

The fiber optic cable needs to be connected to two switches



Article Overview

Two network switches can be connected using a duplex fiber optic cable with SFP transceivers, ensuring proper send/receive alignment and appropriate fiber type.

Choosing the Right Fiber and Modules

To connect two switches, you typically use duplex fiber optic cabling, which consists of two strands: one for transmitting and one for receiving data. The fiber type depends on the distance:

- Multimode fiber (OM3/OM4): Suitable for runs under 1000 feet (≈ 300 meters) and commonly used in data centers or short-range connections .
- Single-mode fiber (OS2): Used for longer distances over 1000 feet, providing higher bandwidth and lower attenuation . Each switch must have an SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) or SFP+ module compatible with the fiber type. SFP modules handle the conversion between electrical signals and optical signals and are specific to either multimode or single-mode fiber .

Cable Termination and Connections

- Use LC connectors, which are standard for most SFP modules. Duplex LC-LC cables are pre-terminated and ready to use, saving installation time and reducing errors .
- Ensure the send and receive ports are crossed: the transmit port on one switch connects to the receive port on the other, and vice versa

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Optical fiber connector

Field-mountable optical fiber connectors are used to join optical fiber jumper cables that contain one single-mode fiber. Field

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Can two switches with optical ports be directly connected by optical fiber? Yes, the main line of the optical fiber LAN is

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Terminate your fiber optic cabling with two LC-style connectors or purchase a pre-terminated fiber optic cable with two LC-style

Connecting two switches through a fiber cable

If there is no link light when you connect the fiber port, you have most likely a physical layer issue. So, check to see if

Connecting Network Switches via Fiber

Choose an SFP module based on the fiber optic cabling that will be connected to the network switches. SFP transceiver modules

The FOA Reference For Fiber Optics

Fiber optic joints or terminations - where cables are terminated - are made two ways: 1) connectors that mate two fibers to create a

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