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Overview

Layer 2 switches are fundamental components in modern networking, playing a crucial role in managing data traffic within local area networks (LANs). · Layer Positioning: The data link layer (Layer 2) of the OSI model, realizing local forwarding of data frames based on MAC addresses. It especially utilizes MAC addresses to direct information packets between devices that are on the exact same network. The access layer provides initial connections to end users.

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In this layer, the layer 2 switches are installed to distribute the data packets to the addressed group of access devices. The layer 2 switches prevent over-crowding of data packets in transmission links ...

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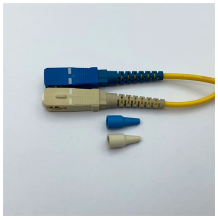
Layer 2 switches are generally used in combination with routers to create larger networks. Layer 2 switches are used for creating LAN segments, while the routers provide higher ...



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Layer 2 switches operate at the data link layer, forwarding data based on MAC addresses, while layer 3 switches route traffic using IP addresses. Understanding the differences between these ...

If the network includes a separate core layer, the distribution layer connects the access layer to the core. The following image shows how the distribution switches operate when a separate ...

Layer 2 switches remain excellent for simple, cost-effective access within broadcast domains. Layer 3 switches add routing, segmentation, and policy control necessary for scalable, ...

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	A Layer 2 switch forwards traffic within the same VLAN using MAC addresses, while a Layer 3 switch adds IP routing and can move traffic between VLANs and subnets.

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