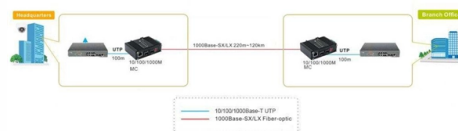


Fiber optic router uplink and downlink



AI Overview

Uplink ports connect your router or switch to higher-level network devices, while downlink ports connect to end devices, with fiber optic uplinks often using SFP modules for high-speed data transfer.

Uplink Ports

An uplink port on a fiber optic router or switch is designed to connect the device to a higher-level network node, such as another switch, a core router, or the internet gateway. These ports handle aggregated traffic from multiple downlink ports and are typically faster or capable of higher bandwidth to manage this load effectively. In fiber optic networks, uplink ports often use SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) modules, which allow flexible connections over fiber or copper cables and support speeds from 1 Gbps up to 100 Gbps depending on the SFP type. Uplink ports are essential for expanding network topology without causing collisions or bottlenecks.

Downlink Ports

Downlink ports, also called normal or access ports, connect directly to end-user devices such as computers, printers, or wireless access points. These ports carry traffic from individual devices to the uplink port, which then forwards it to higher-level network devices. In fiber optic routers, downlink ports may be copper Ethernet or fiber SFP ports, depending on the device design. Downlink ports are optimized for connecting multiple devices within a local area network (LAN) rather than handling aggregated traffic....

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