

Optical Modules and Switches Access Layer



AI Overview

Access layer switch optical modules are SFP or SFP+ transceivers that connect end devices to fiber networks, selected based on uplink speed, distance, and fiber type.

Overview of Access Layer Switches Access layer switches are deployed in wiring closets or campus cabinets to connect end-user devices such as computers, IP phones, and wireless access points. In fiber optic networks, these switches often include SFP (1G) or SFP+ (10G) ports for uplinks to aggregation or core layers, supporting VLAN segmentation, PoE (if needed), and basic QoS for traffic management.

Optical Module Types Optical modules for access layer switches are chosen based on speed and distance:

- 1G SFP Modules:** 1000BASE-SX (short-range, multimode), 1000BASE-LX (long-range, single-mode), 1000BASE-ZX (extended-range, single-mode) for uplinks up to 10 km or more.
- 10G SFP+ Modules:** 10GBASE-SR (short-range, multimode), 10GBASE-LR (long-range, single-mode) for high-bandwidth uplinks.

Distance Considerations: Multimode SFPs (SR) are suitable for distances under 300 meters, while single-mode SFPs (LR/ER/ZX) support distances from 550 meters to 10 km or more.

Example Switches and Features

- S5710-28SX:** 24 x 1G SFP ports, 4 x 10G SFP+ uplinks, 4 x 1G combo ports. Supports a wide range of 100M/1G/10G SFP modules, with Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM) for real-time monitoring of temperature, optical power, and voltage.
- RG-S5310-48SFP4XS-E:** 48 x 1G SFP ports, 4 x 10G SFP+ uplinks, Layer 3 managed, with advanced security and network monitoring features.

Deployment Considerations

- Port Density:** Access switches typically have 24–48 ports to accommodate end devices.
- Fiber Type:** Match multimode or single-mode modules to the fiber infrastructure.
- Uplink Speed:** Choose 1G or 10G modules based on network bandwidth requirements.
- Monitoring:** Use switch monitoring features for real-time monitoring of temperature, optical power, and voltage.

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