Two fiber optic modules on the switch



Overview

In cases where the distance between switches exceeds the total cable length, you can use the LC-LC coupler to connect two fiber optic cables together.

Key Takeaways

Two switches can be connected via fiber optic modules using compatible SFP transceivers, appropriate fiber type, and correct port configuration.

Key Considerations

When connecting two switches with fiber optic modules, ensure the following: Fiber Type Compatibility: Both switches should use the same fiber mode—either single-mode or multi-mode. If one switch uses single-mode and the other multi-mode, a mode converter is required. Module Type: Use SFP (1G), SFP+ (10G), or QSFP (higher bandwidth) modules that match the switch port and desired speed.

Duplex and Strand Count: Most SFP modules require duplex fiber (two strands) for separate transmit and receive signals.

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P modules can be used if only one fiber strand is available. Wavelength Matching: Ensure the transmit and receive wavelengths of the modules are compatible (e.g., 850nm, 1310nm, 1550nm for dual-fiber; 1310nm/1550nm for single-fiber BiDi),. Optical Power and Distance: Verify that the optical power output and sensitivity of the modules support the intended transmission distance.

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Port Configuration: Connect the fiber strands correctly between the SFP ports (A to B, B to A) to ensure proper signal flow.

Practical Setup Options

Direct Connection: For short distances, connect the SFP modules of each switch directly using pre-terminated fiber patch cables. Ensure the fiber type and module specifications match. Media Converters: If a switch lacks SFP ports, a fiber media converter can bridge copper Ethernet to fiber, extending the network beyond the 100-meter copper limit.

Topology Considerations: Common topologies include star (central switch connecting to multiple switches) and daisy chain (switches connected in series). Star topology is preferred for performance and reliability.

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Channel for Bandwidth: Multiple SFPs can be combined using EtherChannel to increase uplink bandwidth between switches.

Example

To connect two Cisco 3750G switches with TwinGig modules: Each TwinGig module supports 2 SFPs. Install 1 or 2 SFPs per module depending on desired bandwidth. Use compatible GLC-SX-MM SFPs for multimode fiber connections.

Connect the fiber strands correctly and configure EtherChannel if using multiple links. By following these guidelines, you can establish a reliable, high-speed fiber connection between switches, ensuring compatibility and optimal network performance.

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Fiber modules

The BX-U and BX-D types are SFPs for use in cases where you have only a single strand of singlemode fiber. They are not compatible with any GBIC that would go into the mini-GBIC form

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