

Core Switch Root OLT Relationship



Article Overview

In a hierarchical network, core switches act as the backbone connecting distribution switches, while root OLTs (Optical Line Terminals) are typically positioned to optimize Layer 2 paths and redundancy, often with distribution switches serving as STP roots.

Core Switch Role

Core switches form the backbone of the network, providing high-speed connectivity between distribution switches and aggregating traffic from multiple access layers . They handle large volumes of data and ensure minimal latency and congestion. Core switches are generally Layer 3 capable, focusing on routing between VLANs and different network segments, rather than participating heavily in Layer 2 spanning tree operations .

Distribution Switch Role and STP Root Placement

Distribution switches bridge the core and access layers, managing VLAN traffic and implementing policies such as routing, filtering, and redundancy . In Layer 2 networks, distribution switches are often configured as the STP root for VLANs because:

- They are more capable than access switches in terms of processing and redundancy .
- Placing the root at the access layer can lead to suboptimal paths and potential congestion .
- Distribution switches can manage multiple VLANs efficiently, sometimes with diffe...

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The distribution switches will be running a routing protocol towards the core switches, such as EIGRP or OSPF. You will not have

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Netronixbd/OLT-and-Switch-Config-Troubleshooting

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Difference between a Core Switch and Router

A core switch can also be a router that is a layer 3 switch that has a router engine in it. In essence it is a router/switch

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How to connect the core switch and the OLT

Before you begin configuring the OLT setup, you need to prepare a few things: Make sure the OLT is powered on and connected

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OLT (Optical line terminal)

The OLT receives data from the service provider's core network and sends it downstream to the ONUs/ONTs. It also

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