Interconnecting two switches with optical ports



Overview

Can two switches with fiber ports be directly connected through fiber ports? The answer is yes. The mainline of the fiber optic LAN directly connects to the switch, then to the router.

Key Takeaways

Two switches can be directly connected via their optical ports using compatible SFP transceivers and fiber optic cables, ensuring proper mode, wavelength, and configuration.

Equipment Needed

To interconnect two switches via optical ports, you will need: SFP or SFP+ transceivers compatible with each switch's port type and speed. Ensure both are either single-mode or multi-mode and have matching wavelengths. Fiber optic cable (LC-LC or appropriate connector type) that matches the transceivers.

Pre-terminated multi-strand fiber cables are recommended for ease of installation and low insertion loss.

Optional L

C couplers if connecting two separate fiber cables.

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Steps to Connect

Insert SF

P modules into the optical ports of both switches. Connect the fiber cable between the SFP modules, ensuring transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx) are correctly aligned. For duplex fiber, one strand is Tx and the other is Rx.

For single-fiber transceivers, ensure the wavelengths match. Verify the link: Check the port LEDs or use commands like show interface status to confirm the optical link is active.

Enable VLA

Ns or interfaces if necessary. On Cisco switches, you may need to issue no shutdown on the VLAN interface to bring it up.

Compatibility Considerations

Fiber type: Single-mode (SMF) for long distances, multi-mode (MMF) for short distances. Both switches must use the same type. Wavelength: Ensure SFPs have matching transmit and receive wavelengths.

Mismatched wavelengths prevent link establishment. Port speed and duplex: Both optical ports should support the same speed (1G, 10G, etc.) and duplex mode. Distance: Verify the fiber length does not exceed the maximum supported by the SFP modules.

Network Topology Tips

For small setups, a direct link between two switches is sufficient. In larger networks, consider cascading switches in a star or tree topology, but avoid more than four layers to maintain performance. Fiber interconnects reduce congestion and allow high-speed data transfer between switches, especially in backbone or server connections.

By following these steps and ensuring compatibility of SFP modules, fiber type, and configuration, the optical ports of two switches can be successfully interconnected, enabling seamless communication across the network.

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