The optical module only lights up after the jumper wire is plugged in and unplugged



Overview

Standard Troubleshooting for SFP modules and Media If the Tx port of the SFP module does not emit a red laser when plugged into the SFP slot, the SFP modul.

Key Takeaways

This behavior often indicates an initialization or port detection issue rather than a faulty optical module. Possible Causes1.

Port Initialization or Err-

Disabled State Sometimes, the switch port may not fully initialize the SFP module on first insertion, causing the LED to remain off. Unplugging and re-plugging the jumper wire can trigger the port to re-detect the module and enable the link light. This can also occur if the port was previously in an err-disabled state due to link flapping or configuration issues, which is resolved after reseating the connection (plug/unplug).

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Improper Tx/

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Rx Alignment SF

P modules require correct alignment of transmit (Tx) and receive (Rx) ports. If the fiber or jumper wire is not properly connected, the LED may not light until the connection is re-established. Ensure that the Tx of one module connects to the Rx of the other and vice versa.

3. Module or Fiber Compatibility Using a non-certified or incompatible optical module can cause delayed detection. Single-mode and multi-mode modules must match the fiber type, and the module must be compatible with the switch or router slot.

Mismatched modules or fibers can prevent the LED from lighting until the connection is physically disturbed. 4. Contamination or Poor Contact Dust, dirt, or slight misalignment in the fiber connectors can prevent proper optical signal transmission.

Plugging and unplugging the jumper wire may temporarily improve contact, allowing the LED to light. Cleaning fiber end-faces and ensuring the module is fully seated can resolve this.

Recommended Troubleshooting Steps

Check Port Logs – Look for err-disabled messages or link flapping events on the switch to confirm if the port is resetting.

Verify Tx/

Rx Connections – Ensure the jumper wire is connected correctly between Tx and Rx ports. Inspect and Clean Fiber – Use certified lint-free wipes and appropriate cleaner to remove dust or debris from connectors. Test with Known-Good Module and Cable – Swap the SFP module and jumper wire with a verified working set to isolate the issue.

Confirm Module Certification – Use vendor-certified modules compatible with your switch to ensure reliable detection. Reseat the Module – Fully remove and reinsert the SFP module to ensure proper seating in the slot.

Key Takeaway

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D lighting only after plugging and unplugging the jumper wire usually points to port initialization, connection, or compatibility issues rather than an outright faulty module. Following systematic troubleshooting—checking logs, verifying connections, cleaning fibers, and using certified modules—can help resolve the problem and ensure stable optical connectivity.

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