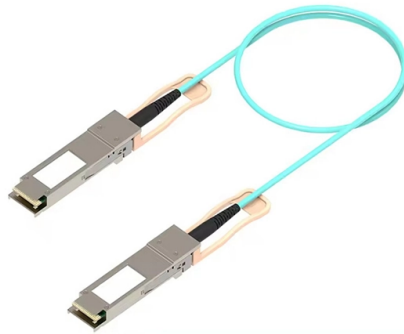


Fibre Channel Switching Interface



Overview

Fibre Channel is standardized in the of the International Committee for Information Technology Standards (), an (ANSI)-accredited standards committee. Fibre Channel started in 1988, with ANSI standard approval in 1994, to merge the benefits of multiple physical layer implementations including, and. Fibre Channel was designed as a to overcome limitations of the SCSI and HIPPI physic.

AI Overview

A Fibre Channel Switching Interface is a network port on a Fibre Channel switch that connects servers and storage devices within a SAN, supporting high-speed, lossless block data transfer.

Overview of Fibre Channel Interfaces

A Fibre Channel (FC) interface is a port on a switch or host bus adapter (HBA) that enables communication over a Fibre Channel network, typically used in storage area networks (SANs) for connecting servers to storage devices with high-speed, in-order, and lossless data delivery . These interfaces can be physical or virtual, with virtual interfaces often used in Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) environments . Physical interfaces support multiple port modes, including E (Expansion), F (Fabric), TE, and SD, while virtual interfaces generally operate in F mode only .

Interface Types and Modes

F Port: Connects an end device (like a server HBA) to the fabric.

E Port: Connects two Fibre Channel switches to form a larger fabric.

TE/SD Ports: Specialized modes for traffic engineering or diagnostic purposes.

Auto Mode: The switch determines the port type during initialization.

NPV Mode: Interfaces can operate in NP (N-Port Virtualization), F, or SD modes .

Configuration and Licensing

On Cisco Nexus switches, Fibre Channel capabilities require a Storage Protocol Services license. Virtual Fibre Channel interfaces can be configured without a license but remain non-operational until the license is activated . Configuration involves assigning interfaces to VSANs (Virtual S...

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However, FEC fallback is supported on the Cisco MDS 9700 48-Port 16-Gbps Fibre Channel Switching Module (DS-X9448-768K9) when its interfaces are configured at 16-Gbps Fibre

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An FC switch is a Layer 3 network switch that is compatible with the FC protocol, forwards FC traffic, and provides FC services to the components of the FC fabric.

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Learn how a Fibre Channel or Ethernet SAN switch connects servers and shared pools of storage devices and directs the movement of storage traffic.

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FC components include initiators, targets, and FC-capable switches that interconnect FC devices and may also interconnect FC devices with Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) devices.

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Learn more about how Cisco is using Inclusive Language. This chapter provides information about Fibre Channel interfaces, its features, and how to configure the Fibre Channel

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces

Information About Fibre Channel Interfaces This section includes the following topics:
Generations of Modules and Switches, page 1-1 Port Groups, page 1-3 Port Rate Modes, page 1-5

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces

As of Cisco SAN-OS Release 3.1(2), all 48-port and 24-port 4-Gbps Fibre Channel switching modules, as well as 18-port Fibre Channel/4-port Gigabit Ethernet Multiservice modules, have bandwidth

Fibre Channel

OverviewHistoryEtymologyCharacteristicsTopologiesLayersPortsMedia and modules

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Fibre Channel

Fibre Channel (FC) is a high-speed data transfer protocol providing in-order, lossless delivery of raw block data. Fibre Channel is primarily used to

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In Cisco Nexus 5000 Series switches, an FCoE-capable physical Ethernet interface can carry traffic for one virtual Fibre Channel (vFC) interface. Like any interface in Cisco NX-OS, vFC

Fibre Channel switch

In the computer storage field, a Fibre Channel switch is a network switch compatible with the Fibre Channel (FC) protocol. It allows the creation of a Fibre Channel

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Cisco MDS 9000 48-Port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre

The 48-Port 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel Switching Module provides higher port density, ideal for connecting high-performance and virtualized servers. This

Assigning Interfaces to a Fibre Channel Fabric

When you configure the switch as an FCoE-FC gateway, you assign one or more (up to 12) native Fibre Channel (FC) interfaces and at least one FCoE VLAN interface to each FC fabric.

Cisco MDS 9000 Family 8-Gbps Advanced Fibre Channel Switching

Cisco MDS 9000 Family Advanced Fibre Channel Switching Modules are hot-swappable and compatible with 1/2/4/8- and 10-Gbps interfaces, and they support hot-swappable Enhanced

Fibre Channel Functional Overview

In Fibre Channel, every port that logs into the fabric (by way of FLOGI) is assigned a network-unique 24 bit Fibre Channel identifier (FC_ID) by the fabric switch.

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Learn about Fibre Channel switches, how they work and their benefits. Examine how FC switches differ from Ethernet switches and use cases

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Virtual Fibre Channel Interfaces Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) encapsulation allows a physical Ethernet cable to simultaneously carry Fibre Channel and Ethernet traffic. In Cisco Nexus devices,

Understanding Interfaces on an FCoE-FC Gateway

When a switch functions as an FCoE-FC gateway to connect FCoE devices on an Ethernet network to a Fibre Channel (FC) switch in a storage area network (SAN), it handles FCoE

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces

Configuring Fibre Channel Interfaces Cisco Nexus 5000 Series switches support up to sixteen physical Fibre Channel (FC) uplinks through the use of two, optional expansion modules.

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When configured as a Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE)-FC gateway, the QFX3500 switch supports the transport of native FC traffic between FC switches and the gateway's native FC interfaces.

Inside a Modern Fibre Channel Architecture – Part 1

Fabric model Generic Services Fibre Channel is a bi-directional, point-to-point, serial data communication channel, architected for high performance Fibre Channel may be implemented

Inside a Modern Fibre Channel Architecture – Part 1

Fibre Channel may be implemented using any combination of the following three topologies: a point-to-point link between two ports a set of ports interconnected by a switching

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