

Why is my fiber optic connection to the switch stuck



Article Overview

A fiber optic connection can be stuck due to SFP incompatibility, cable issues, polarity mismatches, or signal degradation.

Common Causes

1. SFP/Transceiver Issues Using an incompatible or faulty SFP/SFP+ module is a frequent cause of a fiber link not coming up. Ensure the transceiver is supported by your switch model and matches the required speed (e.g., 1G, 10G) and type (SR, LR, etc.), . Firmware mismatches or module failures can also prevent detection or cause link instability . 2. Fiber Cable Problems Physical damage, sharp bends, or dirty connectors can block or degrade the optical signal. Inspect the cable for visible damage and clean connectors with lint-free wipes and isopropyl alcohol . Ensure the cable type (single-mode or multi-mode) matches the SFP specifications. 3. Polarity and Tx/Rx Alignment Fiber links require the transmit (Tx) on one end to connect to the receive (Rx) on the other. If the link is inactive, flipping one end of the duplex cable 180° often resolves polarity issues . 4. Configuration and Speed Settings Incorrect speed or duplex settings can prevent the link from coming up. Verify that both ends of the connection are configured for compatible speeds, and consider manually setting the speed if auto-negotiation fails . 5. Signal Strength and Environmental Factors Excessive attenuation due to long distances, bending, or environmental conditions can reduce signal strength below operational thresholds. Use an optical power meter or OTDR to measure signal levels and identify weak points

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Perhaps there was some miscommunication about what type of fiber was run? or maybe the distance is too far for the

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We've had the fibre run tested by our fibre contractor, the fibre is good, we did replace the SFP modules, because they

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