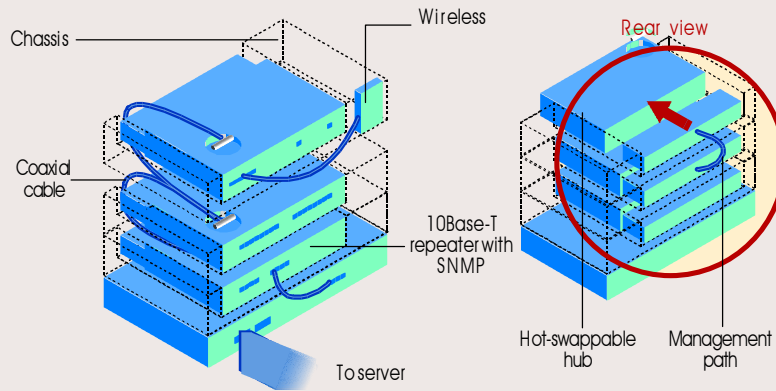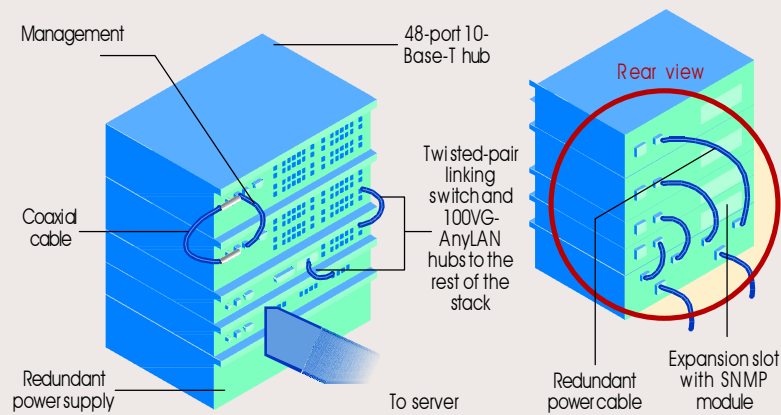# Digital MultiStack

Digital takes a unique approach to connecting hubs. Each hub snaps into a plastic housing, which is then stacked. The hubs connect via a coaxial cable attached on top of each. A separate management

Chassis

Wireless

Rear view

Coaxial cable

10Base-T repeater with SNMP

To server

Hot-swappable hub

Management path

HP AdvanceStack

Hewlett-Packard, the only vendor with a 100VG-AnyLAN solution, lets you stack a maximum of 16 hubs, for a total of 784 ports—the largest in this roundup. All are still managed through one module.

Management

48-port 10-Base-T hub

Rear view

Twisted-pair linking switch and 100VG-AnyLAN hubs to the rest of the stack

Coaxial cable

Redundant power supply

To server

Redundant power cable

Expansion slot with SNMP module

3Com SuperStack

Unlike the other two vendors here, 3Com uses proprietary cable to connect its LinkBuilder 10Base-T hubs. These cables provide both connectivity and management. Like the HP AdvanceStack, 3Com's

Twisted-pair linking the switch and 100Base-T hubs to the rest of the stack

Rear view

SNMP module

Data management path

Redundant power supply

To server

Redundant power cable

Optional transceiver interface