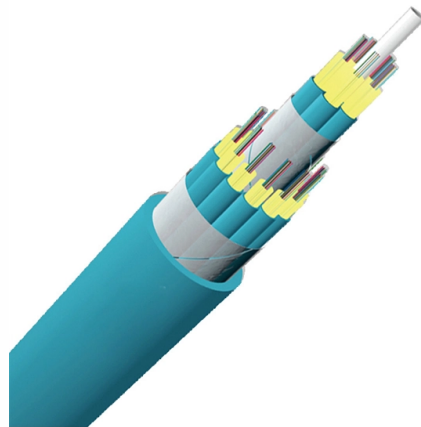


# 19 Optical modules and SFPs are interchangeable



## Overview

Although XFP Optical Modules and SFP+ Optical Modules are not physically interchangeable, they can coexist in the same Ethernet network. Optical transceivers are compact, hot-pluggable devices that convert electrical signals into optical signals, enabling high-speed data transmission across switches, routers, and other networking equipment. The optical fiber SFP modules are available in Fast Ethernet one and two fiber versions and. An SFP (Small Form-factor Pluggable) is a compact, hot-pluggable transceiver module that allows networking equipment — including switches, routers, servers, and media converters — to support different physical media, such as optical fiber or copper, without replacing the host hardware. In short: Summary Table In essence: SFP started it all. Whether deploying in data centers, enterprise backbones, or storage networks, attention to detail during selection can prevent costly downtime and compatibility.



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