

Optical modules are installed in the switch



Article Overview

Optical modules connect to switches via hot-pluggable electrical sockets on the switch, with fiber optic cables linking the module to the network.

Physical Connection

Optical modules, such as SFP, QSFP, or CFP transceivers, are designed to be hot-pluggable, meaning they can be inserted or removed from a switch without powering it down. They typically plug into a front-panel socket or an on-board socket on the switch. The module's electrical interface mates with the switch's internal circuitry, allowing data to flow between the switch's backplane and the optical module.

Electrical Interface

The electrical side of the optical module carries digital signals between the switch and the module. Early modules used analog NRZ interfaces, but modern modules use retimed digital interfaces such as the Common Electrical Interface (CEI), which standardizes high-speed data transmission. This interface ensures that the switch can send and receive data at the required bandwidth without signal degradation.

Optical Interface

On the network side, the optical module has a fiber optic interface. A fiber optic cable is connected to the module, transmitting data as light pulses. The module converts...

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What Is an Optical Module

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Optical module

In order to save power within the module, optical modules have been made that used the digital interface definition, such as the CEI,

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