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Overview

Functional management: Unlike core switches, aggregation switches can be either Layer 2 or Layer 3 switches. Together, these layers can offer consumers a network that is safe, reliable, and affordable. As the physical part of the aggregation layer, aggregation switches typically play a. Switch aggregation refers to the concept of consolidating multiple access layer switches into a single aggregation layer switch in a traditional three-tier network design. This arrangement increases throughput beyond what a single relationship could sustain, offers redundancy in case one of the links. This chapter covers the design recommendations for a data center design deployment consisting of a Cisco Nexus® 7000 Series Switch at the aggregation layer and a Cisco Nexus 5000 Series Switch at the access layer. It facilitates the connectivity because it would rapidly become impractical to.

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Multiple blocks of pairs of aggregation switches extend the design of this key layer if there are more than 24 floors or buildings in the campus. This layer is also where data center services are provided.

Layer 2 switches are usually sufficient for small networks, while Layer 3 switches are preferred for more extensive, complex networks that require advanced routing and control features.

The Layer 3 boundary in the aggregation layer is above the trunk link that connects the aggregation switches. This simplifies the provisioning of servers to a particular subnet or VLAN and removes ...

Layer 3 switches are crucial for switching and routing traffic efficiently. They can support VLANs, handle IP and implement sophisticated features like multicast routing.

For the proposed scenario the distribution and aggregation layer will be combined on the same layer 3 switch to keep the design simple and for better understanding.

These aggregation switches typically operate at Layer 2 or Layer 3 of the OSI model, depending on the network topology and configuration requirements.

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Because the aggregation layer switch is the aggregation point of multiple access layer switches, it must be able to handle all the traffic from the access layer devices and provide uplinks to the core layer.

Regular switches often lack the necessary bandwidth capacity, processing power, and features (like advanced QoS) to handle the demands of an aggregation layer. Using an undersized ...

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