

Network Technology 2 –

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Introduction

Network Design - Local Networks

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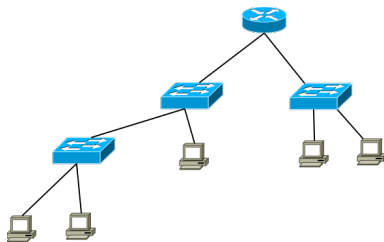
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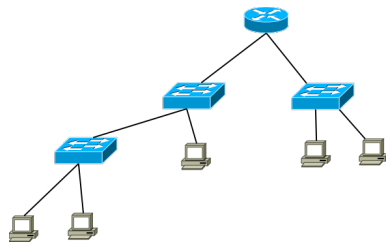
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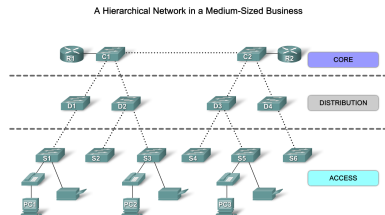
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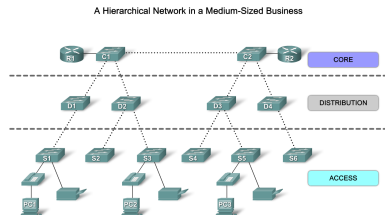
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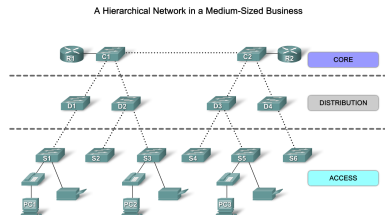
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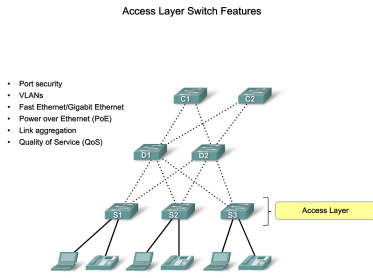
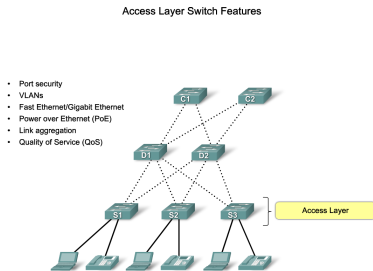


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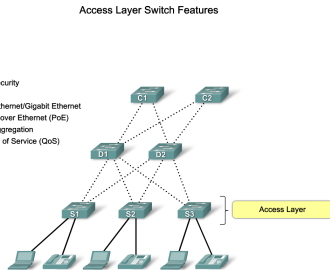
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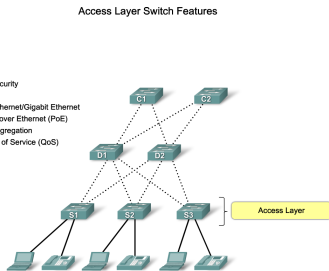
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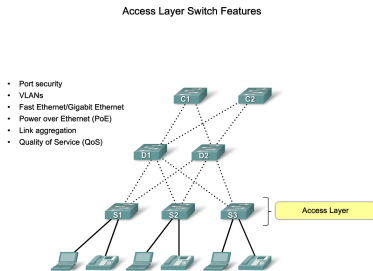
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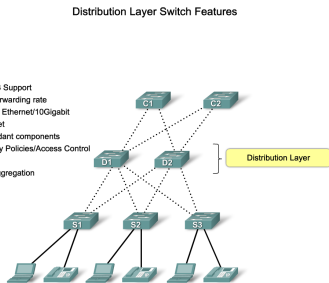


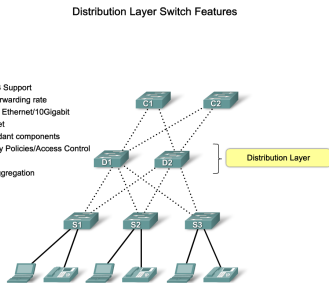
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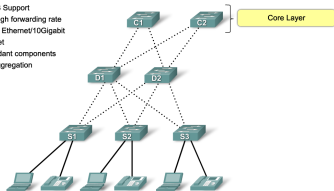
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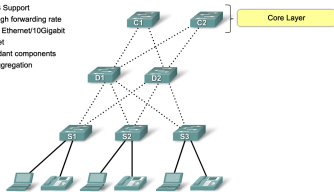
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Aggregation with EtherChannel

Bandwidth aggregation or port aggregation allows us to use multiple physical interfaces to increase bandwidth and add redundancy.

- Links must have the same speed.
- Which link that will be used is based on the layer 2,3 or 4 address (And IOS version)
- XORing the addresses decides which link will be used.

# Links	Distribution
8	1:1:1:1:1:1:1:1
7	2:1:1:1:1:1:1
6	2:2:1:1:1:1
5	2:2:2:1:1
4	2:2:2:2
3	3:3:2
2	4:4

Table 1 : EtherChannel - Allocating the data traffic

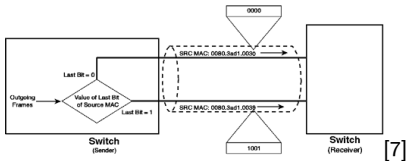


Figure 6 : Deciding link use

Ethernet

Two different versions of Ethernet. IEEE 802.2 and IEEE 802.3.
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What is what?

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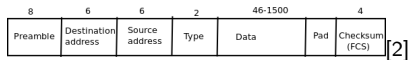


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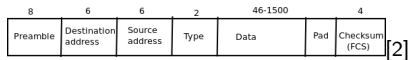


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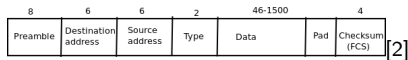


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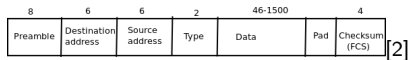


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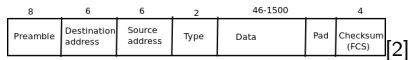


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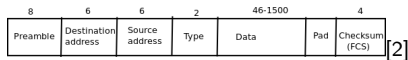


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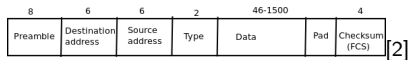


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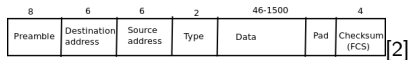


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Figure 8 : Ethernet Type field

- 2 byte field
- Identifies the layer 3 protocol.

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0800	IPv4
0806	ARP
86DD	IPv6

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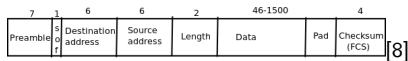


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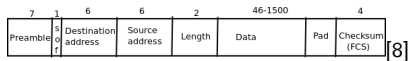


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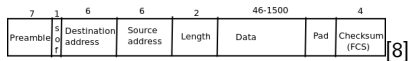


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I/G = Address type designation bit (indicating individual or group actual addressee)

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C/R = The command/response identifier bit

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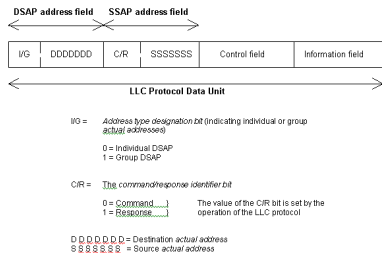
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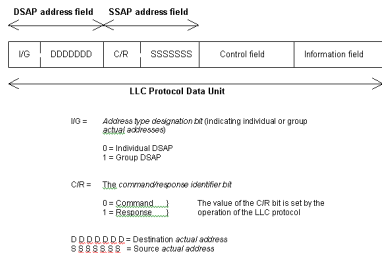
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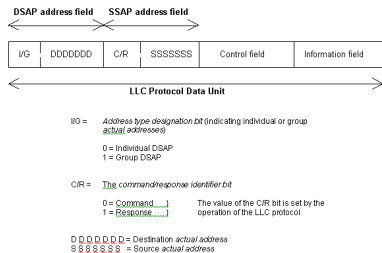
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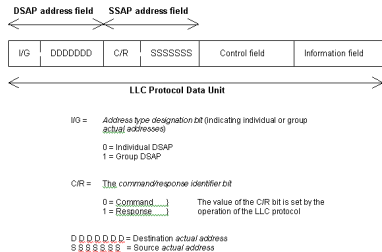
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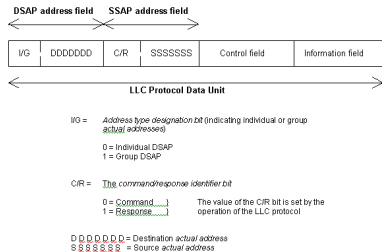
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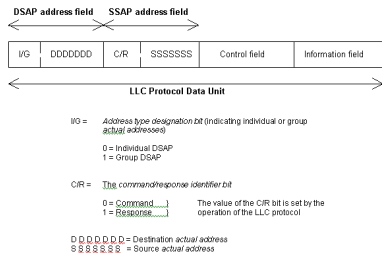
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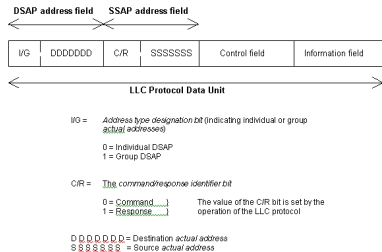
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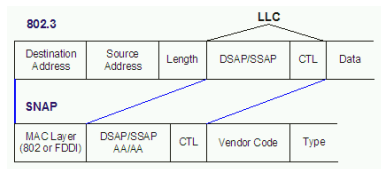
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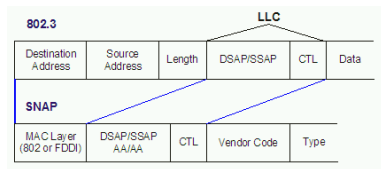
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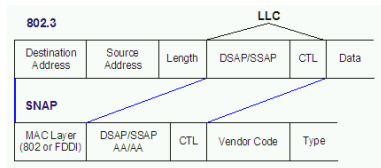
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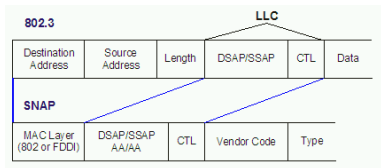
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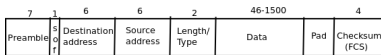


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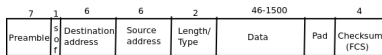


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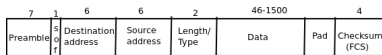


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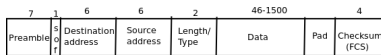


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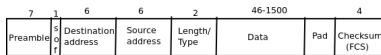


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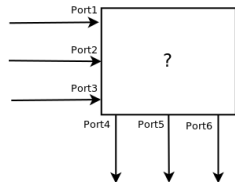


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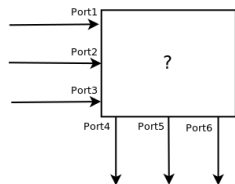


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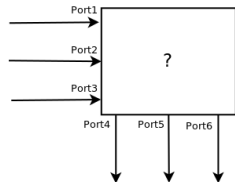


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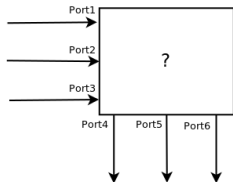


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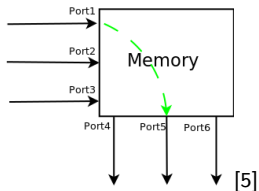


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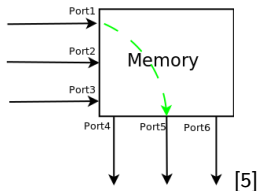


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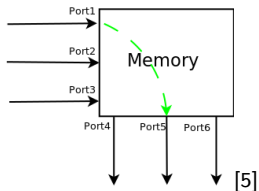


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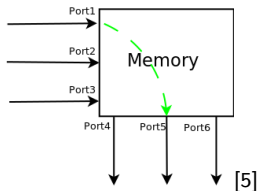


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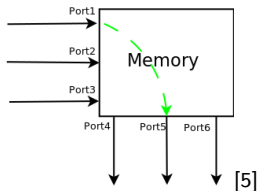


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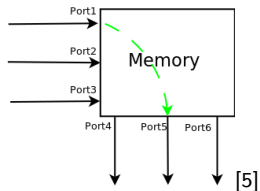


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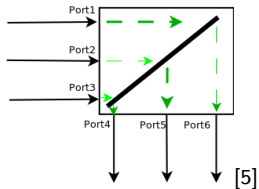


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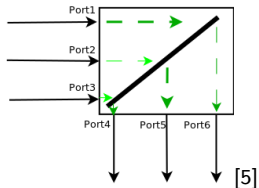


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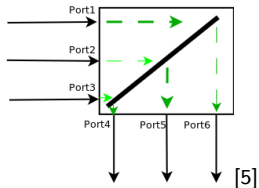


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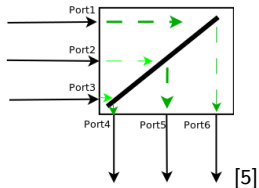


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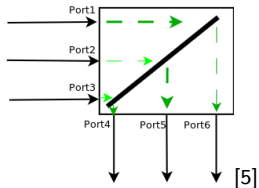


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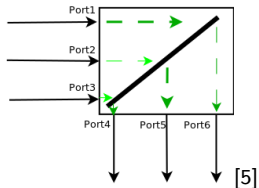


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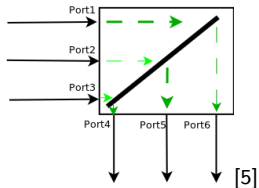


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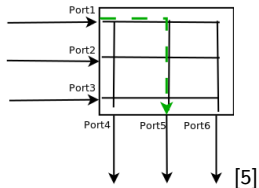


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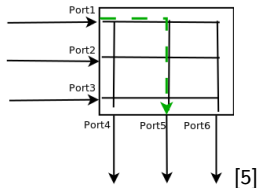


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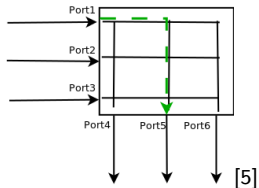


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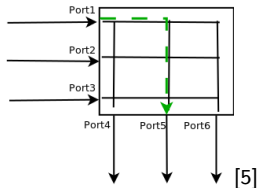


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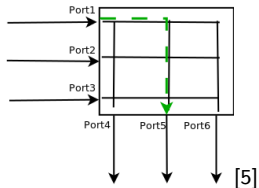


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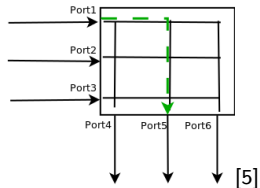


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