

- Port

Layer 1 VLAN (Port-based VLANs): This solution associates each Switch port to a given VLAN. In other words each station connected to a certain port becomes automatically part of a given VLAN. Ports here are referred as **untagged ports** and receive **untagged frames**, this frames are traditional ones (do not contain any information about VLAN membership).
- MAC ADDRESS

Layer 2 VLAN (MAC Address-based VLAN): In this case VLANs aggregate the stations according to its MAC address. The mapping **MAC/VLAN** is introduced via software by the network manager. One station can belong to different VLANs. The frames used here are referred as **tagged frames** (contain a tag indicating membership).
- IP

Layer 3 VLAN (Network Address-based VLAN): Here the grouping of stations into a certain VLAN is done using the information included in the IP address, which requires the using of switches with capacity for processing **layer 3 headers**, or in alternative using routers.