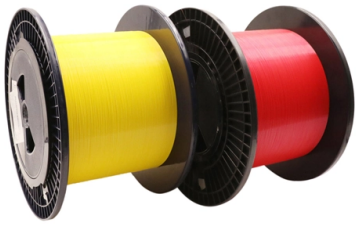
Switches and optical modules are incompatible



Overview

Optical Link Failure Troubleshooting: Switch-to-Switch (SMF/MMF) Learn how to troubleshoot optical link failures between network switches. Essential guide.

Key Takeaways

Optical modules may be incompatible with switches due to mismatched wavelengths, unsupported speeds, incorrect fiber types, or non-certified modules, leading to link failures or degraded performance.

Common Causes of Incompatibility

Wavelength Mismatch: Optical modules must operate at the same wavelength on both ends of a link. For example, a 1310nm module cannot interconnect with an 850nm module, and mismatched wavelengths can cause data loss or link failure. Speed or Data Rate Mismatch: Modules must support the same speed as the switch port.

A 1 Gbps SFP module may not function correctly in a 10 Gbps port, and vice versa. Fiber Type Mismatch: Single-mode modules (1310nm or 1550nm) must connect to single-mode fibers, while multimode modules (850nm) require multimode fibers. Using the wrong fiber type can prevent the link from establishing.

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Certified or Vendor-Specific Modules: Some switches only support OEM-approved or certified third-party modules. Using non-certified modules can result in ports failing to come up or unstable connections. Port or Optical Power Issues: Ports may be administratively shut down, or the transmitted/received optical power may be too low or too high, preventing proper link establishment.

Troubleshooting Steps

Verify Compatibility: Check the switch manufacturer's compatibility list and use certified modules whenever possible. Check Port Status: Ensure ports are not in a shutdown state and execute commands like display interface transceiver to check for alarms. Inspect Fiber and Connectors: Confirm correct fiber type, polarity, and clean connectors to avoid signal loss.

Match Module Specifications: Ensure both ends of the link have matching wavelength, speed, and duplex mode. Replace Faulty Modules: If incompatibility is confirmed, replace the optical module with a switch-certified one.

Best Practices

Use modules from the same manufacturer as the switch when possible. Avoid mixing long-distance and short-distance modules without proper attenuation. Regularly clean and inspect optical ports and connectors.

Monitor optical power levels to ensure they are within the supported range. By following these guidelines, network engineers can minimize optical module incompatibility issues and maintain stable, high-performance optical links.

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