

How to connect 3 core switches



Article Overview

The most efficient way to connect three core switches is to use a triangular (mesh) topology with link aggregation and spanning tree enabled for redundancy and optimal performance.

Recommended Topology

For three core switches, a triangle (full mesh) topology is ideal. Each switch connects to the other two switches, forming a loop. This setup provides:

- Redundancy: If one link fails, traffic can reroute through the remaining links.
- Load balancing: Multiple links can share traffic using link aggregation (LAG or EtherChannel).
- Scalability: Easy to expand if additional switches are added later .

Cabling and Link Aggregation

- Use multiple ports per connection: Bundle two or more ports between each pair of switches to increase bandwidth.
- Prefer SFP or fiber connections for uplinks to handle high traffic and reduce latency .
- Configure LAG/EtherChannel on each link to combine multiple physical connections into a single logical link, improving throughput and redundancy.

Spanning Tree Protocol (STP)

- Enable STP on all switches before completing the final connections to prevent loops.

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Two-tier and three-tier switch architectures

Core-layer switches make up the top layer or core of the network. The aggregation or distribution switches are the intermediary layer

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Basic Cisco Switch Configuration Example in 10 Steps

Unlike other lower class switch vendors (which are plug-and-play), the Cisco switch needs some initial basic configuration in order to

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I've worked in large manufacturing facilities where the Core is connected to Distribution switches and they connect the standard layer

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