Fiber optic port lit switch not working



Overview

Troubleshoot Fiber Links on Catalyst 9000 Series SwitchesThis document describes how to troubleshoot fiber optic interfaces by addressing some of the fiber.

Key Takeaways

A lit fiber optic port does not guarantee network connectivity; the issue may stem from cabling, SFP modules, switch hardware, or configuration errors.

Initial Physical Checks

Even if the port LED is on, start with basic physical inspections: Cables and connectors: Look for visible damage, sharp bends, or loose connections. Fiber connectors should be clean; dust or oil can block signals. Use lint-free wipes and isopropyl alcohol to clean connectors if needed.

SF

P modules: Ensure they are properly seated and compatible with the switch. Swap with a known-good SFP to rule out module failure. Power and hardware: Confirm both switches and any media converters are powered on and functioning.

Testing and Diagnostics

Static I

P test: Connect a device to the switch and assign a static IP in the correct subnet. Attempt to ping the default gateway to determine if the issue is DHCP-related or a physical connectivity problem.

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OTD

R or power meter: For longer fiber runs or suspected signal loss, use an Optical Time-Domain Reflectometer (OTDR) or power meter to measure signal strength and detect breaks or excessive attenuation. Port and interface status: On managed switches, use commands like show interface or show module to check for errors, shutdown status, or hardware faults.

Common Causes

Dirty or misaligned connectors: Even minor contamination can prevent data transmission despite a link light.

Faulty SF

P or incompatible module: Some SFPs may not be supported by the switch or may degrade over time. Cable or fiber damage: Physical stress, bends, or environmental exposure can reduce signal quality. Switch or media converter issues: Hardware failures or misconfigured ports can block traffic even if the link appears active.

Environmental factors: Moisture, temperature extremes, or pests can damage outdoor switches or fiber runs.

Recommended Troubleshooting Steps

Power cycle the switches and any connected media converters. Inspect and clean all fiber connectors.

Swap SF

P modules with known-good units. Test the fiber with a power meter or OTDR to verify signal integrity. Move the fiber to a different port or switch to isolate potential hardware faults.

If using unmanaged switches, test connectivity with static IPs to rule out DHCP or network configuration issues. By systematically checking physical connections, SFP modules, switch hardware, and signal quality, you can identify whether the problem lies in the fiber link, the transceivers, or the switch itself, even when the port LED indicates a link.

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Introduction This document describes how to troubleshoot fiber optic interfaces by addressing some of the fiber optic module and cabling specifications. Prerequisites Requirements

SFP Troubleshooting: Fix No Link, Detection and Fiber Issues

Perform a module swap test using a known working SFP module. If the issue persists after these steps, collect diagnostic logs and contact the equipment vendor for further analysis.

SFP Issue: Causes, Fixes, and Troubleshooting Guide

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Link but no connection with fibre, where to next?

Because devices connected to Switch A are still getting DHCP and the Link light is on for the SFP port, Switch A hasn''t been replaced yet.

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Fiber Optic Troubleshooting: Expert Guide for Common Issues

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Used 10/100/1000Mbps 1Port&4Ports Ethernet to Fiber Optic Media ...

Specifications: Type: Fiber optic media converter Product name: Media Converters Standard: IEEE802.3/IEEE802.3U etc. Ethernet ports support full / half duplex mode Transmission Distance:

Troubleshooting Fiber Cables : r/networking

There is a single mode optical fiber cable in our datacenter going from a Cisco N5K to another N5K across different racks. The link appears to be dead and I''m hoping to fix it, but I have little to no

Fiber port of switch does NOT working

Hello, Recently some of switches I have has been shown faulty issue on Fiber port. I have seen this kind of issue on both ''3750X series and 2960X series'', and issue is following: -

New Fibre Cable Link Not Working

Hi All, We''ve recently had a new fibre cable installation which connects from one of our switches to another. On both switches where you''d plug the SFP module in, I can see a red light

Solved: Physical Fiber Connection Issue

Hello. I am trying to get a Cisco 3750g and a Hirschman rs30 to communicate through fiber. For some reason I cannot even get link lights. This means physical connection issue to me. I

Lights on SFP on one side but not the other? : r/networking

Lights on SFP on one side but not the other? I am connecting 2 switches via SMF using SFP transceivers. One switch shows light when I plug in the fiber, but the other side doesn''t. This seem to

Fibre link shows "Connected" at one end but "Not connected" at the ...

Hi I have a strange problem I have not come across before, where one end of a fibre connection shows as "connected" but the other end shows as "not connected". I have a C2960

Troubleshooting fibre connectivity.

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While I was moving servers and switches to new IT room, i lost the fibre link between old and new building. So I connected a backup fibre between other two backup switches and connected

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