

How to determine the transmission distance of an optical module



Article Overview

The transmission distance of an optical module can be checked by examining its specifications, operating wavelength, fiber type, link budget, or using device commands to read module parameters.

1. Check the Optical Module Label and Specifications

Most optical modules have labels or datasheets indicating their supported transmission distance. For example, a module labeled QSFP28-100G-LR4 indicates a long-reach (LR) module designed for single-mode fiber, typically supporting distances up to tens of kilometers, while SR (short-reach) modules are limited to multimode fiber and shorter distances, usually under 500 meters . The label may also include the wavelength and data rate, which are key factors in estimating reach.

2. Consider the Working Wavelength and Fiber Type

- Multimode fiber (MMF) modules operate at wavelengths like 850nm or 910nm and have shorter distances due to modal dispersion, typically 100-500 meters .
- Single-mode fiber (SMF) modules operate at 1310nm or 1550nm and can support long-haul transmission from 2 km up to 40 km or more . The fiber type (OM3, OM4, OM5 for MMF) also affects the maximum distance, with higher-grade fibers supporting longer links.

3. Use Link Budget Calculations...

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However, the transmission distance of the optical module is not as far as possible, and appropriate solutions should

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