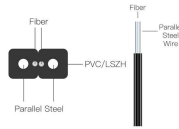


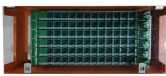
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This paper discusses the evaluation of data centers over the years. Basic concept of the data centers are discussed, and challenges that have to meet are also discussed.



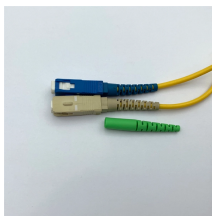
A network may run for years without major issues—until suddenly, it doesn't. Performance bottlenecks, outages, and security vulnerabilities can all stem from aging switches and ...



Let's say ten year old managed switches that are no longer supported (no more firmware updates) but they are behind modern, up to date firewalls like a meraki or fortigate.



Running old Cisco switches like the 2960 or 6500 exposes you to security vulnerabilities due to lack of patches. You're also missing modern features like VXLAN, TrustSec, and advanced QoS.



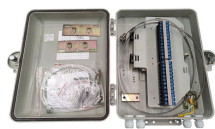
I expect that some of my Cisco switches, most of which I bought used, will be 20 years or older before I retire them. I honestly don't know why I would retire a gigabit PoE switch. That seems ...



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For example, a significant business expansion will place increasing demands on a core switch, which will shrink its useful life. New applications can also require a new WAN architecture, negatively ...



In summary, consider upgrading if your switch is facing security breaches, performance issues, needs new features or if the existing IOS version is about to lose vendor support.



Unlike access switches, which connect directly to end-user devices, the core switch focuses on aggregating and routing traffic between other switches, minimizing latency and ...



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In that compressed timeframe, a single disruption—whether from a power shortage, cybersecurity incident, or supply chain delay—can derail the investment case. This is the first article ...

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