

Core Switch Configuration Method



Overview

Configuring Cores Configuring Cores Core files can be saved either manually by a user or automatically at the time of the fault. If a core file is created.

Key Takeaways

Core switch configuration involves setting up basic management, VLANs, port settings, and advanced features like redundancy, backplane optimization, and module scalability. Initial Setup

- Connect to the Switch Console: Use a terminal emulator like PuTTY to connect via a serial console or SSH/Telnet if the switch is already networked. Set the correct COM port and baud rate (commonly 9600 or 115200) to access the CLI .
- Enter Privileged EXEC Mode: Type enable to access privileged mode, then enter Global Configuration Mode with configure terminal .
- Set Hostname and Domain Name: Assign a unique hostname for identification and configure the domain name for SSH key generation .
- Configure Management IP: Assign an IP address to the management VLAN to allow remote administration. Set a default gateway if the switch needs to communicate outside its subnet .



- **Secure Access:** Configure passwords for console, VTY (Telnet/SSH), and enable secret passwords. Optionally, integrate with AAA servers for centralized authentication .

VLAN and Port Configuration

- **Create VLANs:** Define VLANs for network segmentation using vlan and assign names for clarity.
- **Assign Ports:** Configure access ports with switchport mode access and trunk ports with switchport mode trunk and switchport trunk encapsulation dot1q if needed .
- **Verify VTP Settings:** Set the VTP domain and ensure the revision number is correct to prevent overwriting VLAN configurations from other switches .

Advanced Core Switch Considerations

- **Module and Slot Configuration:** Core switches often have multiple slots for interface and function modules. Choose modules (LAN, WAN, SFP, 10Gbps) based on network requirements to ensure scalability .
- **Backplane Bandwidth:** Ensure the switch backplane can handle the expected inter-port traffic. Higher bandwidth reduces bottlenecks and improves data exchange speed .
- **Redundancy and High Availability:** Implement HSRP or VRRP for gateway redundancy. Configure dual aggregation and three-layer routing to maintain network stability in case of failures .
- **Security and Monitoring:** Enable port security, ACLs, and network monitoring modules. Consider generating RSA keys for SSH to secure remote management .

Saving and Verifying Configuration

- Save the configuration with write memory or copy running-config startup-config.
- Verify settings using commands like show running-config, show vlan brief, and show ip interface brief to ensure proper setup . By following these steps, a core switch can be configured for efficient, secure, and scalable network operation, supporting both Layer 2 and Layer 3 functions in enterprise environments .

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Core Switch Configuration Guide

This document outlines the configuration steps for a core switch in a server room, including connecting via serial cable, assigning

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