

How to use a low-speed optical module



Article Overview

Low-speed optical modules, typically 1 Gbps or lower, are installed in compatible network devices to convert electrical signals to optical signals and vice versa, enabling reliable fiber-optic communication.

Understanding Low-Speed Optical Modules

Low-speed optical modules are designed for short-distance, low-rate data transmission and come in two main form factors:

- GBIC (Gigabit Interface Converter): Larger modules with SC interfaces, mostly used in legacy switches and older network systems.
- SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable): Compact modules with LC interfaces, ideal for high-density cabling environments and modern Gigabit Ethernet deployments .

Internally, a low-speed optical module consists of:

- Transmitter (TOSA): Converts electrical signals into optical signals using a laser diode (LD) or LED. The internal driver chip modulates the light source according to the input signal, and an Automatic Power Control (APC) circuit ensures stable optical output .
- Receiver (ROSA): Converts incoming optical signals back into electrical signals using a photodetector diode, which is then amplified by a preamplifier before outputting at the corresponding data rate .

Steps to Use a Low-Speed Optical Module

- Check Compatibility: Ensure the module form factor (SFP or GBIC) matches the network device slot and that the device supports the module's data rate....

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