Access Switch OSFP



Overview

OSPF Configuration Guide OSPF for Routed Access refers to a network design in which OSPF is implemented at the access layer of a network using Layer 3 swit.

Key Takeaways

OSFP (Octal Small Form-factor Pluggable) is a high-speed optical transceiver module used in access and data center switches to support ultra-high bandwidth connections up to 400G, with future support for 800G. What is OSFP?

OSF

P is a new-generation optical transceiver module designed to meet the growing demand for high-bandwidth networking in hyperscale data centers, cloud services, and high-performance computing environments. It supports 8 electrical lanes, providing data rates up to 400 Gbps, with potential future modules reaching 800 Gbps.

OSF

P modules are physically larger than QSFP-DD modules, which allows for better heat dissipation and mechanical stability, making them suitable for high-power, high-speed deployments.

OSFP in Access Switches

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In modern access-layer switches, particularly high-performance models like HPE Aruba AOS-CX 6200/6300 series, OSFP modules can be deployed to provide high-speed uplinks to aggregation or core layers. These switches often support front-plane stacking and can operate multiple SFP, QSFP, or OSFP ports at speeds ranging from 10G to 400G, depending on the module type.

Using OSF

P in access switches allows enterprises to future-proof their network, enabling seamless upgrades as bandwidth demands increase. Comparison with Other TransceiversSFP/SFP+: Single-lane modules for 1G–10G connections, commonly used in small to medium enterprise networks. QSFP/QSFP-DD: Multi-lane modules supporting 40G–400G, widely used in aggregation and data center layers.

OSF

P: 8-lane modules optimized for 400G–800G, offering superior thermal management and mechanical stability for high-density, high-speed deployments.

Deployment Considerations

Compatibility: OSFP modules require 400G-capable hardware; they are not backward compatible with older QSFP ports. Use Cases: Ideal for high-performance access switches, data center interconnects, and cloud infrastructure where ultra-high bandwidth is needed.

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Proofing: OSFP's design allows for incremental upgrades, supporting evolving network speeds without replacing the entire switch infrastructure.

Summary

Using OSF

P in access switches provides high-speed connectivity, scalability, and thermal efficiency, making it suitable for modern enterprise and hyperscale networks. It bridges the gap between traditional SFP/QSFP modules and the growing demand for 400G–800G network capacity, ensuring that access-layer switches can handle future bandwidth requirements efficiently.

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A Type 2 OSFP module provides maximum of 16mm additional length in front than a Type 1 module, and a Type 3 OSFP module provides maximum of 3.6mm additional height in the front than a Type 2

OSPF Professional Lab 1

This OSPF professional lab is on Cisco CCNP level and great for those studying OSPF in detail or the Cisco CCNP exam (s).

OSPF DR/BDR Election explained

OSPF does a DR/BDR election on multi-access networks. In this lesson, we will take a look how it works and how to configure the DR and BDR.

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