

The optical module and fiber optic cable cannot be connected



AI Overview

Connectivity issues between an optical module and fiber optic cable are often caused by mismatched types, port configuration errors, or physical defects in the module or cable.

Common Causes

- Fiber Type Mismatch** Single-mode optical modules require single-mode fiber, and multi-mode modules require multi-mode fiber. Using the wrong fiber type prevents the port from going Up and can cause signal loss or errors.
- Optical Module Compatibility** Non-certified or third-party optical modules may not be recognized by the device, leading to “module not detected” errors or unstable links. Always verify that the module is compatible with the switch or router.
- Port Configuration Issues** Differences in speed, duplex, or negotiation settings between the two ends of the link can prevent connectivity. Both ends should have matching configurations, and combo ports should be set to operate as optical ports if applicable.
- Dirty or Damaged Connectors** Dust, scratches, or contamination on fiber endfaces can degrade signal strength, causing link instability or failure. Inspect and clean connectors using lint-free wipes and isopropyl alcohol, or use a fiber microscope for detailed inspection.
- Signal Power Problems** Low optical power due to bending, aging components, or improper installation can prevent the module from establishing a link. Measuring signal strength with an optical power meter at both TX and RX ends helps identify weak signals.

Troubleshooting Steps

- Verify Compatibility** Ensure the optical module and fiber type match, and that the module is certified for your device.
- Check Port Settings** Use device commands (e.g., `show interfaces transceiver detail` or `show interface brief`) to confirm speed, duplex, and negotiation settings match on both ends.
- Inspect and Clean Connectors** Examine fiber endfaces for dirt or scratches and clean them carefully. Replace damaged connectors if necessary.
- Test the Link Performance**

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