

Advanced terminology for PoE switches

Article Overview

PoE switches use specialized terms such as PSE, PD, Mode A/B, 4PPoE, and classification events to describe power delivery, negotiation, and device management over Ethernet.

Key Terms and Concepts

Power Sourcing Equipment (PSE): The device that supplies power over Ethernet, typically a PoE switch or injector. PSEs detect connected devices, negotiate power levels, and manage the power budget for multiple devices simultaneously . **Powered Device (PD):** Any device that receives power via PoE, such as IP cameras, VoIP phones, or wireless access points. PDs are classified into power classes (Class 0-4 for standard PoE, Classes 5-8 for 4-pair PoE) to indicate their power requirements . **PoE Standards:**

- IEEE 802.3af (PoE): Provides up to 15.4W per port.
- IEEE 802.3at (PoE+): Provides up to 30W per port.
- IEEE 802.3bt (PoE++ or 4PPoE): Provides up to 60W or 100W per port using all four pairs of Ethernet cabling . **Power Delivery Modes:**
- Mode A (Alternative A): Power is delivered over the same pairs used for data transmission (pairs 1,2 and 3,6).
- Mode B (Alternative B): Power is delivered over the spare pairs (pairs 4,5 and 7,8).
- 4PPoE: Uses all four twisted pairs in parallel to increase power delivery capacity . **Classification and Negotiation:**
- Detection: PSE applies a small voltage to identify a PoE-compatible PD.
- Classification: PSE determines the PD's power class to allocate the correct power...

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