

Optical modules are the absolute core of computing power



Overview

Optical modules reduce power consumption and improve system stability, allowing AI systems to run longer with fewer interruptions. Optical modules, as the “couriers” that transmit data between devices in the network, bear the heavy responsibility of sending and receiving massive data for the “computing power highway,” making their importance increasingly prominent. This article will systematically introduce the definition. This article examines why spine-leaf networks must evolve, how 400G and 800G optical modules fundamentally change network performance, and what best practices data center architects should follow when planning an upgrade. Optical modules. Optical computing or photonic computing uses light waves produced by lasers or incoherent sources for data processing, data storage or data communication for computing. For decades, photons have shown promise to enable a higher bandwidth than the electrons used in conventional computers (see. Optical modules are the unsung heroes of modern data communication. These compact devices serve as the interface between electrical systems (like switches and servers) and optical fiber networks.



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