# Connect 3 fiber optic switches



## Overview

SFP transceiver modules are specific to the type of fiber being connected (either single mode or multimode).

## Key Takeaways

Use a star or hub-and-spoke topology with duplex fiber and compatible SFP modules to connect three switches efficiently.

### Recommended Topology

For three switches, a star (hub-and-spoke) topology is ideal. In this setup, one switch acts as the central hub, and the other two switches connect directly to it. This ensures high performance, reduces collisions, and simplifies troubleshooting.

While daisy-chaining is possible, it can introduce latency and single points of failure, so a star topology is preferred for small networks.

### Fiber Optic Cabling

Duplex fiber is required for standard SFP connections, with one strand for transmitting and one for receiving. Multimode fiber (50/125 OM3) is suitable for runs under 1000 feet, while single-mode fiber is recommended for longer distances. Pre-terminated fiber cables with LC connectors save time and reduce installation errors.

### SFP Module Selection

Each switch must have an SFP or SFP+ module compatible with the fiber type and network speed (1G, 10G, or higher). Ensure the fiber strands are connected correctly: send (Tx) on one end to receive (Rx) on the other.

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### Connection Steps

Insert the SFP modules into the SFP ports of each switch. Connect the duplex fiber cables from the central switch to each of the other two switches. Verify that the link lights on the switches indicate up/up status, confirming proper connectivity.

Optionally, configure link aggregation or VLANs if needed for performance or segmentation.

### Additional Tips

Use pre-terminated cables to reduce labor and avoid field terminations. Keep fiber runs organized and labeled to simplify maintenance. For redundancy, consider dual connections from each edge switch to the central switch if your SFP modules and switch ports support it.

By following this approach, you can establish a reliable, high-speed fiber network between three switches with minimal complexity and future scalability.

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