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### **Hierarchical Network Models**

Cost savings
Ease of understanding
Modular network growth
Improved fault isolation





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## **Core Layer**

The core layer is the network's high-speed switching backbone that is crucial to corporate communications. The core layer should have the following characteristics:

Fast transport

•High reliability

Redundancy

•Fault tolerance

- Low latency and good manageability
- •Avoidance of slow packet manipulation caused by filters or other processes
- Limited and consistent diameter
- Quality of service (QoS)

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#### **Distribution Layer** The network's distribution layer is the isolation point between the network's access and core layers. The distribution layer can have many roles, including implementing the following functions:

•Policy (for example, ensuring that traffic sent from a particular network is forwarded out one interface while all other traffic is forwarded out another interface)

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•Redundancy and load balancing

•QoS

•Security filtering

- Address or area aggregation or summarization
- Departmental or workgroup access
- •Broadcast or multicast domain definition
- •Routing between virtual LANs (VLAN)
- •Media translations (for example, between Ethernet and Token Ring)
- •Redistribution between routing domains (for example, between two different routing protocols)
- Demarcation between static and dynamic routing protocols

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## **Access Layer**

The access layer provides user access to local segments on the network. The access layer is characterized by switched and shared-bandwidth LAN segments in a campus environment. Microsegmentation using LAN switches provides high bandwidth to workgroups by reducing collision domains on Ethernet segments. Some functions of the access layer include the following:

- Port security
- Broadcast suppression
- •QoS
- •Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) inspection
- •Virtual access control lists (VACL)
- •Spanning tree
- Trust classification
- •Power over Ethernet (PoE)



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## **Cisco Enterprise Architecture Model**





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## **Enterprise Campus Module**

- •Campus core
- Building distribution
- •Building access
- Edge distribution
- •Server farm/data center





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## **Enterprise Edge Module**

•E-commerce networks and servers
•Internet connectivity and DMZ
•VPN and remote access
•Enterprise WAN





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•Option 4—Dual routers, dual links to two ISPs

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### **Remote Modules**

- •Enterprise Branch Module
- •Enterprise Data Center Module
- •Enterprise Teleworker Module





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### **Network Availability**

•Workstation-to-router redundancy in the building-access layer

- •Server redundancy in the server farm module
- •Route redundancy within and between network components
- •Media redundancy in the access layer



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### **Workstation-to-Router Redundancy**

•ARP

•Explicit configuration

•ICMP Router Discovery Protocol (RDP)

•RIP

•HSRP

•Global Load Balancing Protocol (GLBP)



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### **Server Redundancy**

Clusters

Data replication

•CallManger Clusters

•EtherChannel



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### **Route Redundancy**

Load Balancing

-Route Protocol support

- -EtherChannel
- Increasing availability
  - -Consistent bandwidth
  - -Faster convergence
  - -Equal-cost paths



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## **Media Redundancy**

•Spanning-Tree

•Floating static routes

Alternativ fremførte linier



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