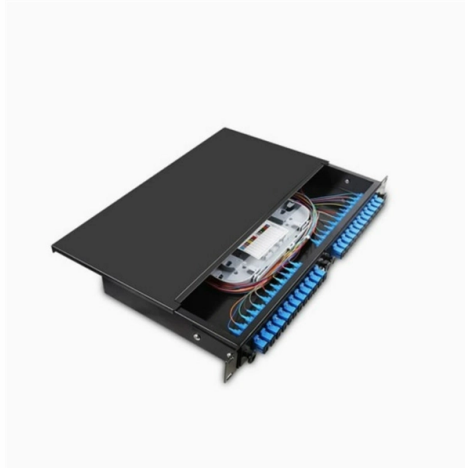


Packet loss on switch optical port



Article Overview

Packet loss on an optical switch port is often caused by low receive power, faulty fiber, duplex mismatches, or hardware issues, and can be diagnosed by checking port statistics, optical TX/RX levels, and interface logs.

Common Causes

- **Optical Signal Issues:** Low RX power due to fiber bending, high insertion loss at connectors, or faulty optical modules can lead to packet loss even if TX power appears normal .
- **Hardware Problems:** Faulty SFP/SFP+ modules, damaged switch ports, or defective cables can cause intermittent packet drops .
- **Configuration Errors:** Duplex mismatches, incorrect MTU settings, VLAN misconfigurations, or QoS policies can result in layer 2 or layer 3 forwarding failures .
- **Network Congestion:** Excessive traffic exceeding the switch's buffer capacity may lead to dropped packets .
- **Environmental Factors:** Overheating or unstable power supply can affect port performance .

Troubleshooting Steps

- **Check Port Status:** Use switch commands (e.g., `show interface` on Cisco IOS) to view errors, packet drops, and link status .
- **Verify Optical Power Levels:** Measure TX and RX power in dBm using Digital Optical Monitoring (DOM). RX power should be within the module's recommended range; excessively negative values indicate weak signals .

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switchport intermittently shutting down / packet loss issue

What is connected to the port in question? Try moving it to another port and see if the issue moves to a different port.

The Transmit Optical Power of an Optical Module Is Normal, But

If so, this fault is typically caused by high insertion loss of the connector or the bending of the optical fiber. If the fault persists, replace

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Scenario 1 i have packet loss. Scenario 2 i don't have any. Seems by adding another device in between before it runs

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