

Switch access port



Summary of Content

A switch access port is a Layer 2 interface configured to carry traffic for a single VLAN, typically connecting end devices like computers or printers.

Definition and Purpose

An access port is a switch port that connects directly to end devices and is assigned to a single VLAN. It strips any VLAN tags from incoming frames and only forwards traffic for the VLAN it is assigned to, ensuring that the connected device belongs to a specific broadcast domain. This simplifies network management and enhances security by isolating traffic between VLANs.

Key Characteristics

- **Single VLAN Assignment:** Each access port can carry traffic for only one VLAN. By default, all switch ports are assigned to VLAN 1 unless configured otherwise.
- **No VLAN Tagging:** Frames sent from an access port are untagged, and any tagged frames that do not match the port's VLAN are dropped.
- **End Device Connectivity:** Access ports are used to connect devices such as PCs, printers, IP phones, or servers that do not need to be aware of VLANs.
- **Broadcast Domain:** All devices connected to access ports within the same VLAN share a single broadcast domain, which helps contain broadcast traffic and improve network performance.

Configuration on Cisco Switches

To configure a switch port as an access port on a Cisco switch:

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VLAN Access Ports and Switchport Modes: Access, Trunk, Dynamic

Each mode determines how a port handles frames, which VLANs are allowed on the port, and how the switch

Access and Trunk Ports

Access ports are used to connect end devices, such as PCs, printers, and servers, to the switch. These ports are

Configure Port to VLAN Interface Settings on a Switch through ...

This article provides instructions on how to configure an interface VLAN as an access or trunk port on your switch

What is Access Port in Switch?

What is Access Port in Switch? An access port connects an end device like a PC or printer to one VLAN on a Cisco

Switchport Access Mode vs Trunk Mode

Yes, you can change an Access Mode port to Trunk Mode and vice versa with the correct configuration commands.

Differences Between Access ports and Trunk ports

In access mode, the port connects an end device to the network and functions within a single VLAN. In trunk mode,

Difference Between Trunk Port and Access Port

Trunk ports facilitate the transfer of multiple VLAN traffic streams across switches, while access ports enable data

Access Port vs Trunk Port: The Ultimate Guide to VLAN Modes

When a standard Ethernet frame enters an access port, the switch's hardware ASIC internally assigns it a Port VLAN

What is Switchport Mode Access? How to Configure Switchport Mode

Switch ports can be set either in trunk or access mode to have more control on switch port behaviour. Using switchport

Configuring Access and Trunk Interfaces

To optimize the performance on access ports, you can configure the port as a host port. Once the port is configured as

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