# How to label single-mode and multi-mode optical modules



## Overview

Typically, single mode SFP modules are labeled as "SM" or "single mode," while multimode modules may be labeled as "MM" or "multimode. To determine if your SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) module is single mode or multimode, you can look for specific markings or labels on the module itself. ". Whether you're designing a short-range data center network or a long-distance metro backbone, understanding the distinctions between single vs. multi-mode modules is essential. This guide breaks down these two critical dimensions of optical transceiver design to help. Choosing the right type of fiber optic cable is essential for reliable and cost-effective network performance. The distinction is important as it affects network performance, distance, and overall cost.

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