How to connect a PoE switch to an access switch



Overview

Connect your PoE devices, such as IP cameras or wireless access points, to the PoE switch using Ethernet cables.

Key Takeaways

Yes, a PoE switch can be connected to an access switch for data transmission, but PoE power will only be delivered to devices directly connected to the PoE switch.

Compatibility and Functionality

A Po

E switch functions like a regular network switch for data, with the added ability to supply power over Ethernet to compatible devices such as IP cameras, VoIP phones, and wireless access points. When connecting a PoE switch to a non-PoE access switch, the connection is typically made via an uplink port or standard Ethernet port. The non-PoE switch will handle only data traffic; it will not pass PoE power through to downstream devices.

Power Considerations

Active Po

E switches detect whether a connected device supports PoE and supply power only when appropriate, ensuring non-PoE devices are not damaged.

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Passive Po

E switches constantly send power and may damage non-PoE devices, so they are not recommended for mixed networks.

Po

E pass-through switches can act as both a powered device (PD) and power sourcing equipment (PSE), allowing them to receive PoE from an upstream switch while supplying power to downstream devices, but these are specialized and less common.

Practical Deployment Tips

Use standard-compliant PoE switches (IEEE 802. 3af, 802. 3at, or 802.

3bt) to ensure safe operation with non-PoE switches. Connect via uplink ports to maintain proper network hierarchy and avoid loops. Power budget planning is important if using PoE pass-through switches, as the total available power must be shared among all powered devices.

Non-PoE devices connected to a PoE switch will only receive data, not power, so they require their own power source.

Summary

You can safely connect a PoE switch to an access switch for network expansion.

The Po

E switch will provide power only to compatible devices directly connected to it, while the access switch will handle standard data traffic. This setup is common in modern networks where PoE is used selectively for devices that require it, while other devices rely on standard power sources.

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