

Storage Fiber Optic Switch Configuration



AI Overview

Configuring a storage Fiber Channel switch involves setting up physical and virtual FC interfaces, assigning port modes, enabling VSANs, and connecting to SAN storage using proper SFP modules.

Key Steps for Configuration

- Licensing and Hardware Requirements** Ensure the switch has the appropriate Storage Protocol Services license for native FC support (e.g., Cisco N5010SS or N5020SS) if using Cisco Nexus switches. Without the license, virtual FC interfaces can be configured but remain non-operational until activated. Verify that the switch has the required FC expansion modules and SFP transceivers compatible with your SAN speed (8G, 16G, 32G) and distance requirements.
- Physical Interface Configuration**
 - Assign port modes: E (Expansion), F (Fabric), TE (Trunk Expansion), SD (Single Domain), or NP (N-Port Proxy) depending on the switch role.
 - Configure native FC interfaces in blocks (Juniper example: ports xe-0/0/0 through xe-0/0/5 as fc-0/0/0 through fc-0/0/5) to connect to the SAN.
 - Set speed, MTU, and transmitter parameters for each port.
 - Enable VSANs (default is VSAN 1) to segment SAN traffic logically.
- Virtual FC and FCoE Integration** Virtual FC interfaces support only F mode and can be mapped to FCoE-capable Ethernet interfaces. FCoE allows a single Ethernet link to carry both FC and Ethernet traffic, useful for converged networks.
- SAN Fabric and Port Channels**
 - Configure Inter-Switch Links (ISLs) using E ports to connect multiple switches.
 - Use SAN port channels to aggregate multiple FC links for redundancy and higher throughput.
 - Enable Fabric Shortest Path First (FSPF) or equivalent protocols for optimal path selection.
- SFP Module Selection** Use Fiber Channel SFPs designed for storage networks to ensure low-latency, lossless transmission. Match the SFP type to the switch port speed and distance requirements (short-range, long-range, or extended reach).
- Operational Verification** Check interface status, speed, and VSAN membership. Validate connectivity to storage arrays and HBAs. Monitor for errors and...

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Example SAN configurations

Figure 1. Simple SAN configuration Figure 2 illustrates a medium-sized configuration with external storage systems. The Fibre Channel SAN fabric consists of switches that are interconnected with

Configuring a Physical Fibre Channel Interface

Native FC interfaces connect to the storage area network (SAN) FC switch. You can configure ports xe-0/0/0 through xe-0/0/5 as fc-0/0/0 through fc-0/0/5, and ports xe-0/0/42 through xe

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After the physical configuration, switch on the switch and connect it to the network via Ethernet or optical connection, depending on the connectivity needs. For the configuration, use the

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On Cisco Nexus 5000 Series switches, Fibre Channel capability is included in the Storage Protocol Services license. Ensure that you have the correct license installed (N5010SS or N5020SS) before

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Assigning Interfaces to a Fibre Channel Fabric

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Performing Basic Configuration Tasks

This section describes how to configure your Brocade SAN using the Fabric OS command line interface (CLI). Before you can configure a storage area network (SAN), you must

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Fibre Channel switch

Fibre Channel switches may be deployed one at a time or in larger multi-switch configurations. SAN administrators typically add new switches as their server

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Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces

Each physical Fibre Channel interface in a switch may operate in one of several port modes: E mode, TE mode, F mode, and SD mode (see the figure below). A physical Fibre Channel interface can be

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