Core Switch OSPF



Overview

Before OSPF is configured, the switch must have IP routing enabled to allow it to forward traffic like a router.

Key Takeaways

OSPF on a core switch enables dynamic routing, fast convergence, and high availability for enterprise networks.

OSPF Version Selection

For IPv4 networks, OSPFv2 is recommended, as it is designed specifically for IPv4 routing and is simpler to implement on a small number of core switches. OSPFv3 is primarily for IPv6 but can also carry IPv4 routes; it is only necessary if IPv6 deployment is planned. For a simple two-switch core setup, OSPFv2 with point-to-point or broadcast network type is sufficient.

Interface and Adjacency Configuration

Assign I

P addresses to the core switch interfaces connecting to aggregation switches, firewalls, or other core devices.

Configure SV

Is (Switched Virtual Interfaces) or routed ports for each VLAN that participates in OSPF.

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Enable OSP

F on these interfaces and define the area (commonly Area 0 for the backbone). For two directly connected switches, a point-to-point network type is simple, but using broadcast allows easier future expansion.

Verify OSP

F neighbor relationships using commands like show ip ospf neighbor to ensure adjacency formation. Integration with High AvailabilityCore switches often form a redundant backbone with multiple links to aggregation switches or other core devices.

Combining OSP

F with Layer 2 resiliency protocols like EAPS ensures fast convergence and prevents OSPF adjacency flaps during link failures. Redundant core switches protect against single points of failure, while OSPF provides dynamic route recalculation in case of link or device failure.

Routing and VPN Considerations

When connecting to firewalls or external networks, configure VPN instances or VLANIF interfaces to isolate traffic and maintain proper routing.

OSP

F routes should be advertised appropriately to ensure connectivity between user networks and egress points. Regularly verify OSPF route tables and failover behavior to ensure dynamic routing stability.

Best Practices

Keep OSP

F areas simple; typically, Area 0 is used for the core. Use point-to-point links for direct core-to-core connections if only two devices exist, but broadcast is preferable for future scalability.

Monitor OSP

F neighbor states and route propagation to detect misconfigurations early.

Combine OSP

F with Layer 2 resiliency mechanisms for maximum network stability and minimal downtime. By following these guidelines, a core switch can efficiently handle dynamic routing, maintain high availability, and provide a stable backbone for enterprise networks.

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OSPF Configuration Guide

Before OSPF is configured, the switch must have IP routing enabled to allow it to forward traffic like a router. The following section details how OSPF is configured and works on access

Configuring the Core Switch

In this scenario, IP addresses of the interfaces connecting the core switch to the BRASs and firewalls and OSPF need to be configured on the core switch, so as to implement connectivity

How to Configure OSPF Between Firewall and Core Switch

In this video, we configure OSPF routing between a Core Switch and a Firewall and perform complete failover testing to verify redundancy, dynamic route exchange, and high availability.

Stack or separate core switching (x690)

We''re going to install two 48 port SFP+ switches at a co-location facility that will house all of our primary servers and storage. Both x690 switches have the core licence and will do layer 3. Our

OSPF Between Core and Distribution Switches | Real Network Design

In this video, we have a technical discussion and live explanation on how to connect Distribution switches with Core switches in a hierarchical campus network design, and why OSPF is

LAN Topologies

A foundation for establishing a network overlay can be built within the two-tier topology by configuring OSPF peering between each access and core switch and adding a loopback interface to

Connectivity Design | Validated Solution Guide

In a Two-Tier architecture, each ToR access switch is connected to both core switches using MC-LAG to provide link load-balancing and fault tolerance. Redundant top-of-rack pairs using

Solved: OSPF Voss to Cisco

I have been having trouble figuring out how to configure OSPF on the new core switches. They will uplink to a cisco switch which handles the main OSPF routing between multiple branch

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Enterprise-Multi-Branch-Network-OSPF/COMMANDS at main

Designed and implemented a multi-branch enterprise network using Cisco Packet Tracer with VLANs, Router-on-a-Stick, DHCP, OSPF, Layer 3 Core Switching, and Wireless Access Points. -

Enterprise High-Availability: VRRP, MLAG & ECMP

The Core Layer (ECMP): Deploy high-performance Huawei CloudEngine or Ruijie 800G core switches. Run OSPF/BGP with ECMP to ensure massive routing

BGP in Enterprise Networks: OSPF vs BGP Design Guide 2026

OSPF vs. BGP: While OSPF is great for small-to-medium campus networks, it relies on CPU-intensive "flooding." BGP is a Path-Vector protocol, offering unmatched scalability and granular

OSPF implementation on Core Switch

So let''s say I have just 2x Cat4k or 6k that I would like to enable OSPF between (one acts as Core switch where routing for access switches is done and other will be used for access and

OSPF Neighbour between Core Switch and Router, connected

Hi Team, I am planning to seggregate Wan Connectivity and Corporate users through Firewall. Currently OSPF is running between my Core Switch and Wan router, if i move Wan Router

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Solved: OSPF in Core and VLANs in Access

Was thinking of doing this with access-list (?) Ideally, the firewall should not be used to route between internal networks, especially since you

Deploying a Routed Access Network Architecture on a Collapsed Core ...

Step 6: Configure an IGP (e.g. OSPF) to run between your access switches and your core switch (es) to exchange routes accordingly Finally, it is preferable to run an IGP routing protocol

Example for Configuring Basic OSPF Functions

As shown in Figure 8-6, Switch A, Switch B, and Switch C reside on the OSPF network. The three switches need to communicate with each other, and Switch A and Switch B function as

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should i enable OSPF on core switch or on Edge switch?

You should use the three layer-model. If it''s a large remote office you may connect it til core, if not you should connect it to a distribution switch at the HQ. You must have OSPF (or the

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