Fiber Optic Switch Stacking Configuration Example



Overview

The following table lists stacking port options for each ICX device. For detailed information on available optics, refer to the RUCKUS Ethernet Optics Data Sheet.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic switch stacking allows multiple switches to operate as a single logical unit, using dedicated stack ports and fiber links for high-speed interconnects.

Overview of Fiber Optic Switch Stacking

Fiber optic stacking connects multiple switches to function as a single logical device, simplifying management, improving redundancy, and increasing scalability. Each switch in the stack is assigned a stack member number, and one switch is elected as the active (master) switch, while others can serve as standby units for failover. Stacking can be implemented in ring or chain topologies, with ring topology providing enhanced redundancy and fast failover in case of a link failure.

Example Configuration Steps

Prepare the SwitchesEnsure all switches are running the same firmware version and feature set. Identify the switch to be the master and assign it the highest priority using the command switch n priority XX (priority range 1–15),.

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Configure Stack Ports

Reconfigure selected network ports as stack ports if the switch does not have dedicated stacking ports. Connect the switches using fiber optic cables or active optical cables (AOCs), maintaining proper bend radius (≥25–40 mm depending on cable type) to prevent damage.

Power-

Up Sequence

Power on the master switch first. Connect the stacking cables to the remaining switches. Power on the other switches one at a time in the desired order to assign stack member numbers sequentially.

Verify Stack Formation

Check that all switches are recognized as part of the stack. Confirm the active/standby roles and ensure the stack topology is operational. Use commands like show switch or show stack to verify member numbers and status.

Operational Considerations

Redundancy: Ring topology allows traffic to loop back in case of a failed stack link, minimizing packet loss. Management: All switches in the stack are managed as a single entity, simplifying configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting. Dedicated Stack Ports: Stack ports are reserved for inter-switch communication and cannot carry user traffic or VLANs.

Scalability: Additional switches can be added to the stack dynamically, increasing port capacity while maintaining a single management interface.

Example Topology

For a three-switch stack using fiber optics: Switch 1 (Master): Stack member 1, priority 15Switch 2: Stack member 2, connected to Switch 1 via fiber stack portSwitch 3: Stack member 3, connected to Switch 2 and optionally back to Switch 1 for a ring topology This setup ensures high-speed interconnects, redundancy, and centralized management. By following these steps, a network administrator can create a robust fiber optic switch stack that behaves as a single logical switch, improving network performance and simplifying operations.

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• An ICX switch can contain provisional configuration (configuration not yet applied to a physical device) that does not have any ''stack-port'' or ''stack-trunk'' configuration, even if stacking is enabled in the

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When stacking is enabled (by the stack enable command), any interface-level configuration is disallowed, including configuration for stacking ports or trunks (shown as ''stack-port'' and ''stack-trunk''

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The switch stack retains the provisioned configuration in the running configuration whether or not the provisioned switch is part of the stack. You can save the provisioned configuration to the

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