Both ends of the switch optical module



Overview

A pair of SFP+ BiDi optical modules are inserted into the fiber optic converters at both ends and connected via a single-mode patch cord.

Key Takeaways

Both ends of a switch optical module must be properly matched in wavelength, speed, fiber type, and duplex mode to ensure reliable optical communication.

Overview of Optical Modules

An optical module is a hot-pluggable transceiver that converts electrical signals from a switch into optical signals for transmission over fiber, and vice versa at the receiving end. Each module has a transmit (Tx) port and a receive (Rx) port, which correspond to the two ends of the fiber link. The module connects to the switch via an electrical interface and to the fiber via an optical interface.

Key Considerations for Both Ends

Wavelength Matching: The optical modules at both ends must operate at the same wavelength. For example, a 1310nm module cannot communicate with an 850nm module, as mismatched wavelengths cause signal loss and transmission errors. Speed Compatibility: Modules must support the same data rate.

A 10G SFP+ module should be paired with another 10G SFP+ module. Using a 1G SFP in a 10G port may limit speed or fail to connect. Fiber Type: Single-mode and multimode fibers require corresponding modules.

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Single-mode modules are used for long-distance links, while multimode modules are suitable for shorter distances. Duplex Mode: Full-duplex modules must be paired with full-duplex modules. Mixing full-duplex and half-duplex modules will prevent proper communication.

Distance and Power: The optical module should match the transmission distance. For example, a 300m multimode link requires a module rated for that distance.

Practical Setup

Patch Cords: Use compatible fiber patch cords (single-mode or multimode) to connect the Tx of one module to the Rx of the other and vice versa. Module Types: Common configurations include 1. 25G SFP, 10G SFP+, 25G SFP28, 40G QSFP+, and 100G QSFP28, each matched with appropriate fiber or DAC/AOC cables.

Switch Ports: Ensure the module fits the switch port form factor and supports the intended speed and protocol.

Summary

To establish a reliable optical link between switches, both ends of the optical module must be carefully matched in wavelength, speed, fiber type, duplex mode, and distance capability. Proper selection and installation ensure low loss, high stability, and long service life for network interconnections.

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