Choosing the right Cloud-Managed Switches

Windstream Enterprise can be your pathfinder through complex network IT choices, tailoring solutions to increase your agility as you evolve to meet business challenges. We will help adapt, evolve and optimize your IT infrastructure without disruptions. We understand one size does not fit all and can help guide an organization to select the right Cloud-Managed Switches platform to support an innovation strategy.

Cloud-Managed Switches platform	Windstream Enterprise with Fortinet	Windstream Enterprise with Meraki
Use cases		
Feature-rich solution	+	+
High performance	+	+
Highly distributed locations–low number of employees	+	+
Highly price sensitive	+	–
Deploying new cloud-based features	+	+
Upgrading technology platform–modernizing infrastructure	+	+
Network architecture		
Cloud-enabled	+	+
Firmware version control	+	–
Plug and play deployment	+	+
8-port POE budget	130W	124W
24-port POE budget	370W	370W
48-port POE budget	740W	740W
8-port - SFP ports	2	2
24-port - SFP ports	4	4
48-port - SFP ports	4	4
Stacking across models	+	Limited
Integration with security fabric	+	–
Application visibility support	+	Limited
Analytics for free	Limited	–
Management		
Fully managed and co-managed	+	+
Ownership		
Resell of hardware, Windstream manages	+	–

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