

A switch has two optical ports per port



Overview

A combo port, also known as an optoelectronic multiplexing interface, is a photoelectric composite port with two kinds of Ethernet interfaces (RJ45 port and SFP port) on an Ethernet switch. Ethernet switch port types define the performance, scalability, and architecture of modern networks. RJ45 ports serve access-layer copper connections; SFP/SFP+ ports enable flexible 1G/10G uplinks; SFP28 delivers 25G for modern data centers; QSFP+ and QSFP28 support high-density 40G/100G spine-leaf. Need help?

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What are they?

SFP stands for small form-factor pluggable. Introduced in 2001, it quickly replaced the GBIC due to its smaller size and. The main function of a layer 2 ONT is to convert the signals of the fiber into an Ethernet port (Ethernet is a layer 2 technology).



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Optical network terminals (ONTs)

So, typically, such an ONT has 2 ports: a port to connect the fiber coming from the network (known as the SC/APC connector) and an Ethernet port towards the end user (the RJ-45 connector).

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