Connecting a 48-port fiber optic switch



Overview

Cisco MDS 9148T 32-Gbps 48-Port Fibre Channel Switch Data SheetGrowth in small increments: The MDS 9148T Fibre Channel switch provides an option to deploy.

Key Takeaways

A 48-port fiber optic switch can be installed by carefully following manufacturer guidelines for rack mounting, power setup, SFP module installation, and proper ventilation to ensure safe and reliable operation.

Pre-

Installation Considerations

Before installation, ensure the following: Rack Space: The switch is typically 1RU and requires a standard 19-inch rack. Verify sufficient clearance for airflow and cabling. Maintain at least 3 inches (7.

6 cm) around ventilation openings to prevent overheating (Cisco Catalyst 3560 guidance) and 20 mm clearance for EdgeSwitch models. Power Requirements: Confirm the switch's power supply specifications.

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S 9148T requires at least one operating PSU, with optional redundancy for uninterrupted operation.



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Switch models may have PoE considerations and maximum wattage per port. Environmental Conditions: Install in an indoor location with ambient temperatures below 45°C (113°F) and away from moisture or direct sunlight.

Hardware Installation

Rack Mounting: Use the included rack-mount brackets and screws. Ensure the chassis is securely mounted; do not stack on other equipment to avoid injury or damage. Fan and Airflow Setup: Install all required fan modules (Cisco MDS 9148T requires a minimum of two) to prevent automatic shutdown.

Ensure unobstructed airflow around the switch. Power Connection: Connect the power cord to the switch's PSU. For redundant PSUs, connect both to separate circuits if possible.

Avoid exposed wires and ensure proper grounding. Fiber Optic ConnectivitySFP/SFP+ Modules: Insert hot-swappable SFP or SFP+ modules into the designated ports. Ensure modules are compatible with the switch and fiber type (single-mode or multi-mode) and follow manufacturer guidelines for handling to prevent ESD damage.

Cabling: Use appropriate fiber optic cables (LC or SC connectors) and maintain proper bend radius to avoid signal loss. For Ethernet switches, CAT5e or higher is recommended for uplinks. Link Verification: After connecting fiber, check the port LEDs for link status.

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S 9148T provides activity and link status LEDs for each port.

Initial Configuration

Console Access: Connect via the RJ45 serial console port using a rollover cable to configure the switch initially. Network Setup: Assign management IP addresses, configure zoning (for Fibre Channel), or VLANs (for Ethernet), and verify connectivity. Monitoring and Management: Use the manufacturer's management software (e.g., UNMS for EdgeSwitch or Cisco Fabric Manager for MDS) to monitor, upgrade, and back up configurations.

Safety and Compliance

Remove jewelry and metal objects before working on powered equipment to prevent burns or electrical hazards. Ensure grounding of the switch and follow local electrical codes. Comply with FCC and other regulatory requirements for Class A/B devices to prevent interference.

By following these steps, a 48-port fiber optic switch can be safely installed, powered, and connected, ensuring reliable network performance and compliance with safety standards.

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