: Key to Monitor Network Traffic

TAP aggregation switch deployed between point A and B passes all traffic through unimpeded, but it also copies that

Link Aggregation, LAG, LACP and MLAG in 2026:

Network-Switch can help you pick the right switches, design the right topology, and

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This model allows the aggregation switches to easily accommodate thousands of devices passing through this layer while simplifying

What are Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) and how do they work with

Link aggregation lets a switch treat multiple physical links between two endpoints as a single logical link. All the

The relationship between access layer switches, aggregation ...

You may think that the access layer switch, the aggregation layer switch, and the core layer switch belong to the

Data Center Aggregation Layer Design: Best Practices for Resiliency

Deploy dual aggregation switches per access block for redundancy. Keep core-simple, aggregation-smart: enforce policies at

Which Aggregation Switch to Choose?

In-depth discussion of the key role and selection points of aggregation switches in network architecture, and

What Is an Aggregation Switch?

An aggregation switch is a powerful networking device that consolidates connections from multiple access switches,

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