

Process of integrating optical modules with switches



Article Overview

To connect optical modules between switches, select compatible SFP/SFP+ modules, use the correct fiber type, ensure proper duplex connections, and follow safe installation procedures.

Step 1: Choose the Correct SFP/SFP+ Module

- Determine the port type on your switches: SFP (1G), SFP+ (10G), or QSFP (40G/100G) .
- Select a module compatible with your switch brand and network speed .
- Choose the module based on fiber type:
- Multimode (MMF) for short distances (typically 850nm, up to a few hundred meters)
- Single-mode (SMF) for long distances (1310nm or 1550nm, several kilometers) .

Step 2: Prepare Fiber Optic Cabling

- Use duplex fiber cables (two strands) for SFP modules, terminated with LC connectors .
- Ensure polarity is correct: connect the transmit (TX) of one switch to the receive (RX) of the other and vice versa .
- For short links, Direct Attach Copper (DAC) cables with pre-terminated SFP connectors can be used .
- For longer links, use premade fiber patch cords or terminate bulk fiber with LC connectors

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