

The switch supports optical module interfaces



Article Overview

Most modern switches support optical module interfaces such as SFP, XFP, and GBIC, but compatibility depends on the switch model and certified modules.

Optical Module Types and Interfaces

Switches use optical modules to convert electrical signals to optical signals and vice versa, enabling high-speed data transmission over fiber. Common module types include SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable), GBIC, XFP, and XENPAK, each with different sizes, speeds, and application scenarios. Optical interfaces, such as LC, SC, and FC connectors, serve as the physical connection points for fiber cables, and the choice of module and interface affects transmission distance and reliability .

Certification and Compatibility

Many switches, such as Huawei and Cisco models, require the use of vendor-certified optical modules. Using non-certified modules can lead to link instability, interface errors, or failure to bring the port up. For example, Huawei switches will generate alarms if non-certified modules are installed, and Cisco Catalyst switches may experience unpredictable behavior with third-party SFPs . Certification ensures that the module has been tested for interoperability and reliability with the switch.

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Multi-mode optical fiber

Multi-mode optical fiber is a type of optical fiber mostly used for communication over short distances, such as within a building or on a

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Small Form-factor Pluggable

The advantage of using SFPs compared to fixed interfaces (e.g. modular connectors in Ethernet switches) is that individual ports can

Optical module

Optical modules can either plug into a front panel socket or an on-board socket. Sometimes the optical module is replaced by an

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For this implementation, most optical modules integrate a gearbox between the eight-lane switch ASIC connection and the four

Small Form-factor Pluggable

Small Form-factor Pluggable Small Form-factor Pluggable connected to a pair of fiber-optic cables Small Form-factor Pluggable

Checking the Optical Module Type

Different optical interfaces may support different types of optical modules. The selected optical modules must be supported by the

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