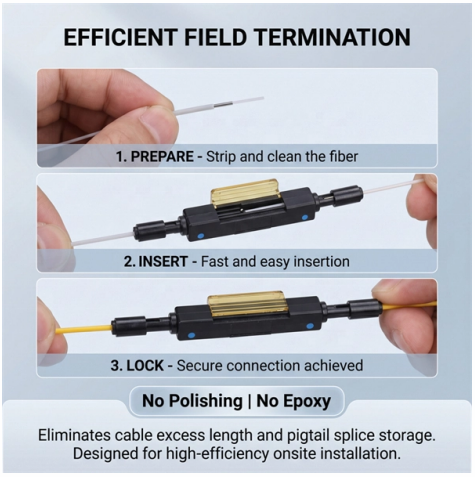
Steps for replacing the core switch



Overview

Once you are done with that, in a maintenance window, disconnect the old switch, connect the new switch and move over all cables from one switch to another.

Key Takeaways

Replacing a core switch can be done via a full cutover or staged migration, with careful preconfiguration and planning to minimize downtime and avoid IP conflicts.

Preparation and Planning

Inventory and Documentation: Document all existing configurations, VLANs, SVIs, routing protocols, ACLs, and connected devices. Map each port and interface to ensure accurate migration. Preconfigure the New Switch: Load the new switch with the necessary configurations, including VLANs, IP addresses, routing protocols, and security settings.

Verify that loopback addresses and SVIs do not conflict with the existing core. Test Connectivity: If possible, test the new switch in a lab or isolated environment to ensure configurations are correct and compatible with your network.

Migration Strategies

Full Cutover

Best for scheduled downtime: Shut down the old core switch completely, remove it, and connect the new switch. This avoids IP conflicts and simplifies troubleshooting. Steps: Power up the new switch in the rack.

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Connect upstream devices (firewalls, routers) and verify routing adjacencies. Move all access switch connections to the new core. Verify connectivity and test critical services.

Pros: Simpler, avoids IP conflicts, easier troubleshooting. Cons: Requires planned downtime; all users experience temporary outage.

Staged Migration

Best for minimizing downtime: Move connections VLAN by VLAN or port by port. Steps: Configure the new switch alongside the old one. Shut down one VLAN or SVI on the old switch.

Enable the same VLAN or SVI on the new switch. Move the corresponding connections. Repeat for all VLANs or ports.

Pros: Reduces user impact, allows troubleshooting in stages. Cons: More complex, risk of misconfiguration if IPs overlap. Additional ConsiderationsIP Conflicts: Avoid bringing the new switch online with the same IPs as the old switch simultaneously, as this can cause network instability.

Access Switches: Typically, access switches do not require a reboot when the core is replaced, but verify connectivity after migration. Maintenance Window: Schedule the replacement during off-peak hours or weekends to minimize business impact. Dry Run: If possible, simulate the migration to estimate downtime and identify potential issues.

Summary

The safest approach depends on your environment and tolerance for downtime. If downtime is acceptable, a full cutover is simpler and less error-prone. If minimizing downtime is critical, a staged migration allows gradual transition but requires careful planning to avoid IP conflicts and ensure all VLANs and routing configurations are correctly applied.

Preconfiguration, documentation, and testing are key to a successful core switch replacement.

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Hi all. We will be swapping our existing core switch for a new one and I want to get some verification that the procedure I have in mind is a good one to take. We currently have the following

What is your strategy when physically swapping switch hardware ?

We use stackable switches, and we leave a 1U gap between each switch, which also helps keep the switches running cooler. If one dies, we put the new switch above/below the old switch, boot it up,

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We have a new WS-C4507R+E to replace our WS-C4507R-E Core switch which is end of life. Both switches are on line and trunked together and support internal traffic. Both switches are

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I will have to replace our old core Cisco switch C4506-E with two new core switches C9500 that will be located in two different server rooms. Currently there is one server room and our

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What "core switch" are you replacing? To what end? Is this a home install, or a business? Business - I have explained I''m not an expert but they have said that''s fine, just take my

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