Optical Splitter Capacity Expansion Procedure



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Expanding optical splitter capacity involves careful planning of splitter type, architecture, and network layout to ensure signal quality, scalability, and cost efficiency.

Key Requirements for Capacity Expansion

Splitter SelectionPLC (Planar Lightwave Circuit) splitters are preferred for large splits (1: 32, 1: 64) due to uniform signal distribution and high reliability, while FBT (Fused Biconical Taper) splitters are suitable for smaller splits (1: 2, 1: 4) and lower cost deployments. Consider wavelength compatibility (1310nm, 1490nm, 1550nm) to maintain signal integrity across triple-play services.

Network Architecture

Centralized splitting: Single-stage splitter between OLT and ONTs, ideal for high-density areas with straightforward maintenance. Cascaded (distributed) splitting: Multi-stage splitters in series, suitable for extended coverage or areas with limited duct space. Architecture choice affects OLT port utilization, fiber count, and maintenance complexity.

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Capacity Planning

Evaluate current OLT port usage and available splitter outputs. Ensure signal power budget is sufficient for additional splits; excessive splitting can degrade optical signal quality. Plan for future scalability, allowing new ONTs to be added without major network overhauls.

Operational ProceduresPre-Expansion AssessmentAudit existing network topology, splitter locations, and fiber routes. Measure current optical power levels and losses to determine headroom for additional splits.

Splitter Installation

Deploy new splitters in fiber distribution hubs (FDH) or centralized cabinets. Use fusion splicing or connectorized splitters depending on network design and maintenance requirements. Maintain proper bend radius and fiber management to prevent signal loss.

Testing and Verification

Perform optical power testing at each output to ensure uniform distribution. Verify signal quality metrics such as insertion loss, return loss, and optical signal-to-noise ratio (OSNR). Document all changes in network management systems for future troubleshooting.

Integration and Activation

Connect additional ONTs to the new splitter outputs.

Update OL

T configuration if necessary to recognize new endpoints. Monitor network performance for stability and throughput.

Best Practices

Minimize splitter cascades to reduce insertion loss and maintain signal quality. Centralize splitters in high-density areas for easier maintenance and upgrades. Plan for redundancy where critical services require high reliability.

Document all network changes to facilitate future expansions and troubleshooting. By following these requirements and procedures, network operators can efficiently expand optical splitter capacity, ensuring reliable service delivery while optimizing cost and scalability.

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