

Switches directly use fiber optic cables



Article Overview

Network switches can connect directly to fiber optic cables using SFP or SFP+ ports with appropriate transceiver modules and duplex fiber cabling.

Fiber-Ready Switches

Most modern network switches include SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) or SFP+ slots that allow direct fiber connections . These slots accept transceiver modules that convert electrical signals from the switch into optical signals for fiber transmission. Switches without built-in fiber ports can still connect to fiber networks using media converters, which convert copper Ethernet signals to optical signals .

Required Components

- SFP/SFP+ Modules: These modules are specific to the type of fiber being used—single-mode (OS2) for long distances or multimode (OM3/OM4) for shorter runs . SFP modules typically support 1G speeds, while SFP+ modules support 10G, and QSFP modules support higher bandwidths .
- Fiber Optic Cables: Duplex fiber cables with two strands are standard, one for transmitting and one for receiving signals. Pre-terminated cables with LC connectors are commonly used, though SC, ST, and MTP/MPO connectors are also available depending on the network setup .

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Fiber-optic cable

A fiber-optic cable, also known as an optical-fiber cable, is an assembly similar to an electrical cable but containing one or more

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