How to configure dual-link optical ports on a switch



Overview

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces This feature allows multiple applications on the N port to use different identifiers and allows access control, zoning.

Key Takeaways

Dual-link optical ports can be connected using compatible SFP/SFP+ transceivers and fiber cables, with the switch managing redundancy or failover between the links.

Physical Connection

To connect dual-link optical ports, you need matching SFP or SFP+ transceivers for each port on the switch. Ensure that both transceivers support the same speed (e.g., 1 Gbps or 10 Gbps) and fiber type (single-mode or multi-mode) to avoid compatibility issues. Use LC-terminated fiber optic cables to connect the transceivers, ensuring that the transmit (TX) of one end connects to the receive (RX) of the other.

Pre-terminated fiber cables are recommended for ease of installation and minimal signal loss.

Redundancy and Failover

Many switches, such as ExtremeSwitching or Summit models, support automatic failover between copper and fiber or between multiple fiber links on combination ports. When connecting dual optical links: Connect each fiber to a separate SFP port on the switch. The switch will typically activate one link as primary and the other as redundant.

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If the active link fails, the switch automatically switches to the backup link without manual intervention. The order in which connectors are inserted can determine which link is active. For example, if a copper port is connected first, it may be treated as active, and the fiber port as redundant.

Inserting the fiber first can reverse this behavior.

Configuration Considerations

Verify SF

P compatibility with your switch using the manufacturer's optics-to-device compatibility matrix or commands like show idprom interface. Ensure both links are configured for the same speed and duplex settings to prevent link negotiation issues. For dual-link setups intended to increase bandwidth rather than redundancy, consider link aggregation (LACP) if supported by your switch, which allows multiple fiber links to operate as a single logical connection.

Best Practices

Use multi-mode fiber (OM3/OM4) for short distances and single-mode fiber (OS2) for longer runs. Avoid bending fiber cables sharply; maintain proper bend radius to prevent signal loss or damage. Label each fiber and transceiver to simplify troubleshooting and maintenance.

Test each link individually before enabling redundancy or aggregation to ensure proper operation. By following these steps, you can safely connect dual-link optical ports on a switch, achieving either redundancy or increased bandwidth while maintaining network stability and performance.

Article Content

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces

This feature allows multiple applications on the N port to use different identifiers and allows access control, zoning, and port security to be implemented at the application level.

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces

Each physical Fibre Channel interface in a switch may operate in one of several port modes: E mode, TE mode, F mode, and SD mode (see the figure below). A physical Fibre Channel interface can be

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