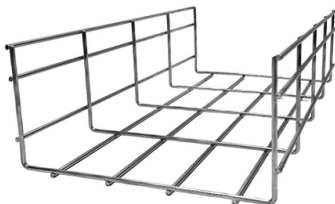


Active Optical Cable Switch Configuration Parameters



Overview

Beginning with 7.0 (3)I4 (1), you can apply several configuration parameters to a range of interfaces simultaneously. All the interfaces in the range must be the same type.

Key Takeaways

Active Optical Cables (AOCs) require proper interface configuration, speed settings, and monitoring parameters to ensure optimal performance and compatibility on network switches. Key Configuration Parameters¹.

Interface Speed and Port Groups AO

Cs must be configured according to the supported speed of the switch port. For example, HPE switches require the use of the interface group command to enable different speed products, such as 25G AOCs, and interface groups may default to a specific speed like 25G for SFP28 ports. Some switches also require grouping multiple ports (e.g., groups of 12) to enable certain transceivers or DACs.

2. Duplex and Link Type Switch ports connected to AOCs typically operate in full-duplex mode. The link type can be set to auto-negotiate or forced up, depending on the switch model and network design.

Ensuring correct duplex settings prevents collisions and maximizes throughput. 3.

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U and Bandwidth Settings The Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) and bandwidth parameters should match the network requirements. For instance, a 25Gb/s AOC may require an MTU of 1500 bytes and bandwidth settings aligned with the port speed to avoid packet loss or congestion. 4.

Transceiver Monitoring Parameters Switches allow monitoring of AOC transceivers for real-time operational data, including: Transmit/Receive power, Operating temperature, Link status (UP/DOWN), Traffic statistics. These parameters help verify coding compatibility and quickly locate link faults. 5. Safety and Handling Considerations Before connecting or disconnecting AOCs, follow laser safety guidelines, use ESD protection, and avoid bending cables beyond their minimum bend radius.

Proper handling ensures cable longevity and prevents signal degradation. 6.

Compatibility and Reach AO

Cs are designed for longer reach than DAC cables, typically ranging from 3 to 200 meters. Ensure the switch and transceiver model support the AOC length and type. Some switches may not support certain speeds through adapters like QSA28, and only specific ports may be compatible with certain AOC models.

7.

Plug-and-

Play Configuration Most AO

Cs are plug-and-play, meaning the switch automatically detects the transceiver type and link speed. However, manual configuration may be required for advanced features, port-channel aggregation, or non-default speeds.

Practical Commands and Monitoring

Cisco Example: `CodeCopyshow interface show` interface status These commands display port negotiation speed, transceiver type, link status, and traffic statistics.

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E Example: `CodeCopyinterface group 25G` Enables 25G AOCs on grouped ports, ensuring proper speed configuration.

Summary

To configure AOCs on switches effectively: Set the correct interface speed and port group. Ensure full-duplex operation and proper MTU/bandwidth. Monitor transceiver parameters for link health.

Follow safety and handling guidelines. Verify compatibility with switch models and port types. Proper configuration and monitoring of these parameters ensure high-speed, low-latency, and reliable optical connections in enterprise, HPC, and storage networks.

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