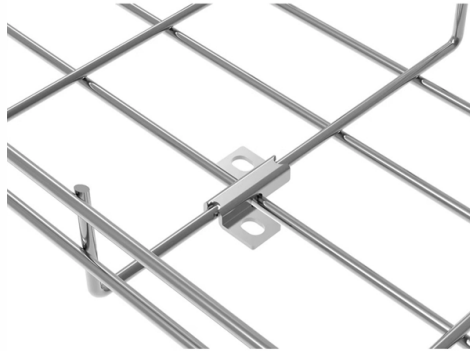


## Principles of FC Fiber Optic Switches



### Overview

The fabric is a network of Fibre Channel devices which allows many-to-many communication, device name lookup, security, and redundancy. FC switches implement zoning, a mechanism that disables unwanted traffic between certain fabric nodes. Of the more than a dozen types of fibre-optic connectors available, the four most commonly used today are LC, SC, FC, and ST. Fiber optic switches offer numerous advantages over traditional. Fibre Channel (FC) switches and fiber-optic switches are both fiber network devices, but they differ in several respects. Fiber-optic switches typically forward data using Ethernet protocols, while FC switches use the Fibre Channel protocol for storage-focused data transport. They directly affect insertion loss, return loss, reliability, and long-term network stability. In this guide, we break down the most common optical fiber.



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