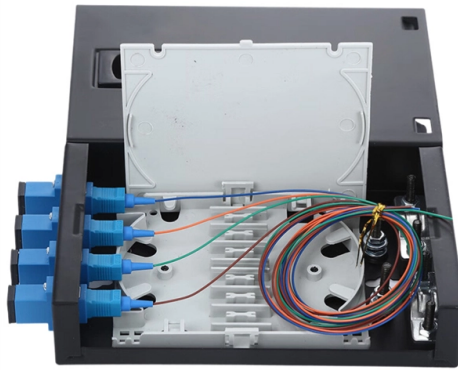


Fibre Channel Interface Types



AI Overview

Fibre Channel interfaces include physical ports (F, E, TE, SD, NP) and virtual interfaces, connecting servers and storage in SANs via HBAs and SFP transceivers.

Physical Fibre Channel Interfaces

Physical Fibre Channel interfaces are hardware ports on switches, storage arrays, or Host Bus Adapters (HBAs) that enable high-speed data transfer in Storage Area Networks (SANs). Each interface can operate in different port modes:

- F Port (Fabric Port): Connects a single node (server or storage device) to a Fibre Channel switch, forming part of the fabric.
- E Port (Expansion Port): Connects two Fibre Channel switches to expand the fabric.
- TE Port (Trunk Expansion Port): Used in certain switch configurations to carry multiple VSANs over a single link.
- SD Port (Self-Discovered Port): Automatically discovers and connects to other ports in specific topologies.
- NP Port (N-Port Proxy): Operates in NPV (N-Port Virtualization) mode, allowing a switch to act as a proxy for multiple endpoints . Physical interfaces are typically connected via optical fiber or copper cables using SFP or SFP+ transceivers, which convert electrical signals to optical signals and support speeds from 4 Gbps up to 64 Gbps .

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