

Complete Guide to 40G Optical Modules



AI Overview

A 40G optical module, such as a QSFP+, is a hot-swappable transceiver that aggregates four 10G channels into a single 40G link, requiring proper installation, cabling, and polarity management for effective network operation.

Understanding 40G Optical Modules

40G QSFP+ modules are high-density, hot-pluggable transceivers that combine four independent 10Gbps channels into a single 40Gbps link, supporting standards like Ethernet, Fibre Channel, and InfiniBand. They come in short-range (SR4) and long-range (LR4/ER4) variants, optimized for multimode or single-mode fiber, with LR4 capable of transmitting up to 10 km over single-mode fiber using Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM). Modules can connect directly to another 40G QSFP+ or break out into four 10G SFP+ links.

Installation Steps

Hot-Swap the Module: Insert the QSFP+ module into the switch or router port. Ensure the module is aligned with the port and fully seated; it is hot-swappable, so the device does not need to be powered down.

Check Compatibility: Verify the module type matches your network requirements (SR4 for short distances, LR4 for long distances) and that the fiber type (single-mode or multimode) is compatible.

Connect Fiber Cables: Use MPO patch cords for parallel transmission modules like 40G-SR4. Ensure correct polarity using Type A, B, or C MPO cords depending on your network configuration. For LR4 modules, duplex LC connectors are used, and only PC or UPC flat-polished cables are supported; APC angled cables are not compatible.

MPO Cabling and Polarity Management

Type A (Key up–Key down): Straight-through fiber bundle; fibers maintain the same positions at both ends.

Type B (Key up–Key up): Full-cross fiber bundle; fibers are reversed at both ends.

Type C (Key up–Key down): Pair-wise cross; adjacent fiber pairs are reversed at the far end. Correct polarity ensures that transmit channels on one module align with receive channels on the other. Two common connection methods exist: one using a combination of Type A and Type B...

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