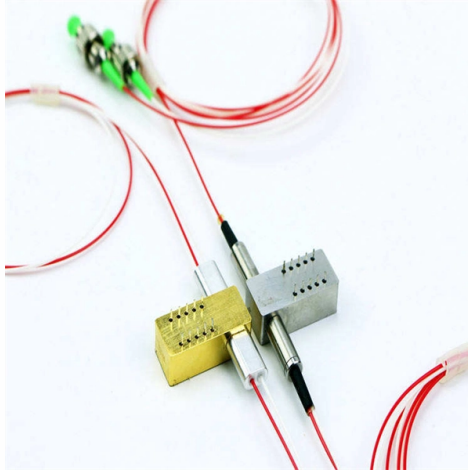


How to select an access-level switch



Overview

Pick an access layer switch that (1) offers enough ports for every wired and PoE device you'll add over the next three years, (2) delivers the speed—1 Gbps for general traffic or 10 Gbps for heavy data—to keep users productive, and (3) includes security and management features that prevent downtime. This article breaks down the differences between L2 and L3 switches in the access layer, analyzes key decision factors like network scale and complexity, and finally provides a practical recommendation. In a typical enterprise network architecture, the access layer serves as the entry point for end-user devices to connect to the network, providing essential data transmission services. These switches connect endpoints such as PCs, printers, VoIP phones, and wireless access points, enabling user traffic to enter the LAN.

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