How many modules are needed for optical port stacking



Overview

The Bailly switch uses 16 efficient pluggable laser modules, two modules per 6.4Tbps optical engine.

Key Takeaways

At minimum, two stacking ports or one stacking module with two ports are required to form a functional optical stack.

Minimum Modules and Ports

For optical port stacking, the minimum requirement is two enabled stacking ports per switch to establish a proper stack connection, typically arranged in a ring or chain topology for redundancy and reliability (Cisco Catalyst 1300 Series). In modular switches, a stacking module is often used, which usually provides two dedicated stacking ports for optical or DAC connections. These ports are dedicated for inter-switch communication and cannot be used for regular network traffic or VLAN assignments.

Topology and Configuration

Ring Topology: The most common configuration connects all switches in a loop, with the last switch connecting back to the first, ensuring high availability. Chain Topology: A simpler linear connection can be used, but it is less resilient to a single switch failure. Port Pairing: Some vendors, like Huawei, recommend using stack member ports in powers of two to optimize bandwidth and load balancing.

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Optical Modules and CablesSFP/SFP+ or QSFP Modules: Optical stacking typically uses SFP+ for 10Gbps or QSFP28 for 40/100Gbps connections depending on the switch model. Direct Attach Copper (DAC) Cables: For short distances, DAC cables are preferred for stacking due to lower latency and cost.

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Specific Requirements: Some switches require specific optical modules or cables verified by the manufacturer to ensure stack stability (Extreme Networks, Huawei).

Practical Example

Cisco Catalyst 1300 Series: Requires at least two stack ports per switch, using SFP+ DAC or fiber modules, forming a ring for redundancy. Extreme Networks Summit Series: Stacking bandwidth depends on the number and type of stacking ports, with cables ranging from 0. 5m to 100m.

Huawei Cloud

Engine 5800/6800/8800: Recommends at least two stack member ports, with careful port selection to avoid mixing incompatible speeds (10GE vs 40GE).

Summary

To implement optical port stacking effectively: Ensure each switch has at least two stacking ports or a stacking module providing two ports. Use compatible optical modules or DAC cables as specified by the vendor. Connect switches in a ring topology for redundancy and optimal load balancing.

Follow vendor-specific guidelines for port pairing and module selection to maintain stack stability and performance. By meeting these requirements, multiple switches can operate as a single logical unit, simplifying management and increasing network scalability.

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Up to eight stacking-capable switches can be connected through their StackWise ports, using StackWise cables, to form a data stack. This document is focused entirely on this kind of stack.

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For example, modern 400G modules typically draw 7–12 W per port, and 800G modules about 16–18 W. When a switch has dozens of ports, the power adds up to kilowatts just for optics.

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Stack Port and Cable Requirements

10GE optical ports can be used for stack connections only when they have 10GE optical modules installed. If GE optical or copper modules are installed on 10GE optical ports, these ports cannot be

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What is Stacking?

General Overview A stack is a network solution composed of two or more stackable switches. Switches that are part of a stack behave as one single device. As a result, a stacking

Selecting Stacking Cables

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Selecting Stacking Cables Depending on the switch model and the number and type of stacking ports, the bidirectional stacking link provides 40 Gbps, 80 Gbps, or 160 Gbps full-duplex bandwidth.

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Stack Port and Cable Requirements

Stack Cable Requirements Stack setup requires only common network cables or fibers but not dedicated stack cables. Optical ports are connected using high-speed cables, AOC cables, or

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S Series Switches Stack Deployment Best Practices

S Series Switches Stack Deployment Best Practices This document describes the best practices for stack deployment, including device selection, deployment, networking deployment, stack setup

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