

AV Network Best Practices (Managed Switch Network Infrastructure)

"The network is the foundation of a reliable system."

Best Practice's AV Network

<u>Building the Infrastructure:</u> (Multiple Configurations) This is assuming understanding of network configurations.

Android/Google TV and Sonos are Used as Examples

Recommended "Best": (Managed Switch)

- Layer 3 Router Behind Configured ISP Router or ISP/Consumer Purchased Modem
- Layer 3 Managed Switch Behind LAN Layer 3 Router
- Non-Blocking and Full-Duplex Layer 2 Unmanaged Switch(s) Cascading from Layer 3 Managed Switch
- Multiple APs or Single AP Behind Layer 3 Managed Switch

• **Option 1**: All "Like" Protocols or Devices on Same Switch. (See Below)

• All Google TVs Wired to One Switch





Option 2: Multi "Like" Protocols or Devices can Share the Same Switch. (See Below)



• All Google TVs Wired to Same Switch and Sonos Devices



• **Option 3**: If you are using Sonos, make sure (1) is Wired and the rest can be Wireless (*See Below*)



 Make Sure the APs are All on the Same Switch (This Diagram is using the POE of the Managed Switch) (See Below) • **Option 4**: Google TVs in this Configuration can All be on Wi-Fi, Sonos will still need (1) Wired Connection (*See Below*)



 Make Sure the APs are All on the Same Switch (This Diagram is using the POE of the Managed Switch) (See Below)

- When using more than (1) Managed Switch
 - \circ $\,$ Main Managed Switch needs to be the LOWEST Number, making it the Priority.
 - Example: 32768
 - Next Managed Switch needs to be a HIGHER Number, so all traffic gets Managed by the Priority Switch.
 - Example: 36864

*If you don't change these settings, the Managed Switch with the LOWEST MAC Address will assume Priority.

Example of Root Bridge Priority in a Daisy Chanin Configuration



Example of Root Bridge Priority in a Star Topology Configuration

- Main Managed Switch will be the LOWEST, while the Managed Switches off the Priority Switch can all be the same, just needs to be a HIGHER number.



For Networks that will be using SONOS (5 or More Devices)

STP (Spanning Tree Protocol):

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- Sonos (SonosNet)
 - \circ Needs STP
- Android/Google TV ("Zero-Configuration Networking" Protocols, including Multicast version of DNS Service Discovery ([m]DNS-SD) Ethernet [V]LAN or inter-VLAN), Nest (Weave), Ring (Z-Wave), Apple (Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP), Apples Bonjour ("Zero-Configuration Networking") etc...
 - o All Needing MSTP

Configure (2) Managed Switches

Program one Managed Switch that has ALL Sonos devices to:

- Spanning Tree Protocol to STP

- Set Path Cost to **Specific** and Path Cost to **10** for Each Port with a Sonos Device Program the other Managed Switch to **MSTP** and Follow Above Instructions



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