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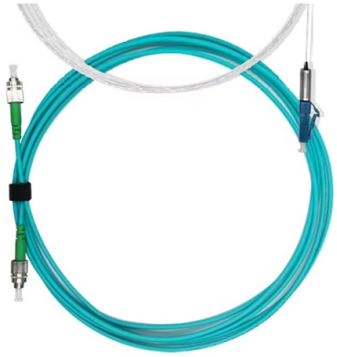

Overview

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Key Takeaways

Optical ports on switches can be configured to support various module types, enable diagnostics, and adapt to different speeds or single-fiber operation.Understanding Optical Modules

Optical modules, such as SFP, SFP+, or EDFA modules, are hot-pluggable transceivers that convert electrical signals to optical signals and vice versa, allowing switches to connect to fiber networks. They follow the Multi-Source Agreement (MSA) standards, ensuring compatibility across vendors, though some switch manufacturers recommend using certified modules to avoid operational issues .

Viewing Port and Module Status

To monitor optical modules, you can check:

• Link connectivity and negotiation status

• Transmit/receive optical power

• Temperature and voltage

• Module identification (vendor, part number, wavelength, serial number)

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• Digital Diagnostic Monitoring (DDM) for real-time diagnostics For example, on Extreme switches, you can query the module and port status using commands that display DDM information, link state, and module identification . Huawei switches provide display transceiver and display transceiver diagnosis commands to view similar information .
Configuring Optical Port Functions

Switches often allow additional configuration for optical ports:

• Enable DDM
• Command: ddm enable

• Purpose: Activates monitoring of optical module parameters such as TX/RX power, temperature, voltage, and bias current .

• Single-Fiber Transceiver Mode
• Command: single-fiber one-way {tx|rx}

• Purpose: Configures the port to operate in one direction (transmit or receive) for single-fiber applications. The port immediately enters LINK UP state after configuration .

• Adaptive Optical Module Function
• Command: fiber-auto-config or full parameter

• Purpose: Allows the port to automatically adjust to the speed of the inserted module. For example, a 10G port can adapt to a 1G module, and a Gigabit port can switch between auto-adaptive and enforcement modes .

• Clearing Previous Module Configurations
• When replacing an optical module (e.g., EDFA or PSM), clear the previous module's configuration before installing the new one to avoid conflicts .

Best Practices
• Always verify module compatibility with the switch to prevent errors or hardware damage .

• Use DDM to monitor optical power and temperature to maintain link reliability .

• For single-fiber deployments, ensure the correct TX/RX direction is configured.

• When using adaptive ports, confirm the enforcement mode if a specific speed is required. By following these steps, you can effectively configure, monitor, and optimize optical ports on network switches for reliable fiber connectivity.

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