Exsi Access Switch



Overview

ESXi connecting to physical switch via VLAN access ESXi/ESX simply connects to a switch port that belongs to a VLAN at physical switch level. Cisco defines.

Key Takeaways

An ESXi host connects to a physical access switch port via a virtual switch (vSwitch) and port group, with VLAN configuration handled at the switch or port group level.

Connecting ES

Xi to a Physical Access SwitchWhen connecting an ESXi host to a physical switch in access mode, the switch port is assigned to a specific VLAN.

ES

Xi does not require VLAN configuration on the host itself if the switch port is already in access mode. In this case, the ESXi port group should be set to VLAN 0, which means the vSwitch will not tag packets, and all traffic will pass untagged to the assigned VLAN on the physical switch. If the physical switch uses EtherChannel or link aggregation, the vSwitch NIC teaming policy should be set to route based on IP hash to match the switch configuration.

Virtual Switches (vSwitch) in ESXiESXi uses virtual switches to connect VMs and the host to the physical network. Key points include: Standard vSwitch (vSwitch0): Created by default during ESXi installation, providing Layer 2 connectivity for VMs and VMkernel ports. Distributed vSwitch (dvSwitch): Used in clusters for centralized management and advanced features.

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Mkernel ports: Connect vSwitches to physical NICs for management, vMotion, storage, and other traffic types. Each vSwitch can connect to one or more physical NICs (uplinks), which provide the path for traffic to the external network.

Proper NI

C assignment and teaming policies ensure redundancy and load balancing.

VLA

N ConfigurationVLANs allow network segmentation and isolation.

In ES

Xi: Assign a VLAN ID to a port group to tag outgoing traffic and isolate it from other VLANs. For access switch ports, the VLAN is configured on the physical switch, and ESXi port groups can remain untagged (VLAN 0) if no additional tagging is needed.

VLA

N tagging is essential for separating management, VM traffic, storage, and vMotion networks.

Best Practices

Use dedicated NICs for management, vMotion, and storage traffic to avoid congestion. Configure redundant uplinks on vSwitches for high availability. Match vSwitch NIC teaming policies with physical switch configurations (e.g., EtherChannel or LACP).

Ensure VLA

N consistency between ESXi port groups and physical switch ports to prevent connectivity issues. By following these guidelines, ESXi hosts can reliably connect to physical access switches, maintain network segmentation, and support VM and management traffic efficiently.

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