Why does the switch have four optical ports

Article Overview

A switch has four optical ports to provide high-speed fiber connections, support network redundancy, enable uplinks to other switches, and allow flexible deployment in high-performance networks.

High-Speed Data Transmission

Optical ports on a switch are designed to handle fiber optic connections, which support much higher speeds and longer distances than traditional copper Ethernet ports. Common optical port speeds include 1G, 10G, 25G, 40G, and 100G, making them ideal for core, aggregation, or data center networks where large volumes of data must be transmitted efficiently without signal degradation .

Redundancy and Reliability

Having multiple optical ports allows a switch to connect to multiple upstream or peer devices, providing redundancy. If one fiber link fails, traffic can be rerouted through another port, ensuring network reliability and minimizing downtime. This is particularly important in enterprise or data center environments where continuous connectivity is critical .

Uplinks and Network Expansion

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