SW/ITCH

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The Foundation SWITCH



Purpose (1987):

"... to create, promote and maintain the necessary fundamental means for efficient use of modern telecommunication methods for the benefit of education and research in Switzerland and to participate in such fundamental activities...."

Future Trends in University Environment:

New research areas need higher network bandwidth
Bologna Declaration -> increased student mobility
Synergies: Swiss Virtual Campus - SWITCH
10% more students -> some need to work @home
National Research Priorities and National Competence Centres
foster co-operation between Swiss universities

Strategy of SWITCH (strategic business areas SBA) SW/ITCH



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SBA **Network**

Network Operation

Engineering IP, QoS, Routing, ...

Help Desk

Consulting

SBA **Security**

> Incident **Handling**

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SBA Internet **Identifiers**

Domain Name Registration

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- Administration
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SBA **NetServices**

> **Middleware** Incl. AAI

SWITCHmobile

SWITCHvconf

Content Delivery and Tools

Service Monitoring

Diverse Applications incl. News

Organisation Structure





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SBA Network



- Expansion of SWITCHlambda fibre network
 - Co-operation with physical transmission media
 - Know-How and technologies available
 - Quick availability of connections for projects
 - Lower future operating costs
- More network connections for research but not for high schools
- Early adopters to new network technologies (IPv6, IPsec,...)
- Quality control of services down to end user
 - SWITCH is a trusted partner
 - Appropriate diagnoses tools are being developed
 - SWITCH offers support and engineering to optimise throughput, delay and jitter

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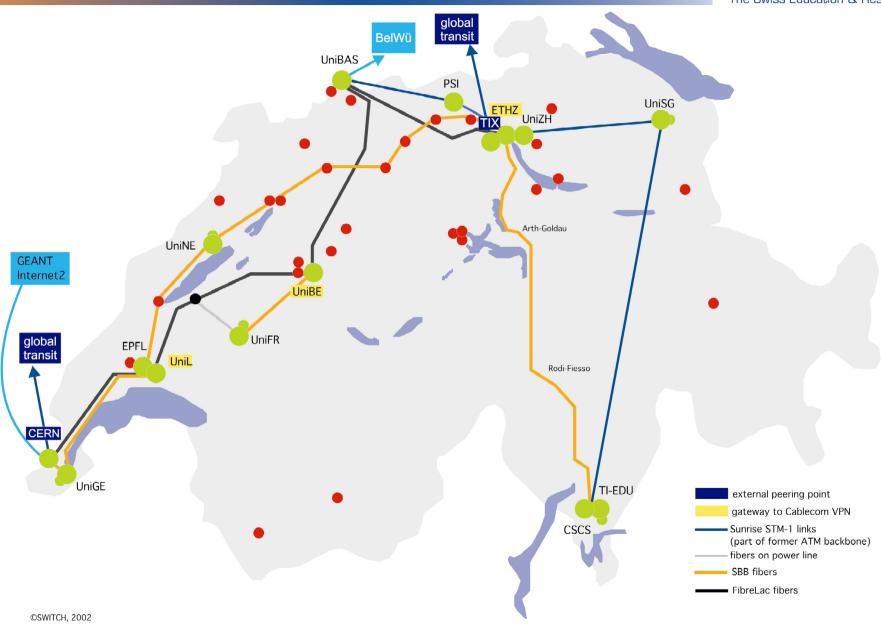
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SWITCHIan topology beginning 2003



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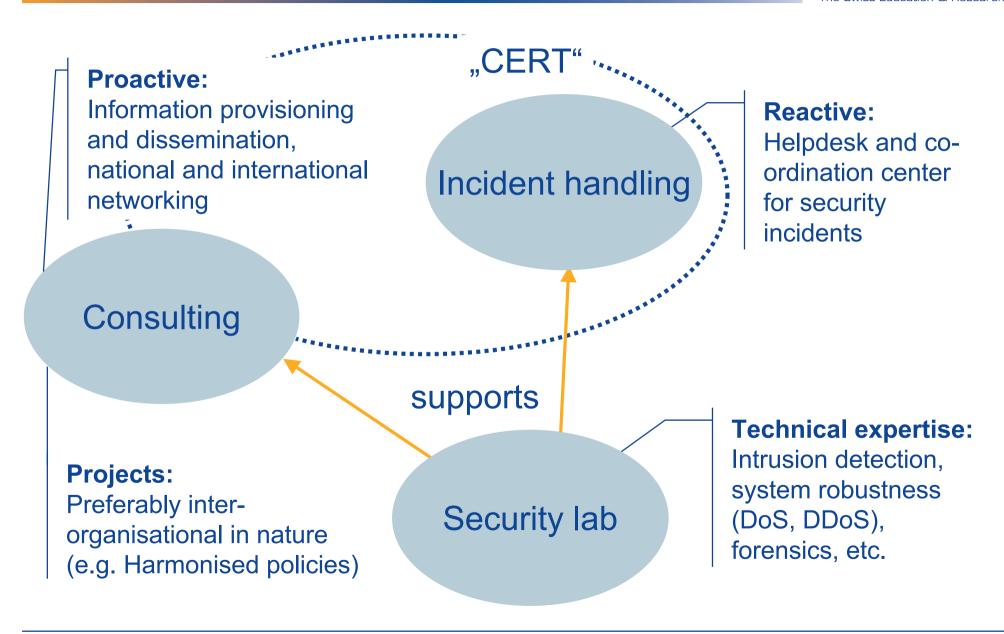
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Areas of Activity





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SWITCH to remain Domain Registry

- Know-How, expertise and customer trust well established
- Increase of registrations via partners
- Take advantage of emotional component of this service
- Influence legal framework
- Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM)
- Follow technical innovations (expanded set of characters,...)

Identify new services

- In the field of user registration
- Bulk business is a strength of SWITCH

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AAI to be dealt with priority

- Contacts and know-how established
- Important basis for further services to universities and to SWITCH
- Data protection to be dealt with special care
- Study GRID-technologies and clarify requirements
- Support mobile users
 - coordinated infrastructure for network access and AAI
- Increase usage and benefits of SWITCHvconf
 - Get target groups to know existing services better
 - Important component of new complex Collaboration-Tools
 - Secure scalability and international networking

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Video Conferencing



- Improves the Quality of Remote Collaboration
- From every desk (only TCP/IP is needed)
- Conferences with 12 Participants (TCP/IP, ISDN, Phone)
- International Numbering Schema

