

Where to connect the PoE switch



Article Overview

A PoE switch should be connected to a router or core network switch via an Ethernet cable, and PoE-enabled devices are then connected to the switch's PoE ports.

Connecting the PoE Switch to the Network

- **Power the Switch:** Plug the PoE switch into an AC power outlet to turn it on .
- **Connect to Router or Core Switch:** Use a standard Ethernet cable to connect a LAN port on your router to a regular data port on the PoE switch. Some switches have dedicated uplink ports for cascading, but for a single switch, any non-uplink port works .
- **Cascading Multiple Switches:** If you need more ports, connect the uplink or regular port of the first PoE switch to the uplink or regular port of a second PoE switch. Avoid too many cascaded layers to maintain network performance .

Connecting PoE Devices

- Plug PoE-enabled devices such as IP cameras, wireless access points, or VoIP phones into the PoE ports of the switch using Ethernet cables. The switch will automatically detect PoE devices and supply power over the cable .
- Start with high-priority devices in lower-numbered ports if desired, as some setups recommend port prioritization .
- Use PoE-compatible Ethernet cables to ensure proper power delivery and avoid compatibility issues .

Topology Considerations...

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