

Optical modules on aggregation switches



AI Overview

Aggregation switches typically use 10G SFP+, 40G QSFP+, and 100G QSFP28 optical modules, with single-mode SFP+ modules recommended for longer distances.

Common Optical Modules
10G SFP+ Modules: These are widely used for downlinks to access switches and uplinks to the core network. They support standards such as 10GBASE-SR (short-range, multimode fiber), 10GBASE-LR (long-range, single-mode fiber), and 10GBASE-ER (extended-range, single-mode fiber) to accommodate distances from a few hundred meters up to 40 km or more depending on the module type and fiber used.
40G QSFP+ Modules: Used in high-density aggregation scenarios, these modules aggregate multiple 10G links or provide high-speed uplinks to the core. They are suitable for data center environments where multiple 10G or 25G connections need to be consolidated.
100G QSFP28 Modules: These modules are designed for ultra-high-speed aggregation, typically in large data centers or enterprise backbones. They support single-mode fiber for long-distance connections and can also be used with breakout cables to connect multiple lower-speed ports.

Fiber Type and Distance Considerations
Single-mode fiber (SMF): Recommended for aggregation switches when connecting across buildings or over distances exceeding 10 km. Modules like 10GBASE-LR or 10GBASE-ER are standard choices.
Multimode fiber (MMF): Suitable for short-range connections, typically under 300 meters, using 10GBASE-SR modules.

Additional Considerations
When selecting optical modules for aggregation switches, consider:
Link Aggregation (LACP): Combining multiple physical links into a single logical link for higher bandwidth and redundancy.
Port Density: Aggregation switches often have 24–48 downlink ports and 4–8 uplink ports, so module form factor and size (SFP+, QSFP+) are important for high-density deployments.
Redundancy and Reliability: Dual power supplies, redundant engines, and support for protocols like VRRP/HSRP enhance network resiliency.

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H3C S6520X-EI Series 10G SDN Switches Product Overview The H3C S6520X-EI Series are H3C self-developed 10G SDN Ethernet switches for next-generation core and aggregation layers.

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Understanding QSFP28 Optical Modules: A Comprehensive Guide Abstract: In today's rapidly evolving technological landscape, high-speed data transmission

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Product Overview The B1-S6750-48X6CQM-AC is a high-performance Layer 3 managed data center switch designed for aggregation, Top-of-Rack (ToR), leaf, enterprise, telecom, security, and private

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