

# Aggregation of optical and electrical ports on a switch



## AI Overview

Hybrid switches aggregate optical and electrical ports to provide flexible, high-speed connectivity for both fiber and copper devices, supporting efficient network expansion and high-performance traffic management.

### Overview of Hybrid Port Aggregation

Hybrid switches combine optical (fiber) and electrical (copper) ports on a single device, allowing a network to connect both fiber-based uplinks and copper-based access devices. This aggregation enables:

- High-speed uplinks via optical ports (e.g., 10G, 25G, 40G, 100G) for backbone or core connections.
- Local access via electrical ports (RJ45) for devices like PCs, IP phones, or Wi-Fi access points.
- Flexible deployment in campus, enterprise, or data center networks, supporting both short-distance copper connections and long-distance fiber links .

### Benefits of Optical-Electrical Aggregation

- Performance and Bandwidth: Optical ports provide high-speed, low-latency connections, while electrical ports maintain compatibility with legacy devices .
- Distance Flexibility: Fiber supports long-distance connections with minimal signal loss, ideal for linking remote buildings or floors, whereas copper is suitable for short-range access ....

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