

Dual-core switch networking solution



AI Overview

A dual-core switch setup provides redundancy, high availability, and load balancing for enterprise or data center networks, typically implemented with spine-leaf or stacked architectures and supported by protocols like OSPF, VRRP, or MC-LAG.

Core Design Principles

Redundancy and High Availability: Dual-core switches are deployed to eliminate single points of failure. Each core switch should have redundant links to access switches and firewalls, ensuring continuous connectivity if one switch fails. Implementing spanning tree protocols (RSTP/MST) or Flex Link can prevent loops while maintaining failover capabilities, and link aggregation (EtherChannel or MC-LAG) can combine multiple physical links for higher throughput and redundancy.

Routing and Load Balancing: Use dynamic routing protocols like OSPF or BGP between core switches and upstream devices to manage traffic efficiently. Advertise default routes to firewalls and configure OSPF costs to control preferred paths. Equal-Cost Multi-Path (ECMP) routing in spine-leaf designs allows traffic to be distributed evenly across multiple paths.

Spine-Leaf Architecture: Modern data centers often use a spine-and-leaf topology with dual-core switches acting as spines. This design provides horizontal scaling, low latency, and high bandwidth. Adding additional spine switches increases capacity without disrupting existing traffic.

Vendor-Specific Solutions

HPE Aruba: CX 8xxx, CX 9300, and CX 10000 series switches support EVPN-VXLAN overlays, spine-leaf topologies, and high-throughput Layer 3 services for mission-critical workloads.

Cisco: Catalyst 6500 series with VSS (Virtual Switching System) allows two core switches to operate as a single logical unit, eliminating the need for STP and simplifying redundancy.

UniFi (Ubiquiti): Supports MC-LAG for dual-core redundancy, hardware-accelerated inter-VLAN routing, and 10/25/100G uplinks for high-speed backbone connectivity.

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Recommendations: Dual Core Switch for redundancy.

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The standalone core uses separate switches, acting independently of one another, with dual ECMP connections to all aggregation switches. ECMP is

What Is a Core Switch?

A core switch is the backbone of a large-scale network, designed to handle massive volumes of traffic with ultra-low latency and maximum reliability. Sitting at the top of the hierarchical model, core

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Hi Experts, May I ask for your recommendations for this kind of setup. Best practices and other routing and switching stuff. I have the following: 1

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Each ToR switch is dual-homed to a data center core using Layer 2 VSX/MC-LAG links. Using Layer 2 between the core and server access layers supports VLAN ubiquity, and loops are

Edge switch redundancy to two core switches

Solved: I want to provide best redundancy for an access switch (Cisco 3650) when connecting to two core switches (Cisco 9500 series), as show in attached topology.

Dual Core Design

Need clarification on dual core switch design. Should be a pretty easy question, but the dual core design is just 2 core routers instead of one. Is this what they mean by dual core design?

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