Waiting ROOM fun - Class will start in next 2 minutes

Virtual Networking

Let's more explore in detail in easy way !!

Till Now ..

We Understand fundamentals of network virtualization !!

Overview of Networking Device : Hub, Switches ..

Concept of LAN and VLAN (Network segmentation - Virtually)

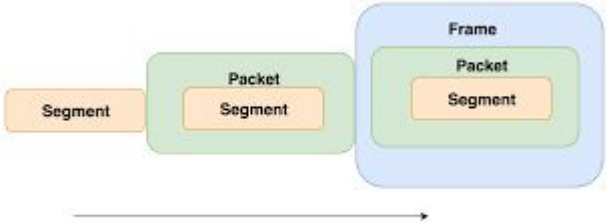
Little bit initiate the configuration demonstration of virtual networking in ESXI VM ..

Now, we will understand the concept and practically overview in little detail for network virtualization from scratch.

Basic remembrance

Networking Device Switch handles frames and

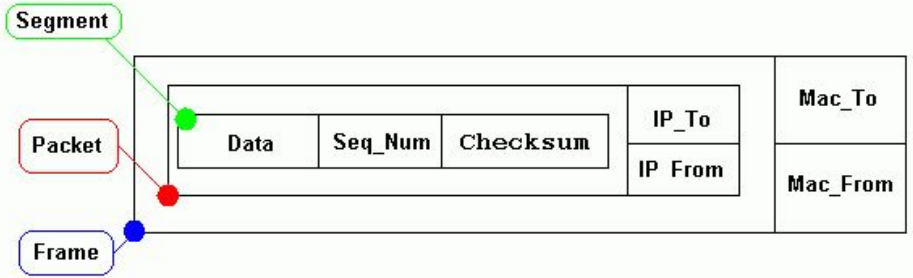
Router handles packets



SIMPLIFIED PACKET STRUCTURE

IP To	IP From	Data	Sequence Number	Checksum

OSI LAYERED SEGMENT / PACKET / FRAME

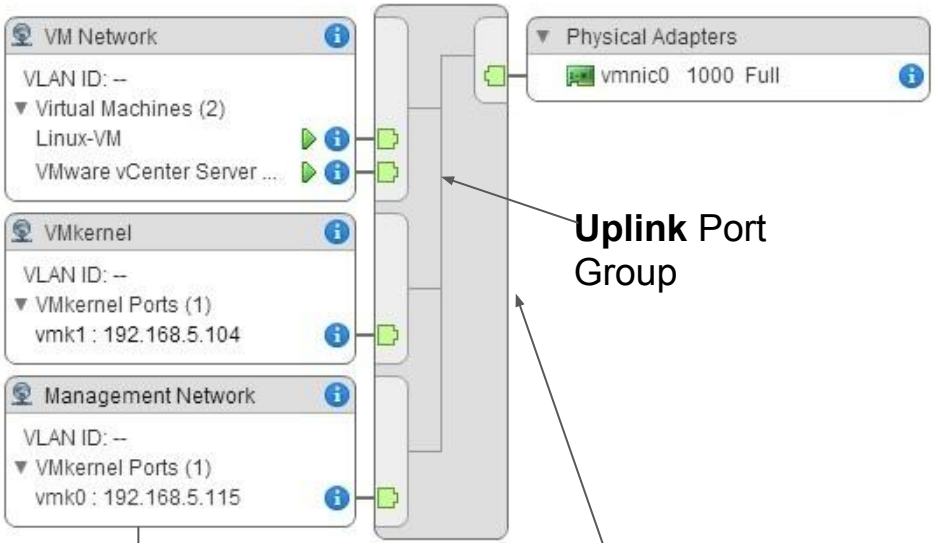


Comparison Chart

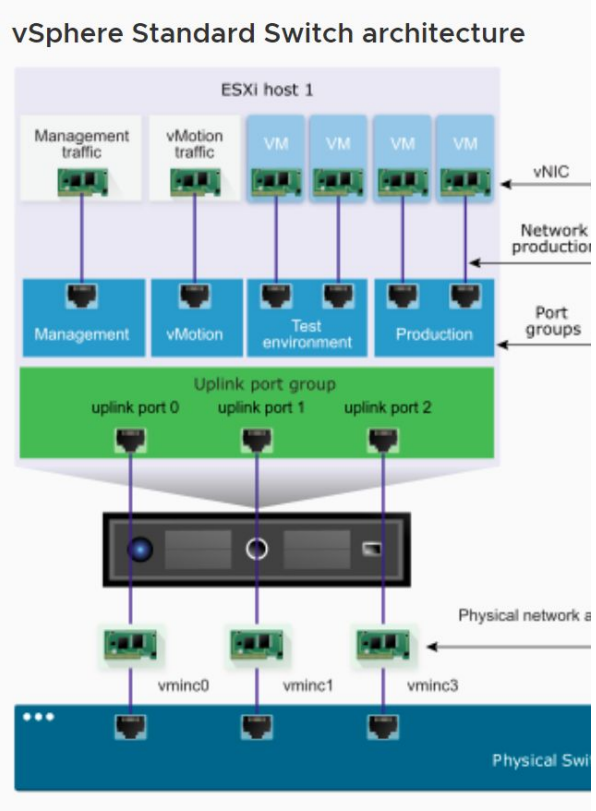
BASIS FOR COMPARISON	FRAME	PACKET
Basic	Frame is the data link layer protocol data unit.	Packet is the network layer protocol data unit.
Associated OSI layer	Data link layer	Network layer
Includes	Source and destination MAC address.	Source and destination IP address.
Correlation	Segment is encapsulated within a packet.	Packet is encapsulated within a frame.

Virtual Networking !!

Graphical representation of a standard switch in vSphere Web Client:



Uplink Port Group



- **vNetwork standard switches** – managed at each individual host level.

Port groups - VM Network, VMkernel, Management Network

Standard Switch

A **standard switch** (sometimes called **vSwitch**) is created by default when ESXi is installed.

Like its **physical Ethernet** counterpart, a standard switch works at **layer 2**, forwards frames to other switch ports based on the MAC address, and supports features such as VLANs and port channels.

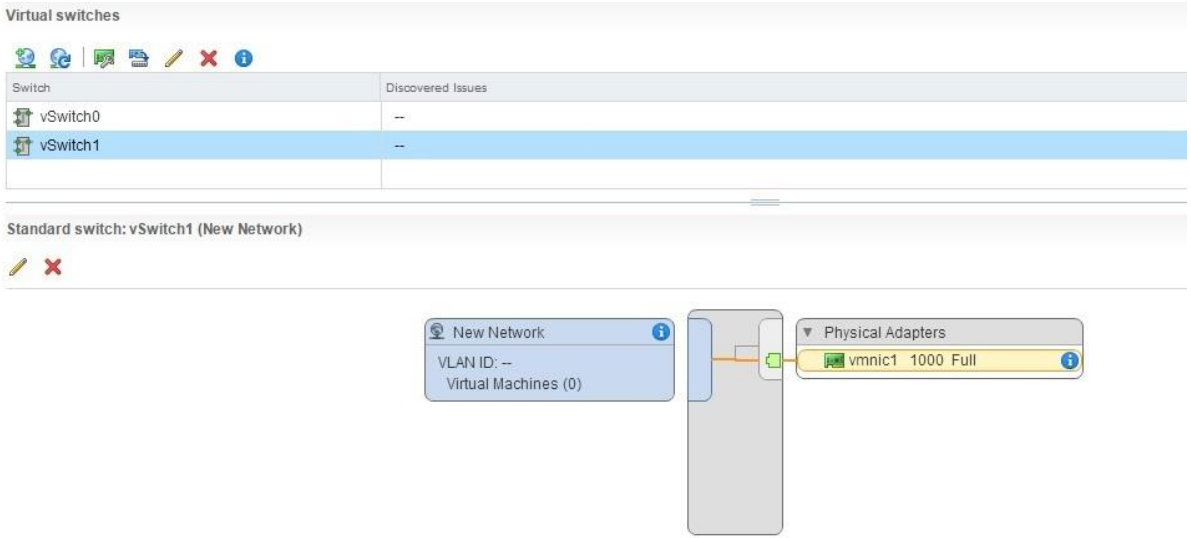
Standard switches have to be connected to the ESXi host's **physical NICs as uplinks** to communicate with the rest of the network.

Standard switches provide the network connectivity:

- Between virtual machines within the same ESXi host.
- Between virtual machines on different ESXi hosts.
- Between virtual and physical machines on the network.
- For VMkernel access to networks for vMotion, iSCSI, NFS, or Fault Tolerance logging (and management on ESXi).

FACTS : You can have a total of 4096 standard switch ports per host, a maximum of 1016 active ports per host, and 512 port groups per switch.

Create a Virtual Switch



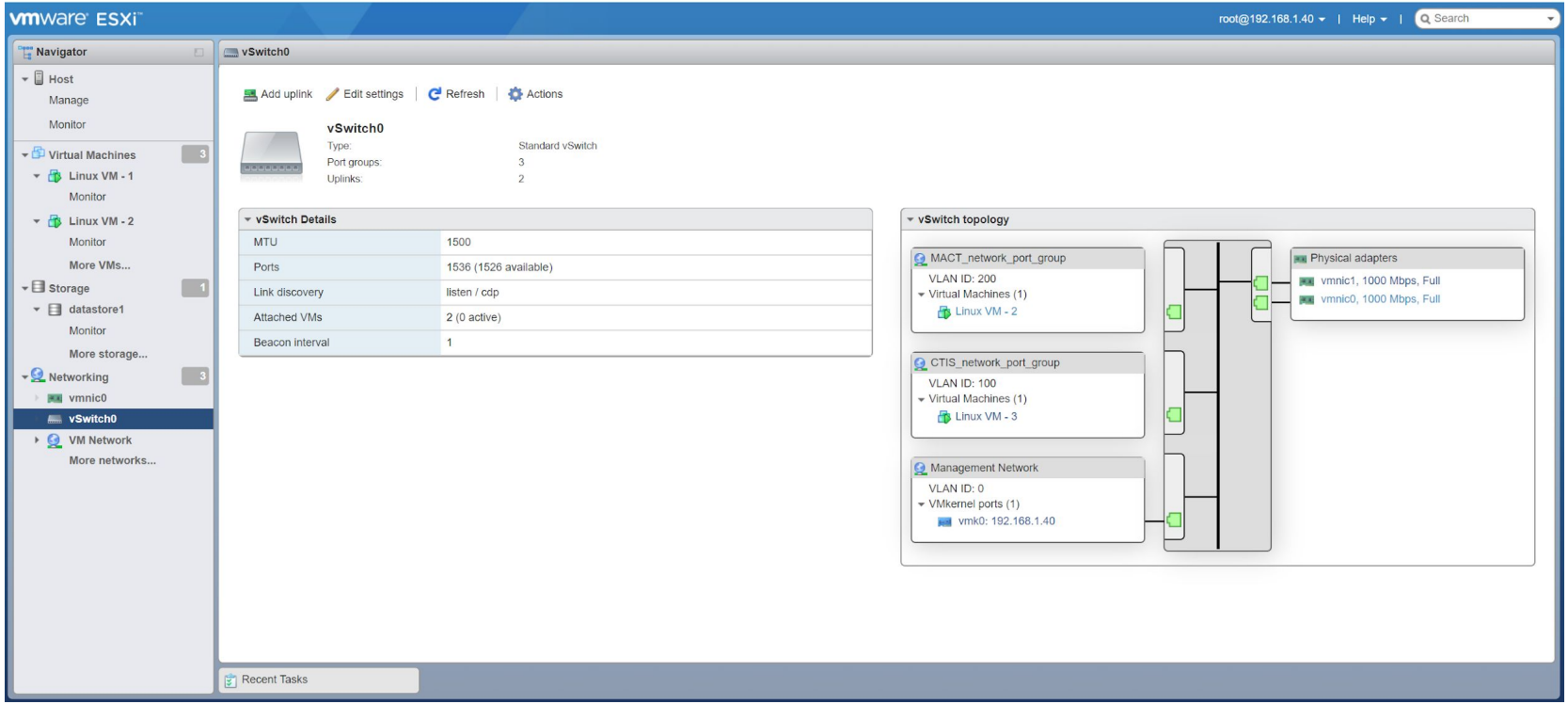
VLANS

VLANs (Virtual LANs) are **logical groupings of devices** in the **same broadcast domain**. They are usually configured on switches by placing some ports into one broadcast domain and other ports into another. VLANs can spread across multiple switches, enabling communications as if all virtual machines or ports in a VLAN are on the same physical LAN segment.

VLANs offer many advantages, including:

- broadcast traffic will be received and processed only by devices inside the same VLAN, which can improve network performance.
- users can be grouped by a department and not by the physical location.
- sensitive traffic can be isolated in a separate VLAN for the purpose of security.

Configuring port groups / VLANS



Configure speed and duplex

You can configure the speed and duplex of the ESXi host physical network adapter using vSphere Web Client. Here is how you can do that:

Switch network security policies

There are network security policies for virtual switches that enable you to protect virtual machines from impersonation or interception attacks. These policies are:

1. Promiscuous Mode – set to **Reject** by default to prevent guest operating systems from observing all traffic passing through a virtual switch. Set this mode to **Accept** only if you use a packet sniffer or intrusion detection system in the guest operating system.

2. MAC Address Changes – when set to **Reject** and the guest operating systems attempts to change the MAC address assigned to the virtual NIC, the virtual machine will stop receiving traffic. Set to **Accept** by default.

3. Forget Transmits – affects traffic that is transmitted from a virtual machine. When set to **Reject**, the virtual NIC drops frames that the guest operating system sends if the source MAC address is different than the one assigned to the virtual NIC. Set to **Accept** by default.

To set the security policies using the vSphere Web Client, go to the host's **Manage > Networking** tab. Choose the virtual switch you would like to modify and select the Edit settings icon:

Vswitch provides more functionality to manage Esxi Host

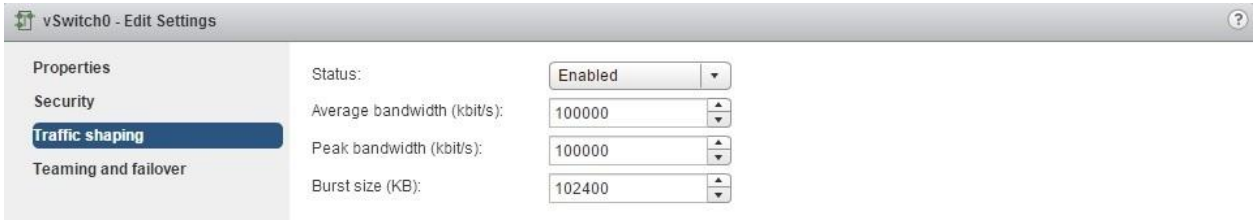
For Example -
Traffic shaping policies
Switch Load balancing policies
Network Failover detections

Switch traffic shaping policies

By default, all virtual network adapters connected to a virtual switch have access to the full amount of bandwidth on the physical network adapter with which the virtual switch is associated. You can use the network traffic shaping policies to control a virtual machine's network bandwidth.

Traffic shaping is disabled by default. To establish a traffic shaping policy, you can configure these three parameters:

- **Average Bandwidth** – the number of kilobits per second allowed across a port. This number is measured over a period of time and represents the allowed average load.
- **Peak Bandwidth** – the maximum number of kilobits per second allowed across a port when it is sending a burst of traffic. This number is used to limit the bandwidth during a burst and cannot be smaller than the average bandwidth number.
- **Burst Size** – the maximum number of kilobytes allowed in a burst. This option can allow a port that needs more bandwidth than is specified in the average bandwidth value to gain a burst of higher-speed traffic if a burst bonus is available.


vSwitch0 - Edit Settings
Properties
Security
Traffic shaping
Teaming and failover
Status:
Enabled
Average bandwidth (kbit/s):
100000
Peak bandwidth (kbit/s):
100000
Burst size (KB):
102400

Switch load balancing policies

The load-balancing policy determines how ESXi hosts will use their uplink adapters. Four load-balancing methods are available when using a standard virtual switch:

1. Originating virtual port ID – a VM's outbound traffic is mapped to a specific physical NIC. The NIC is determined by the ID of the virtual port to which the VM is connected. This is the default.

2. Source MAC hash – a VM's outbound traffic is mapped to a specific physical NIC that is based on the virtual NIC's MAC address.

3. IP hash – a NIC for each outbound packet is selected based on its source and destination IP address. This method requires the use of **EtherChannel** on the physical switch.

4. Explicit failover order – an adapter that is listed highest in the order of active adapters and passes failover detection criteria will be used.

Network failover detection

Network failover detection is a mechanism used to detect a network failure. Two network failover detection methods are available in vSphere when using a standard virtual switch:

1. Link status only – relies on the link status provided by the network adapter. This method can detect failures like cable pulls and physical switch power failures, but can not detect configuration errors (e.g. wrong VLAN configuration of a physical switch port) or cable pulls on the other side of a physical switch. This is the default.

2. Beacon probing – probes are sent out and listened for on all NICs in the team. This method can determine link status and failures that the Link status only method can not, such as configuration errors and cable pulls on the other side of a physical switch.