

# Switches

Switches are a great and necessary part of networks, but for VOIP they require different considerations.

## Unmanaged Switches

Unmanaged switches (or dumb switches) are the easiest to use with VOIP systems, as they require no special settings or configuration. We do recommend that you avoid 4 or 5 port switches in favor of 8+ ports, as the 4 and 5 port switches are generally low quality and less reliable. Most unmanaged 8+ port switches can be had for \$20-30.

**Please note** - Managed switches that are not managed are not the same thing as an unmanaged switch.

## Managed Switches

Managed switches require proper configuration to work with VOIP systems.

**Please note** - *an unconfigured managed switch is not the same as an unmanaged switch.*

If using a managed switch, you will need an IT person.

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