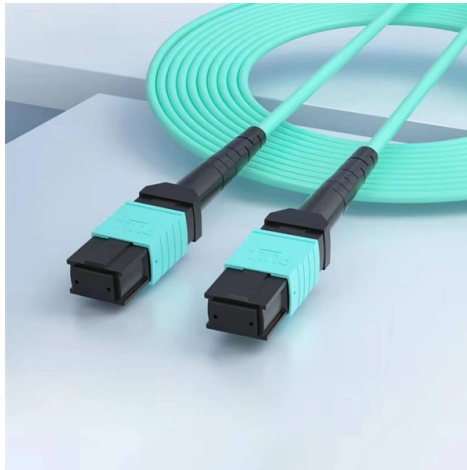


How to check the power of a switch s optical port



Overview

Log in to the switch console to run the privileged EXEC mode of the Cisco switch, use the `fiber-ports-optical-transceiver` command. The Output Power (mWatt) field in the command output indicates the received power of the optical module, and the Input Power (mWatt) field indicates the. When optical modules operate on a switch, it is usually necessary to read the module's internal information to understand its working status—such as connection status and real-time metrics like optical power and temperature. Additionally, identifying module information helps detect coding. This guide gives a practical, CLI-focused workflow for checking SFP health and diagnostics on Cisco switches, shows the exact commands you'll use, explains what the numbers mean, and compares OEM (Cisco) vs third-party modules so you can pick the right SFP module supplier for reliability and cost. Monitoring the optical power of SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) modules is a critical step in maintaining stable network links. Even if an interface appears up, degraded Tx/Rx levels can cause intermittent flapping, packet loss, or err-disabled states. Here are the sample commands for checking the TX/RX optical power. Sample Output: `IOS-router#show hw-module subslot 0/2 transceiver 2`. Some switches like Cisco, Hpe, Brocade will offer CLI (Command-Line Interface) reference for users to view SFP modules DDM/DOM information, which includes transceiver temperature, the supply voltage in the transceiver, laser bias current, RX power TX power (mW or μ W or dBm).

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