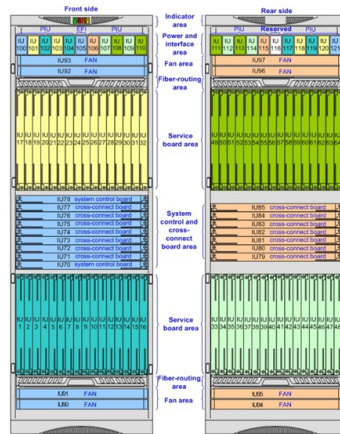


Can a core switch be used as a router



AI Overview

Yes, a core switch can connect to a router, but in many networks, a Layer 3 core switch can also perform routing functions itself. Core Switch Overview A core switch serves as the backbone of a network, aggregating traffic from distribution or access switches and providing high-speed connectivity across the LAN or data center. While primarily designed for fast switching, many modern core switches are Layer 3 switches, meaning they can perform routing between VLANs, subnets, and even security zones. This allows them to handle some routing tasks traditionally performed by routers.

Connection to a Router Even though a Layer 3 core switch can route traffic internally, it often connects to a router to manage traffic between the internal network and external networks, such as the internet or WANs. The connection can be configured in two main ways:

- Routed port on the core switch:** The switch port is configured with an IP address and no VLAN assignment, effectively acting as a point-to-point link to the router. This avoids Layer 2 protocols like STP on that link and is generally preferred for simplicity and performance.
- VLAN interface:** The switch port is assigned to a VLAN, and the router interface is configured with an IP in that VLAN. This method works but introduces Layer 2 overhead.

When a Router May Not Be Needed In smaller or simpler networks, a Layer 3 core switch may replace a router for internal routing, reducing the need for a separate device. However, for WAN connectivity, internet access, or advanced routing features, a dedicated router is still commonly used.

Summary Core switches provide high-speed backbone connectivity and can perform routing if they are Layer 3 capable. Routers are used to connect the internal network to external networks or WANs. Connection methods include routed ports or VLAN interfaces, with routed ports often preferred for efficiency. The need for a separate router depends on network complexity, external connectivity requirements, and whether the core switch supports Layer 3 routing. In...

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No, and they don't fit into any of the other categories as well. These are all jobs poorly suited for a MLS, and although a MLS can often perform them, it can make sense to hand those jobs off to a dedicated

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While both core switches and routers can perform routing functions, they are designed for different purposes. Core switches primarily focus on high-speed switching within a network, while

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You can use any wireless router you want, but the modem you purchase has to be approved by your ISP to function with their network. In a sense, you can think of your router as a

Core Switch vs. Distribution Switch vs. Access Switch

These data switches are responsible for routing and data switching at the core layer of the network. The data routed and switched by the core switch is carried forward to the bottom layers of the network

Internet routing via core switch instead of routers?

A 5406/5412 is not appropriate for internet edge routing. You can move routing to a firewall instead of a router, or get a bigger beefier switch, but 5406/5412 do not have enough L3 resources or security

Is a core switch the same as a router?

THE CORE SWITCH SUPPORTS THE SYSTEM, enabling WAN and securing our data connection by security protocols. Since the core switch is a high-capacity switch, it plays a central

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What's the difference between a Core Switch and a normal switch? I have 4 switches in a stack that everything connects to. This is plugged into a router to reach outside. I was told recently I should

What Is a Core Switch?

Unlike access or distribution switches, a core switch is optimized for Layer 3 performance, modular scalability, and redundancy. In smaller networks, it may be combined with the distribution layer in a

What is a gigabit switch?

How many ports can a gigabit switch have? The basic switches may have as few as two ports, while a large modular system used across an enterprise setting might have multiple switches with hundreds

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I noticed in most topologies there is a L3 switch at the distribution layer and the core layer. why would it need to run to a router after if the switch has routing capabilities? Also why would it even need

Introduction to Core Switch Configuration

A switch that functions as part of a router and operates at the third layer of the OSI network standard model, the network layer. The most important purpose of the layer 3 switch is to speed up the data

Should I add a layer 3 core switch or just use the router I have

My plan is to leave the existing switches as distribution layer switches and have them all connect to one layer 3 core switch, each with 10GB fiber, and then have that core switch connected to the router for

What Is a Core Switch in Networking?

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

Difference between a Core Switch and Router

A Core switch has layer 3 capabilities and therefore does routing of packets like Routers within VLANs in a campus LAN. The routing capability of core switches is hardware base (best) while

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