

Methods for testing access switches



Article Overview

Access switches can be tested using a combination of physical inspection, connectivity checks, port and performance testing, traffic simulation, and access control verification to ensure reliability and compliance.

Physical and Visual Inspection

Start with a visual inspection to check for physical damage, loose cables, abnormal LED indicators, and unobstructed cooling fans. Documenting the switch's physical condition with photographs can help track changes over time and support troubleshooting efforts .

Connectivity Testing

Use tools like LinkSprinter or LinkRunner to verify port connectivity and network service availability. These tools can test end-to-end paths, identify misconfigured ports, and detect connectivity issues before they impact users .

Port and Configuration Testing

Test individual ports for proper speed, duplex, VLAN configuration, and error rates. Ensure that each port adheres to the intended network policies and that no unintended changes have occurred. Automated scripts or management software can help validate multiple ports efficiently .

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Methodology Test Cycle

Induce network disruptions at each layer (see Network Disruption Test Cases, page 2-1) Scale control-plane peers and routes for

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