

Security industrial switches need to be connected to routers



AI Overview

Yes, industrial security switches typically need to be connected to routers to enable secure communication, network segmentation, and remote access across industrial networks.

Role of Industrial Switches and Routers

Industrial switches act as high-speed data transfer stations within a local area network (LAN), connecting PLCs, sensors, cameras, and other devices. They often support VLAN segmentation, PoE, ERPS ring redundancy, and high-density device access, ensuring reliable and uninterrupted communication within the industrial environment . Industrial routers serve as the boundary guardians of the network, managing cross-network communication, security policies, and remote access. They can integrate multiple network types (wired, 4G, Wi-Fi) and provide VPN functionality for secure remote operations, enabling personnel to access devices like PLCs without exposing the network to public IPs .

Connectivity and Network Design

Connecting switches to routers is essential for:

- Segmentation and Security:** Routers enforce policies between different network zones (e.g., OT and IT) and can implement firewalls, DPI, and zero-trust access .
- Remote Access:** Routers provide secure VPN or SD-WAN connections, allowing remote monitoring and control of industrial assets .
- Scalability:** Switches can expand device connectivity locally, while routers aggregate traffic and interface with higher-level systems like ERP or cloud applications .

Common topologies include:

- Star Topology:** Switches connect to a central router, ideal for small to medium factories. This simplifies maintenance and allows easy port expansion .
- Ring Topology:** Switches form a ring connected to a router, providing high redundancy and low-latency self-healing networks for large industrial parks or rail transit systems .

Security Integration

Modern industrial switches and routers often embed OT security features...

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It can provide extensive visibility into connected assets and communication patterns, enabling the insights needed for threat detection. As all inbound and outbound traffic goes through

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Because of this, routers often provide the security for the network, allowing only approved devices to connect. Most switches do not have an onboard firewall or many security features

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