FC switch fiber optic

Summary of Content

An FC fiber optic switch can refer to either a Fibre Channel switch for SANs or a MEMS/prism-based optical switch for routing light in fiber networks.

Fibre Channel (FC) Switch for SANs

A Fibre Channel switch is a network switch compatible with the Fibre Channel protocol, primarily used to create a Fibre Channel fabric, which is the backbone of a Storage Area Network (SAN) . It enables many-to-many communication between servers and storage devices, supports device name lookup, security, redundancy, and implements zoning to control traffic between nodes. FC switches can be deployed individually or in multi-switch configurations, connected via fiber optic cables. Major manufacturers include Brocade (Broadcom), Cisco, and QLogic (Marvell) .

High-performance models, such as the Cisco MDS 9124V, provide 64-Gbps connectivity, automatic zoning, nonblocking forwarding, NVMe/FC readiness, and advanced diagnostics like Inter-Switch Link (ISL) and HBA diagnostics . These switches are suitable for small to large-scale SANs, offering high bandwidth, low latency, and scalability for cloud-scale applications.

MEMS and Prism-Based Fiber-Optic Switches

MEMS fiber-optic switches use micro-electromechanical systems to redirect light between fibers. They are highly reliable, durable (up to 3 billion cycles), and available in multiple wavelength ranges (480–1625 nm). MEMS switches are non-latching, can be mounted on PCBs, and are offered with FC/PC or FC/APC connectors . They are commonly used in optical systems, OEM components, and evaluation boards.

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