

Etherchannel "Load Balancing" Switches

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We need to get more Ethernet traffic in/out of some of our servers (mainly TSM – but not exclusively).

Etherchannel is the most attractive method for a number of reasons.

The Etherchannel implementation on AIX supports "per packet" load balancing or "per flow" load distribution. (I refuse to call "per flow" load balancing.) 802.3ad on AIX only supports various "per flow" load distributing methods.

Does anyone know of any GbE switches which support "per packet" load balancing Etherchannel?

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P.S. Yes, I am aware this can cause out of order packet delivery. ALL the traffic will be TCP and I do not think the out of order packets will be a problem.