Self-operated fiber optic ring network switches



Overview

Fiber Optic Ring Redundancy Design for Industrial Ethernet SwitchesThe workshop deploys two independent fiber optic ring networks (Ring A and Ring B), each.

Key Takeaways

Self-operated fiber optic ring network switches enable high-reliability, fault-tolerant networks with millisecond-level self-healing in industrial and enterprise environments.

Overview of Fiber Optic Ring Networks

A fiber optic ring network is a topology where switches or nodes are connected in a closed loop, allowing data to travel in both directions. This design ensures that if one link fails, traffic can be rerouted along the opposite path, maintaining network uptime and minimizing disruptions. Ring topologies are widely used in industrial automation, SCADA systems, power utilities, railway communications, and large campus networks where reliability is critical.

Self-

Healing MechanismsSelf-operated or self-healing switches incorporate both hardware and protocol-based redundancy to achieve rapid fault recovery: Dual fiber links: Each switch typically connects to two neighboring nodes, forming primary and backup paths. If the primary link fails, the backup link activates within milliseconds. Redundancy protocols: Modern industrial switches use optimized protocols instead of traditional Spanning Tree Protocol (STP), which can take 30–50 seconds to converge.

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Proprietary protocols like Cyber-Ring reduce downtime to under 50 milliseconds, with per-switch reconfiguration times as low as 5 milliseconds. Dual power inputs: Many switches support wide voltage ranges and hot-swappable power modules to prevent downtime from power failures.

Key Features of Self-

Operated Ring Switches

Rapid fault detection and recovery: Recovery times typically range from 20 ms to 50 ms depending on the number of switches and network configuration. Scalability: New devices can be added to the ring without disrupting existing traffic. Topology flexibility: Supports single ring, dual ring, ring coupling, and daisy chain configurations for load balancing and redundancy.

Industrial-grade durability: Temperature-hardened and low-port-count switches are common for harsh environments, supporting distances up to 80 km. Example ProductsTC3720 10/100M 6-Port Self-Healing Ring Ethernet Switch: Designed for SCADA and industrial networks, interconnecting RTUs and PLCs with web-based configuration and self-healing ring support.

Cyber-

Ring switches by ICP DAS: Provide sub-50 ms recovery times, support multiple ring topologies, and allow dual homing or daisy chain extensions for flexible industrial deployments. ApplicationsSelf-operated fiber optic ring switches are ideal for: Utility substations and SCADA networks for continuous monitoring and control. Industrial process control where downtime can disrupt production.

Traffic control and security systems requiring high availability. Smart grids and railway communications where real-time data transmission is critical. These switches combine physical ring architecture, intelligent redundancy protocols, and industrial-grade hardware to create highly reliable, self-healing networks capable of maintaining uninterrupted operations even in the event of link or device failures.

Article Content

Fiber Optic Ring Redundancy Design for Industrial Ethernet Switches

The workshop deploys two independent fiber optic ring networks (Ring A and Ring B), each containing eight USR-ISG-8G industrial switches interconnected over 10 kilometers using 10G single-mode

Multi-Drop Ethernet Fiber Optic Switch

Intended for Self-Healing Ring topologies, the TC3720 Ethernet Fiber Optic Switch interconnects up to six 10/100M devices at each drop. Network

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Managed and Unmanaged Ethernet Fiber Optic Switches Products

Industrial hardened managed and unmanaged Ethernet Fiber Switch options that support distances up to 80km or self-healing ring applications featuring a fast fault switchover of less than 38 msec.

What is a Fiber Ring & its Advantages

A self-healing ring is a fiber optic ring that can reroute traffic automatically in case of a failure or break in the ring. It utilizes mechanisms like Automatic Protection

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Cyber-Ring self-healing Ethernet technology is a proprietary developed by ICP DAS that can be used to help establish industrial-grade Ethernet with high reliability

FIBER RING NETWORKS

Our ring structure systems are simple to design, and keeps costs down and reliability up. The key to the ring topology is to make SDI video, audio and

Using a fibre ring topology to ensure resilience in the event of a ...

Fibre loops, also known as fibre rings, refer to a network setup where each node or building connects to the next in a loop formation using fibre optic cables. This circular arrangement creates a highly

IDM-3182 RS-485/232 Fiber Ring

When a segment of fiber is broken or a node fails, the device automatically switches the optical fiber channel, making the network still working, the communication

SONET Topologies

two-fiber BLSRs. Because they allow span switching as well as ring switching, four-fiber BLSRs increase the reliability and flexibility of tr ffic protection. Two fibers are allocated for working traffic and two

Fiber Ring 2026

Fiber Ring 2026 A fiber ring is a network topology that connects multiple locations in a circular configuration using fiber optic cables, creating a self-healing communications loop. This architecture

Fiber Ring Design Considerations

I have a customer that is interested in building a fiber ring network. Original discussions centered around building a network with approximately 15 devices on the network. So we sold and

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Creating a distributed ethernet using a single mode fiber ring

Can I create a distributed ethernet using just 1 x core of a single mode fiber ring ? Update (Sep 2022): The following is what we''ve implemented and works great. It''s one of the options

Fiberoptic Communication System Architectures And Topologies

We provided an overview of the key characteristics of fiber optic communication system architectures and common fiber optic network topologies. The ring, star, mesh, tree, and bus

Self-healing ring

Self-healing ring A simple, intact, SHR SHR with one damaged link SHR with two damaged links, splitting it into two unconnected, but functional sub-rings A self-healing ring, or SHR, is a

Fiber Optic Networking Lesson 8: Fiber Network Redundancy with

In this video, we dive into ERPS (Ethernet Ring Protection Switching)—your fiber network''s secret weapon for redundancy and zero downtime. We''ll explore the pros and cons of star, daisy ...

What is a Fiber Ring & its Advantages

Understanding Fiber Rings: Key Concepts and Terminologies in Fiber Optic NetworksExplore the essential terms and concepts around fiber rings, including ring topology, self-healing rings, WDM,

Self-Healing Fiber Rings: How They Prevent Outages

Self-Healing Fiber Rings: Automatic Outage Prevention One of fiber optic networking''s most impressive reliability features is the self-healing ring. This network architecture automatically

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The optical switch is an essential part of optical integrated circuits, with broad applications in optical communications and networks, optical computing,

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