

Switching Concepts

- Switches micro-segment a network into larger number of smaller collision domains.
- when each device connected to its own switch port , full duplex communication is possible.
- A switch builds MAC address table on the basis of source address of frames
- A switch will flood all broadcast & multi-cast frames as well as those destined for unrecognized MAC address.

Types of Switches-

Access Layer -

- Access layer switches are used to connect end devices to the network.
 - Access Layer switches used to provide Layer 2 (VLAN) connectivity between users
- Ex- 2960, 2950

Distribution Layer-

- Distro switches are used to connect access switches to Core layer switches
 - Distribution layer is a layer 3 boundary where routing meets the VLAN of access layer switches.
- Ex- 3550,3300,3400

Core Layer-

- It provides interconnectivity between all distro layer switches
- Core layer sometimes called backbone layer & capable of forwarding traffic from one distribution layer to other distribution layer efficiently

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Layer 2 Switching-

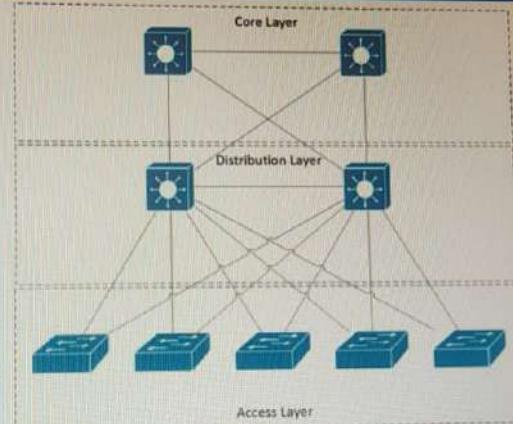
- Hardware based bridging
- Wire speed performance
- High speed scalability
- Low Latency
- Uses Mac address

Layer 3 Switching-

- Hardware based packet forwarding
- High performance packet switching
- Flow accounting
- Layer 3 switching
- Policy deployment.

Multilayer Switching-

- Combination of Layer-2, layer 3, layer 4 switching
- High speed scalability
- Low Latency
- Ex- 6500 model



Switching Concepts- Cont's

Cyclic Redundancy Check-

- A CRC is an error detection mechanism commonly used in computer and storage networks to identify data changed or corrupted during transmission. When a device connected to the network needs to transmit data, the device runs a computation algorithm based on cyclic codes against the data that results in a fixed-length number.
- This fixed-length number is called the CRC value, but colloquially, it is often called the CRC for short. This CRC value is appended to the data and transmitted through the network towards another device. This remote device runs the same cyclic code algorithm against the data and compares the resulting value with the CRC appended to the data.
- If both values match, then the remote device assumes the data was transmitted across the network without being corrupted. If the values do not match, then the remote device assumes the data was corrupted during transmission across the network. This corrupted data cannot be trusted and is discarded.
- CRCs are used for error detection across multiple computer networking technologies, such as Ethernet (both wired and wireless variants), Token Ring, Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), and Frame Relay.
- Ethernet frames have a 32-bit Frame Check Sequence (FCS) field at the end of the frame (immediately after the payload of the frame) where a 32-bit CRC value is inserted.

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Different Types of Ethernet in switches which can be used as Access port or Trunk ports

1. Fast Ethernet :

- Bandwidth 100 mbps
- Build on ethernet principle.
- Uses same Frame types , length & Formats
- Same MAC layer, new physical layer
- Access layer or end devices connected.

2. Gigabit Ethernet :

- Bandwidth 1Gb ports
- Enhances client server performance across the enterprise
- Connects distro layer switches to core layer

3. Two Gigabit Ethernet- Bandwidth 2 GB

4. 10 Gigabit ethernet-

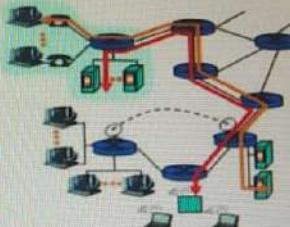
- Bandwidth 20 GB to 80 Gbps
- Used to connect as uplink from distro to core layer
- Core to Core layer from one Campus to another

Switching Type

Circuit Switching-

Circuit Switching

- Circuit switching is a technique that directly connects the sender and the receiver in an unbroken path.
- Telephone switching equipment, for example, establishes a path that connects the caller's telephone to the receiver's telephone by making a physical connection.
- With this type of switching technique, once a connection is established, a dedicated path exists between both ends until the connection is terminated.
- Routing decisions must be made when the circuit is first established, but there are no decisions made after that time



Switching Type – Cont's

2. Packet Switching-

Packet switching is a method of grouping data into packets that are transmitted over a digital network. Packets are made of a header and a payload. Data in the header is used by networking hardware to direct the packet to its destination, where the payload is extracted and used by an operating system, application software, or higher layer protocols. Packet switching is the primary basis for data communications in computer networks worldwide.

Types of Packet switching-

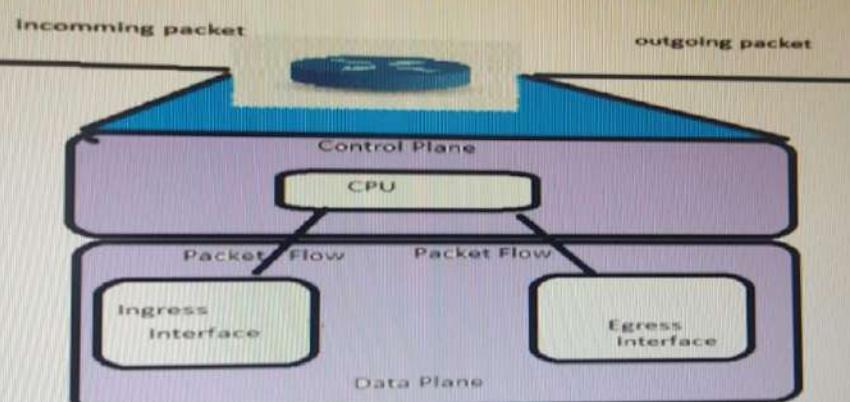
1. Process switching-

- Process switching is the oldest method of performing packet switching
- Process switching requires the CPU to be personally involved with every forwarding decision
- The switching decision made on a per packet basis.
- Process switching is the slowest method of packet switching.

To enable packet switching

```
Router(config-if)# no ip route-cache
```

Switching Type – Cont's



Switching Type – Cont's

Fast Switching-

- Fast Switching improves on the process switching by making use of a cache.
- The First packet to a destination is still a process switched by making a cache. future packets to the destination will be switched using information from cache, thus improving the speed on in this switching method.

To enable it

```
RW(config-if)# ip route-cache.
```

Cisco Express Forwarding-

- CEF uses two component to perform packet switching

1. Forward Information Base- its nothing but similar to Routing table

2. Adjacency Table- Its similar to ARP table (ARP table contain Information about IP address with mac address).

To enable

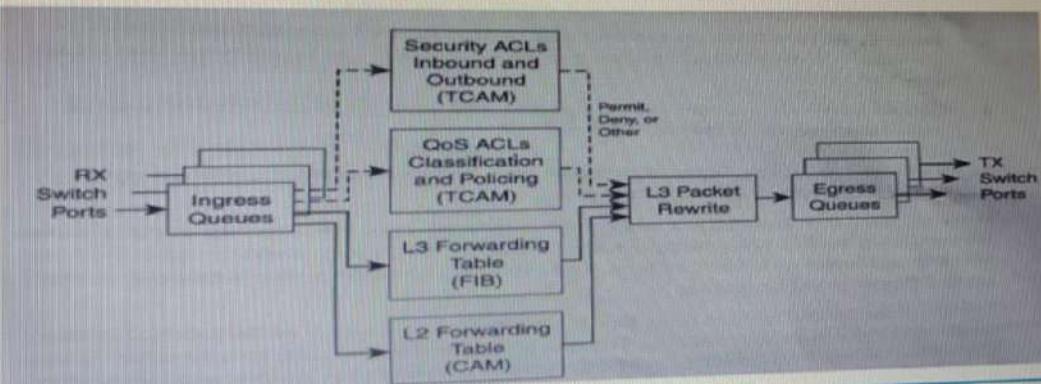
```
RW(config-if)#ip route cache ref
```

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Packet Flow in Multi layer switching-

These packet flow in multi layer switching



Switching Type – Cont's

There are basically 3 tables

CAM Table-

- It stores Layer 2 information like
- Source MAC address
- Egress port (Interface where the source MAC address learned)
- VLAN

TCAM Table-

It stores information

- - ACL
- - QOS
- - Routing Table

FIB Table-

- IP address
- Next hop IP address & Next hop Mac address
- Egress port Num
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Packet when enters the egress interface is inspected for L2 & L3 destination Addresses.

Now the decision of where to forward the packet is based on two address tables, where the decision to how to forward the packets still is based on the ACL.

As a result below L2 switching are performed simultaneously in hardware.

1. L2 forwarding Table- The destination MAC address is used as an index to the CAM table. If the frame contains a Layer 3 packets to be forwarded, the destination MAC address is that of layer 3 port on the switch. In this case the CAM table address are used only to decide that the frame should be processed at layer 3.
2. L3 Forwarding Table- The FIB table is consulted using the destination IP address as an index. The longest match found (both address & mask) and the resulting next hop layer 3 address is obtained. The FIB also contain the next hop entry's layer 2 MAC- address & the egress switch port (and VLAN ID) so that further
3. Security ACL- In bound & outbound access list are compiled into TCAM entries so that decision of whether to forward a packet can be determined as a single table lookup.
4. Qos ACL- Packet classification, policing, & marking all can be performed as single table lookups in the QOS TCAM.

The next hop address was found in the FIB and forwarded to the Egress interface.

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VLAN

VLAN-

- VLAN are used to divide one large broadcast domain into smaller broadcast domains.
- A large network can be divided into VLAN based on project department or function like Marketing, HR etc.
- VLAN provide broadcast segmentation.
- Each VLAN is a single broadcast domain
- Logical segmentation of LAN is called VLAN

Two types of VLAN- 1. static VLAN 2.Dynamic VLAN.

Static VLAN-

- They are called port based VLAN, so any device connecting to that port will become member of that VLAN.
- Most common method of assigning VLAN-
- There is a default VLAN, on Cisco switches VLAN 1.

Dynamic VLAN-

- Dynamic VLAN are called MAC based VLAN.
- VLAN are automatically created by switch & assigned as per the MAC address of the connected devices.
- Dynamic VLAN are flexible compared to static VLANs.
- VMPS is required to configure Dynamic VLAN.

VLAN Function – Cont's

Voice VLAN-

- Voice VLAN allows access ports to carry voice traffic from an IP Phone.
- By default Voice VLAN feature is disabled
- To enable give the following command

```
switch(config-if)#switchport voice vlan id
```

VLAN ranges & mapping-

VLAN range	Range	Usage
1	Normal	Cisco default
2-1001	Normal	For ethernet VLAN
1002-1005	Normal	Cisco default for FDDI & token ring
1006-4094	Extended	For ethernet VLAN



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VLAN Function – Cont's

Creating VLAN-

```
Switch (config)#VLAN no  
Switch( config-vlan)name
```

Assigning VLAN to access port- Interface

```
Switchport mode access  
Switchport vlan (num)
```

Verifying VLAN- Show vlan.

Deleting VLAN-

```
switch(config-if)no switch port access vlan vlan_number  
The command will rest VLAN 1.  
VLAN 1 cannot be deleted from switch
```

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VLAN Function – Cont's

Access port-

These are the ports which carries one VLAN information.
Here we can create a switch port either trunk port or access port.

Trunk port-

These are point to point link between two switches, between router & switch, or even between a switch server & carries multiple VLAN traffic. These are the port which carries inter Vlan communication

VLAN frame tagging-

- Frame Tagging means grouping of switches so that they share the same VLAN information. Its work in the way that each switch that frame reaches must identify the VLAN ID from the frame tag. It then finds out what to do with the frame by looking at information called filter table. If the frame reaches a switch that has another trunked link, the frame would be forwarded out of the trunk link port.
- Once the frame reaches an exit that's determined by the forward table to be an access link matching VLAN frame ID, the switch will remove the VLAN identifier. Here trunk port carries all the tagged & untagged traffic.
- Native VLAN- here if we are using 802.1q trunking all the untagged traffic will flow through Native VLAN i.e native VLAN which is by default VLAN 1 if no VLAN assigned & also carries untagged traffic.

VLAN Function – Cont's

Frame tagging Protocol-

Inter switch link-

- It's a technique for tagging VLAN information onto the ethernet frame. This tagging information allows VLANs to be multiplexed over a trunk link through an external encapsulation method.
- This allows the switch to identify VLAN membership of a frame received over a trunk link. ISL is proprietary to Cisco switches & can be used in Fast Ethernet & Gigabit Ethernet only.

IEEE 802.1q-

- It is the standard method created by IEEE. It actually inserts a frame header to identify VLAN. If you are trunking between Cisco switched link & other brand then need to use 802.1q.
- And it here inserts a 802.1q field along with control information which is a 12-bit VLAN ID, this field identifies $2^{12} - 2$ for the 0 & 4095 VLANs which means an 802.1q tagged frame can carry information for 4094 VLANs.

Preamble (7 bytes)	Start frame delimiter (1 byte)	Destination MAC address (6 bytes)	Source MAC address (6 bytes)	Total length 2bytes	Packets 0-n bytes	Pad 0-p bytes	Frame check sequence (4 bytes)
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VLAN Function – Cont's

Preamble (7 bytes)	Start frame delimiter (1 byte)	Destination MAC address (6 bytes)	Source MAC address (6 bytes)	Total length =802.1Q tag type (2 bytes)	Tag control information	Total length 2bytes	Payload 0-a bytes	Pad 0-9 bytes	Frame check sequence 4 bytes
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802.1q inserted field

CRC must be calculated

3 bit- user priority field
1bit- Canonical Format Identifier
12 bit- VLAN identifier

VTP Function

Configuring Trunk Link-

```
Sw(config)# interface <num>
Sw(config)# switchport trunk encapsulation isl/dot1q
switch(config)# switchport mode trunk ( configures Layer2 Trunk)
```

Show interface <num> trunk – display trunk information

VTP (VLAN Trunking Protocol)-

- When you have 100 Linked switches ,so creating VLAN in all switches & allowing them through trunk increases administrator task.
- So here is VTP which is Cisco proprietary protocol which is used to exchange VLAN information between switches.
- Sends VTP advertisement on the trunk ports only
- VTP reduces administration in a switched network.
- Maintains VLAN configuration consistency throughout a common administrative domain.

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