

Re: Gigabit Switch for our Network?

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Jeff Cochran typed this:

> *On Fri, 18 Jun 2004 07:16:11 -0700, Doc <pc-dc-doc@nospam.comcast.net>*
> *wrote:*
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>>*Anyone have any suggestions for a Gigabit non-managed 16 to 24 port*
>>*switch (not layer 3)...?*
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>>*IT will be going into our Netware / Win2K server network ...*
>>*Would like to stick with the "same" maker as the NICs we'll be buying*
>>*(of course that may be hard with the DELL switches, or even CISCO)*
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>>*Have been wondering about Zxyel, Netgear, SMC, 3COM, and DELL.*
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> *I've been seriously looking at a Netgear switch. The modules for our*
> *HP switches would get me at most two ports for the cost of the Netgear*
> *unit. I'll be interested in anything others post on this as well.*
> *Jeff*

I have used Netgears for some time. Like them, but have not ever used the Gigabit models. Of course I would believe that manufacturing practices run across the board within one company, usually the same factory (so to speak)...

We are going with a DELL Gigabit switch inside the server room for directly off the patch panel. We are a DELL office and all the servers that have GIG are DELLs... but we are tossing up the coin between the two or three smaller SWITCHES for upstairs between 3COM and NETGEAR.

Also trying to find out if we SHOULD go MANAGED in the server room. I am not sure it will help right now, but maybe later when we add another ten nodes of GIG stuff. ANYONE tell me what are the benefits of Switch management for small (35-40 nodes) office?

MANY thanks!

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