

Is an aggregation layer switch a Layer 2 switch



AI Overview

Aggregation layer switches can operate as Layer 2 switches, but they may also function at Layer 3 depending on network requirements.

Role of Aggregation Switches

Aggregation switches sit between the access layer and the core layer in a network, consolidating traffic from multiple access switches, wireless access points, or other edge devices before forwarding it to the core layer. They are responsible for managing traffic efficiently, performing functions such as load balancing, traffic filtering, Quality of Service (QoS), and multicast or broadcast control.

Layer 2 vs Layer 3 Operation

- **Layer 2 Aggregation:** When configured as Layer 2 switches, aggregation switches forward frames based on MAC addresses and rely on the core layer for routing and inter-VLAN communication. This setup simplifies the aggregation layer and centralizes routing policies at the core switch. Layer 2 aggregation switches often support link aggregation protocols like LACP to combine multiple physical links into a single logical connection, enhancing bandwidth and redundancy.
- **Layer 3 Aggregation:** Aggregation switches can also operate at Layer 3, performing routing between VLANs, implementing access control lists (ACLs), and managing IP-based traffic directly. This allows for more distributed routing and policy enforcement within the aggregation layer, reducing the load on the core layer

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Link aggregation

OSI layer 2 (data link layer, e.g. Ethernet frame in LANs or multi-link PPP in WANs, Ethernet MAC address) aggregation typically

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Multilayer switch A multilayer switch (MLS) is a computer networking device that switches on OSI layer 2 like an ordinary network

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The core-layer switch has both upstream and downstream 802.1q trunks while the aggregation-layer switch has upstream 802.1q

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When the Layer 2 switch is selected as the distribution layer switch, the routing and management strategy must be

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Functional management: Unlike core switches, aggregation switches can be either Layer 2 or Layer 3 switches.

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The aggregation layer connects to the uplinks of the edge switches and is uplinked to the distribution layer toward the network core.

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Understand how link aggregation (LACP, MLAG, static vs dynamic) improves bandwidth

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