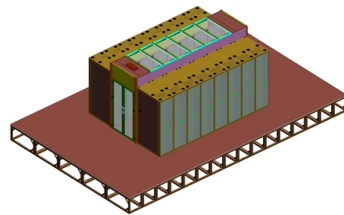


SDN Internal Network Core Switch



AI Overview

An SDN internal network core switch is a programmable switch that separates the control plane from the data plane, enabling centralized management, dynamic traffic forwarding, and high-performance packet processing.

Core Architecture and Functionality In SDN, core switches act as forwarding elements in the infrastructure layer, while the control plane is centralized in an SDN controller. The switch receives instructions from the controller via a southbound API, typically OpenFlow or P4Runtime, which defines flow rules and forwarding behavior. Packets arriving at the switch are parsed, matched against flow tables, and forwarded according to the controller-defined actions, allowing dynamic routing, policy enforcement, and network programmability.

Hardware and Performance Considerations High-performance SDN core switches can be implemented using FPGAs, which provide line-rate packet processing and scalability up to hundreds of Gbps while maintaining low resource usage. FPGA-based switches include components such as input buffers, packet parsers, flow match units, and action execution units, enabling efficient handling of high-bandwidth traffic in service provider or ISP backbone networks.

Virtualized and Software-Based Switches SDN core switches can also be virtualized, such as the Hyper-V Virtual Switch, which abstracts physical network resources and provides multitenant isolation, policy enforcement, and integration with virtual network adapters. Virtual switches support network function virtualization (NFV), allowing deployment of virtual routers, firewalls, and load balancers alongside the core switch functionality.

Control and Management Integration The SDN controller maintains a global network view, monitors switch states, and updates flow tables dynamically. Tools like Stratum or ONOS provide a thin switch OS that mediates between the controller and the switch hardware, supporting APIs like P4Runtime, gNMI, and gNOI for configuration, operational state management, and runtime forwarding.

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