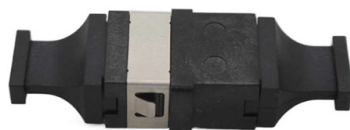


How to check the optical power of a switch port



Overview

How to Check SFP Optical Power Levels on Cisco Switches Learn how to monitor SFP optical power on Cisco switches, interpret Tx/Rx levels, and troubleshoot.

Key Takeaways

You can check the optical power of SFP ports on a switch using CLI commands to view TX (transmit) and RX (receive) power, typically via Digital Optical Monitoring (DOM) or DDM. Step 1: Verify SFP Recognition

Before checking optical power, ensure the SFP module is recognized by the switch:

- Run `show inventory` to confirm the SFP is detected, including part number, serial number, and vendor information .
- Check link status with `show interfaces status` to ensure the port is up and the correct media type is used .

Step 2: Check Optical Power

For Cisco switches, the commands vary by platform: Catalyst / Enterprise Switches:

- Use `show interfaces transceiver detail` or `show interface transceiver detail` to display TX and RX power in dBm, along with temperature, voltage, and bias current .
- Example output includes:
- TX Power: Light leaving the switch (indicates laser health)

- RX Power: Light received from the remote device (common cause of link issues if low) Small Business Switches:

- Use `show fiber-ports optical-transceiver` to view optical module status, including transmitted and received power, temperature, voltage, and loss-of-signal (LOS) indicators . Other Platforms (IOS-XR, NX-OS):

- Commands like `show hw-module subslot transceiver status` or filtering with `| include dB` can display TX/RX power for troubleshooting .

Step 3: Interpret the Values

- Compare TX and RX readings against the SFP's Low Warn and High Warn thresholds. Deviations may indicate:

- Misaligned fiber

- Dirty connectors

- Failing SFP module

- Typical TX/RX ranges depend on the SFP type (e.g., 1G, 10G) and fiber distance .

Step 4: Additional Checks

- If the port is err-disabled due to unsupported transceivers, use `no errdisable detect cause gbic-invalid` (with caution) to allow third-party modules .

- For detailed SFP info, including EEPROM data, run `show idprom interface` or `show idprom transceiver extended` . By following these steps, you can monitor optical power, detect signal degradation early, and troubleshoot fiber link issues without unnecessary hardware replacement.

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