

How many ports should the aggregation switch have



Article Overview

The number of ports on an aggregation switch depends on the number of access switches it connects to, the uplink requirements to the core, and whether port aggregation is used for redundancy and higher bandwidth.

Determining Port Count

- **Downlink Ports to Access Switches** The aggregation switch must have enough ports to connect to all access switches in the network. For example, if you have 10 access switches, the aggregation switch should have at least 10 downlink ports, preferably with some spare ports for future expansion or redundancy .
- **Uplink Ports to Core Switches** Aggregation switches typically connect to the core layer using high-speed uplinks. The number of uplink ports depends on the desired bandwidth and redundancy. For instance, if each uplink is 40Gbps and you want two redundant uplinks, you need at least two uplink ports .
- **Port Aggregation Considerations** Port aggregation allows multiple physical ports to be combined into a single logical link for higher bandwidth and redundancy. Static aggregation supports up to 8 ports per group, while dynamic aggregation (LACP) can support up to 12 ports, with 8 active and 4 backup . This means you can combine multiple ports to form high-capacity uplinks or inter-switch links.
- **Scalability and Future Growth** It is recommended to select an aggregation switch with extra ports beyond current needs to accommodate network growth, additional access switches, or higher bandwidth requirements in the future .

Practical Example

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Switch Ports

The MS switches support Link Aggregation (LACP) groups of up to 8 ports on the same switch or physical stack. A

How To Set Up Switch Link Aggregation

In this article, I'm going to describe how to set up Link Aggregation between two managed switches to provide connectivity,

Why You Need a Fiber Aggregation Switch and How it Can ...

Key Features to Look for in an Aggregation Switch To choose an aggregation switch, it is necessary to take into

Port Aggregation FAQs

All UniFi Switches support aggregation, except USW-Flex, USW-Flex-Mini and USW-Ultra. Port aggregation is not supported on

Chapter18:Link Aggregation Configuration

1.1 Overview Port aggregation is binding the physical ports with the same attribute together, so as to establish a logic

UniFi Hi-Capacity Aggregation

A 32-port, Layer 3 switch made for high-capacity 10G SFP+ and 25G SFP28 connections.

Port Aggregation FAQs

LACP (Link Aggregation Control Protocol): LACP is an industry-standard protocol (802.3ad) that dynamically manages link

OLT Port Configuration, Cisco Catalyst PON Series Switches

Port aggregation allows you to group multiple physical ports into one unit. Port aggregation is useful for implementing

In-depth analysis: What is an aggregation switch?

In many network constructions, we have all heard of switches. So do you really understand switches? Why are

What is Switch Aggregation, Its Role and Selection Advice

What is switch aggregation? Switch aggregation refers to the concept of consolidating multiple access layer switches

What is an Aggregation Switch? | Features and Practical Benefits

This article focuses on the question of what is an aggregation switch and how it works its uses and its

Why the aggregation switches in small home networks?

Do the aggregation switches have some unique feature that makes them useful in a home network of any size? Edit: A lot of people

Aggregation Switch

An aggregation switch refers to a type of switch used to connect multiple ToR switches to a core switch/router in a cloud data center

Aggregation layer | FortiSwitch 7.6.0 | Fortinet Document Library

The most appropriate FortiSwitch unit to form the aggregation layer comprises many 10/25/40 gigabit Ethernet ports to address the

What is Port Aggregation?

Port aggregation provides cost-effective scaling, redundancy, load balancing, and much more.

Unlock Speed with Ethernet Port Aggregation Guide

Many connections stall because of single-port limits. This leaves users stuck in the slow lane. That's where ethernet

UniFi Port Switch Aggregation: What Is Switch Aggregation?

UniFi port aggregation is the process of bonding two or more switch ports into a single logical link using the UniFi

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The speed of all physical ports should be same during aggregation process, that is, if there is one physical port that

What are Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) and how do

What are Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) and how do they work with my managed switch?

Enhance Your Network with a Link Aggregation Switch: Benefits ...

Discover the benefits, configuration, and best practices of using a link aggregation switch to enhance your network.

Aggregation Switch

An Aggregation or "Top-of-Rack" switch is designed to connect everything in a rack at high speeds, then have an even bigger pipe

Data Center Aggregation Layer Design and Configuration with ...

Introduction This chapter covers the design recommendations for a data center design deployment consisting of a Cisco Nexus®

How to configure Link Aggregation

All ports in an aggregate link must be connected to the same switch. The firewall uses a round-robin algorithm for

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