

How to wire a fiber optic network switch



Summary of Content

Fiber optic network switches are typically connected using SFP/SFP+ modules and fiber cables in a star or daisy chain topology, with careful consideration of fiber type, strand allocation, and redundancy.

Key Components

- **Fiber Optic Cables:** Choose between single-mode (long-distance) and multi-mode (shorter distances) depending on your network requirements. Outdoor fiber should avoid metal sheaths to maintain electrical isolation .
- **SFP/SFP+ Modules:** These transceivers connect switches to fiber cables. SFP+ supports higher speeds (up to 10 Gbps) and is hot-swappable .
- **Patch Panels:** Used to organize and manage fiber connections, allowing easy reconfiguration without disrupting the network .
- **Media Converters:** Required if a switch lacks SFP ports, converting electrical signals to optical signals and vice versa .

Topology Options

- **Star Topology:** Each switch connects directly to a central core switch. This provides high performance and isolation, as each link is dedicated, reducing collisions and congestion. Fiber strands are typically allocated one per connection, so a 6-strand cable could connect up to three switches if using two strands per link (one for transmit, one for receive) .

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